Let’s talk about:

*Interdisciplinary Projects @in.tum*

Wed, July 3rd 2019
10:15 a.m. – Interim II

**Main target group:**
first year Master of Informatics students new to in.tum

- Not familiar with the regulations such as registration, timeline, submission...?
- Facing problems finding an IDP topic?
- Asking for IDP examples?
- Who is the contact for my supervisor?
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Advice and examples about the IDP settings and its accomplishment given by our

- academic advisors: Dr. Sandra Kemler, Sibylle Roden-Kinghorst, Vivija Simic
- administrative inquiries: Christina Trenn

- experienced students/IDP advisors
  - Magdalena Pröbstl, Maximilian Bandle → IDP in application area of Electrical Engineering
  - Raphael Nömmer → TUM school of Management
Important facts around IDP

- Mandatory for all Informatic Master students
- Description under module number **IN2334**
- Worth: 16 credits
- Recommendation: do it in semester 2 and 3
- Registration whenever you like
- Two parts
  - lecture (about 4 weekly hours or 5 ECTS)
  - project
- Final grade is calculated with 30% lecture and 70% project
- Project may be done in cooperation with
  - a department of university
  - a company (start-up)
Formal aspects

- **Module description IN2334:**
  https://campus.tum.de/tumonline/WBMODHB.wbShowMHBReadOnly?pKnotenNr=1227810&pOrgNr=14189
- **Data needed**
  - Application Area: department other than Informatics
  - Theme (German and English): Will be listed on transcript of records
  - Supervisor: professor, member of another department
    - Some professors ([http://www.in.tum.de/en/the-department/people-services/affiliate-membership/](http://www.in.tum.de/en/the-department/people-services/affiliate-membership/)) from Informatics also belong to other departments
  - Advisor: usually Ph.D. student
  - Lecture (usually with excercises):
    - at least 4 weekly hours per semester or at least 5 ECTS (if less → argue)
    - usually from the chair / department of the professor, but no must
    - no courses out of the list of elective modules from master‘s informatics
    - no seminar, lab course, ...
    - can also be a bachelor‘s course
    - always indicate corresponding module number(s)
  - Distribution of grade calculation lecture : project is fixed by 3:7
  - Project begin: can be any time
Formal aspects, cont.

• Registration form (cont):
  • Anticipated project end: only provisional, no application necessary for changes
  • Signature of supervisor and student(s) – original, no scans
  • Project description:
    • at least 2 pages
    • parts of Informatics and Application Area
    • milestones for the project
    • connection between lecture and project
  • Group of students (usually 2-4) should work on one IDP
    • Clearly distinguish the parts of the project the students work on
    • Grading of the IDP individually for the group members
    • Grading at different times possible (when someone, e.g., fails the lecture)
  • Credits
    • Will be entered as a whole (16) in the grade report only after complete completion
    • Grade for the exam of the lecture is usually entered under additional examinations, not yet counted for the studies
    • Grade calculation 3:7 (lecture:project)
Tips

• Register on time – it has to be approved
  • But registration only possible in the master’s program

• You see it in your TUMonline account once it is approved
  • Supervisor gets an approval letter together with a grade sheet

• Lecture cannot be changed once project is approved

• IDPs in cooperation with companies?
  • The official supervisor of the IDP must always fulfill the criteria above
  • Promising if the supervisors have contact, e.g., spin-off
  • Very difficult if only you have contact – why should the supervisor have an interest?
  • Most important: All persons involved (supervisor, advisor, company contact, student(s)) should meet (at least) once in person to clarify the work
Tips, cont.


• How to search for an IDP?
  Projects on the IDP web page
  http://www.in.tum.de/en/current-students/masters-programs/informatics/interdisciplinary-project/fpo-2012-and

• Browse the websites of the departments of
  • TUM  https://www.tum.de/en/about-tum/departments/ and also
  • of LMU http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/about_lmu/academics/faculties/index.html
  • Direct contact

• How to accomplish an IDP?
  • Close contact to advisor
  • Milestones, project plan
  • Grade is weighted average of the lecture and the project
    • Pass is possible even if exam is failed
    • Especially exam for lecture can be repeated once if failed
Contact persons

✓ Administrative advice
  • Christina Trenn

✓ Tricky questions concerning approval
  • Christian Herzog (via Christina Trenn)
    as representative of the examination board

✓ General advice
  • Academic advisors, Sandra Kemler, Sibylle Roden-Kinghorst, Vivija Simic
Contact in Informatics Department with relation to subject areas

- Business Administration: Prof. Krcmar [http://www.winfobase.de/]

- Electrical Engineering and Information Technology: Prof. Baumgarten [http://www.os.in.tum.de/en/home/]


- Mechanical Engineering: Prof. Knoll, [http://www6.in.tum.de/]

- Medicine: Prof. Navab, [http://campar.in.tum.de/WebHome]
Concerns – and how to overcome them?

• Other departments not used to work with international students
• Workload
  • Others underestimate the effort
  • You underestimate the effort
• Level of support
• Scope of project
• Exploitation
• Deadline
• Different exam culture
Much success with IDP