

Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

I hope you have come through the examination period successfully and were able to use the semester break to relax a little and recharge your batteries for the new semester. Perhaps you have even managed to recharge your energy enough to now look forward to the upcoming winter semester 😊.

The approach of the winter semester also means that there is a range of news and information that is important for the start of the semester, and which I therefore want to share with you before the semester begins:

- In order to look forward to the semester, you need to know what is coming up, when and how, and how to organise yourselves sensibly. The **timetables** are therefore already available at <http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de/>, so you can start planning what your semester will look like.
- To help you know what to plan for, we have once again provided our special course catalogue, the **OPAL lists**, in the OPAL course **Lehre im Maschinenwesen** (<https://tud.link/4ozj>). This is particularly important for planning and if you want to take part in courses with limited places (such as Technical Design).
- As there are always some changes to modules at the beginning of the semester, the **updated module schedules** are already available for orientation at <https://tud.link/tg3h>, even before they have been formally approved by the Study Commission and Faculty Board. They will only become legally binding after approval by the Faculty Board, but you can already use these schedules for your planning.
- The **updated catalogues for the catalogue modules** are already available at <https://tud.link/ls74>. I would also like to point out now that applications concerning these catalogues must be submitted by 16 October 2026 at the latest!

One special opportunity that has been available for several years is the CERN programme for students, which some of your fellow students have already taken part in. A new round will start in April 2027, and the application deadline is already 16 October 2026! Details can be found at <https://smrtr.io/BFbfM>.

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The university's Health Management team would also like to draw your attention to the **Gesund sTUDieren** programme. You can find details at <https://tud.link/e7x15d>.

And finally, one very important point from our Faculty – the **transition to the new examination regulations (PO transition)**: On 14 October 2026 at 4:40 p.m., we will hold the next major information event in ZEU/LICH. The now-approved equivalence tables and information on the available advising services can be found at <https://tud.link/wy8a9v>. Please take this topic seriously, inform yourselves, and make use of the information and advising services. This will allow us to significantly reduce potential problems!

For now, however, I wish everyone a pleasant late-summer weekend and a few more enjoyable days before the start of lectures.

Yours

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