WELCOME
to the program
Master of Science
„Computational Linguistics”

Andrea Glaser & IMS student representatives

Institute for Natural Language Processing /
Institut für Maschinelle Sprachverarbeitung (IMS)
University of Stuttgart
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The IMS Chairs / Professors

- **Theoretical Computational Linguistics**  
  (Head: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Padó)

- **Fundamentals of Computational Linguistics**  
  (Head: Prof. Dr. Jonas Kuhn)

- **Experimental Phonetics**  
  (Head: Prof. Dr. Grzegorz Dogil)

- **Junior Prof. Computational Linguistics**  
  (Head: Junior Prof. Dr. Ngoc Thang Vu)
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- regular duration: 4 semesters (max. duration: 9 sem.)
- consists of several **modules**
  - module duration: 1-2 semesters
  - can contain 1 (or more) **course(s)**
    (= lectures, seminars, lab sessions ...)
- module descriptions: module handbook
  - [www.uni-stuttgart.de/bologna/modulhandbuecher](http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/bologna/modulhandbuecher)
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- ECTS credit point (CP) = *Leistungspunkt* (LP)
  - measurement of working load (1 CP = 30h)
  - 2 SWS = 1.5h/week = 3 CP/semester
  - 120 CP needed for M.Sc. degree
  - are given for complete modules after last successful exam

- New exam regulations since WS 2017/18
  - Applies to everyone who starts in WS 2017/18 or later
  - No more “Concentrations”
  - More “Elective modules”
## Study plan suggestion

**program structure MSc CL PO 2017, Uni Stuttgart**

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* Colour key: IMS & Computer Science / Linguistics Departments across UniS

*) for a start in the summer semester, it is recommended to interchange obligatory modules

**) offered in winter semesters

***) 2 SWS = 1,5h/week

°) offered in summer semesters

°°) is also possible in any other semester
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Details about modules

- “Methods in Computational Linguistics” (12 credit points; first semester)
- “Computational Linguistics Team Laboratory” (6 credit points; second semester)
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Elective modules (60 credit points)

- Choose 1 primary catalogue (at least 18 credit points) and 2 secondary catalogues (at least 6 credit points each)
- Choose primary/secondary catalogues from
  - Core Computational Linguistics
  - Applied Natural Language Processing
  - Speech Processing
- The remaining modules (credit points) can be chosen freely from all offered catalogues
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Elective modules (60 credit points)

- if a module is not (yet) listed in our module handbook, ask S. Anstein if it can be imported

**Please note:** Each course can be used only once – to prove this, you have to upload a completed “module table” via ILIAS each semester.

Download: [http://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/studium/interessierte/studiengaenge/cl-msc/pruefung.en.html](http://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/studium/interessierte/studiengaenge/cl-msc/pruefung.en.html)
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Key competences (3 credit points)

- modules for general competences
  - e.g. presentation modalities,
    time / project / knowledge management, . . .
  - can be done in any semester; only online registration possible before semester start:
    http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/sq
  - can be found in C@MPUS at “Central facilities – Central Facility Zentrum für Lehre
    und Weiterbildung der Universität Stuttgart – Central office Fachübergreifende
    Schlüsselqualifikationen – Courses”

- possible at the Language Center: advanced language courses
- possible at the IMS: programming courses, Cognitive Science courses
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Later obligatory modules

- Research module (9 credit points)
  - Research seminar
    - preparation for Master’s thesis: read research papers / books, find a topic for your thesis
  - Research colloquium
    - presentation of your (ongoing) Master’s thesis work
- Master’s thesis (30 credit points)
  - need at least 60 credit points to start with Master’s thesis

Please note: This is an idealised scheme of the program – you can do it differently, just don’t exceed the maximum duration of 9 semesters!
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- German language course advisable
  - some important University documents exist in German only
  - to make the most of your life in Germany :)
- Some students got a “conditional admission” (*Auflagen*; see C@MPUS account; recommended to take the oral exam asap) – you will get another email with more information about registration.
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- exam regulations (at the moment in German only)
  - describe obligatory modules & define electives
  - determine number of possible repetitions and maximum length of the study, ... 
  - important information is also available in English on the IMS homepage and on the handout
    - [http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/studieren/service/admin/po/msc/index.html](http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/studieren/service/admin/po/msc/index.html)

- exams
  - oral or written exam (during the semester or at the end of the semester)
  - ungraded exam: passed / failed
  - 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, ...
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- registration for exams / **modules**
  - exact exam dates are announced in the lectures
  - register online in C@MPUS
  - for modules containing several courses, register in the semester in which you will finish all parts
  - each exam has to be registered during the registration period (as announced by the University: May/June & November/December) – otherwise participation is not possible (screenshot of registrations recommended)
postponing / repeating exams

- you can withdraw from an exam until 7 days before the exam takes place (otherwise, a medical certificate is needed as soon as possible in order for the exam not to count as “failed”)
- failed exams can be repeated once; this has to be done at the next possible date; re-registration necessary!
- a second repetition of a module exam is only allowed in 3 cases in total
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- C@MPUS online portal
  - contains all currently offered courses and the modules they can be used for
  - personal timetable can be created (by registering for courses: non-binding)
  - (de-)registration for exams
  - https://campus.uni-stuttgart.de
Useful information ctd.

- **ILIAS platform**
  - is used to share information (slides, literature, ...) for courses (provided by the lecturers)
  - when you register the course in C@MPUS you will automatically be in the corresponding ILIAS course (if there is one for this course)
  - [http://ilias3.uni-stuttgart.de](http://ilias3.uni-stuttgart.de)
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- more important information on the IMS website
  http://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de
  - course of study, exam regulations
  - lecturers, staff & contact data
  - projects & publications
  - events & news
  - ...
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Further institutions at the university to get information & help:

- Examination Office (*Prüfungsamt*)
  - Pfaffenwaldring 5c (Vaihingen)
- Admissions Office (*Studiensekretariat*)
  - German students: Keplerstraße 7 (Stuttgart centre)
  - foreign students: Pfaffenwaldring 5c (Vaihingen)
- Centre for International Students (*Internat. Zentrum*)
  - welcome service – get your welcome package!
  - international mentoring, learning groups, student associations, leisure activities, etc.
  - Pfaffenwaldring 60 (Vaihingen)
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Further institutions at the university to get information & help:
- Oecumenic Centre (Ökumenisches Zentrum, ÖZ)
  - Allmandring 6 (Vaihingen)
- Student Services (Studierendenwerk)
  - housing (make sure you stay on waiting list!), childcare, legal advice, social advice, psychological support, finances, disabilities, . . .
  - Rosenbergstraße 18 (Stuttgart centre)
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For you to do . . .

- take a look at
  - the current semester schedule extracted from C@MPUS (see below and on the IMS homepage)
    - hint: rather choose "lectures" and overview / introductory courses in the beginning
    - and "seminars" on very specific topics only in the later course of studies (especially for non-CL graduates)
IMS course list summer semester 2016

Courses vs. Modules

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Some dates to save . . .

- Welcome Reception for International MSc students: Friday, Oct 27, 5:30-7pm (V 38.01, Universitätsstr. 38)
- “Your start in Stuttgart”: Wednesday, Nov 8, 6pm (town hall Stuttgart)
- Exam management information for international students Tuesday, Nov 14, 8-9:30pm (V 7.02, Pfaff. 7)
- Public holidays: Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2017
- Christmas break: Saturday, December 23, 2017 to Saturday, January 6, 2018 (both included)
In case of any questions . . .

... please ask:

- **Stefanie Anstein** (on parental leave until April 2018)
  **Andrea Glaser** (substitute until March 2018)

  degree program manager, student advisor &
  contact person examination committee;

  office: 02.019 here in Pfaffenwaldring 5b
  studienberatung@ims.uni-stuttgart.de

  - if in doubt, ask – the sooner the better :)

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And now . . .

- Fill in the forms for your computer account at the IMS – check your IMS mail regularly or set a ’forward’!
- Follow us on our little guided tour – find the student representatives’ room and take a look into the computer lab!
- Have some typical Swabian food: *Apfelschorle* (apple juice with sparkling water) & *Brezeln* (pretzels)!
- Ask questions, if there are any . . .

Welcome at the IMS!