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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

shortly before the start of the Christmas period (for which you will hopefully have already prepared a little), there are some time-critical topics that I would like to briefly share with you.

The first time-critical point concerns the **university elections**, which will take place next week **from 9 December 2025 to 11 December 2025**. As part of these elections, the Student Council of Mechanical Engineering will also be newly elected. These are your representatives in all committees, meaning they are the people who must represent your interests—and thus especially important positions regarding teaching. In order for your representatives to carry sufficient weight in the relevant discussions (for example, currently in the context of the development of the Master's programme), they need your support; that is, they require a high voter turnout to be able to act as truly authorised student representatives. Therefore, my urgent request to all of you: **Please make sure to vote!**

The election will take place in ZEU/247, and the voting times are as follows:

- 09 December 2025: 9:00–15:00 and 18:00–18:30 (at the end of the MAT lecture in HSZ/02)
- 10 December 2025: 9:00–15:00
- 11 December 2025: 9:00–16:15

And please note that the Student Councils can only be elected by postal vote or in the polling stations — not online!

The next group of dates concerns the examination period and is therefore also quite important:

- As mentioned earlier, you can find a preliminary publication of the **examination dates** for your planning at <https://tud.link/272zrz>.
- The **first phase of exam registration** has already started (and runs until Monday, 15 December 2025). This affects the following examination components:
 - Proof of achievement in Fluid Mechanics and Simulation Methods (computer-based short test) in MW-MB-ET-01
 - Protocol collection Nanostructured Materials (Nanostrukturierte Materialien) in MW-WW-AW13

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- Written exam Food Chemistry: Reactions and Functionalities of Ingredients, Residues and Packaging in MW-VNT-72
- Proof of achievement in Textile Machinery Investigations (computer-based comprehension test) in MW-MaTM-22

Please do not forget to register!

- Phase 2, the **registration for language examinations** at TUDIAS, will start on Monday, 5 January 2026, and run until Friday, 16 January 2026. Please make sure to carefully read the notes on language exam registration at <https://tud.link/ngumzm>.
- The **main registration period for examinations** will then be from Monday, 12 January 2026, to Monday, 26 January 2026. Please note that you must also **register in Selma for the language exams** for which you have previously registered at TUDIAS.

These were the registration dates for the examinations. And the topic of examinations brings me to a point that has been worrying me for some time, and which has become so evident through events in the Examination Committee and through the advisory meetings I have had over the past few weeks that I must write a few lines about it: We are currently observing that attendance in lectures and exercises has dropped significantly compared to previous years. And we are also noticing that this is leading to a massive deterioration in exam results. It must be clear to everyone that not participating in exercises in the first DS is not a valid reason to have a failing grade annulled! Therefore, I can only urgently call on you to actively participate in all courses offered for a subject. This is the best preparation for succeeding in the exams. Or, to put it differently: **Not attending lectures, exercises, and tutorials is an excellent way not to pass exams!** And this applies even more if you have to take a second or even third attempt at an exam. Make sure to attend the lectures again and participate in all exercises!

That's all for the moment. Please take the examination topic seriously, and I wish you a pleasant Second Advent.



Yours sincerely,

Stefan Odenbach