Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

The info mails on Friday evenings are becoming less frequent - a sign that we are slowly getting used to the special situation and that our studies are getting back to normal - fortunately. But after all, this is now the 70th of these emails - it's amazing how time flies. We are slowly but surely approaching the Christmas break and with it a longer break in this semester, which we can certainly all use, because even if we get used to the situation and the processes settle in - this time is exhausting. With the Christmas holidays, the exam period is also approaching, and today we will also be discussing a few aspects of this:

- There has been an **advance publication of the examination dates** for a few weeks now, which you can use as a guide for your planning ([https://tud.link/3513](https://tud.link/3513)).
- The **enrolment period starts on 10.01.2022 and runs until 23.01.2022**!
- The teachers are asked in this evening's email to tell you before Christmas how the exams will be conducted (digital, face-to-face, digital in face-to-face,...).
- Please note that from this semester onwards, **video supervision** is required for purely digital exams according to the university administration. This means that if you have purely digital exams ahead of you, you should - if you don't already have one - get yourself a simple webcam (I would recommend doing this very soon - the prices for these things are going up again and if it gets like it did in May 2020 when nothing was available for less than 200€, it will be uncomfortable... At the moment, the cheapest one available on Amazon is for 22€).
- A very important change was discussed in the Senate on Wednesday: There will **NO longer be a possibility to return grades this semester**! This means that the grade you achieve - even if it is a 5 - is part of your grade and thus also leads to the repeat examinations. The notifications will not come in March or April, but certainly at the beginning of the summer semester and they will be binding again!
- What is still open at the moment is the question until when one can deregister from an examination - there should be information on this next week.

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And then a few points of a more general nature:

- Students in **postgraduate studies** must absolutely inform Selma of their **field of study**, otherwise it is not possible to enrol for examinations in Selma ([https://tud.link/1qf2](https://tud.link/1qf2)).
- In the **postgraduate programme, module registration** is also only possible with the start of exam enrolment in Selma.
- In the **diploma degree programmes, the intermediate certificate** must be applied for when the necessary achievements are reached (applications, depending on the PO/programme can be found here: [https://tud.link/5zbg](https://tud.link/5zbg)) - here, the notification of the field of study for the study from the 5th semester onwards is also made at the same time.
- If you need the **interim certificate** urgently, this is - in view of the pandemic situation - currently only possible via postal dispatch. You would have to state this when submitting the application and provide your current address!
- If you would like to inform us of your **field of study without having achieved the intermediate certificate** or if you are studying in the Bachelor’s programme and would like to enter the profile recommendation, please use the following form: [https://tud.link/1qf2](https://tud.link/1qf2).
- Currently and in view of the pandemic situation, **final theses** are submitted via the TUD’s deadline letterbox: You must send the two printed copies by post or submit them via the TUD’s deadline letterbox ([https://tud.link/4and](https://tud.link/4and)). In addition to the printed copies, an electronic version of your work on CD or stick must be submitted, the declarations of independence must be included and signed. The two copies will be sent to the professorship by the examination office. Anything put in the deadline letterbox by 23:59 on the day of submission is on time and will be under the flap from 00:00. If possible, please use two envelopes if your thesis is somewhat thicker and address them to **Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Examinations Office**. In the case of postal delivery, the date of posting counts. The transcripts of the final papers are available digitally and do not have to be submitted by you. The correct postal address for postal delivery is **Technische Universität Dresden, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Examinations Office, 01062 Dresden**.

And finally, the note again: If you have questions and concerns about the whole Corona situation with regard to teaching, please send them to **kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de**, using your TUD mail address without exception (as opposed to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

So much for today, please continue to stay healthy and keep your fingers crossed that we can continue to do face-to-face teaching!

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