Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

one more week, then we will have completed the lecture period and actually been able to maintain some presence over the entire phase. And it also currently looks like we will be able to implement the plans for the coming exam period. Therefore, there is - fortunately - not too much to report today.

- The exam dates have been updated again at https://tud.link/3513! To be on the safe side, please keep checking: there are always postponements - and you should be aware of them...
- I have already listed all the details of the different types of exams in the last two Infomails and there is now a red banner at the top of all TU pages with a link to the official announcements.
- But a word about the video surveillance for the digital exams: We did the mock exam in the MAT last night with all the trimmings. First the positive point - there have been no problems with the data stream. BBB has a setting where the cameras can only be seen by the invigilator and so the data stream density on the exam computers goes off the table quite easily. What we also noticed was the fact that many only set up their equipment right at the beginning of the mock exam - with the difficulties that naturally arise. You should definitely do this beforehand, otherwise valuable exam time is lost!
- And a second important point in this context: I have already pointed out several times that you will be given a short grace period in case of internet or camera failure and that after this time you will be excluded from the examination. If the camera image disappears, the invigilator will usually inform you via the private chat in the BBB and ask you to fix it. I.e. you have to keep an eye on the chat! If you don't notice that something is wrong, the waiting period can be over quickly and then there goes the exam! So be careful!
- Please also note that withdrawal of consent to the privacy policy and thus to video surveillance is only possible up to 14 days before the exam! After that, it is an exam withdrawal!
- And I would also like to mention once again the fact that for all examinations offered in attendance you must present a certified test that is no more than

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24 hours old! This applies completely independently of your vaccination status, i.e. you need the test even if you have already been boostered! These are certified antigene tests (no PCR) from one of the test centres (the one in Reichenbachstraße will therefore also be open on Sundays - for those who have to take the exam on Monday morning). Please remember this - **without a test you will not be able to take part in the presence exams** (regardless of your vaccination or recovery status)!!

Otherwise:

- There will be **NO possibility to return grades this semester**!
- Withdrawal from the examination is possible **until the day before the examination**!
- And finally, a note that goes beyond the examination period: on 01.02.2022 at 18:30, the **info event on the specialist internship** will take place online. You can find more information here: [https://tud.link/qab9](https://tud.link/qab9) and the link to the event is [https://bit.ly/3g5vuSR](https://bit.ly/3g5vuSR).

At the very end, once again an urgent request: **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, 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 hang in there; it's difficult at the moment, but eventually there will be light at the end of the tunnel (and you always hope it's not the train coming towards you ;-))!

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