Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

actually, I thought I had written everything one needed to know about this exam period last week. Unfortunately, I didn't - there's already something new that's important in the planning. So here is a brief summary of the most important points:

- Very important and therefore right at the beginning: The registration deadline is only until 23.01.2022 (which is next Sunday)!
- In the case of purely digital examinations, video surveillance is obligatory, to which you must consent by signing a data protection declaration.
- If you do not want to agree to this supervision, you must be given the opportunity to write the exam online at the TUD - please inform your examiners in good time (if there is not a corresponding request anyway) if you want to make use of this possibility (this requires some preparation on the part of the examiners).
- You are responsible for the functionality of the required technology (computer, internet, camera,...).
- If there is an internet or camera outage, you will be given a short grace period - the examiners will tell you how long this is. If the outage lasts longer, you will be excluded from the exam.
- In the case of classical attendance examinations, you can - if you can provide valid reasons - apply for disadvantage compensation for pandemic reasons, with which you can be offered an alternative examination performance.
- And now comes the news - for all exams that are offered in presence, the university management has decreed a 3G+ regulation. This means that you must be able to present a certified test that is no more than 24 hours old! And this should also apply if you have already been boosted (I don't know why they are going beyond the regulations that apply in Saxony here).

Otherwise:

- There will be NO possibility to return grades this semester!
- Withdrawal from the examination is possible until the day before the examination!

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• You can always find an up-to-date **overview of the examination dates** at [https://tud.link/3513](https://tud.link/3513).

And finally, an urgent request: I know that this exam period comes along very strangely and that the exam structures all also bring with them a number of imponderables and problems. Nevertheless - **write your exams**! The semester is only a success if you have taken your exams at the end. And if you postpone the exams, you (a) don't know whether it will be better in the next exam period and (b) you increase your exam load for the following semester, which is always bad...

Otherwise, as always, the advice: if you have questions and concerns about the whole Corona situation with regard to teaching, please send them to [kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de](mailto: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 take your exams!

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