

Computer Science News

Dear students,

With this newsletter we would like to inform you about the latest news from the Department of Computer Science.

–Christian Bogner / Study Management–

News from the department

New chair "Programming Languages"

We warmly welcome Prof. Dr. Ing. Ralf Hinze in the department, who has accepted the call for the summer semester 2018. Prof. Hinze leads the new working group "Programming Languages". Due to official commitments, Professor Hinze will offer his new lecture "Functional Programming" on 2 May with some delay.

Course guidance of the department

For general questions concerning your studies, you can now use the main e-mail address of the Department of CS at: study@cs.uni-kl.de

Incoming inquiries are answered directly or, if necessary, forwarded to the responsible person or department. Of course, you can still consult your existing contacts to clarify specific issues directly (such as discussing your ideas with your mentors in the Master's program).

Public study rooms of the TUK

Just like before, all students can use selected lecture and seminar rooms for their group work or study communities. In the KIS, the free dates are listed under the section "Study rooms" in the main overview of all study programs.

Please contact the Dean's Office or the SCI if you have any suggestions on how to equip or use these rooms.

Exam preparation during the lecture-free time

If required, lecturers can reserve seminar rooms all day long over a longer period of time (for example, two weeks before the exam), so that students can use this space exclusively for preparatory work. In general, this service is also available to larger study groups with more than three

students who can also reserve smaller seminar rooms during the lecture-free period. If you are interested, please write to: study@cs.uni-kl.de

Teaching News

Information about the study reform from WS 2018/19

The Department of Computer Science is reforming the consecutive Bachelor / Master program in Computer Science. As part of this reform, the degree program "Applied Computer Science" will be closed for new enrollments from WS 2018/19. However, due to the structure of the new study program, students can choose a profile similar to Applied Computer Science or increase the practical relevance of their studies.

Already enrolled students can continue their studies according to the existing regulations. You can also apply for being enrolled to the new degree program. For a personal consultation, undergraduate students can consult the course guidance of the department at any time. Master's students should primarily talk with their mentors about this decision because the mentors assess the consequences for the individual plans profoundly.

In June 2018, public events are planned to provide detailed information about the changes to the student programs. Invitations will be sent to all students in a timely manner. At the same time, the department is updating all the relevant study information on our public websites at

www.cs.uni-kl.de.

Specialization "Software Engineering"

Due to the change from Prof. Hinze to the TUK, the lecture "Functional Programming" will be offered for the first time in the current summer term 2018 as an 8CP module in the compulsory area. Information about this event can be found at:

<http://pl.cs.uni-kl.de/homepage/de/teaching/ss18/fp/>

The lecture "Compilers and Speech Processing Tools" will be offered again in the summer semester 2019. There is

the option to include "Programming Distributed Systems" (4CP) or "Program Analysis" (4CP) in combination with another 4CP lecture (eg a related module like "Distributed Data Management"). Please consult with your mentor.

Specialization "Intelligent Systems"

Prof. Liwicki offers his lecture "Applications of Artificial Intelligence" in the summer semester 2018 in compact form. The first meeting and lecture will take place on April 16th from 15:30 to 17:00 in Room 11-207. Mr. Liwicki will provide video recordings and lecture notes from last year as well.

New Master Seminar by Prof. Majumdar

Prof. Majumdar will offer the master seminar "Compositional Techniques for Synthesis and Verification" this summer semester. The first meeting will take place on April 18 at 10:00 (in the MPI-SWS, G26, Room 111). Further information about the seminar can be found at: <http://wp.mpi-sws.org/akschmuck/teaching/>

Sabbatical Leave

From time to time professors may apply for a sabbatical leave in which they are exempt from teaching. During this time, the number of courses available and the capacity for providing exams may be limited. Both should be considered in your study planning. Currently, in the summer semester 2018, Prof. Stricker has a sabbatical leave semester. Though, the lecture "2D image processing" will be conducted by Dr. Varanasi (DFKI) in the summer semester 2018. More information and a preview can be found at:

<http://tukl.de/fymez>

Lecture Evaluation

In our web based lecture evaluation system "VLU" a new function was integrated, which allows lecturers to respond to certain comments provided by the students. These answers are available to all users. The publication of the results of the lecture evaluation (courses from last winter semester) is planned for April 18. All results and more information about the "VLU" can be found at:

<https://vlu.informatik.uni-kl.de/>

News from the library

Proposals for new purchases

The library of the computer science department accepts proposals for new purchases at any time. You can suggest additional literature for lectures, exercises, seminars or projects. Also proposals for literature being using for your scientific work are possible. Please send your suggestions directly to the librarian of the department Dr. Rosteck:

rosteck@ub.uni-kl.de

"Do you already know ..."

What does the Committee for Studies and Teaching actually do?

The Committee for Studies and Teaching (German: "FSL") supports and advises the Faculty Council on the quality assurance of classes offered in the Department of Computer Science. Part of the panel are also students of computer science.

The "FSL" not only prepares changes to the curriculum. For example, the results of the lecture survey ("VLU") are also discussed by the FSL panel and, if necessary, recommendations for improvement measures are developed.

The dates and minutes of the meetings are available from the TUK network at the following URL:

<http://cs.uni-kl.de/organisation/ausschuesse/fsl/>

Ten years of FIT e.V.

The "Association for the Advancement of Computer Science at the Technical University of Kaiserslautern" (FIT e.V. for short) celebrated its tenth anniversary last year. The FIT e.V. has been supporting the computer science department and promotes co-operation with IT companies in the region as well as computer science education in schools.

Thanks to generous donations, the association will again be able to implement its many-sided activities this year – for example a free bus ride to Cebit on 14 June 2018. The FIT e.V. also supports students during their research projects, for preparing presentations or for attending conferences and conferences. More information about the club and its activities can be found at:

<http://fit.cs.uni-kl.de/>

Twitter account with news from the CS Department

You can also find up-to-date information from the department of CS on Twitter at:

<https://twitter.com/dekainf>

We would be happy if you follow us on Twitter!

Events

Faculty Council Meetings

The meetings of the faculty council during the summer semester 2018 will take place on 25th April, 30th May and 27th June.

Save the Date

06/14/2018: Free Bus Ride to Cebit (FIT e.V.)

11/16/2018: Annual Graduation Ceremony
"Informatik-Praxistag" (FIT e.V.)

Do you have any questions or suggestions regarding the content of this newsletter? Then we are looking forward to a short feedback sent to: bogner@cs.uni-kl.de