



Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

even though a small part of the new year has already passed, I believe it is still acceptable to wish you all

**a happy and thoroughly successful New Year!**

Let us hope that the world as we know it will still be recognizable after this year. Wishing you a successful New Year is certainly not inappropriate, especially because I have to talk about examinations next – and success is an important factor there ;-).

- As mentioned several times before, a **preliminary publication of the examination dates** for your exam planning is available at <https://tud.link/272zrz>. At present, this list does not yet include room and time details, but these will follow shortly once planning has been completed.
- **Registration for the language examinations at TUDIAS** is only possible until today – so you may need to act quickly! Please be sure to observe the information on language exam registration at <https://tud.link/ngumzm>.
- You still have a little (but not excessively much) time left for the **main part of the exam registrations**. You can register in Selma until Monday, 26 January 2026. Please make sure to note that **for language examinations** for which you have already registered with TUDIAS, **you must also register separately in Selma**.

With regard to exam preparation, I already wrote last time that **active participation in lectures, exercises, and tutorials is essentially the only sensible way to pass examinations**. This is something that should be done throughout the entire semester in order to distribute the workload sensibly, rather than falling into the usual end-of-semester exam frenzy with 24-hour days.

In this context, I also repeatedly hear about **exam preparation using AI** – please be cautious here! Although current large language models have improved significantly over the past three years, they still tend to hallucinate, and it is quite difficult to generate an appropriate prompt in order to obtain subject-specific information in a meaningful form (which is why we will once again be offering a dedicated ChatGPT course next semester:

<https://tud.link/r8r1hj>). In addition, the information provided must be evaluated – and for

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that, you actually need precisely the knowledge that we aim to convey to you during your studies ;-).

Then I received information that **CERN** has once again announced its **Technical Student-ship Program**. Some members of the faculty have already participated and were thoroughly impressed, so it may be worth taking a look. **The application deadline is February 23, 2026** (<https://smrtr.io/wDCZ2>).

Finally, one more scheduling-related point that is very important for all of you who are currently in your 5th semester: this concerns the information event on the **mandatory internship**! On 3 February 2026, there will be a digital introductory session during which you can ask your questions about the internship. Access to the virtual meeting room via <https://tu-dresden.zoom-x.de/j/68552325925?pwd=ulpW8waVDnAAJwsza3VCnmiaDdzrmt.1>  
Meeting ID: 685 5232 5925  
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That is all for the moment. I wish you a successful remainder of the semester and a good start to the examination period.  
Yours sincerely,

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