

Universität Stuttgart
Institut für maschinelle Sprachverarbeitung

IMS Student Meeting // Studierenden- versammlung

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Welcome to all new students!

- As usual, for the MSc, we accepted computational linguists, linguists, computer scientists (and some others)
 - 15 new BSc students (total 60)
 - 36 new MSc students (total 148)
- We believe in computational linguistics as an interdisciplinary field that profits from diversity
 - Different fields, international student body, gender balance
 - Everybody needs to get out of their comfort zone

COVID 19

- Still the major concern this year
 - Major restrictions in place, including travel to Germany
 - Teaching in the Bachelor's program mainly in presence (2G) but in small groups
 - Teaching in the Master's program mainly online
- We know there are few opportunities to study on Campus ☹
 - Options: CompSci library, former campus.guest, Universum and Keltenschanze sports halls
 - Book via C@MPUS

Announcements

- We consider socializing a major part of studying
 - Virtual socializing: Wednesdays from 13.00 on wonder.me <https://www.wonder.me/r?id=qttlyy-a6sml>, meet@ims
- Some of the tuition fees of international students have found their way back to IMS. We have:
 - Bought some laptops to loan out for theses and presentations – contact `trouble@ims` or `fscl@ims`
 - Student mentoring and more organizational support

Resources and a yearly reminder

- Resources with information:
 - Check out ILIAS group "Studying @ IMS" (Repository -- Engineering -- Maschinelle Sprachverarbeitung / Computational Linguistics -- Arbeitsgruppen) for hints on student writing, job opportunities, a forum for questions etc.
 - Check out IMS teaching FAQ list: <https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching>
- Please make sure that mail sent to your IMS email address reaches you. **Forward if you don't use your IMS account!**

Registration for exams

- In order to **get credit for any course**, you **have to** register for the course during the registration period
 - This semester: extended until **December 9 (tomorrow!)**
 - Better safe than sorry: Can **deregister easily** until the day before the exam date („COVID exception“)
 - Exception: multi-course modules („contained modules“): typically 6 ECTS, to be filled with two independent 3 ECTS courses
 - Do not confuse with „project seminar“ (extension of a single 3 ECTS course for a 6 ECTS module)

Registration of theses

- Registration of final theses is a multi-step process, independent of semester schedule / exam registration

See <https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching/theses/>

- see also hints in ILIAS: Studying @ IMS -- Student writing at the IMS (theses and reports)

Evaluations

- Please participate in evaluations
- Course evaluations
 - Carried out during semester, within courses
- 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

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

Code of Conduct

- As of 2019, IMS has a code of conduct
 - Summary of rights and duties of IMS students and staff
 - Goal: A friendly and safe environment
 - Respect, tolerance, emergency contacts
 - Goal: Sustainable use of shared resources
 - Shared ground floor kitchen, computer pools, etc.
 - As an IMS student, you are bound (also protected) by the CoC
 - Dynamic document: contact students representatives for proposals

<https://msv.stuvus.uni-stuttgart.de/en/code-of-conduct/>

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/`

Exchange Programs

- IMS has established ERASMUS partnerships with Amsterdam, Barcelona, Dublin, Malta
 - A nice opportunity to “get out”
- Requires organization: Think about this **early (1 year in advance)**!
 - Erasmus Coordinator: Stefanie Anstein
 - See also: <https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching/exchange>

Responsibilities and Points of Contact

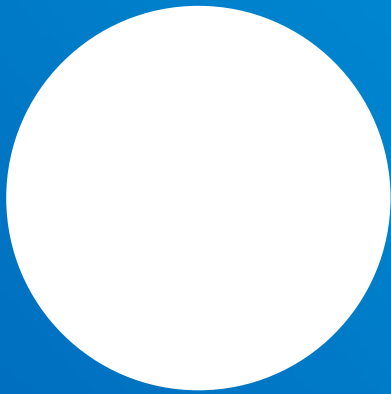
- Studiengangsmangerin/study program manager and Fachstudienberaterin/study councillor
 - Stefanie Anstein, `studienberatung@ims`
- Studiendekan/dean of student affairs
 - Sebastian Pado, `pado@ims`
- Prüfungsausschussvorsitzender/head of examinations board
 - Jonas Kuhn, `pruefungsausschuss-vorsitz@ims`

Questions?



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Thank you!



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