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STURA NEWSLETTER

DISCORD IS HERE! * FOOD-SHARING *** EXAM PERIOD *** STUDI-TALK *** TUTORING**

Start your exam period and connect with eachother!

THE SERVER IS RUNNING AT FULL SPEED

On the last day of lectures, we launched the Discord server for all interested people at our university and, of course, especially for our students. Since then, we have seen a steady growth with almost 300 members from all faculties and years! On the left-hand side of this page you can find an excerpt of what the server offers. Of course, there are also separate areas for the other faculties and many more games to discover! And the server is constantly changing: Your suggestions are welcome to help us shape the server. What channels are still required, what are you currently missing? The server should grow dynamically, represent your interests and function as a means of networking for all students. Just come by, there's always someone online! Get important information, answers to your questions, find someone to chat with, distract yourself and play games or get together in study groups! You can find the link on our social media channels or type it in: <https://discord.gg/XbMmt7VC66>

THE DILEMMA WITH ONLINE EXAMINATIONS

First, some info - also look at tu-freiberg.de/corona.

Examination results may be rejected. The application does not require a separate explanation. The only exceptions are attempted cheating, final thesis and unexcused absences.

There are emergency workstations. Workstations are provided in the new Mensa for students without adequate internet. You must register online, and you need your own device!

The standard period of study has been extended for the last summer semester and the current winter semester. You don't need to apply for an extension, your standard period of study and the associated deadlines have been extended automatically.

What did the student council deal with?

Even if these regulations smooth out the worries somewhat, there is still uncertainty. Since on-site exams have to be approved after a certain incidence value and may have to be cancelled, many students demanded that the lecturers once again try to come up with digital alternative concepts to bring a sense of certainty - even if corresponding possibilities have been created, most of the students don't want to simply give up on this semester! We have contacted the rectorate, met several times with the faculty student councils (FSRs) and collected and discussed several cases. The FSRs have met with faculty deans and deans of studies and have discussed on case-to-case basis. We are very grateful for their response, the cooperation and the mutual understanding. Since then many teachers have created opportunities to conduct the exams with planning certainty and to share the final decisions. We are very grateful for this and know that this semester also means extra work for all teachers!

Is everything settled now?

No, there are still exams that unfortunately cannot be conducted and must be postponed. This is very regrettable and means even more stress for some students in the next semester. That is why it's important to start talking about next semester now! Are there still issues that have slipped through our fingers or for which there is still no information? We want to know about them and are collecting feedback anonymously. Write to us an email, on Instagram or join us next Monday in the Studi-Talk on Discord!

STUDITALK ABOUT YOUR EXAMS

Even though we have tried to make sure that everything goes smoothly, please give us feedback on your module exams! It doesn't matter if it's positive or negative; it's important for us to know how it went, what improvements would be good or how the online exams felt. Either present or online, it doesn't matter, your opinion will help to ensure a smooth and successful exam and lecture period in the future! *From 22.02., every Monday at 8 pm on the Discord server in Voice 1.* On this and all other topics that concern you! Just stop by for the Studi-Talk.

IT'S A PITY TO THROW FOOD AWAY

Did your grandmother give you coffee beans, but you only need ground coffee? Or did you only get to buy carrots in a kilo pack at Penny again, even though you cook alone?

Don't throw it away! We're setting up a food sharing station for you in the Mensa. A shelf and a fancy glass window fridge will allow you to share food in a moment's notice or grab something to spice up your everyday dinner.

EXAM PREPARATION TUTORING

We especially want to support our youngest students during this chaotic time! We will learn together with you! Against learning frustration and low motivation. That is why we organized online tutorials for you, where a tutor is always on hand to answer your questions. With them, you can dare to ask stupid questions, get a simple explanation from a student's perspective or tips on how to prepare. The tutorials have already started with active participation and the following is planned for you in the current week:

We study together!

"From students for students"

Student tutors for course-specific questions, Check it out!

This week (22.02.-28.02.2021):

Tuesday	03:00pm-04:30am	AAOC
Tuesday	05:00pm-06:30pm	Mirkoökon. Theorie
Thursday	03:00pm-04:30pm	Physik
Friday	04:00pm-05:30pm	Geowissenschaften
Saturday	09:00am-10:30am	EINFCH

For more information on individual topics, material requests, comments or ideas contact me at Sprecher@stura.tu-freiberg.de.

Good luck with your exams and enjoy the lecture-free time!