Welcome
DKE & DE Master Students
Who am I?

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Studying a Masters Degree

We are preparing you for independent scientific work!

We expect you to be able to do the following:

- Find your personal area of interest
  ... and choose your courses accordingly
- Motivate yourself to work on the material
- Prepare thoroughly for classes and exams
- Acquire preliminary knowledge and skills you are lacking
- Ask, if something is unclear
  BUT! Carefully read the webpages provided before asking
- State your honest opinion, when you are asked
- Disagree with your lecturer, when appropriate
- Program, or learn how to do it a.s.a.p.!
Courses and Modules

How to choose courses?

- Check your *Study & Examination Regulations* to find out how many courses in which areas you need
- Check the *Module List & Module Handbook* for assignments of courses to areas
  
Study documents: [https://tinyurl.com/yxa3tdqk](https://tinyurl.com/yxa3tdqk)
- Check the LSF for available courses [lsf.ovgu.de](http://lsf.ovgu.de)
- Also pay attention to: language, prerequisites, schedule

How to register for courses?

- **USUALLY** – Not at all, most of the time
- **CURRENTLY** – Mostly through LSF, for first contact and information (or elearning, email, etc.)
- Find registration information in LSF or on course website
- You however MUST register for exams!
Taking Exams

What type of exams are there?

- Written examination: „schriftliche Prüfung“
- Oral examination: „mündliche Prüfung“
- Presentation: „Referat“
- Report: „Hausarbeit“
- Scientific Project: „Wiss. Projekt“

Important:

- Register in time / within the registration period
- If you fail, you can repeat an exam at most twice
- If you fail an exam a third time, you fail your studies
- You MUST repeat any exam you started until pass/fail
- You can drop ONE exam that you have started and not finished yet
Recording of Lectures is illegal

Without the explicit consent of the presenter, recording a presentation, lecture or talk is illegal. Passing it on to others and publishing it on the internet is also illegal. Both are punishable by law!

Reasons:

- Copyright (*Urheberrecht*, UrhG)
- Personal Rights, more specifically, the right to determine who hears what I am saying. (*Recht am gesprochenen Wort*, BGB, StGB)
- Personal Rights, Right to your own picture. (*Recht am eigenen Bild*, BGB, StGB)

More information:

- [https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/stabsstelle02.3/content/einzelthemen/vorlesungen_aufzeichnen/](https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/stabsstelle02.3/content/einzelthemen/vorlesungen_aufzeichnen/)
Building and Lab Code of Conduct

Our students have 24 / 7 access to our faculty building
- DO NOT give access to unauthorized persons
- After 11pm / on weekends, inform university security

No food or drinks in the labs. That being said...
- Throw away your empty boxes / cans / coffee cups
- Do NOT build towers on trashcans!
- Put pizza cartons in outside trash bins

Leave the labs in orderly condition!

Lab Computers ...
- May be in use, even though noone is sitting there. Are used for teaching purposes.
- Do not unplug: Mouse or keyboard, Monitor, Power supply cable
Support Internationals @ FIN

Project at the faculty of computer science, combining efforts to assist international students at all levels
Soft Skill Courses for Masters

Principles and Practices of Scientific Work & Soft Skills

- Crash Course on Scientific Work and Soft Skills for all international Master Students in English!
- 3 CP for Fundamentals (DKE) or Human Factors (DE)
- **Summer term course**
- Responsible: Dr. Claudia Krull & Temitope Akinloye

Scientific Writing Seminar

- Rules and skills required for academic writing
- 6 CP for Applied Data Science (DKE), Human Factors or Technical Specialization (DE)
- **Winter term course**
- Responsible: Temitope Akinloye
Find Further Information Online ...

www.inf.ovgu.de/inf/en/Study/Being+a+student.html

www.inf.ovgu.de/inf/en/Study/Being+a+student/Incoming.html
Mentoring

Farafin (faculty student council) has a mentoring program for international Masters

- We have a group of students from both courses, who study the same thing you do, and have been here for at least 1 Semester.
- The mentors organize several (online) events throughout the semester.
- They are your most important source of information.

- You can get into contact with your Mentors online
  - www.inf.ovgu.de/inf/en/Study/Being+a+student/Incoming/Mentors.html
  - erstsemester.farafin.de/was-ist-das-mentoring
Have a question? Ask…
Want to be understood? Explain…
Don‘t like something? Say it…
Now you can check out the introductory presentation for your study program