

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

the lecture-free period has only really begun after the exam period - which you hopefully survived well - but it is still important to look ahead to the coming semester. And that's why we're sending you an evening email today, because the Opal course lists have been published in an updated form in our *Teaching in Mechanical Engineering* course (https://tud.link/73av)! There you can access all relevant courses directly, which may be particularly important for courses with a limited number of places early on!

A second point - which is also very important to me personally - concerns the question of how we can improve teaching, especially for internships. A small survey is currently being carried out on this, which is available in German at https://tud.link/sqm9 and in English at https://tud.link/fh2x. A lot of participation would be important, because we need statistics to get results!

There's nothing else on the agenda today, but I've received an emergency call that I'd like to pass on: it's about a 7-month-old boy who has leukemia and is *urgently looking for a stem cell donor.* The problem is always that a perfect match has to be found - otherwise the therapy won't work. And that is difficult, i.e. many people need to register in the hope that there will be a person for whom the stem cell match will really work. Information and the opportunity to register can be found at https://www.dkms.de/nils. Please spread this information - it's all about quantity - many people need to be registered in order to find a match!

Those were the important points for today, which have already been dealt with. This afternoon there will be a university lecturers' conference on the introduction of Master's degree courses. An exciting topic, the results of which I will then, if possible, post tomorrow together with this evening email in the *Dean of Studies on Air* as a podcast at https://spoti.fi/3rM07Tf on Spotify or on Castbox via https://spoti.fi/3rM07Tf

Now I wish you all a few quiet days and a good preparation for the coming semester. I'll be in touch again at the start of the semester!

Yours

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