Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

first of all - as after Easter - thank you very much that the mail restraint worked out so well during the Whitsun week - that was really relaxing ;-)....

And so we are starting today in a relaxed manner with the topic of exams - here again the tips from the week before last:

- We have made a preliminary publication of the currently planned examination dates at https://tu-dresden.de/ing/maschinenwesen/studium/beratung-und-service/pruefungsamt/pruefungen/pruefungstermine. Please note that this is not yet the absolute final status! There are no room allocations yet and therefore changes can still occur and it is also possible that there will be further examination cancellations, as quite a few examinations with a good 100 participants are registered in attendance and we do not yet know whether we will even get rooms for them. But it is a good first impression, because it already shows which exams are definitely cancelled and what the time sequence will be otherwise.

- The examination period itself in Mechanical Engineering will run from Monday, 26.07.2021, to Saturday, 21.08.2021, and will therefore be completely normal, which means that there should be no problems with work placements, etc. The enrolment period is from Monday, 21.06.2021, to Sunday, 11.07.2021.

- There is one exception: For the Machine Elements test according to PO 2019 (test no. 1230 in HISQIS), enrolment will take place online in HISQIS until 06.06.2021!

Last week I already mentioned that the specialised internships in the 7th semester can also be completed at TU Dresden chairs. The already established notice board with corresponding internship offers can be found in the Opal course at https://tud.link/vwta - offers from the professorships in Mechanical Engineering for such internships will increasingly appear here in the coming weeks. It is always worth browsing!

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The second really big issue we have at the moment is the problem of **PO transfer**:

For the **PO transition of the bachelor’s and diploma studies MB, VNT, WW (2012/2013/2014 to 2019)**: If, at the end of the current summer semester, only the final thesis, the module Fachpraktikum, the module Forschungspraktikum and, if applicable, Aqua or Tequa are still outstanding, you will remain in PO 2012/2013/2014 and graduate in this PO. If, in addition to the above-mentioned examinations, a **single compulsory elective module in the main study programme is still outstanding**, it is possible to apply to the Examination Committee for a review of remaining in PO 2012/2013/2014. For all other students, the transition to PO 2019 must take place, as only the courses and examinations according to PO 2019 will be in the programme from winter semester 2021/22. This also means that you should plan your examinations in the semester in a strategically sensible way - of course there must be nothing left open in the basic study programme after the semester and if you manage to get into a state where you only have one compulsory elective module open in addition to the examinations mentioned at the beginning, then the whole thing can be completed with very little stress! So fill in any gaps as skillfully as possible!

The automated technical implementation of the PO transition for students who should/can already change has not yet been fully completed; final coordination with the central system support is underway. The registration for examinations according to PO 2019 or for the old and new PO will be ensured, detailed information will follow shortly before the start of the enrolment period.

For the **PO transition postgraduate MB and VNT (2014 to 2020)**: Final regulations will be decided and published by the examination board in its meeting in July. If only the thesis, the coursework and the Supplementary Qualification are still outstanding at the end of the summer semester 2021, you will remain in PO 2014 and graduate in this PO. If, in addition to the above, a **single compulsory elective module** is still open, it is also possible to apply to the examination board for an examination to remain in PO 2014. For all other students, the transition to PO 2020 must take place after the summer semester, as from winter semester 2021/22 only the courses and examinations according to PO 2020 will be offered.

Very important in this overall context: **If you have any questions about the PO transfer, please contact the examination office as soon as possible** (not me, because I can only pass this on)! **This also includes questions related to the fact that an examination offer may not exist at some point in the 2021 semester, which would be necessary for graduation after a PO or for the smooth PO transition! In this case, too, please contact the Examinations Office - we will then try to consult with the examiner and find solutions. And as I said - such questions should be asked**
promptly, i.e. within the next 14 days, as solutions become more and more problematic as time goes on!

Otherwise, there is only the usual standard information at the moment, but with changes:

- Unfortunately, the university still exists in an essentially digital world and therefore the examination office also operates digitally. Therefore, as always, we urgently request that you only send applications etc. by e-mail!
- For the submission of theses and supporting documents, something is changing with the fact that the world outside the university is coming back to life: Due to the apparent easing of the pandemic, submission can once again take place in the form required by the examination regulations, namely 2 printed copies via the TUD deadline mailbox (https://tud.link/4and) or by post. A transition period from the previous solution via OwnCloud runs until 30.06.2021.

And last but not least, I have a real special feature that is to become really active from the winter semester onwards, and which we are currently testing with the data of the 6th semester. Our timetables are currently pdf files in which you can make deletions in the printout. Not really up to date. That's why we have been working on developing a web-based solution for the last two years. At http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de/ you will find the current test version - as I said, with the data of the 6th semester. Here you can select one of the plans and then make your own changes/additions via Edit. And in the long run, all courses should also be linked to the Opal links (in some places this is already the case, then there is a small string of letters in the top right corner that you can click on). Just give it a try and report feedback directly to Mr Ortlieb, who developed the site (mail under "About the site").

That's all for today, enjoy the hopefully sunny weekend - perhaps also with a visit to the beer garden, and pay attention to the most important thing:

Stay healthy!

Stefan Odenbach