

Informative Talk

For students according to §31 (3) GET



TECHNISCHE
UNIVERSITÄT
DARMSTADT

Regulation according to GET

5th Novella

- According to §31 (1) GET only three attempts per exam are possible.
- According to §32 (1) GET a supplementary oral exam is possible once per study program, if an exam has been failed three times.
- According to §33 (1) GET The total examination is failed if the second repeat examination according to §31 section 1 was rated “insufficient” even after a supplementary oral examination.

Supplementary Oral Examination



- Only if the third attempt was in written form
- Only if the third attempt has been taken in a proper way (e.g. no empty exam submitted)
- Is slightly based on the third attempt
- No independent grading, only 4,0 is possible
- Registration at latest one month after the results have been published in TUCaN
- More information and the registration form in the examination office

§30 (5) und (6) GET

- The department has decided to introduce §30 (5) GET for areas containing examinations
 - One removal per area is always possible
 - But only **before** attending the second repeat exam

- The department has decided to introduce §30 (6) GET for areas containing „course-related achievements“
 - It is possible to remove an arbitrary number of „open“ achievements before the third attempt

Reasons for failure

- Examination too difficult
- Personal problems (temporary)
- Handicap
- Inaccurate learning
- Bad time management

Reasons for failure

- Examination too difficult
- Personal problems (temporary)
- Handicap
- Inaccurate learning
- Bad time management

Examination to difficult

- Just this one exam?
 - Maybe bad time management/wrong learning is the real reason?
- Does it apply for an area or in general?
 - Was Computer Science at the TU Darmstadt the right choice?
 - Shall I study something else?

Reasons for failure

- Examination too difficult
- Personal problems (temporary)
- Handicap
- Inaccurate learning
- Bad time management

Personal problems (temporary)

- There can always occur a problematic situation e.g.
 - Divorce
 - Case of illness in the family
 - Imprisonment
 - ...
- Every case is different
- **See the Student Advisory Service**

Reasons for failure

- Examination too difficult
- Personal problems (temporary)
- Handicap
- Inaccurate learning
- Bad time management

Handicap

- Chronic or long-term impairment to health e.g.
 - Depression
 - ADD/ADHD
 - Exam anxiety
 - Diabetes
 - ...
- Every case is different
- **See the Student Advisory Service**

Advisory services

- Sozial- und Behindertenberatung des Studentenwerks
- Rechtsberatung des Studentenwerks oder des AStA
- Psychotherapeutische Beratungsstelle
- **See the Student Advisory Service**

Reasons for failure

- Examination too difficult
- Personal problems (temporary)
- Handicap
- Inaccurate learning
- Bad time management

Inaccurate learning

- To less learned
- Always with the same material
- Always with the same methods
- Learned with inappropriate methods
- Learned with the wrong learning partners

What can I do?

- Get additional material
 - Old exercises/exams
 - Books
 - ...
- Visit the Library
 - Of course for borrowing/copying
 - Additionally just for reading

What can I do?

- Find a learning group
 - But use it in an efficient way
 - Try to do everything on your own before meeting the group

- Change or extend your methods e.g.
 - Write your results down
 - Ask each others questions
 - Explain the topics to somebody
 - Draw Mind-Maps

What can I do?

- Start early
 - Saves you a lot of stress in the end
 - Enables the possibility for more feedback/questions

- Get Feedback/ask questions
 - It is important to verify learning progress
 - Important to eliminate unnecessary risks in the third attempt
 - Use the most optimal feedback via the academic staff

Potential contact persons

- Lecturer
- Academic staff
- Tutors
- Fellow students
- The rest of the world

Reasons for failure

- Examination too difficult
- Personal problems (temporary)
- Handicap
- Inaccurate learning
- Bad time management

Bad time management

- Started too late
- Wrong order of priorities (work/private life)
- No coordination between different courses
- No validation of the time spent

Bad time management

Time exposure: Example 1

- 4 courses each with 4,5 hours per week (lecture, exercise, lab)
- 4 hours per lecture for homework/additional tasks → in total 40 hours for courses each week
- 49 hours of sleep (7 x 7 hours)
- 14 hours for eating (7 x 2 hours)
- 14 hours for commuting (7 x 2 hours)
- 14 hours for housework and body care (7 x 2 hours)
- In total 131 hours per week
- 168 hours (one week) - 131 hours = 37 hours
- That means you have round about **5 hours per day** on average left

Bad time management

Time exposure: Example 2

- Time exposure per course
 - Slides/script
 - 500 slides à 3 minutes
 - 25 hours
 - Exercises
 - 12 exercises each with 6 tasks à 30 minutes
 - 12 homeworks with 2 tasks à 30 minutes
 - 48 hours
 - Labs
 - 6 Labs each with 5 tasks à 20 minutes
 - 10 hours
- Time exposure per course in total 83 hours per semester
- 4 courses in total 332 hours
- At 40 hours/week this means 8 weeks
- Not included e.g.
 - Attending the lectures, working on other material, learning group meeting, office hours

Accurate time management

Possibilities

- Start early enough
 - Preferably in the first week
 - Enables additional verification
 - Enables better coordination
 - Avoids stress

- Create a learning plan/timetable
 - Regularity is important for progress during the semester
 - Serves as reminder/reward/warning

Accurate time management

Possibilities

- Keep a learning diary
 - Write down results
 - Keep track of your progress

- Define control points
 - Keep track of your progress
 - Improve your time management

Accurate time management

Possibilities

- Use self-control methods
 - Am I making the most out of my time?
 - Am I meeting my deadlines?
 - Am I reaching my objectives?

When shall I take the exam?

- Do not delay the exam for too long
 - The loss is higher if you finally fail
- But change something
 - Otherwise you may have the same problems in the exam
- Do the exam after the best possible preparation
 - e.g. when the lecture takes place
 - e.g. when you found the optimal learning group

Finally failed?

- It is not possible to go on with the same study program
 - Maybe there are alternatives at TU Darmstadt
 - Maybe there are alternatives at some other university

Change of study regulations/study program/university

- Changing the study regulation for your master program is NOT possible after finally failing an achievement in the respective program.
- Changing the study program is only possible, if the finally failed achievement is not mandatory (or equivalent to a mandatory achievement) in the new program
- The decision about the admission to another university is made by the respective departments
 - Make sure to contact them early in order to clarify the relevant questions

Student Advisory Service



- beratung@informatik.tu-darmstadt.de
- Make an appointment if there is a larger necessity to talk
- Otherwise see me during the open office hours
 - Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00 Uhr
 - Wednesday 10:00 – 11:00 Uhr