Universität Stuttgart

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WELCOME
to the program
Master of Science
Computer Science

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Overview

Who is who?

General responsibilities

- **Dean of the study programs: Prof. Dr. Andrés Bruhn**
  Responsible for the organization of all study programs of the department
  `https://www.vis.uni-stuttgart.de/en/institute/team/Bruhn-00001`

- **Head of the examination board of the program M.Sc. Computer Science: Prof. Dr. Melanie Herschel**
  Responsible for deadline extensions, registration withdrawals, etc.
  `https://www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/fakultaet/personen/Herschel`

In case of any organizational questions …

- **Dr. Stefanie Anstein:**
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- **Dr. Katrin Schneider:**
  Program manager
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In case of any general questions …

International Service Point Faculty 5

Complementary to the services of the university's International Office:

- Support and contact point for the faculty's international students
- Promoting further internationalization at Faculty 5
- Events & networking activities for and with international students

Stay informed!

ISP Website   *   Monthly mailing   *

Follow Meta & Laura on LinkedIn

Meta Geisbüsch, LL.M. & Laura Busch, M.A.

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Our monthly mailing!

Stay up to date on **important information and events for international students of our faculty**!

Upcoming events for international students of Faculty 5

- **Semester Opening** | May 16

- **Info Session: Working in the Stuttgart Region** | July 1

- **Excursion: "Your Future in Stuttgart" - Career Event & Fair of the City Stuttgart** | June 21 (tbc)

- **Career Workshop: Interview Training** | tbc

- **Company Visit** | tbc

Your academic advisor

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Your academic advisor …

- can support you in planning your individual curriculum (via progress certificate, see https://www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/en/cs/students/master-programs/computer-science)
- can help you to decide about useful combinations of modules from a great variety of modules to be chosen from
- can be assigned according to your chosen major

Please contact Stefanie (stefanie.anstein@ims.uni-stuttgart.de)
if you're interested.

Progress certificate MSc Computer Science

Name:	
Matriculation number:	

Major (study profile):	

Advisor:	

Selected modules from CORE for the chosen profile (24 Credits)	Grade	Confirmation by advisor

General plan of the program

Study plan suggestion (flexible; you decide about the order of modules)

M.Sc. Computer Science (English), University of Stuttgart

Majors (*„Studienprofile"*): Autonomous Systems / Service Technology and Engineering / Visual Computing

study plan **suggestion (flexible)**

Semester	Compulsory modules	Catalog Core* [24CP]	Catalog Extended* [12CP]	Catalog Breadth* [12CP]	Catalog Elective* [30CP]	total ECTS credit points**
1	Theoretical and Methodological Foundations of <major>*** [6CP]	Core modules worth 12CP	Extended modules worth 6CP	Breadth modules worth 6CP		30
2	Advanced Seminar Computer Science**** [3CP] Key Qualification („SQ")**** [3CP]	Core modules worth 6CP	Extended modules worth 6CP	Breadth modules worth 6CP	Elective modules worth 6CP	30
3		Core modules worth 6CP			Elective modules worth 24CP	30
4	Master's thesis [30CP]					30

*) The modules offered in the catalogs can be found in C@MPUS.
**) 6CP are typically gained by 3V(lecture)+1Ü(exercise) = 4SWS/SH = 3h/week.
***) Either offered in winter or summer term.
****) To be taken in the second semester at the earliest.

Compulsory subjects

- Theoretical & Methodological Foundations of <your major>
  (6 CP; either offered in winter or summer term; filled with a course
  with a different name)
- Advanced Seminar Computer Science (3 CP; 2nd semester earliest):
  - seminar to get acquainted with research methodologies and
    scientific work
- Key qualification (3 CP; 2nd semester earliest):
  - obligatory for all students, free choice from large offer –
    registration necessary (previous to the start of the semester)

Catalog modules

- specific contents for each major – rules:
    - 24 CP from CORE
    - 12 CP from EXTENDED
    - 12 CP from BREADTH
    - 30 CP ELECTIVES
    - modules from bachelor programs can be used to a maximum of 6 CP for Extended, 6 CP for Breadth and 6 CP for Elective (in total at most 18 CP) – only if confirmed by the examination board
    - examination board can decide to include further modules in the catalogues, please send a request via S. Anstein

Master thesis

- you can register your thesis once you've gained 60 CP
- duration: 6 months

Example study plan for the major AUT

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Example study plan for Major Autonomous Systems in Computer Science started in a summer term

Term	Compulsory		Breadth		Core		Core		Extended		ECTS
1			Advanced Information Management **OR** Data Engineering	6	Reinforcement Learning	6	Machine Learning	6	Mobile Computing **OR** Robust System Design	6	30
					Knowledge Graphs	6					
2	Theoretical and Methodological Foundations of Autonomous Systems	6	Information Integration **OR** Data Warehousing, Data Mining, and OLAP	6	Probabilistic Machine Learning	6			Embedded Systems Engineering **OR** Design for Reliability in Advanced Technology	6	30
	Advanced Seminar	3									
	Key Qualifications (SQ)	3									
3	Lab Course Artificial Intelligence **OR** Practical Course Information Systems	6	Virtual and Augmented Reality **OR** Scientific Visualization	6	Deep Learning **OR** Detection and Pattern Recognition	6	Analyzing Software using Deep Learning **OR** High-dimensional data approximation and learning	6	Software Engineering for AI-Based Systems **OR** System and Web Security	6	30
4	**Master Thesis**										30

Legend: 6 ECTS typically are 3 lecture hours + 1 exercise hour per week. 3 ECTS typically are 2 lecture hours or 2 seminar hours per week

Example study plan for the major STE

MSc Computer Science (English)

Example study plan for Major Service Techology and Egineering started in a summer term

Term	Compulsory		Breadth		Core		Core		Extended		ECTS
1			Machine Learning **OR** Reinforcement Learning	6	Data Engineering	6	Advanced Information Management	6	IT Service Management **OR** High-dimensional data approximation and learning	6	30
2	Theoretical and Methodological Foundations of Service Technology and Engineering	6	Embedded Systems Engineering **OR** Real-time Concepts for Embedded Systems	6	Information Integration	6	Data Warehousing, Data Mining, and OLAP	6	Business Process Management **OR** Service Management and Cloud Computing, and Evaluation	6	30
2	Advanced Seminar	3									
2	Key Qualifications (SQ)	3									
3	Practical Course Visual Computing **OR** Laboratory Course Artificial Intelligence	6	Mobile Computing **OR** Analyzing Software using Deep Learning	6	Knowledge Graphs **OR** Machine Perception and Learning	6	Security and Privacy **OR** System- and Web Security	6	High Performance Computing **OR** oftware Engineering for AI-based Systems	6	30
4	**Master Thesis**										30

Legend   6 ECTS typically are 3 lecture hours + 1 exercise hour per week. 3 ECTS typically are 2 lecture hours or 2 seminar hours per week

Example study plan for the major VC

MSc Computer Science (English)

Example study plan for Major Visual Computing started in a summer term

Term	Compulsory		Breadth		Core		Core		Extended		ECTS
1			Knowledge Graphs **OR** System and Web Security	6	Scientific Visualization	6	Virtual and Augmented Reality	6	Correspondence Problems in Computer Vision **OR** Machine Perception and Learning	6	30
2	Theoretical and Methodological Foundations of Visual Computing	6	Simulation Software Engineering **OR** Distributed Systems I	6	Computer Vision	6	Information Visualization and Visual Analytics	6	Practical Course Visual Computing **OR** Practical Course Information Visualization	6	30
2	Advanced Seminar	3									
2	Key Qualifications (SQ)	3									
3	Laboratory Course Artificial Intelligence **OR** High Performance Computing	6	Security and Privacy **OR** High-dimensional data approximation and learning	6	Mobile Computing **OR** IT Service Management	6	Detection and Pattern Recognition **OR** Deep Learning	6	Analyzing Software using Deep Learning **OR** Software Engineering for AI-based Systems		30
4	Master Thesis										30

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Exam regulations & exam/module registration

Exam regulations

- binding version in German & indicative version in English:
  www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study-programs/
  Computer-Science-M.Sc-00002./?page=examinations

- lists all obligatory modules & describes restrictions for the catalog
  modules, states (repetition) rules, deadlines etc.

- info on extensions and exceptions etc. (for academic
  accommodations due to special circumstances see also
  www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/organizing-studies/disability)

- most important rules (see also handout):
  - 4 semesters = regular duration
  - max. 9 semesters (independent of visa)
  - 4 SWS/SH/SSt = "*Semesterwochenstunden*" = 3h per week
    (2x90min) = 6 ECTS credit points
  - 1 ECTS credit point = 30h student's time (workload and
    weighting for average)

Exam regulations – regarding examinations

- exams can be written or oral: PL (written/oral exam), BSL (graded course achievement), USL (ungraded course achievement)

- graded exam:
  1,0 (excellent) / 1,3 / 1,7 …– 4,0 (acceptable)

- hint: there might be some preconditions to fulfill in order to be allowed to take part in an exam, e.g. homework etc.

- you have to register for exams in C@MPUS

- you can de-register from an exam until 7 days before it takes place – later de-registration is only possible if you hand in a doctor's certificate (examination board will decide about its acceptance)

- you cannot de-register from exam repetitions

Exam regulations – regarding exam repetitions

- you can only repeat exams you have failed
- one repetition is allowed for each failed exam – no influence on the grade
- 2nd repetition is allowed only 3 times during the whole program (contact us if you're in that situation)
- repetitions have to be carried out at the next possible date of the exam (in general after the following semester) & you have to register for them
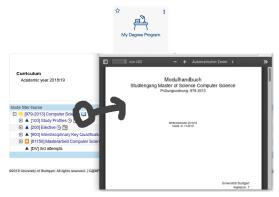
Exam registration

- one online registration period for binding exam registration in each semester via the C@MPUS system
- you are not allowed to attend exams without having registered during this period
- dates: `www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/exams/deadlines`
- hints:
  - sometimes de-registration is not possible via C@MPUS $\Rightarrow$ contact examination board (e.g. oral exams)
  - to be sure, take a screenshot of your (de-)registrations

Module handbook

The module handbook …

- is a collection of all modules that belong to a program
- each module description includes an overview over contents/aims, name of the person responsible & the lecturer, CP, literature, exam …
- can be found in the C@MPUS system:
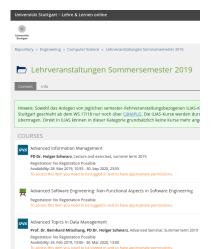
Platforms: C@mpus and ILIAS

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C@mpus is the online platform for …

- finding the currently offered courses and their modules
- creating a personal schedule (via **non-binding** registration for **courses**)
- downloading certificates
- registering exams (via **binding** registration for **modules**) and de-registering
- getting an overview of your personal examination results (gained credit points; transcript)

- http://campus.uni-stuttgart.de
- login (st1234567@stud-uni…) & password

ILIAS is the online platform for …

- finding slides & further seminar/exercise information (you get linked to the courses via C@mpus; in some cases, registration is required)
- uploading exercise solutions etc.

- https://ilias3.uni-stuttgart.de
- login (st account) & password
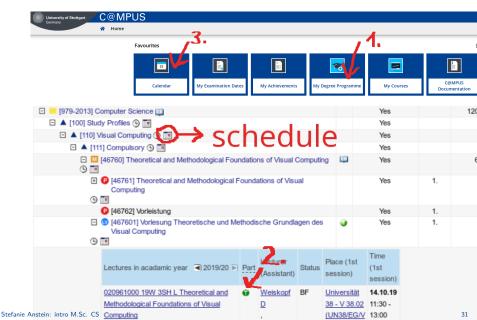
Your schedule

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List of currently offered courses

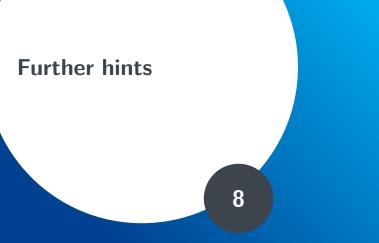... extracted from C@MPUS for the MSc CS summer term 2023:

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https://www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/informatik/studierende/
master/Lehrveranstaltungen/24S/MSc-CS_24S.pdf
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In C@MPUS directly:

- Find curriculum tree view
- Show calendar view for overlaps
- Register for courses (non-binding)
- Find personal schedule in "Calendar"

Finding your courses via C@MPUS:

Further hints

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Some further hints …

- Forward your student mail to your private account if you don't read it directly! We strongly **rely on you reading all our emails** (from different sources and of different relevance, but please keep track!)!
- If you're on the waiting list for a dorm, make sure that you confirm regularly at the „Studierendenwerk" that you're still searching for a room! Additional hint: couchsurfing …
- Some institutes offer block courses (e.g. IAAS); please check the institutes' websites & C@MPUS.
- Please be aware that exams may take place during the lecture-free period.
- The International Office, in addition to the ISP, offers lots of help for international students – they're waiting for you to get your welcome package there!

Some more further hints ...

- Open learning space for maths and computer science questions: `www.mint.uni-stuttgart.de/angebote/offener-lernraum`
- "Makerspace" on campus Vaihingen for conducting individual projects: `https://uni-stuttgart.de/maked-digital`
- German language course advisable (via "Language Center" in C@MPUS, or self-organized as "Tandem")
- further institutions to get information & help:
  - Examination Office & Admissions Office
    - Pfaffenwaldring 5c
  - International Office (*Internationales Zentrum*)
    - welcome service
    - international mentoring, learning groups, psycho-social counselling, student associations, leisure activities, help with German forms etc.
    - Pfaffenwaldring 60

Even more further hints …

further institutions to get information & help:

- Student Counseling Center (*Zentrale Studienberatung*)
  - general and specific questions, e.g. disabilities, chronic illness
  - contact point for all unclear issues
  - courses on studying efficiently etc., see `https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/counseling/zsb/learning-counseling/`
  - Pfaffenwaldring 5c
- Student Services (*Studierendenwerk*)
  - housing, childcare, legal advice, social advice, psychological support, finances, disabilities, …
  - `https://www.studierendenwerk-stuttgart.de/en`
- Student representatives CS
  `https://fius.informatik.uni-stuttgart.de/index.php/en/startpage/`
  - support among students (e.g. old exams, social life etc.)
- "Ombudsperson": a neutral and confidential contact person for people in need of support in university conflicts:
  `www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/counseling/ombudsperson`

Even more further hints ...

further institutions beyond the university to get information & help:

- Welcome Center Stuttgart
  (`https://welcome.stuttgart.de/welcomecenter/en/`)
    - help in many areas for new students: Welcome Club, Job Centre etc.
- German job centre 'Agentur für Arbeit':
  https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/en/welcome (student job board etc.)
- Nightline Tübingen: an anonymous, confidential, unprejudiced and independent evening hotline (also available in English):
  `https://nightline-tuebingen.de/`

Some dates to save ...

- Online seminars by the IZ
  (https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/startingout/
  international/orientation-days/registration)
    - Study financing: Mon, May 13, 4pm
- binding module exam registration period: May 14 - June 4
- lecture breaks and public holidays (shops etc. closed!): see
  https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/application/
  academic-calendar

In case of any questions ...

... please ask:

- **Stefanie Anstein**
  co-program manager, student advisor &
  contact person examination committee
  (office: 01.006 in Pfaffenwaldring 5b)
  stefanie.anstein@ims.uni-stuttgart.de
  If in doubt, please ask – the sooner the better! :)
  (... and please use cc instead of single e-mails
  if you contact several persons about the same issue, thanks.)
  By the way, we're always grateful for feedback about
  how we could improve our services (websites, advising etc.)!

- (for more general issues):
  Meta and Laura at the International Service Point of faculty 5
  www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/studium/international-service-point/

- (for student-related issues):
  CS student representatives
  https://fius.de/index.php/en/startpage/

WELCOME again ...

... at the University of Stuttgart!

Time for questions!