Dear Students,

As your eLearning team here at the htw saar, we would like to use this e-mail to prepare you for the unprecedented and challenging launch of teaching operations on April 6th, 2020.

The central element for teaching at the htw saar in the summer semester of 2020 will be our Moodle system, which most of you should be familiar with and can be reached at https://moodle.htwsaar.de.

Where applicable, lecturers will refer to the use of other software tools in Moodle. Please make sure you follow their respective instructions.

We have developed a concept to enable teaching under the current conditions with the resources available. Your lecturers and the eLearning team are working diligently to implement this concept by April 6th, 2020. The measures and processes involved are new, we haven't had the opportunity to practice them and they are not automated, i.e. the lecturers and the eLearning team are busy "manually" carrying out all the work necessary under high pressure as quickly as possible. There is therefore no deadline on which everything will be ready.

Our concept is based on mutual support and cooperation, and that's where you come in, because your "challenge" begins on Monday, April 6th, 2020:

1.) Log in to Moodle, use the start page (“Site home”) to search for your summer semester courses in the catalog (1).
If you cannot find your courses this way, please use the function “Search courses” on the start page (2). Enter the module code, name or a part of the name here. Check the module code to make sure it is correct.
2.) If you found your course, great! Now sign up for it. You do not need a registration key, because at the moment there are none. There are a few exceptions to this rule, but they have been informed by their Head of Studies. 

Please note that the courses contain material that is protected by copyright. By enrolling in them, you agree not to pass this material on to third parties.

3.) If you didn't find your course or your compulsory elective, then contact your fellow students and check with them, maybe you missed something! If necessary, you can also consult the module database: https://moduldb.htw-saarland.de/cgi-bin/moduldb-index

It contains a list of all modules with the correct module code for all study programs. It also lists the Head of Studies for each study program.

If you are sure that the course you are looking for is not in Moodle (yet), then please contact the htw saar for clarification.

To do so, please observe the following step-by-step procedure:

1. If you know who the lecturer is, contact him or her. You can find the lecturer’s name in the schedule for your study program.
2. If you don’t know who the lecturer is, contact your Head of Studies.
3. Inform your fellow students so that they can proceed according to the information you received.

Our goal is to bring you, as a student, together with all of the lecturers offering their courses online starting from April 6th, 2020. Further communication and organization will then take place with the respective lecturer and students through and in the Moodle courses.

4.) At the end of the second week, after teaching has started, check your courses. If you are enrolled in a course you are not supposed to be in, please make sure that you terminate your participation in that course (see instructions below). This makes it easier for us and your lecturers to ensure smooth teaching operations and also protects you from an unnecessary flood of information. Thank you!

To unenroll from a course, click on the gear wheel (1) at the top right-hand corner of the course page and then on “Unenrol me from ...” (2)
Please note that for trouble-free and timely communication you must be able to receive e-mails from your htwsaar mail account, because moodle.htwsaar.de does not send e-mails to private e-mail accounts (To set up forwarding to a private account see https://sunfje.rz.uni-saarland.de/docs/htw-vacation.html).

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it at https://stdservice.htwsaar.de/index.php?mid=997&muid=0&muuid=0.

We will continue to implement new services in order to improve the teaching process and thus, the quality of our eLearning offers. You will be informed about the status of our activities on a regular basis.

We wish all students and lecturers a good start to their summer semester 2020!

Your htw saar eLearning Team