

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

another evening email after only one week? No – we are not starting a new pandemic semester (despite all the speculation about the plague in Russia) – it is simply the start of the semester.

And for us as a Faculty, that means that we can

**warmly welcome our first-year students
to the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering!**

We wish you a thoroughly enjoyable, successful, and exciting time at university, and we also hope that you will find enough time for activities outside your studies.

And for the upcoming winter semester, there are of course a few things you will need to make sure everything runs smoothly:

- First of all, you need **timetables** to help you find your way around. They are available online at <http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de/>.
- And to give you an idea of what is behind the individual items, we have placed our special course catalogue, the **OPAL lists**, in the **OPAL course Lehre im Maschinenwesen** (<https://tud.link/4ozj>).
- The **updated study schedules** still have to be approved by the Study Commission and the Faculty Board. Subject to these approvals, however, you can already view them at <https://tud.link/tg3h>.
- The **updated catalogues for the catalogue modules** are available at <https://tud.link/ls74>. Let me remind you once again that applications for these catalogues must be submitted by **16 October 2026** at the latest! Concerns PO/SO 2019 and 2020.
- During the first-semester introduction, I already mentioned registration for the Physics laboratory course in the first semester. Here is the link again: <https://tud.link/7e1fht>.

A very important piece of information concerns our **Master's programmes**: last Wednesday, the four Master's programmes in Mechanical Engineering and the Master's programme in Materials Science and Engineering passed through the Senate Commission for Teaching smoothly and without any questions. The Master's programmes in Process and Natural Materials Engineering will follow at the next meeting. After that, the programmes still have to go through the Senate and the formal review process, and then all Master's programmes should be ready for enrolment for the coming winter semester. And what does that mean for everyone who is now studying for a Bachelor's degree with us?

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The topic of study regulations also includes the **transition to the new examination regulations** for those of you who have been studying with us for some time. On **14 October 2026 at 4:40 p.m.**, we will hold the next major information event in ZEU/LICH. The equivalence tables that have now been approved, as well as the available advising services, can be found at <https://tud.link/wy8a9v>. Please take this issue seriously, inform yourself, and make use of the information and advising services – this will allow us to reduce problems significantly!

Finally, a note for those of you who are just starting your studies: I mentioned activities outside your studies above. Not quite outside the university, but also not part of your timetable, is university sports. And at this point, I have to switch hats from Dean of Studies to member of the Executive Board of the Dresden University Sports Centre (DHSZ).

As the DHSZ, we have developed a new format for you, the **Ersti-Sporttage**, which provides an easy and low-threshold introduction to the DHSZ's sports programmes and thus to sports alongside your studies. On **13 October** – directly before registration for the regular courses opens – the event will take place in the sports halls on Nöthnitzer Straße. There will be a wide range of sports to try out, so you can simply drop in and see what you like (and, if you wish, subsequently register for one of the regular courses). Details can be found at https://www.dhsz.tu-dresden.de/angebote/aktueller_zeitraum/_Ersti-Sporttage_2026.html.

That's all for today. I wish you sunny weather for tomorrow's hike as part of ESE Week, and afterwards, I wish everyone a great start to the winter semester!

Yours

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