

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

three lecture-free weeks still lie ahead of us – only three more – and so it is time to start planning for the summer semester!

- The OPAL course lists for the summer semester are, as usual, available in the OPAL course **Lehre im Maschinenwesen** (<https://tud.link/4ozj>). The **timetables** for the summer are also ready and can be viewed either via the OPAL course or directly at <https://tud.link/pfd4je>. It makes sense to start planning now, as there are quite some **courses with limited capacity**, and you should register early, since places are generally allocated on a first-come, first-served basis ...
- By the end of next week, the **catalogs for the catalog modules** will be published at <https://tud.link/ls74>. You should then definitely check whether the subjects you intend to choose from the catalogs for a particular module are actually listed. Requests for additions must be submitted in writing to the Examination Office by April 17, 2026!
- As of April 1, 2026 (no April Fool's joke!), the **updated study schedules** will be published online at <https://tud.link/tg3h>. Although this still requires approval by the study commissions and the faculty council with regard to module changes, experience shows that the plans usually do not change anymore.
- For those of you studying Materials Science, the **physics lab course** is scheduled in the 2nd semester. You should definitely register for this in OPAL already now at <https://tud.link/njur4b> so that group allocation can be organized and you can also participate in the introductory session.

There are also two event announcements:

- The first one is particularly relevant for those of you who are currently working on or have recently completed one of the major research projects: The **Stufo Expo** will take place again, a large **poster exhibition featuring student research projects**, where you can present your work and also win prizes ;-). Further information is available at <https://tu-dresden.de/stufoexpo>. It would be great to see many participants from Mechanical Engineering!
- The second point is the announcement of an excursion I have been asked to share: Under the title **Fascination Agricultural Engineering**, the Agricultural Systems Technology group is organizing an excursion on May 20/21, 2026. You can find more information at <https://tud.link/cn5dbx>.

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Finally, a note on a personal matter: The structural condition of the Mollier building has now deteriorated to such an extent (not surprising, considering it was already in poor condition when I arrived in Dresden over 20 years ago – and I was firmly promised at the time that it would be renovated within five years...) that we have had no choice but to vacate the building and move into what is referred to as an interim facility (given the speed at which buildings are renovated at TU Dresden, it will probably be my final place of work at the university). Therefore, you will no longer find me in the Mollier building, but either at Strehleener Straße 22–24 (rear courtyard, BSS-FB 16a) or in the Berndt building (room 17). Where exactly I will be on which days still needs to be settled; I will wait for the start of the semester and provide more detailed information then.

That's all for today—wishing you pleasant lecture-free spring days,

Yours sincerely

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