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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,


this time I can begin this evening's mail with some very pleasant news: last November I had to report that the **bachelor's program in materials science** had lost its accreditation. The faculty initiated an appeal process and we have worked hard to address the criticisms as part of a comprehensive reform of all our degree programs. Successfully! The Materials Science Bachelor's degree has been **accredited retroactively to 30.09.22, which** means there is now a full accreditation that is provisionally valid until the end of September 2026!

That was a nice start to the mail, now here are a few technical points:

- As always, there will be an **early enrollment** for the course work Machine Elements in MW-MB-14, the preliminary examination in MW-MB-LRT-05 (also in the catalog of the module MW-VNT-22) as well as the preliminary examination in MW-MaTM-09. This starts on 15.05.2023 and goes until 28.05.2023. The enrollment is done as usual via HISQIS or Selma. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the staff of the examination office directly.
- Then - to facilitate your planning for the exam period - we have **pre-published the exam dates for the summer semester 2023**, which you can find at <https://tud.link/3513>.
- As announced in the last mail, the large-scale **plagiarism check for student research projects and theses will** start on 01.06.23. Please take a look at the corresponding mail (<https://tud.link/gvam>) before submitting your work.
- In this context, we also have to come back to the topic of ChatGPT or AI-supported information and assistance systems in general. On Wednesday, the Audit Committee decided on the following regulations:
 - **The use of ChatGPT or other AI systems is generally prohibited in certain places:** Written exams, oral (online) exams, etc. The use in such a situation is an attempt to cheat and will be punished as such.
 - Examiners may also prohibit the use of ChatGPT or other AI systems for other performances - e.g. if special creative performances (e.g. program codes, graphical representations) are required. If this happens, the use is not allowed.

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- In written papers or other deliverables (e.g. program codes, graphical representations), in which e.g. basics for a problem are to be discussed (e.g. the theory part at the beginning of a project work or the final thesis) ChatGPT or other AI systems can be used - **if not explicitly prohibited** - as an extended internet-based solution search or as a tool for solution generation.
- If students use this, **ChatGPT or the other AI systems must be clearly cited in the bibliography as a citation, with the question or questions asked to obtain the information.** The corresponding text taken from ChatGPT or the other AI systems must be enclosed in quotation marks for proper citation.
- Whether these passages are included in the evaluation is up to the examiner and must be announced before the corresponding paper is written.
- **The question of the correctness of the information** that the students take from the system must always be taken into account: **Students themselves are responsible for this correctness.** If ChatGPT or other AI systems provide incorrect information, this is included in the work and the error is judged to be incorrect in the assessment, the students are responsible for this. Students are required to clarify the correctness, i.e. to critically evaluate the information they receive and verify it with other sources if necessary (as opposed to, for example, information taken from sources with scientific quality assurance).
- Please be sure to keep these points in mind when using AI systems and handle them carefully and responsibly. Be sure to think about counter research and do not forget to clarify with the supervisors what is allowed and in what way corresponding things are included in the evaluation of your work!
- Then a note on the **Deutschlandstipendium** - for these, the application period runs from 01.-15.07.2023 (www.tu-dresden.de/deutschlandstipendium).
- And **TUD sports scholarships** are open for applications until 11.06.2023 (<https://tud.link/bhyo>).
- Finally, this series includes a reference to the **prize for innovation in teaching**, which the faculty awards every year. This prize is intended to honor professors who make a special effort to further develop teaching, to implement new concepts and to make teaching itself exciting and contemporary. The right to nominate for this award lies exclusively with you, the students of the faculty! The FSR has set up a platform at <https://tud.link/olr7> where you can submit suggestions. You should definitely make use of this!

Finally, I would like to point out a special feature at the TU Dresden: TUD Campus Classics - the largest university classic car drive (www.tud-campusclassics.de). Why am I pointing this out? Well, on the one hand, one or the other of you may have a vehicle (whether car or motorcycle) with year of construction 1993 or older and want to drive along. Then you can register here https://bit.ly/TUDCC_Anmeldung. And for those, which do not have such a thing, but nevertheless gladly with-drive would like there is also a possibility: Many passenger places are drawn by lots. You can find the registration for the free raffle at https://bit.ly/TUD-CC_Beifahrer.

That's it for today - the corresponding podcast will be online later at <https://spoti.fi/3rM07Tf> on Spotify and on Castbox via https://bit.ly/Studiendekan-On-AIR_castbox.

And now a nice spring weekend to all

Yours

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