Dear students,

First a warm welcome to all students, especially 1st year BSc, MSc and pre-master students. We hope you all enjoyed a good summer break despite the limitations posed by the Covid-19 outbreak. With this newsletter we would like to give you a snapshot of how education in our programs is set up for the first semester of the academic year 2021-2022. Next to this newsletter, first year BSc students will receive an information package from the department. This will be distributed during the pick-up of study books at Japie. This newsletter will address
• Your education in 2021-2022
• The exams in 2021-2022
• Information channels
• Social cohesion and mentoring at TU/e

Education in 2021-2022
TU/e has worked out three scenario’s for our education in 2021-2022: a scenario where we go back to normal, a 1.5-meter distancing scenario and a fallback scenario in case of a lock down. Due to the reduced Covid-19 measures we can apply the scenario where we go back to normal and open up the campus for education. We have planned most of our education on campus. However in cases when the number of students in a course exceeds 75 students, the education will have a hybrid form. Please refer to the Canvas page of your courses to find out how the lecturers have setup their courses.

Exams in 2021-2022
This academic year exams will be on campus. As long as the current Covid-19 situation doesn’t get worse there will not be an online alternative for on campus exams. In case the Covid-19 situation deteriorates you will be informed how to proceed in case this means that you cannot come to the campus for exams. **But until further notice we expect you to be on campus for education and exams.** However, if you have long term concerns about coming to campus for health reasons please contact our academic advisor Kim Pauwels.

Information channels

Canvas news channel 6INFO1
With the start of the academic year 2021-2022 we launch an education information channel on Canvas: 6INFO1 Departmental Information Chemical Engineering and Chemistry.
All registered students within the department of CEC will be registered for this course code.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR STUDENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND CHEMISTRY

During the year we will provide you with information related to our programs through this channel. Such as: announcements or briefings from the academic advisor, invitation to guest lectures, exchange programs / international experience, the graduation project market, vacancies for student assistants, etc. Depending on the target group, these announcements will be posted on the home page or more specific in one or several of the channels dedicated for these groups. To register for a specific information channel, go to "people" and select the groups that you would like information on. Registering for more than one group is possible and recommended! You can change your registration at any time. We will try to keep the number of posts per week to a minimum.

Education guide
Another source of information is the education guide. Here you can find general information about studying at TU/e but also specific information about the set-up of your program, about possibilities to do an internship or go abroad for studies. And most importantly, the Program and Education Regulations (OER/PER) and Regulations of the Examination Committee. These regulations are very important as they include your rights and obligations as a student with regard to your study program. You will find information about your study program in the section Bachelor College / Majors, Graduate School / Master's programs, Pre- masters programs.

Important information about the Covid-19 situation
We advise you to bookmark and visit the following webpage regularly for important updates on education and exams at TU/e in relation to the changing Covid-19 situation: Frequently asked questions with regard to corona situation (tue.nl)
The Executive Board will also update all students in the separate newsletter ‘Update TU/e policy about the Corona virus’.

Social cohesion and mentoring
As you all know, social cohesion is a very important aspect of your student life. Therefore, our student mentors will play an even more important role for our new cohorts of first-year BSc students, pre-master students and first-year MSc students coming from other institutions. At the start of the academic year, our student mentors will inform you about what you may expect from them.

More information
If you have any questions regarding your enrollment, study schedule etc. please send an e-mail to the departmental student administration at: csa.cec@tue.nl (Ton Jansen, Nikki Minkenberg, Gerda Baas).

We wish you all good luck with your studies!

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