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

• Studiengangsmanagerin/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?
Thank you!

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