

Zentrale Lehrenden-BEFRAGUNG

zum digitalen Sommersemester 2020



Short description | TU Berlin – Central instructor survey about the digital 2020 summer semester

Who is conducting the survey?	On behalf of the vice president for education, digitalization, and sustainability, Professor Hans-Ulrich Heiß, the “Quality Assurance, Evaluation & Research” working group in the Qualitätspakt Lehre team (QPL) is working with the Strategic Controlling (SC3) team to conduct a central survey of all instructors at TU Berlin during the 2020 summer semester.
Survey objective	Teaching for the 2020 summer semester is taking place digitally due to the essential-only and restricted in-presence operations adopted during the coronavirus pandemic. The survey aims to assess instructors’ experiences with the organization and implementation of online teaching during the digital 2020 summer semester as well as their evaluation of the specific challenges, potential, and required action for the upcoming 2020/21 winter semester. The results will offer a comprehensive understanding and sound assessment of the 2020 digital summer semester at TU Berlin from the instructors’ perspective.
Topics addressed by the survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conditions for & requirements of implementing online teaching• Execution and design of online teaching• Organization of examinations and assessments• Workload• Compatibility of work and personal life• TU Berlin crisis management• Prospects and need for action (winter semester 2020/21)
How will the results be used?	<p>The survey results will provide the Executive Board as well as TU Berlin as a whole with reliable data to evaluate the digital 2020 summer semester and identify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• necessary action with regard to teaching for the upcoming winter semester• potential for development and any need for change in the support provided to instructors in the area of online teaching <p>The results of this survey will be shared with the Executive Board, the deans of studies, and the Academic Senate. Information gained from the study will be shared with the University public in a report in <i>TU intern</i>.</p>
Survey target group	<p>All instructors at TU Berlin, including all full-time and part-time teaching staff at the University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professors (including visiting and endowed professorships)• Privatdozent*innen• Teaching and research assistants, research associates• Instructors for special tasks• Contract teachers• Tutors

Survey method	The survey will be conducted online using the evaluation software EvaSys. It is scheduled to begin on 21 July 2020. The survey link will be sent in an email invitation via the University's central electronic mail service. An invitation to participate will also be posted on the TU website and the University's official social media profiles to ensure the greatest possible awareness of the survey.
Data protection	<p>Participation in the survey, including answering individual questions, is voluntary and anonymous. All data are aggregated when evaluated and published, they cannot be traced back to individuals. Both the invitation to participate and the introduction to the EvaSys questionnaire inform participants about applicable data protection and their right to revoke their consent. Participants are also asked not share any personal information in the free-text fields.</p> <p>The TU Berlin data protection officer was informed of the project and provided with a project description and questionnaire template and approved the survey.</p>
Staff Council/Staff Council for Student Assistants	<p>The Staff Council and Staff Council for Student Assistants were informed about the survey and asked for their consent on 18.06.2020.</p> <p>Approval was given on 23.07.2020 (Staff Council) and on 25.06.2020 (Staff Council for Student Assistants).</p>
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