Master’s program
Informatics

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Master ‘s program Informatics

• Goals of the program:
  – qualifying for entry into professional practice or research
  – provide comprehensive view of the discipline’s interrelated issues
  – learn to work independently according to academic principles

• Content of the program:
  – Examinations: 90 Credits (ECTS)
  – Master ‘s Thesis: 30 Credits
  – Possibly additional fundamental exams „bridging courses“: max. 30 Credits

• Duration:
  – Regular time of studies: 4 Semester
  – At the latest at the end of the 7th semester

• Academic title:
  – Master of Science or Master of Science (TUM)
Curriculum Master Informatics

5 Credits
Master-Seminar

10 Credits
Advanced Practical Course

18 Credits
Elective courses in Informatics

53 Credits
Area of Specialization

8 Credits
2nd area

8 Credits
3rd area

16 Credits
Interdisciplinary Project

10 Credits
From all areas

9 Credits
Free choice

30 Credits
Master’s Thesis

6 Credits
Soft Skills (Support Electives)

Will be done in 6 months

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# Curriculum Master Informatics

## Master’s Thesis
- 30 Credits
- Will be done in 6 months

## Interdisciplinary Project
- 16 Credits

## Elective courses in Informatics
- 18 Credits
  - Area of Specialization
    - 8 Credits: 2nd area
    - 8 Credits: 3rd area
  - 9 Credits: From all areas
  - 10 Credits: 2nd Advanced Practical Course

## Orientation: practice
- Soft Skills (Support Electives)
- 6 Credits

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    - From all areas
  - 10 Credits
    - Continuing Advanced Practical Course

16 Credits
- Interdisciplinary Project

30 Credits
- Master’s Thesis
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Orientation:
- advanced practice

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Soft Skills (Support Electives) 6 Credits
## Curriculum Master Informatics

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**Soft Skills**

6 Credits

(Support Electives)

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  - 9 Credits: From all areas
  - 10 Credits: Guided research
- **16 Credits**: Interdisciplinary Project
- **30 Credits**: Master’s Thesis
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Orientation: research

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Soft Skills (Support Electives)
Guided Research

Goals:
- Scientific literature research
- Development of an own (narrowly confined) result by means of scientific methods
- Structuring and writing of own scientific texts in English
- Presentation of the results in a short talk

Content:
- Student and advisor establish the topic and specify the task incrementally
- Self-depended (guided) scientific literature research
- Scientific elaboration of an own (narrowly confined) result with main focus on intensive literature research and writing scientific texts
- Student receives feedback on the results, suggestions for improvement opportunities and for further proceeding
- Creation of a short scientific report based on the experiences in English
- If meaningful and possible: submission of an article at a conference
- If meaningful and possible: participation at a conference
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Orientation: international

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Study abroad

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Interdisciplinary Project (IDP)

- **Goal:** Bridging the gap between Informatics and its application
- **Standard application areas**
  - Mathematics
  - Electrical engineering
  - Medicine
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Economics
- **On special request the IDP can also be taken in another area**
- **16 Credits**
- **Examination results include:**
  - Grades from lectures
  - Practical work
  - Documentation and Presentation
  - Grade calculation 3:7 (lecture:project) (starting from WS 16/17)
- **How-To for an IDP**
### Study Plan - Structure of the four Terms

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- Additionally in the 1st to 3rd semester: Support Electives (6) and IDP (16)
- Students are not bound to follow this plan, it is a recommendation
  - lectures can be heard according to the individual needs …
Continuous Assessment Procedure

- Module examinations will be taken concurrently with the program
- Types: written, oral, project, ...
- Mandatory registration of examinations
  - always in TUMonline (https://campus.tum.de)
  - MyTUM-login necessary
  - information on registration of examinations see http://www.in.tum.de/en/current-students/administrative-matters/exams.html
- Withdrawal
  - withdrawal due to illness (or other conclusive reasons)
  - early withdrawal without indication of reasons possible
  - information on withdrawal see http://www.in.tum.de/en/current-students/administrative-matters/exams.html
Repetition of Examinations

(§ 44 FPSO together with § 23 und § 24 APSO)

• Failed examinations of required modules have to be repeated at the next offered examination date
  – for required modules each semester a repeat examination is offered
  – in most cases until first week of lecture period of the following semester
• Repetition for the purpose of improving grades is not possible
• The number of repeat examinations is only restricted by the examination deadlines of § 10 APSO

Don‘t forget to register!
Examination Time Limits (APSO § 10)

- 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester: no examination passed $\rightarrow$ ir
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} semester: less than 30 credits $\rightarrow$ ir
- 4\textsuperscript{th} semester: less than 60 credits $\rightarrow$ ir
- 5\textsuperscript{th} semester: less than 90 credits $\rightarrow$ ir
- 6\textsuperscript{th} semester: examinations not yet taken $\rightarrow$ np
- 7\textsuperscript{th} semester: examinations not yet taken $\rightarrow$ ir

ir: irreversibly failed       np: not passed
Fundamental Examinations - Bridging courses

- Fundamental Examinations are listed in the letter of admission.
- They have to be passed in the first academic year.
- Failed Fundamentals Examinations may be repeated only once and at the next examination date within the first academic year.
- Pursuant to § 46 (3) FPSO admission to the Master’s Thesis is only possible after passing Fundamental Examinations.
- Bridging courses are **not** part of the Master ‘s examination.
- Examination results are **not** being taken into consideration for the overall grade.
Certificate of the Final Examination

- lists grade and topic of the final thesis and the overall grade
- overall grade
  - calculated as the weighted grade average of the modules and the Master’s thesis
  - the grade weights of the individual modules correspond to the credits assigned to each module
- date on final certificate
  - day when all module and examination requirements have been fulfilled
  - number of semesters is not printed
- in addition the student will receive a Transcript of Records that lists all passed modules with credits and grades
Student Code of Conduct

- course achievements and examinations have to be performed self-reliantly and on the basis of allowed resources only
- short text passages may be cited, but
  - clearly marked
  - literal citations must be quoted
- non-literal paraphrases must be quoted clearly, immediately, and reproducible
- this also holds for code, seminar papers and Master‘s Thesis
- images also have to be referenced, and possibly an allowance of the owner is necessary
- use a full bibliography and primary sources
- if explicitly allowed by the lecturer, coursework may be provided collaboratively
- cheating leads to failing with only one possibility of retake
- for further information see

Questions?
Successful Studies!