

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

it happened quickly that the last 3 lecture-free weeks were simply over. Now we have already completed the first week of the semester and, as always, this results in a number of points that I need to briefly inform you about. First of all: I wish all of you a sunny and enjoyable summer semester! And if there should be anything that we as a faculty can change that is not so sunny or enjoyable: Please do not hesitate to contact me! Either directly or via the Kummerkasten (this is possible both physically in the Zeuner Building and electronically via kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de).

And now to the information for the start of the semester:

- First, one very important point: In the TU Dresden academic calendar online, it appears as if only Whit Monday in **Whit Week** is free, because only that day is marked as “lecture -free”. This has already caused some irritation, but do not worry, you do not need to change your plans for Whit Week. The rest of Whit Week is marked as “no regular classes”. This means that all normal classes are cancelled during that week – as always. However – and this is why it is written that way now – block internships, for example, can take place during that week.
- Otherwise, for semester planning, the OPAL course lists for the summer semester are available as usual in the OPAL course “ **Lehre im Maschinenwesen**” (<https://tud.link/4ozj>). The **timetables** for the summer semester can also be viewed via the OPAL course or directly at <https://tud.link/pfd4je>.
- The final catalogues for the **elective catalogue modules** will be published on 27 April 2026 – after the meeting of the study commissions – at <https://tud.link/ls74>. If you still have requests regarding the catalogues, today is the last chance to register them in writing with the Examinations Office!
- And this brings me to the topic of the **Examinations Office**: At the moment, only Ms Herzog-Schaudick and Ms Damm are on duty. This is a significant understaffing situation, which will naturally lead to delays in the usual processes. We are doing everything possible to keep these delays as small as possible, but I urgently ask you to refrain from sending follow-up emails – since such emails also have to be answered, the processes only become slower for everyone. We hope that the situation will improve again soon and that we will be able to return to normal operations.

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There are also two event notices:

- The first concerns a **university -wide excursion programme** , details of which can be found at <https://tud.link/qutv32> .
- And the second point is something that comes up at the beginning of every summer semester: On 13 June 2026, the now **15th TUD Campus Classics** will take place (by the way the last one that I will organise myself, after that the TUD-CC e.V. will be responsible..), and as always we are raffling off the passenger seats in the classic cars free of charge. This time it will be a large tour to the Schwarze Pumpe Industrial Park, where together with CircEcon we will visit part of the Campus Lausitz. Otherwise, everything remains as usual. For the winners, breakfast, lunch, the evening event and of course four route sections in four different classic cars are all included in the package. Registration for the raffle is possible via the Campus Classics homepage at https://bit.ly/TUD-CC_Beifahrer.

That is all for today. I wish you a pleasant and successful summer semester!

Yours sincerely

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