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Dear Students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

first of all, I would like to welcome you all to the winter semester 24/25 with this information email. This is especially true for all of you who are starting your diploma, bachelor's, master's, or advanced studies here at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at TU Dresden this semester. All of us in the faculty wish you a fun, thoroughly successful study experience that will shape you into top-tier engineers, ready to tackle the big challenges of our time!

So once again, a very warm:

**Welcome to Mechanical Engineering  
and  
Best wishes for a successful study journey!**


A very important note in this regard: Please make sure to **use your TU email address or forward it to an email address you frequently use** (and make sure that the email account is able to receive emails)! All current information is sent to this email address, which is the central communication channel for all study-related updates. The Examination Office and I regularly send important news and deadlines via this channel, and not reading your emails does not exempt you from deadlines, for example.

Now, let's move on to the news and information that is important for the start of the semester next week (some of this was already in the last email, but not everyone received it yet...):

- In the **Opal course *Teaching in Mechanical Engineering*** (<https://tud.link/4vkn>), you will find the links to the **timetables**, and the **course list with all Opal courses** has just been freshly updated. If you have not yet enrolled in this course, you should do so, as it provides an overview of all current courses in mechanical engineering each semester, along with direct links to the Opal courses.
- The updated catalogs for **catalog modules** are available online at <https://tud.link/ls74>, and I would like to remind you that **applications for these catalogs must be submitted by 18.10.2024** at the latest! Please make sure to

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check whether the courses you want to take are listed in the respective catalogs. If they are not, remember to **apply for inclusion in the catalog in due time!**

- As is usual at the start of the semester, some changes have been made to the modules, and the **updated schedules** are available for guidance at <https://tud.link/tg3h>, even before approval by the Study Commission and Faculty Council. These schedules will only become officially valid after approval by the Faculty Council, but you can already refer to them for orientation.
- A point I often mention in my evening emails, and which I also addressed earlier today in the first-year student welcome session, is the importance of **using the advisory services**: If you encounter problems during your studies – exams that didn't go well, project work that isn't running smoothly, etc. – make sure to seek advice from the Examination Office and Student Advisory Services in a timely manner. The sooner we are aware of problems, the easier they are to solve!
- I also have some specific information for our first-year students: The **physics lab course** in mechanical engineering, as well as in process and natural materials engineering, will start in a few days with **introductory sessions on 15.10.2024 during the 6th teaching period and on 16.10.2024 during the 5th teaching period, both in the Trefftz-Bau building**. If you have not yet done so, you should register as soon as possible (by 17.10.2024 at the latest) for the lab groups in the Opal course (<https://tud.link/xdtcux>).

Finally, a small note on my own behalf: Those of you who have been with us for a while know that I am always trying to develop new teaching/learning concepts to make studying a bit fresher and more modern. One special feature – and those in the higher semesters will already know this – is our suitcase lab courses based on Arduino in measurement and automation technology. We are looking to develop these further, and for that, I would like to form a group of students (from any semester) who are familiar with Arduino and interested in experimenting and developing new setups. If you are interested, please send me a short email ([stefan.odenbach@tu-dresden.de](mailto:stefan.odenbach@tu-dresden.de)).

The **Dean of Studies on Air** podcast should also be available again this weekend, with this email, on Spotify at <https://spoti.fi/3rM07Tf> or via Castbox at [https://bit.ly/Studiendekan-On-AIR\\_castbox](https://bit.ly/Studiendekan-On-AIR_castbox).

That's all for now. Enjoy your weekend, and I wish you a great start to a successful semester.

Yours sincerely,

Stefan Odenbach