IMS student meeting
Studierendenversammlung

Sebastian Pado, Dean of students

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Some numbers

• 73 BSc students at IMS (as of SS 2018)
  • Admission every winter semester
  • Winter semester 18/19: 285 applications / 148 admissions / 85 acceptances

• 108 MSc students at IMS (as of SS 2018)
  • Admission every semester
  • Winter semester 18/19: 188 applications / 63 admissions / 42 acceptances
Welcome to all new students!

• As usual, for the MSc, we accepted computational linguists, linguists, computer scientists (and some others)

• We believe in computational linguistics as an interdisciplinary field that profits from diversity
  • Different fields, international student body, gender balance
  • Everybody should get out of their comfort zone

• 1st semester MSc students: Mentoring lunch
  • Invitations forthcoming
News and current events at IMS

- Thang Vu is permanent professor of Digital Phonetics since June
- Junior Professor position to be refilled – advertisement expected for end of year
  - Optimistic start date: Oct 2019 (winter semester)
- IMS study programs reviewed with positive outcome
  - Re-accredited for next ~6 years
- MSc will require C1 English level from WS1920 (now: B2)
- IMS will host DGfS/CL Fall School 2019
  - September 9-20, 2019
Administrative info

- All final theses to be handed in to Ms Schäfer (3rd floor center, opposite rear staircase)
- We have a small number of laptops on loan for theses and presentations – contact trouble@ims or fscl@ims
- Please make sure that mail sent to your IMS email address reaches you. Forward if you don’t use your account!
- BSc: please take advantage of support events for ”hard” courses!
  - IMS tutorials for Math, Formal Languages and Automata; MINT tutorial for Formal Languages and Automata, „offener Lernraum“:
    http://www.mint-kolleg.de/stuttgart/angebote/offenerLernraum.html
Evaluations

• Please participate in evaluations
  • Course evaluations
    • Carried out during semester, within courses (on paper)
  • Module evaluations / study program evaluations
    • Carried out after end of semester/exams (by email)

• Evaluations are helpful and important
  • Helpful: Enable us to improve things you are not happy with
  • Important: Evidence for assessments of institutes / study programs by university
Independent work

- IMS computer lab is small and often blocked by teaching
  - New (somewhat smaller) lab in basement: courses will move there whenever possible from summer term 2019
- This will make the lab more available, but not larger
  - Computer Science (Universitätsstraße 38) has a number of large pools
  - Haus der Studierenden (PWR 5C) and Computer Science building have work areas for students with laptops
Plagiarism / Honor Code

• Plagiarism is when you either copy somebody‘s work (text, figures, examples, …) without giving them credit
• …or when you work together with somebody when this is not allowed
• As students, you are under an honor code not to plagiarize
  • Worst case: Plagiarism can lead to exmatriculation
• Note: This does not just concern written exams
  • Also seminars (presentations, term papers)
  • Also problems sets („Übungsblätter“) in all types of courses where teams are not explicitly allowed
Want to support research?

- Our experimental psycholinguistic research always needs more participants!
  - We have started an IMS participant pool
  - Join ILIAS group *Experiments @ IMS*
    - [https://ilias3.uni-stuttgart.de/ goto_Uni_Stuttgart_grp_1505254.html](https://ilias3.uni-stuttgart.de/ goto_Uni_Stuttgart_grp_1505254.html)
International Service Point

- Fakultät 5 (CS & EE) has an 'international service point'
  - Service for prospective international students
    - Information on application, enrolment, etc.
  - Service for enrolled international students
    - General support with questions about Uni Stuttgart, life in Germany, etc.
  - Service for enrolled domestic students
    - Information on exchange programs

https://www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/studium/international-service-point/
Responsibilities & Points of Contact

- Studiengangsmanagerin/study program manager and Fachstudienberaterin/study councillor
  - Stefanie Anstein, studienberatung@ims
- Studiendekan/dean of students
  - Sebastian Pado, pado@ims
- Prüfungsausschussvorsitzender/head of examinations board
  - Uwe Reyle, uwe@ims
(Here’s what came up during the meeting:

- Can IMS offer / import (more) Math courses?
  - Yes, we noticed the need and we’ll discuss the options for coming summer semester.

- Can the large practical courses (MethodsCL, ProgrammingCL) be held in an external computer lab?
  - We cannot book such a lab on campus but we’ll think about alternative solutions.)