

Computer Science News

Dear students,

With this newsletter we would like to inform you on a regular basis about the latest news from the Department of Computer Science. The newsletter will be published during the semester and provide you with the most important information

–Dean's Office / Study Management–

Study News Computer Science

Study Plan Socioinformatics

Changes at the sociology professorship required modifications of the basic module "Sociology". In addition to the mandatory module "Einführung in die Soziologie" (5 CP) you can now choose between the two lectures "Soziologische Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie" and "Einführung in die Sozialstrukturanalyse" – 5 CP each.

Bachelor: Additional Oral Examination

New exam regulations ("Rahmenprüfungsordnung") allow additional oral examinations after three unsuccessful attempts of written exams. This is effective for all exams started this semester (Wintersemester 2015/2016).

Computer science in life sciences (Computer Science in Applications)

Next semester Professor Markus Nebel will leave our faculty/department. We cannot assure you to continue the course of study "Computer science in life sciences". Under these circumstances the Department of Computer Science advises you not to start this course of study at the moment.

Planned Update: Skill-based module description

The educational objectives and the learning content in the module descriptions will be improved during the next months. Consistent skill based patterns will help students as well as teachers to better understand the learning requirements of a certain module.

Planned Tutor Project

To meet the increasing demand in tutorials, the department is looking for additional student tutors for next semester. Students have the opportunity to participate in a tutors' programme that will become part of the standard curriculum as a module with 4 CP. Interested tutors will attend a short coaching and learn to prepare and manage their own tutorials in cooperation with their teacher. The Department of Computer Science wants to establish this new credit-point based model in addition to the pecuniary model where tutors get paid as a student teacher. Please contact Mr Bogner (bogner@cs.uni-kl.de) if you have any questions regarding the tutor project.

Proposed Restructuring of Teaching Areas (Computer Science (B.Sc.))

Members of the department are discussing pros and cons of a proposed restructuring of our teaching areas. The goal is to reduce some bottlenecks which might occur in some modules. The teaching areas could be reorganized in accordance to our three main research areas: "Embedded Systems", "Intelligent Distributed Information Systems" and "Scientific Computing". Subject to discussion is also a combination of core and basic modules.

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Please participate in our Course Evaluation

The Course Evaluation System (VLU) is ready to receive your course evaluations for this semester. Please do not hesitate and evaluate your classes. The system is available until 21 February 2016. If you did not receive your access data just register at: <https://vlu.informatik.uni-kl.de/>

ICAL-Calendar-Feed

Since this semester, the SCI provides - in addition to the standard RSS-News-Feed - a RSS-Calendar-Feed which contains faculty events. You can integrate this feed easily in your favorite calendar application. Further information: <http://www.informatik.uni-kl.de/aktuelles/>

News from the department

Study Management

We welcome Dipl.-Päd. Christian Bogner as our new Study Manager. This new role has been introduced last year in each department by the university in order to improve conditions for studying. The study managers at the University of Kaiserslautern coordinate changes in the courses of studies (based on regular accreditations), contribute to quality management and prepare study surveys. The Study Manager is also responsible for advising students on demand and coaching student tutors to give successful tutorials. Just contact Mr Bogner if you need assistance or if you have any suggestion regarding your studies.

<http://dekanat.informatik.uni-kl.de/en/mitarbeiter/bogner/>

Professorships

Meanwhile Professor Heike Leitte accepted her appointment of a professorship as head of the group “Visual Information Analysis”. Professor Markus Nebel leaves the University of Kaiserslautern at the end of this semester. The appointment procedures concerning the head of the “Software Technology Group” (successor of Professor Arnd Poetzsch-Heffter) and the new professorship for “Machine Learning” have been initiated.

Research Sabbaticals

Due to her Research Sabbatical Professor Katharina Zweig will not give lessons during the next summer semester. However, Ms Zweig will give a lecture in “Discrete models of complex systems” (in a basic form) as well as the module “Graph Theory” that will be provided in cooperation with another lecturer.

Online-Course-Guidance

The student council of the Department of Computer Science offers a stackoverflow based Question-and-Answer-Board named “Fragestunde”. We strongly encourage you to participate in this service in order to provide other students with your input. The Study Manager has an account too and joins the discussion or gives answers to special issues regarding your studies. You can find the “Fragestunde” at:

<http://fragestunde.fachschaft.cs.uni-kl.de/>

Lecture- and Learning Rooms of the Department

Finally, our new lecture room (48-453) with 50 seats is available. As of now, you can also use our new learning room in 48-467 (former room of the student council) which the Department wants to equip in order to fit your needs. Please contact us if you have any suggestions regarding the equipment or the usage of the learning rooms.

General Learning Rooms of the University

All students have access to selected lecture and leaning rooms during the semester. You can find these rooms in the KIS system at: <http://tukl.de/ssoli>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the content of this newsletter:
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