



TU Dresden, 01062 Dresden
Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil.
Stefan Odenbach
Dean of Studies Mechanical Engineering, Textile and Confection Technology



Dresden, 17. September 2021

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

the exam period has been over for quite some time (and I hope you were successful in the exams), the winter semester is approaching and since a few days we also know what it will look like.

The current plan that the university administration has issued calls for a **hybrid semester**. What does that mean? Well, there will be face-to-face lectures, but they cannot be the sole offer due to the limitation of room capacities. It is currently the requirement that only every second row may be occupied and there must always be an empty seat between two seats. This means that the room capacity is reduced to a quarter of the nominal possibilities - i.e. 247 people can fit into the AudiMax. So it is clear - especially in the courses with many listeners (the first semesters, or e.g. my MAT in the 5th semester) there are not enough seats for everyone. So there has to be a parallel digital offer. How this will look like is decided by each lecturer himself. This can be simply the lecture preservation created in Corona days. It can be a recording, but it can also be a live stream. At the moment we just have to wait and see what the individual lecturers decide. That will then be communicated in the Opal courses. And I also confess that at the moment I don't know how I'm going to do it in my courses - as "alternating teaching", where we switch between presence and digital on a weekly basis, or via a pure presence and a digital group. That's a whole new challenge that also raises a whole new set of technical questions....

An important change concerns the **grade returns** that were possible in the last semesters - these will no longer exist in the winter semester 21/22 and it is also already clear that the exams will be conducted in attendance. I.e. there we return to a somewhat more normal operation. At this point it should also be noted that at least for the exams the **3G rules** will apply. And since it can be assumed that at some point the free tests will disappear, I strongly recommend getting vaccinated!

On the subject of returning grades, it should be noted once again that **grades from WiSem 20/21 can only be returned until 30.09.2021**. And you should keep in mind that a return now leads to an exam in WiSem 21/22, which can not be returned. I.e. the attempt to improve grades can backfire badly!

Postal address (letters)

TU Dresden,
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
01062 Dresden

Postal address (parcels etc.)

TU Dresden,
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
Helmholtzstraße 10, 01069 Dresden

Visiting address

Helmholtzstrasse 5
Zeuner Building, I.
OG
Room 214



Access

Side entrance
George-Bähr-Str. 3c,
marked parking spaces
in the courtyard. Parking
spaces in the inner
courtyard

Internet

<http://tu-dresden.de/mw>
No access for
electronically signed and
encrypted documents.



**DRESDEN
concept**
Exzellenz aus
Wissenschaft
und Kultur

Other than that, there's the usual standard info and some news and information that's important too:

- Very important: the **FSR is still looking for helpers for the ESE events**. This year, they will probably run a little more normally and it would be great if many people could be found who would be willing to welcome our first-year students to the faculty!
- At the moment, the university still exists in the digital world and therefore the examination office also operates digitally. Therefore, as always, the urgent request: Send **applications, etc. currently only by mail!** But: we are currently planning a return to face-to-face counselling at the beginning of the lecture period. More details will follow.
- For those who are going into the upcoming winter semester as tutor, we would like to point out our **MW tutor training "How To"**. You can register via Opal at <https://tud.link/zkh8>. The program makes teaching easier and more successful and is - so we are always told ;-) - fun all around. I would be happy if really many (all) here would participate!

So much for today, I wish you a few more quiet days and then a good start into a hopefully more present winter semester.
Stay healthy!

Stefan Odenbach