



Technische
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First Aid in case of failed exams



If an exam in a module is deemed to have been definitively failed, the final exam for the degree programme is also deemed to have been failed. You therefore lose the right to take exams for your degree programme and are no longer allowed to continue with your studies. Your studies will be terminated prematurely and you will be deregistered.

Regardless of whether you are about to take your third attempt or have just failed your last attempt, it is important that you seek help as soon as possible and take advantage of **support services**.

There are numerous **facilities** at Technische Universität Braunschweig (see “Contact points”) that you can turn to for support.

Even if your enrolment has expired, we are still there for you!

Before the exam

Are you about to take an exam at the third attempt? In order to be well prepared for this last chance, you should take the situation seriously and make preparations for **the crucial third exam date** as soon as you become aware of your second failed attempt, for example:

- ❑ Read the General and Special Exam Regulations to be aware of the applicable framework conditions (rights and obligations when registering for and taking exams, number of exam attempts, possible deselection or change of module)
- ❑ Contact the examiners
- ❑ Make use of the opportunity to view exams
- ❑ Adapt your exam planning (which exam is particularly important and which can be postponed?)
- ❑ Attend tutorials or courses that address the exam topic
- ❑ Look for a study group
- ❑ Take part in exam coaching
- ❑ Take part in a work structuring group at the Psychotherapeutic Counseling Center of the Studierendenwerk OstNiedersachsen
- ❑ Take advantage of support services (see “Contact points”)
- ❑ Consider applying for compensation for disadvantages or hardship if necessary

After the exam

You have studied day and night, everything is geared towards the one exam and then you receive the result: you failed for the third time. You are disappointed, angry and desperate. But now it's time to take a deep breath and keep calm.

If this repeat exam is a written exam, there is still the option of taking a supplementary oral exam to avert the final failure.

If this supplementary exam is also unsuccessful, there is still life after the exam. You have the chance to take up a new course of study or find another suitable alternative.

There exist various options for this:

- ❑ **Change of the degree programme** (If applicable, credits already earned can be credited.)
- ❑ **Change of university**
- ❑ **Dropping out of studies/starting again** (If you want to start vocational training, for example, it may be possible to shorten the training period.)



It is important to:

- React as quickly as possible and contact the relevant persons immediately in order to meet the deadlines (e.g. in the event of an objection).
- Your enrolment is not terminated immediately as right after you find out the exam result. You will not lose your student status before the end of the semester. You can still use the Technische Universität Braunschweig's support and advisory services to the full extent.
- Please be aware of the consequences of a disenrolment, e.g. with regard to a student assistant job and insurance aspects such as your health insurance or your entitlement to child benefit.

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All information has been compiled with the utmost care. However, no legal claims may be derived from it.

Contact Points

General, interdisciplinary advice | Doubts about studying, prospects after dropping out from studies

- Academic Advice Service:
tu-braunschweig.de/en/zsb

Subject-related advice and support

- Degree programme coordination in the faculties:
tu-braunschweig.de/en/study-teaching/during-your-studies/practical-information/translate-to-english-studiengangskoordinatorinnen-und-koordinatoren
- Subject groups and student councils:
astatubs.de/hochschulpolitik/fachgruppen-und-fachschaften

Examination anxiety, psychological stress

- Psychotherapeutic counselling of the Studierendenwerk OstNiedersachsen:
stw-on.de/en/braunschweig/counselling/psychotherapeutic-counselling

Personal, social, and financial difficulties

- Social and financial counselling of the Studierendenwerk OstNiedersachsen:
stw-on.de/en/braunschweig/counselling/social-counselling
- Social Advisory Service of the AStA social department:
astatubs.de/beratung/sozialberatung

Transfer, insurance law aspects, deregistration

- Student Office:
tu-braunschweig.de/en/i-amt

Compensation for disadvantages

- Representative for the needs of students with disabilities and/or chronic diseases:
tu-braunschweig.de/en/studying-with-disabilities
- Family Office:
tu-braunschweig.de/en/chancengleichheit/familienbuero

Independent legal advice

- AStA legal advice for students:
astatubs.de/beratung/rechtsberatung

Starting your career, lateral entry

- Career Service:
tu-braunschweig.de/en/career
- Careers advice from the Federal Employment Agency:
arbeitsagentur.de/en

Additionally for international students

- Incoming Office in the International House:
tu-braunschweig.de/en/international-students/advisory-service

Failing an exam at the third attempt is a serious setback. But the situation is not as hopeless as it seems at first glance. Every failure opens the door to new possibilities and alternative paths.

”When one door closes,
another one opens.”



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