

**University of Stuttgart**  
Institut für maschinelle  
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# IMS Student Meeting // Studierenden- versammlung


## November 27, 2025

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Padó:  
Study Dean & Head of Institute

# A warm welcome to all new students!

- As usual, for the MSc, we accepted computational linguists, linguists, computer scientists (and some others)
  - 47 new MSc students (total 178)
  - 13 new BSc CL students (total 38) & 2 new BSc CL minors
- We believe in computational linguistics as an interdisciplinary field that profits from diversity
  - Different fields, international student body, gender balance
  - Almost everybody needs to get out of their comfort zone, content-wise

# What is going on at IMS

- Personnel side
  - Roman Klinger has left IMS to become professor of CL at Bamberg University
  - Thang Vu is back from academic leave
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# What is going on at IMS (continued)

- We have revised both our study programs
  - (MSc CL from winter 2024/25 (e.g. new compulsory “Intro to DL”))
  - BSc MSV became BSc Computerlinguistik since winter 2025/26 (major restructuring of contents)

# Announcements and reminders

- The tuition fees of international students are mainly used to
  - provide the International Service Point F05 for international students (see also below)  
<https://www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/en/faculty/international-students/>
- Please make sure that mail sent to your IMS email address reaches you.  
(Default forwarding to your stxxxxxx account.)
- Use services of „Student Counseling Center“, e.g. learning counseling etc.

# Registration for exams

- In order to **get credit for any course**, you **have to** register for the corresponding module during the registration period
  - This semester: Nov 13 – Dec 3
  - Better safe than sorry: Can **deregister easily** until 1 week before exam date
- Registration of final theses is a multi-step process
  - see <https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching/theses/>
  - new: guidelines for IMS-external examiners

# Course and module 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

# Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is when you submit content (text, figures, examples) that you **did not develop yourself**
  - This includes close paraphrasing of other people's text:  
*We want to see your understanding*
- Concerns theses and all types of courses
  - E.g., for problems sets („Übungsblätter“) and other types of submissions
    - Plagiarism can be copying or also working together when teams are not allowed
- As students, you are under an honor code not to plagiarize
  - Worst case: Plagiarism can lead to exmatriculation
- University document for prevention: [https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/pruefungsorganisation/document/Leitfaden\\_Plagiatspraevention\\_Studierende.pdf](https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/pruefungsorganisation/document/Leitfaden_Plagiatspraevention_Studierende.pdf)

# Plagiarism (cont'd)

- A new aspect of plagiarism is the use of AI assistants (GPT & colleagues)
- General guideline:
  - AI support is **OK** to improve the **form** of your work
    - Extension of spell/grammar/style checking
  - AI support is **NOT OK** to generate **content**
    - Text, programs, grammars, etc.
  - General recommendation: keep log of interactions with AI assistant
- Talk to your lecturers and/or thesis supervisors about specific expectations

# 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 to (also protected by) the CoC
    - Dynamic document: contact students representatives for proposals

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

# IMS GPU Servers

- There are several student GPU servers at the institute:
  - strauss, kiwi, nandu
- If you use a student GPU server, make sure to be mindful of other people wanting to use it too. In practice, this means:
  - Don't use up the capacity of several GPUs, so other people can also run models.
  - Specify in your program which GPU it should use.
  - With the command *nvidia-smi* you can see which GPUs have free capacity.
  - If you see someone using up all the GPUs, contact them politely or talk to the system administrators
- We have ordered more GPUs!

# 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, Dublin, Malta
  - A nice opportunity to “get out”
- Requires organization: Think about this **early!**
  - Application deadline: January 15 (for same year’s winter and following year’s summer term)
  - Erasmus Coordinator: Stefanie Anstein
  - See also IMS home page:  
<https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching/exchange/>

# Responsibilities and points of contact

- Studiengangsmanagerin / study program manager  
and Fachstudienberaterin / student advisor
  - Stefanie Anstein, `studienberatung@ims`
- Studiendekan / dean of student affairs
  - Sebastian Padó, `pado@ims`
- Prüfungsausschussvorsitzender / head of examinations board
  - Thang Vu, `ngoc-thang.vu@ims`
- Student representatives (Fachgruppe), `fscl@ims`
- University ombuds for students (=mediator)
  - Ursula Meiser, `ursula.meiser@rektorat.uni-stuttgart.de`

Thanks for our attention!

**Questions?**

**Feedback?**

(Also possible via student representatives anytime!)