

Message by the Vice-Rector for Academic and International Affairs on 20th July 2020

Dear students,

The 2020 summer semester shall not be a lost semester despite Corona! The University Executive Board of TU Dresden continues to advocate that all corona-influenced processes on the part of the lecturers, examiners and examination administration be met with goodwill. The fundamental resolutions of the senate that were passed on 29th April 2020 continue to apply.

(https://tu-dresden.de/tu-dresden/gesundheitsmanagement/ressourcen/dateien/corona/rundmails/200428_PBI_Rundmail_Sondersenatssitzung_DE_final.pdf?lang=en).

Even beyond this, you should not suffer any disadvantages. Especially in the case of enforced absence, you should still be able to take examinations in the summer semester 2020. If you are prevented from taking your exams due to the coronavirus pandemic, and if you suffer disadvantages based on the type of exam that you are scheduled to take, the University Executive Board is in favour of allowing the examiners to offer you an alternative exam date or an alternative type of exam. Please contact your examiner with a corresponding request. This applies in particular to any hindrances resulting from entry restrictions you may encounter when entering Germany after your stay abroad.

In addition, the provisions of the examination regulations shall continue to apply. Therefore, if no alternative examination date or type of examination is feasible, you are entitled, for example, to withdraw from the examination if you are prevented from attending through no fault of your own - also as a general rule and independent of the coronavirus pandemic. In order to find the best possible alternative for you in such cases, please contact the Examination Office that is responsible for you.

In addition, I would like to inform you that non-written examinations (individual and group oral examinations, presentations, defences, colloquia, etc.) may take place in attendance until further notice, provided that the concept of measures and the hygiene regulations are observed (cf. mail from the Rector dated 5th June 2020). Nevertheless, these examinations can still be held using virtual equivalents ("video conference"). The regulations published by me for the conducting of examinations at TU Dresden during the Corona Pandemic (in the version of 3rd June 2020) shall remain valid (cf. https://tu-dresden.de/studium/im-studium/ressourcen/dateien/corona_imstudium/2020-06-09_Festlegungen_Pruefungen_TUD_ENG.pdf?lang=en).

The University Executive Board currently takes the view that so-called proctoring, i.e. digital supervision of examinations, in particular video recordings of non-written examinations or the use or compulsory installation of monitoring software, is not permitted for reasons of data protection.

Dear students, this semester was a very exceptional and challenging one and will certainly be remembered by all of us for a long time to come. In any case, I would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation over the past few months and I would like to wish you a successful examination period.

Best regards

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