



**Data protection declaration for the
„PASST?! – Evaluation of study progress data“ research project**

For what purpose will personal data be processed?

The research project aims to investigate and improve the effectiveness of TU Dresden's PASST?! program. There is a particular focus on reviewing the relevance of the five PASST?! identifiers used so far to identify academic success, and on their refinement, if necessary.

Who is responsible for data processing and whom can data subjects contact?

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What is the legal basis for the processing of personal data?

The legal basis for the processing of personal data for the above-mentioned purposes is Art. 6 para. 1 sub-para. 1 lit. e, para. 2 and 3 GDPR in conjunction with § 12 para. 1 SächsDSDG (*Saxon Data Protection Implementation Act*).

Which personal data will be processed?

For the PASST?! program, the study progress data of all individuals who were enrolled for the last time in the period from 2017/18 winter semester to 2020/21 summer semester in the following degree programs will be analyzed:

- Architecture (Diplom)
- Civil Engineering (Diplom)
- Electrical Engineering (Diplom)
- Forest Sciences (Diplom)
- Mechanical Engineering (Bachelor)
- Mechanical Engineering (Diplom)
- Physics (Bachelor)
- Psychology (Bachelor)
- Economics and Engineering (Diplom)
- Business and Economics (Bachelor).

The following data is processed for each individual:

- Participation in the PASST?! program
- Enrollment number
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Nationality
- Type of university entrance qualification
- Place of university entrance qualification
- Grade of university entrance qualification
- Related to studies:
 - Highest or current university semester
 - Enrollment and de-registration date (categorized by semesters)
 - Reason for the last leave of absence
 - Parallel studies

- Related to the degree program (multiple times for all degree programs studied, if applicable):
 - Degree program, degree
 - Start and graduation dates (categorized into start and graduation semesters)
 - Total of ECTS at graduation
 - Final exam passed/not finally failed
- Semester dates for each enrolled semester and program:
 - Semester
 - Semester in the degree program
 - Examination Regulations
 - Mode of studying (on-site studies/distance learning)
 - Type of studies (full-time study/part-time study/parallel study)
 - Form of studies (first degree/second degree)
 - Study status (first enrollment/re-registration/leave of absence)
 - Performance data:
 - Total of ECTS
 - Total of passed examinations
 - Total of withdrawals from examinations
 - Number of examinations passed in the first attempt, second attempt, and finally failed
 - Passing, failing and final failing of the final academic thesis.

How long is personal data processed/stored?

All characteristics that can be used to identify an individual are stored separately in Unit 8.4 and deleted as soon as the purpose of the research permits for it.

How is the anonymity of the participants guaranteed during the research project?

The research project uses data that has been retrieved in advance from the campus management system by authorized staff of Unit 8.4 and generalized by authorized staff of Unit 8.1. This means that the data is anonymized as far as possible before it is used for the research project. In particular:

- the enrollment numbers are made anonymous by using a random ID
- birthdays are generalized to the semester of birth
- individual cases identifiable with regard to gender are excluded
- reasons for the last leave of absence summarized if required
- nationalities are generalized to one of three categories (German, EU, non-EU)
- the places of the university entrance qualification are generalized to categories (districts within Saxony, federal states (outside of Saxony, within Germany), EU, outside the EU)
- start and graduation dates are generalized into start and graduation semesters
- enrollment and de-registration dates are generalized to enrollment and de-registration semesters.

In the processing phase, however, it cannot be completely ruled out in individual cases under very special circumstances that a natural person would be identifiable through the combination of various and very specific characteristics. There is no research interest in that. The aim is to produce results about specific groups of people.

Will personal data be transferred to third parties?

Unless stipulated otherwise by law or unless data subjects have given express consent in individual cases, no personal data will be transferred to third parties.

Will personal data be published?

The research results will be published in a usual academic form. We assure that no conclusions about natural persons will be possible from the publications.

Which are the general rights of data subjects?

1) Right to information (Art. 15 GDPR)

Data subjects have the right to obtain information on the data processed concerning them, as well as the possible recipients of this data, at any time. They are entitled to a reply within one month of submitting the request to the responsible party for data processing.

2) Right to rectification, erasure and restriction (Art. 16 - 18 GDPR)

Data subjects may request at any time that TU Dresden rectifies or erases their personal data or restricts its processing.

3) Right to the transferability of data (Art. 20 GDPR)

Data subjects may request that the responsible party send them their personal data in a machine-readable format. Alternatively, they can request the direct transfer of their personal data to a different responsible party, insofar as this is possible.

4) Right to object (Art. 21 GDPR)

Data subjects shall have the right to object, on grounds relating to their particular situation, at any time to processing of personal data concerning them which is carried out on the basis of Art. 6 (1) sub-para. 1 lit. e GDPR.

5) Right to lodge a complaint (Art. 77 GDPR)

Data subjects can at any time contact TU Dresden's Data Protection Officer and, in the case of a complaint pursuant to Art. 77 GDPR, the responsible supervisory authority for data protection.

The responsible supervisory authority is:

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