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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

today the lecture period ends and with it the examination period begins on Monday. Another examination period under special conditions, which still raises numerous questions. And below comes the attempt to answer these questions as concretely and comprehensively as possible:

- The examination dates are always available at https://tud.link/3513.
- It is important for all examinations conducted in presence (this applies to classical examinations as well as to digital examinations in presence) that you must present a certified test that is no more than 24 hours old! This involves certified rapid tests (no PCR) from one of the test centres. The test centre in **Reichenbachstraße** will be open as follows from next Sunday:
 - Sunday 14:00-18:00
 - Monday to Friday 7:00-18:00

Please go in time for testing, i.e. take advantage of this 24 hour rule so that you do not end up in a long gueue and then miss the start of the exam!

- One question that has often come up concerns the situation if you then test positive in the test. In that case, you clearly cannot take part in the presence examination. What happens in detail then depends on how the exam is conducted in the respective subject: If there is a parallel digital exam, it should be possible to switch completely to the digital world without any problems. If this is not the case, you would have to go via the disadvantage compensation regulation, which I have already presented several times. There is a suitable form for this here https://tud.link/dbm8. On this basis, the relevant examiners can then offer you an alternative examination. And if none of this works, or if you feel bad, you can submit the positive test result to the examination office as a withdrawal due to illness.
- In such a case, i.e. if you are prevented in any way from taking an examination due to a Corona infection, there is either the way to get an alternative examination via the said disadvantage compensation, which can still happen in this semester, or you would have to take the examination in the next examination period.
- Depending on the situation, one or the other may, for whatever reason, not be able to take the presence examination in a digital examination in presence. In this case, you must clarify with the examiners until when a change to the purely digital room is still possible. My recommendation is to make such changes as early as possible. If such a request is known a few days before the exam, it can usually be solved; if it comes up 2 minutes before the exam starts, it might be rather difficult.

- For the digital presence exams, we did a load test for the WLAN on Tuesday in the AudiMax - without any problems! That's one less thing to worry about and I hope that we can really cope with it without any problems.
- When taking online exams, please be sure to prepare everything in the correct form for video surveillance. And remember to keep an eye on the chat! If you don't notice that you are asked there to reactivate your camera when it has failed, the grace period for interruptions of the video control 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!

Finally, my urgent request again: **write your exams**! This is the only way we can successfully conclude this semester and prevent your exam load from increasing in the following semesters!

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, I wish you a successful exam period - and stay healthy!

Stefan Odenbach