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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

first of all, I would like to wish you all a happy, successful and, above all, healthy New Year. Let's hope that the C will let us get back to normal a bit this year in terms of partying, travelling but also teaching at the TUD!

Before that can become reality, however, we have to go through another exam period, at least this semester, which is heavily influenced by the pandemic.

And since many things are different now than in the last semesters, the most important things are summarised here once again:

- You can find an **overview of the examination dates** for your planning at <https://tud.link/3513>.
- The **enrolment period started today and runs until 23.01.2022!**
- I assume that by now the examiners have informed you (subject to the proviso that nothing changes in the boundary conditions) of the form in which the examination is to take place.
- There are basically three forms of examination: the classic face-to-face examination, the purely digital examination (as we have had in the last three semesters) and the completely new mixed form with digital examination, which is written face-to-face at the TUD.

With all three forms, there are a number of things to consider:

- Basically, you do not have the choice in which of the types you will be examined!
- In the case of **classical attendance examinations**, you can - if you can substantiate this - apply for disadvantage compensation for pandemic reasons (this is done via an application to the chairperson of the examination board), with which you can be offered an alternative examination performance. What this then looks like is a decision of the examiner!
- In the case of **purely digital examinations**, this semester - in contrast to the three previous semesters - there is an obligation to **supervise examinations via video**, as stipulated by the university management! This is new and difficult to find on the web. On the FAQ pages, there are 4 links to a PDF, which I am linking here

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

Internet

<http://tu-dresden.de/mw>
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- <https://tud.link/z78k>). The paper contains a number of important things about the examinations - including the fact that we are obliged to supervise via video.
- For this supervision, the camera built into the laptop will usually not be sufficient. You will usually need an external camera with which your workplace can be overlooked. And in case of suspected cheating, the supervisor can also order a pan around the room with the camera! In other words, if you have purely digital exams ahead of you, you should get yourself a simple webcam - if you don't already have one. I recommend doing this as soon as possible, because the prices for these things are currently rising significantly (while the cheapest one on Amazon was €22 before Christmas, it is now €39 - and only a very thorough search led me to a model for €12 - you also have to consider the delivery times...!)
 - For this form of examination, you must sign a **data protection consent** in advance. If you refuse, you will be offered a digital exam in presence.
 - In the case of purely digital examinations, please note that the responsibility for the functionality of the required technology (computer, internet, camera,...) lies with you! This also applies if you write this exam in presence. If your computer breaks down, that's your problem!
 - With the **mixed form**, you can basically choose between the two variants - depending on how the examiners interpret the thing - whereby everything remains the same with regard to the functionality of the hardware, video surveillance, etc. as it is written above for the pure forms. The only difference: If you do not want to write in presence, you must take the video-monitored digital version - this is then already the alternative form, which you can get with a pure presence examination, if necessary, via a disadvantage compensation.
 - A very important change compared to the last semesters: There will be **NO 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 therefore also leads to the familiar 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!
 - And finally, it has now been determined that **withdrawal is only possible up to the day before the exam** and not on the day of the exam!

These are the most important points about the examination process. This is a rather complex matter and I strongly recommend that you find out from the teachers how the examinations will be conducted in the respective subjects and which special features may need to be observed!

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 be healthy and let us hope that this will be the last exam period under
difficult conditions.

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