

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

the lecture-free period has already come to an end, and that means I'm delighted to welcome you to the freshly started summer semester!

As usual at the beginning of the semester, there are a few things I'd like to briefly point out:

- The catalogues for the catalogue modules have been available for a while now at <a href="https://tud.link/ls74">https://tud.link/ls74</a>. I hope you've already checked whether the courses you'd like to take are included in the appropriate catalogues. If not, now is the time to do so today is the deadline for submitting requests for additional modules. These must be submitted in writing to the examination office!
- Yesterday was the introductory event for The Fascination of Mechanical Engineering a course aimed at students in their fourth semester of Mechanical Engineering. It gives an overview of the upcoming specializations in the main study phase. Attendance was rather low yesterday, so I'd like to emphasize once again that this is a really important event! It is designed to help you make an informed decision about your future focus area (and for that, it's essential to know what options Mechanical Engineering actually offers and as a faculty, we offer quite a lot ;-)). You'll find all the details and upcoming dates in the associated OPAL course: <a href="https://tud.link/5ursjc">https://tud.link/5ursjc</a>.
- The second event announcement looks quite a bit ahead to the next semester break, in fact. At the end of September (27.09.–04.10.2025), the International Interdisciplinary Autumn School will take place in Hoyerswerda. This event is also listed in the AQUA module catalogues. More details are available at <a href="https://tud.link/4j29mt">https://tud.link/4j29mt</a>, or you can contact Prof. Andrea Augsten directly (andrea.augsten@tu-dresden.de), who is responsible for the AQUA aspects of the course definitely a fascinating and truly interdisciplinary experience...

That covers the most important announcements for this week. But before I wrap up, there's one more point that traditionally goes into this first-semester-evening-mail:

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Exzellenz aus Wissenschaft und Kultur On June 21st, 2025, the 14th edition of the **TUD Campus Classics** will take place. For those who haven't heard of it before – it's probably Germany's largest university-organized classic car rally. We visit destinations in the Dresden area that are connected to the university or its research activities.

This year, we'll be heading to the Sister Houses of the Moravian Church in Kleinwelka, where we'll explore how historical sites can be digitally reconstructed, made accessible, and transformed into learning environments. Super exciting stuff.

Why am I telling you this? Well, for one thing, I know that quite a few students in our faculty own cars or bikes over 30 years old and might be interested in participating. And for everyone else? One special feature of TUD Campus Classics is that every car offers at least one passenger seat for a student – and these seats are raffled off (free of charge!!). You can find more info and register for the raffle at <u>www.tud-campusclassics.de</u>.

Now I wish you a sunny first weekend of the semester, a successful start, and lots of fun discovering all the new things coming your way this term. Yours sincerely

Stefan Odenbach