Dear students,

The **first examination period** is officially over and we are starting with the **second semester classes**.

Anyhow, although the first/winter examination period is now officially over, some of the professors *(e.g. Goran Munivrana, Michael Fuchs, Damir Sekulić)* will provide you with additional opportunities and will allow you to take an exam on their courses even in the time period between the official examination periods. So, on some of the courses you’ll be able to catch up with some due assignments and take on the exams almost on a monthly basis.

On the other courses like Irene’s FoK and Gabriella’s FA the students who still haven’t obtained a final grade should use the time till the next (summer) examination period to deal with some due assignments/assessments they have missed, and during the next official examination period (June & July) they’ll have new opportunities to take an exam on those courses.

In any case, me and my colleagues are aware that majority of you are not students in early 20-ties whose only duty is to study, but are grown up people with multiple other professional and private obligations. Therefore, we’ll try to be as much flexible as possible in aim to help your studies, but on your behalf you should also be active and seek for help whenever you need some. As mentioned several times before, good communication with your professors is very important for your success on the study programme. Not to mention you are also providing us with your valuable feedback and help us improve.

So, although we’ll certainly encounter some/more problems on a way, especially in this first year of the programme, we are partners in this education process and we are learning from your feedback as much as you are learning from us. You should also be aware of the fact that all the professors who have agreed to teach on this, for our TT community, important new programme are engaged in multiple other study programs and other scientific and professional activities. So, this programme is just one of their multiple occupations. Therefore, you should also have/show some understanding if sometimes they are a little late in replying or in posting some materials or information on the programme’s web page. Although, from what I’ve seen so far majority of them have been pretty prompt dealing with their responsibilities on the programme and I praise them for that.

The first year is always the hardest, both for students, who don’t know how the study is going to be organised and what is to be expected from them, and professors, who have to prepare all the materials, lectures and assessment procedures.

Anyhow, I believe the **second semester** should be somewhat easier for you as by now you already know what you can expect and are more familiar with the programme’s main features. Moreover, in this semester one of the specific (table tennis) courses **“Methodology of Technical and Tactical Preparation in Table Tennis”** is going to be completely practical so the content/lectures for the course won’t be delivered online but in “live” sessions on the practical part of the programme in June (You’ll also take an exam on this practical course directly on the spot – with your level of expertise it should be a “piece of cake” for you).

At the begging of the second semester you’ll start with three courses, “**Fundamentals of Biomechanics in Sport”** *(professor Arnold Baca)*, **“Fundamentals of Sports Pedagogy”** *(professors Francisco Pradas de la Fuente and Carlos Castellar Otín)* and **„English language“** (*teacher Ivana Krstić*). As professor Billy Sperlich who is scheduled to teach on the course **“Physiology of Sport and Exercise”** is unavailable at the moment that course is going to start a little later in the semester.

The second specific table tennis course **“Kinesiological Analysis of Table Tennis”** is scheduled to start in the second part of the semester as a prelude to the practical part of the programme.

So the courses are going to be dispersed throughout the semester and organised in a way that you shouldn’t be too preoccupied, as it would be the case if all of them would start at the same time. Therefore, you should also have some time to deal with some backlogs from the first semester courses (due assignments/assessments/exams).

In any case, if you’ll have a regular learning continuity, the same one majority of you have shown so far, you should not be worried as you’ll have enough time and opportunities to deal with all the assignments, assessments and exams which you’ll encounter during the course of the first academic year.

I remind you that for you to successfully enrol the second academic year you have to **collect 30 ECTS** points till the next October, which I believe should not be a too heavy task for majority of you.

Of course, for those of you who fail to achieve that goal, that won’t be a catastrophe, as each student has his/her own rhythm of studying and not all of you have to finish your study in three year time. Those of you who fail to meet the criteria to enrol the second academic year can repeat the first academic year once more in the following year, with all the ECTS points you’ve scored in previous year to be accounted in the next.

For all such issues, when and if such occur, I’ll contact each student individually in due time, and only then I will provide them with additional explanations and advise about all available options.

For now, I wish you all a successful second semester and looking forward meeting all of you in person at the WTTC in Dusseldorf or during the course of the practical part of the programme in Split.

Best regards,

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