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Dear Mechanical Engineering Students,

I hope you had a successful exam period, found some time afterwards to relax and recharge, and are now looking forward to the upcoming winter semester ;-).

The approach of the new semester, of course, also means that there are some updates important for the start, and it also means that the mailing list for this message has changed.

So let me begin this mail with a **warm welcome to the Faculty of Mechanical Science and Engineering**, especially to those who are new to this list – our first-year students! I am very pleased that you have chosen mechanical engineering and, in particular, our faculty here at TU Dresden, and I wish you much success and (very importantly) a lot of fun in your studies!

That brings me directly to the latest news:

- Having **fun in your studies**, especially at the beginning, is important. For those of you just starting out, there is the **ESE Week**: campus tour, pub crawl, city tour ... The mix of fun and information, right up to the formal matriculation ceremony, seems very well put together. Information about the week of events can be found here <https://tud.link/r4kkw5>, and registration for the seminar groups – probably the most important step towards a successful start – takes place in OPAL at <https://tud.link/wqgt12>.
- Organizing events always means a lot of work (and I speak from experience: in two weeks I will be hosting a conference that I have, believe it or not, been organizing every single year for almost a quarter of a century just before semester starts). That's why this is also a call to those who have been with us longer than just a few days: please consider **helping out with the ESE organization** and supporting our Student Council (<https://tud.link/tattbv>). You can also register as a helper via OPAL (<https://tud.link/v66dqc>): first under "general helper" and then for specific events. It would be great if many of you joined in and supported the FSR!
- But studying itself should also be fun – and that requires good organization. The **time-tables** are available online at <http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de/>, which means you can already start planning your semester.

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- To know what you should plan, we have once again uploaded our special course catalog, the OPAL lists, in the OPAL course **Teaching in Mechanical Engineering** (<https://tud.link/4ozj>). This is very important both for planning and if you want to attend courses with limited places (such as Technical Design or my Presentation Seminar). Information from three professorships is still missing, but hopefully next week we'll have a complete update!
- Since there are always some changes in modules at the beginning of the semester, the **updated study plans** are already available for orientation at <https://tud.link/tg3h>, even before being formally approved by the study commission and faculty council. They will only become legally binding after approval, but you can already use them for your planning.
- The updated **catalogs for the elective modules** are already available at <https://tud.link/l574>, and please note that applications for these catalogs must be submitted no later than October 17, 2025!
- An important note for our **first-year students in MB and VNT**: By October 14, 2025, you must register in OPAL at <https://tud.link/p5a97y> for the **physics lab**. Please also make sure to check all further information provided there.
- And for students in the 3rd semester of VNT and WW: we were asked to point out the **introductory event in Electrical Engineering** <https://tud.link/kpm664>.

Finally, a completely different topic that has been stirring up emotions for days: the **TU logo**. Social media channels are buzzing, at the Mollier Building paint was used for the first time in living memory (to cover the logo on the water tower ☺), and there is a petition to bring back the old logo, which has already received thousands of signatures ... We are now interested in your opinion: new or old logo? To gather statistically reliable information, I've set this up in OPAL as a short survey (don't worry: it is designed so that I only get access to statistical data). Please take just two minutes to vote at <https://tud.link/d8mdpx> – new or old logo – so that we will soon see where our faculty stands in this matter.

For now, I wish everyone a wonderful late-summer weekend and a few more relaxing lecture-free days!

Yours sincerely

Stefan Odenbach