Student survey regarding the online semester



The COVID-19 pandemic has also confronted students with major challenges in the 2020 summer semester. Various options for the winter semester are currently being discussed in the TU committees. In order to back up these discussions with figures, the Strategic Controlling conducted a survey among all TU students on behalf of the LSK from 17.07.2020 to 03.08.2020.

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Due to the online semester, a large number of students wished to have free attempts for examinations because:

- it would be a reduction of psychological stress and pressure
- it would reduce the fear of exams
- students want to test their knowledge
- students want to test the new examination situation
- of the poorly implemented online teaching
- of the too high examination density
- of the short-term and insufficient information on examinations
- the online examinations are not sufficiently perfected
- of the lack of experience at the students' expense (without free trial)
- of the poor IT and network problems
- the presence test take place with mask that causes a lack of concentration (also a risk of infection)



The survey also revealed that students have a need to use university facilities due to:

- urgency in the preparation of examinations
- group work and follow-up of courses
- writing essays
- learning in calm area
- social exchange
- tutorials which are more difficult to organise online
- university software, IT (e.g. SPSS)
- lack of practical applications (laboratory)
- use of PC pool, Wlan, libary
- work-life balance
- Home study (blurring of clear boundaries private and university)
- concentration problems at home
- poor conditions at home (e.g. network problems)

Students were also asked about their ideas for the winter semester 20/21:

- desire for classroom teaching and work-life balance
- compliance of synchronous lectures
- no overlapping of lectures
- time compliance of lectures
- desire for quality standards for online teaching
- request for more module offerings
- demand for access to exams
- desire for better support of lecturers