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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

actually, it feels like just yesterday that I wrote the last info mail at the end of the summer semester, and now we are only 14 days away from the start of the lecture period in the winter semester – amazing how time flies...

The start of the winter semester, of course, also means that there are some updates important for the beginning of the semester. It also means that this mailing list now includes new recipients.

So, let me start this mail by extending **a warm welcome to our first-year students at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering!** I'm glad you chose Mechanical Engineering and, more specifically, our faculty here at TU Dresden. I wish you great success and (most importantly) lots of fun during your studies!

This brings me straight to the latest updates:

- Having **fun during your studies, especially at the beginning**, is important. For those of you who are just starting with us, there's the **ESE week** as a kick-off: campus tour, pub crawl, city tour (probably including Dresden's newest architectural landmark...) – a great blend of fun and information, all the way to the ceremonial enrollment. You can find information about the event week here (<https://tud.link/nbpgep>), and **the enrollment in the seminar groups** – arguably the most important step toward a successful academic start – takes place in Opal at <https://tud.link/5mfvcx>.
- As events always involve work (speaking from experience – I have another conference to organize next week, which I've been doing every year just before the semester starts for well over 20 years now), I would like to make a call to those of you who have been with us for a while to **help with the ESE organization** and support our student council (<https://tud.link/tattbv>). You can register to help on the Opal page (<https://tud.link/5mfvcx>), first under "Helfer allgemein" and then for specific events. It would be great if many of you could join and support the student council!
- After the fun, it's time to get to work: the **timetables** are now available online at <http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de/>, meaning you can already start planning how your semester will look.

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- To help with your planning, we've uploaded our special lecture directory and **Opal lists** to the Opal course "**Lehre im Maschinenwesen**" (<https://tud.link/4ozj>). These are crucial for planning, especially if you wish to attend courses with limited spaces (such as Technical Design or my Presentation Seminar). This time, the lists are more complete at the start of the semester than ever before – only one professorship is still missing!
- The updated catalogs for **catalog modules** will follow at the beginning of the semester. I'd like to remind you that **applications for these catalogs must be submitted no later than October 18, 2024!**

This email will also be available as a podcast in the "**Studiendekan On Air**" series over the weekend at <https://spoti.fi/3rM07Tf> on Spotify, or via Castbox at https://bit.ly/Studiendekan-On-AIR_castbox.

Now I wish you a sunny weekend and a few more quiet days before we fully dive into the semester again.

Yours

Stefan Odenbach