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Dear Maschinenwesen,

the first week of exams is over, no major problems have occurred yet, but there have been a few things that have gone wrong and therefore a few tips that may be important:

- First of all, a very, very important point that has already led to problems: remember that for all examinations conducted in presence (this applies to classical examinations as well as digital examinations in presence), you must **present a certified test that is no more than 24 hours old!** These are certified rapid tests (no PCR) from one of the test centres. The **test centre in Reichenbachstraße** is open as follows:
  - Sunday 14:00-18:00
  - Monday to Friday 7:00-18:00

**Without a test, we are not allowed to let you into the examination room,** which means you miss the exam and thus increase your exam load in the coming semesters!

- And a second point in this context - make sure you **go to the test the day before the exam**, i.e. take advantage of the 24-hour rule. We have already had cases where students have missed an exam because they had to wait too long at the pharmacy or the test centre to get to the exam on time! And that's just as bad as the variant when you show up without a test...
- One question that has often come up concerns the situation if you then are **positive in the test**. In this case, you cannot take part in the face-to-face exam, but you can - if you feel healthy - either switch to a possible digital distance exam, or, if this does not exist, try the **disadvantage compensation regulation**. There is a form for this here <https://tud.link/dbm8>, which you should **send to the Examinations Office**. The Examinations Office collects such requests and then informs the examiner in total! So **please do not send it to the examiners**, it will cause too much chaos!
- 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!**

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*Access*

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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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!

- And a second point about the online exams - remember that a **change to a digital presence variant is only possible up to 14 days before the exam!** After that it is an exam withdrawal!
- The examination dates are always available at <https://tud.link/3513>.

And that brings us to a look at the **coming lecture term in summer**. The university management will allow us a much higher level of attendance than we had before (lecture halls 50% full, seminar and practical rooms 100% full). And that will result in us having a quasi-normal semester. A survey has shown that **65% of the lectures, 72% of the exercises and 92% of the practicals** will take place **purely as presence**. Therefore, you should be prepared to be **present in Dresden in the summer for your studies!**

Finally, an urgent request, which also comes from our own experience of the last few days: It is clear to all of us that everyone is now at the end of the fourth Corona semester completely done with their strength and nerves. This affects the examiners just as much as you. And we also know that the exam period with its current peculiarities does not exactly lower stress. Sure... But **the tone and the demanding attitude that now appear in some emails are simply unacceptable**. You should bear in mind that your lecturers have put in an incredible amount of effort to maintain teaching and the examination process - and a halfway respectful and decent tone in the mail is certainly not too much to ask!

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,

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

Stefan Odenbach