

# MODULE HANDBOOK

**Master of Science**

Data Science (FS-FI-MADS-120-01)

120 CP

**Distance Learning**

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# 1. Semester

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# Data Science

Module Code: DLMBDSA1-01

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimaldauer: 1 Semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Gissel Velarde (Data Science)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Data Science (DLMBDSA01-01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Introduction to Data Science
- Use Cases and Performance Evaluation
- Pre-processing and Processing of Data
- Selected Mathematical Techniques
- Selected Artificial Intelligence Techniques

### Learning Outcomes

#### Data Science

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify use cases and evaluate the performance of data-driven approaches.
- understand how domain specific knowledge for a particular application context is required to identify objectives and value propositions for data science use cases.
- appreciate the role and necessity for business-centric model evaluation apposite to the respective area of application.
- comprehend how data are pre-processed in preparation for analysis.
- develop typologies for data and ontologies for knowledge representation.
- decide for appropriate mathematical algorithms to utilize data analysis for a given task.
- understand the value, applicability, and limitations of artificial intelligence for data analysis.

#### Links to other Modules within the Study Program

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

#### Links to other Study Programs of the University

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field

# Data Science

Course Code: DLMBDSA01-01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

The course provides the framework to create value from data. After an introduction the course covers how to identify suitable use cases and evaluate the performance of data-driven methods. In an interdisciplinary approach, the requirements from a specific application domain need to be understood and transferred to the technological understanding to identify the objectives and value proposition of a Data Science project. The course covers techniques for the technical processing of data and then introduces advanced mathematical techniques and selected methods from artificial intelligence that are used to analyze data and make predictions.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify use cases and evaluate the performance of data-driven approaches.
- understand how domain specific knowledge for a particular application context is required to identify objectives and value propositions for data science use cases.
- appreciate the role and necessity for business-centric model evaluation apposite to the respective area of application.
- comprehend how data are pre-processed in preparation for analysis.
- develop typologies for data and ontologies for knowledge representation.
- decide for appropriate mathematical algorithms to utilize data analysis for a given task.
- understand the value, applicability, and limitations of artificial intelligence for data analysis.

## Contents

1. Introduction to Data Science
  - 1.1 Overview of Data Science
  - 1.2 Data Science Activities
  - 1.3 Sources and Types of Data
  - 1.4 Stages of Data Processing
  - 1.5 Mathematical Basics for Data Scientists
2. Use Cases and Performance Evaluation
  - 2.1 Data Science Use Cases (DSUCs)
  - 2.2 Model-Centric Evaluation: Performance Metrics
  - 2.3 Business-Centric Evaluation: the Role of KPIs

- 2.4 Cognitive Biases and Decision-Making Fallacies
- 3. Pre-Processing of Data
  - 3.1 Transmission of Data
  - 3.2 Data Quality and Cleansing of Data
  - 3.3 Transformation of Data
  - 3.4 Reduction of Data Dimensionality
- 4. Data Processing
  - 4.1 From Raw Data to Insights
  - 4.2 Data Collection
  - 4.3 Data Analysis and Model Building
  - 4.4 Insight Implementation
  - 4.5 Output Formats of Processed Data
  - 4.6 Data Storage
- 5. Selected Mathematical Techniques
  - 5.1 Principal component Analysis
  - 5.2 Cluster Analysis
  - 5.3 Linear Regression
  - 5.4 Time Series Forecasting
  - 5.5 Transformation Approaches
- 6. Selected Artificial Intelligence Techniques
  - 6.1 Support Vector Machines
  - 6.2 Artificial Neural Networks
  - 6.3 Further Approaches

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Akerar, R., & Sajja, P.S. (2016). Intelligent techniques for data science. Cham: Springer.
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- Liebowitz, J. (2014). Business analytics: An introduction. Boca Raton, FL: Auerbach Publications. (Available online).
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- Skiena, S. S. (2017). The data science design manual. Cham: Springer.

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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# Programming with Python

Module Code: DLMDSPWP

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Dr. Cosmina Croitoru (Programming with Python)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Programming with Python (DLMDSPWP01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Written Assessment: Written Assignment

Study Format: Distance Learning

Written Assessment: Written Assignment

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Introduction to the Python programming language
- Object-oriented concepts in Python
- Handling of exceptions and errors
- The Python library ecosystem
- Environments and package management
- Documentation and testing
- Version control



**Learning Outcomes****Programming with Python**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- remember basic Python syntax and programming concepts.
- understand object-oriented concepts in Python.
- analyze and apply different methods for error handling in Python.
- know common and important Python libraries and how to apply them to given programming tasks.
- understand concepts like environments and version control.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field

# Programming with Python

Course Code: DLMDSPWP01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

Python is one of the most versatile and widely used scripting languages. Its clean and uncluttered syntax as well as its straightforward design greatly contribute to this success and make it an ideal language for programming education. Its application ranges from web development to scientific computing. Especially in the fields of data science and artificial intelligence, it is the most common programming language supported by all major data-handling and analytical frameworks. This course provides a thorough introduction to the language and its main features, as well as insights into the rationale and application of important adjacent concepts such as environments, testing, and version control.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- remember basic Python syntax and programming concepts.
- understand object-oriented concepts in Python.
- analyze and apply different methods for error handling in Python.
- know common and important Python libraries and how to apply them to given programming tasks.
- understand concepts like environments and version control.

## Contents

1. Introduction to Python
  - 1.1 Data structures
  - 1.2 Functions
  - 1.3 Flow control
  - 1.4 Input / Output
  - 1.5 Modules & packages
2. Classes and inheritance
  - 2.1 Scopes and namespaces
  - 2.2 Classes and inheritance
  - 2.3 Iterators and generators
3. Errors and exceptions

- 3.1 Syntax errors
- 3.2 Handling and raising exceptions
- 3.3 User-defined exceptions
4. Important libraries
  - 4.1 Standard Python library
  - 4.2 Scientific calculations
  - 4.3 Speeding up Python
  - 4.4 Visualization
  - 4.5 Accessing databases
5. Working with Python
  - 5.1 Virtual environments
  - 5.2 Managing packages
  - 5.3 Unit and integration testing
  - 5.4 Documenting code
6. Version control
  - 6.1 Introduction to version control
  - 6.2 Version control with GIT

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Lutz, M. (2017). Learning python (5th ed.). O'Reilly.
- Mathes, E. (2019). Python crash course. (2nd ed.). No Starch Press.

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Written Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Written Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b>	<b>Learning Material</b>	<b>Exam Preparation</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	

## Advanced Mathematics

Module Code: DLMDSAM-01

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Robert Graf (Advanced Mathematics)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Advanced Mathematics (DLMDSAM01-01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: [myStudies](#)  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: [Distance Learning](#)  
Exam, 90 Minutes

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Calculus
- Integral Transformations
- Vector Algebra
- Vector Calculus
- Matrices and Vector Spaces
- Information Theory

**Learning Outcomes****Advanced Mathematics**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- remember the fundamental rules of differentiation and integration.
- apply integration and differentiation techniques to vectors and vector fields.
- analyze matrix equations.
- understand the generalization of vectors to tensors.
- evaluate different metrics from information theoretical perspectives.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Methods

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the Business field

## Advanced Mathematics

Course Code: DLMDSAM01-01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

### Course Description

Modern techniques to analyze data and derive predictions for future events are deeply rooted in mathematical techniques. The course builds a solid base to understand the concepts behind advanced algorithms used to process, analyze, and predict data and observations and enables students to follow future research, especially in the fields of data-intensive sciences. The course reviews differentiation and integration and then discusses partial differentiation, differentiation, vector algebra and vector calculus. Matrix calculation and vector spaces are fundamental to many modern data processing algorithms and are discussed in detail. Calculations based on Tensors are introduced. Common metrics are discussed from an informational, theoretical point of view.

### Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- remember the fundamental rules of differentiation and integration.
- apply integration and differentiation techniques to vectors and vector fields.
- analyze matrix equations.
- understand the generalization of vectors to tensors.
- evaluate different metrics from information theoretical perspectives.

### Contents

1. Calculus
  - 1.1 Differentiation
  - 1.2 Integration
  - 1.3 Partial Differentiation
  - 1.4 Vector Analysis
2. Integral Transformations
  - 2.1 Convolution
  - 2.2 Complex Numbers
  - 2.3 Fourier Series
  - 2.4 Fourier Transformation
3. Vector Algebra



- 3.1 Scalars and Vectors
- 3.2 Addition and Subtraction of Vectors
- 3.3 Multiplication of Vectors, Vector Product, Scalar Product
4. Vector Calculus
  - 4.1 Differentiation of Vectors
  - 4.2 Integration of Vectors
  - 4.3 Scalar and Vector Fields
  - 4.4 Vector Operators
5. Matrices and Vector Spaces
  - 5.1 Basic Matrix Algebra and Systems of Linear Equations
  - 5.2 Transpose, Trace, Determinant, and Inverse of a Matrix
  - 5.3 Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, and Diagonalization
  - 5.4 Tensors
6. Information Theory
  - 6.1 Mean Squared Error (MSE) and Simple Linear Regression
  - 6.2 Area Under the ROC Curve and Gini Index
  - 6.3 Entropy
  - 6.4 Cross Entropy

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Mathai, A. M., & Haubold, H. J. (2017). Linear algebra, a course for physicists and engineers (1st ed.) De Gruyter.
- Riley, K. F., Hobson, M. P, & Bence, S. J. (2006). Mathematical methods for physics and engineering (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press.
- Yang, X.-S. (2018). Mathematics for Civil Engineers: An Introduction. Dunedin Academic Press.

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
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## Advanced Statistics

Module Code: DLMDSAS

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMDSAM01-01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Paul Libbrecht (Advanced Statistics)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Advanced Statistics (DLMDSAS01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Advanced Workbook  
Study Format: myStudies  
Advanced Workbook

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Introduction to statistics
- Important probability distributions and their applications
- Bayesian statistics
- Descriptive statistics
- Data visualization
- Parameter estimation
- Hypothesis tests

**Learning Outcomes****Advanced Statistics**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the fundamental building blocks of statistics.
- analyze stochastic data in terms of the underlying probability distributions.
- utilize Bayesian statistics techniques.
- summarize the properties of observed data using descriptive statistics.
- apply data visualization techniques to design graphics that illustrate the behavior of observed data.
- evaluate model parameters using parameter estimation techniques.
- create hypothesis tests to discriminate between several model classes.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Methods

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the Business field

# Advanced Statistics

Course Code: DLMDSAS01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSAM01-01

## Course Description

Nearly all processes in nature and technical or scientific scenarios are not deterministic but stochastic. Therefore, these processes must be described in terms of probabilities and probability density distributions. After defining and introducing the fundamental concepts of statistics, the course will cover important probability distributions and their prevalence in application scenarios; discuss descriptive techniques to summarize and visualize data effectively; and discuss the Bayesian approach to statistics. Estimating parameters is a key ingredient in optimizing data models, and the course will give a thorough overview of the most important techniques. Hypothesis testing is a crucial aspect in establishing the observation of new effects and determination of the significance of statistical effects. Special focus will be given to the correct interpretation of p-Values and the correct procedure for multiple hypothesis tests.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the fundamental building blocks of statistics.
- analyze stochastic data in terms of the underlying probability distributions.
- utilize Bayesian statistics techniques.
- summarize the properties of observed data using descriptive statistics.
- apply data visualization techniques to design graphics that illustrate the behavior of observed data.
- evaluate model parameters using parameter estimation techniques.
- create hypothesis tests to discriminate between several model classes.

## Contents

1. Introduction to Statistics
  - 1.1 Random Variables
  - 1.2 Kolmogorov Axioms
  - 1.3 Probability Distributions
  - 1.4 Decomposing probability distributions
  - 1.5 Expectation Values and Moments
  - 1.6 Central Limit Theorem
  - 1.7 Sufficient Statistics
  - 1.8 Problems of Dimensionality

- 1.9 Component Analysis and Discriminants
2. Important Probability Distributions and their Applications
  - 2.1 Binomial Distribution
  - 2.2 Gauss or Normal Distribution
  - 2.3 Poisson and Gamma-Poisson Distribution
  - 2.4 Weibull Distribution
3. Bayesian Statistics
  - 3.1 Bayes' Rule
  - 3.2 Estimating the Prior, Benford's Law, Jeffry's Rule
  - 3.3 Conjugate Prior
  - 3.4 Bayesian & Frequentist Approach
4. Descriptive Statistics
  - 4.1 Mean, Median, Mode, Quantiles
  - 4.2 Variance, Skewness, Kurtosis
5. Data Visualization
  - 5.1 General Principles of Dataviz/Visual Communication
  - 5.2 1D, 2D Histograms
  - 5.3 Box Plot, Violin Plot
  - 5.4 Scatter Plot, Scatter Plot Matrix, Profile Plot
  - 5.5 Bar Chart
6. Parameter Estimation
  - 6.1 Maximum Likelihood
  - 6.2 Ordinary Least Squares
  - 6.3 Expectation Maximization (EM)
  - 6.4 Lasso and Ridge Regularization
  - 6.5 Propagation of Uncertainties
7. Hypothesis Test
  - 7.1 Error of 1st and 2nd Kind
  - 7.2 Multiple Hypothesis Tests
  - 7.3 p-Value

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Advanced Workbook

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Advanced Workbook

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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## Use Case and Evaluation

Module Code: DLMDSUCE

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Claudia Heß (Use Case and Evaluation)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Use Case and Evaluation (DLMDSUCE01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Oral Assignment

Study Format: Distance Learning

Oral Assignment

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Use case evaluation
- Model-centric evaluation
- Business-centric evaluation
- Monitoring
- Avoiding common fallacies
- Change management

**Learning Outcomes****Use Case and Evaluation**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- analyze use cases and their requirements regarding the project objectives.
- apply common metrics to evaluate predictions.
- evaluate key performance indicators to assess projects from a business perspective.
- create monitoring tools that can be used to constantly evaluate the status quo of a project.
- understand common fallacies and how to avoid them.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programms in the IT & Technology field

# Use Case and Evaluation

Course Code: DLMDSUCE01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

The evaluation and definition of use cases is the fundamental groundwork from which the projects can be defined. This does not only include the scope and technical requirements of a project but also how value can be derived from the project. A crucial aspect is the definition of what makes a project successful, both in terms of a technical evaluation as well as a business centric perspective and how the status quo can be monitored effectively during the progress of a project. The course also discusses how to avoid common fallacies and understand the implications of introducing data-driven decisions into traditional management structures.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- analyze use cases and their requirements regarding the project objectives.
- apply common metrics to evaluate predictions.
- evaluate key performance indicators to assess projects from a business perspective.
- create monitoring tools that can be used to constantly evaluate the status quo of a project.
- understand common fallacies and how to avoid them.

## Contents

1. Use Case Evaluation
  - 1.1 Identification of Use Cases
  - 1.2 Specifying Use Case Requirements
  - 1.3 Data Sources and Data Handling Classification
2. Model-centric Evaluation
  - 2.1 Common Metrics for Regression and Classification
  - 2.2 Visual Aides
3. Business-centric Evaluation
  - 3.1 Cost Function and Optimal Point Estimators
  - 3.2 Evaluation Using KPIs
  - 3.3 A/B Test
4. Monitoring

- 4.1 Visual Monitoring Using Dashboards
- 4.2 Automated Reporting and Alerting
5. Avoiding Common Fallacies
  - 5.1 Cognitive Biases
  - 5.2 Statistical Effects
  - 5.3 Change Management: Transformation to a Data-driven Company

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Few, S. (2013). Information dashboard design: Displaying data for at-a-glance monitoring (2nd ed.). Analytics Press.
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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## Project: Data Science Use Case

Module Code: DLMDSPDSUC

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMDSUCE01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Gissel Velarde Perez (Project: Data Science Use Case)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Project: Data Science Use Case (DLMDSPDSUC01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Portfolio

Study Format: Distance Learning

Portfolio

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

A current list of topics is given in the Learning Management System. This forms the basis of the course but can be amended or updated by the tutor.

**Learning Outcomes****Project: Data Science Use Case**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- apply the concepts covered in the preceding data science courses to build a running analytical model or system.
- explain the design choices made in the selection of the employed model and its implementation.
- transfer acquired theoretical knowledge to real case studies.
- translate the learned theories into the practice of data science system building.
- critically evaluate the resulting model or system's performance

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the fields of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology fields

## Project: Data Science Use Case

Course Code: DLMDSPDSUC01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSUCE01

### Course Description

In this course, students choose a project task in accord with their tutor from a variety of options. The goal is to prototypically implement a data science model or system in a suitable development environment. The choice of approach, the system or software implemented, and the resulting performance on the task are to be reasoned about, explained, and documented in a project report. To this end, students make practical use of the methodological knowledge acquired in previous courses by applying them to relevant real-world problems.

### Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- apply the concepts covered in the preceding data science courses to build a running analytical model or system.
- explain the design choices made in the selection of the employed model and its implementation.
- transfer acquired theoretical knowledge to real case studies.
- translate the learned theories into the practice of data science system building.
- critically evaluate the resulting model or system's performance

### Contents

- In this project course the students work on a practical implementation of a data science use case of their choosing. All relevant artifacts like use case evaluation, chosen implementation method, code, and outcomes are to be documented in the form of a written project report.

### Literature

#### Compulsory Reading

#### Further Reading

- Few, S. (2013). Information dashboard design: Displaying data for at-a-glance monitoring (2nd ed.). Burlingame, CA: Analytics Press.
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

## 2. Semester

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## Advanced Research Methods

Module Code: DLMARM-01

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Markus C. Hemmer (Advanced Research Methods)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Advanced Research Methods (DLMARM01-01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies  
Written Assessment: Written Assignment  
Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Written Assignment

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Principles of Research
- Research Approaches
- The Research Project
- Selected Formal Techniques
- Selected Interpretative Topics
- Scientific Reporting

**Learning Outcomes****Advanced Research Methods**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- demonstrate an understanding of principles of scientific inquiry and logical reasoning.
- apply formal techniques to modeling and theory generation.
- apply interpretative techniques to intercultural case studies.
- propose, plan, and conduct research projects under ethical constraints.
- evaluate study results to arrive at valuable and ethical conclusions.
- report study results responsibly in an objective and comprehensible form.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Methods

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the Business field



# Advanced Research Methods

Course Code: DLMARM01-01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

Advanced research methods, specifically business research, is scientific inquiry that attempts to uncover new information which helps a business improve performance, maximizing shareholder value while adhering to ethical and moral compliance standards. Managers seeking to conduct empirical research must maintain validity, reliability, and trustworthiness when utilizing scientific methodologies in order to produce meaningful and actionable results. Research proposals are typically written prior to conducting research, which have a certain structure, enabling the researcher to properly plan, conduct, and analyze case studies and surveys. Different data collection strategies are used to collect both qualitative and quantitative data, depending on the research proposal goals. Managers utilize their understanding of research methodologies to accurately assess the quality of research.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- demonstrate an understanding of principles of scientific inquiry and logical reasoning.
- apply formal techniques to modeling and theory generation.
- apply interpretative techniques to intercultural case studies.
- propose, plan, and conduct research projects under ethical constraints.
- evaluate study results to arrive at valuable and ethical conclusions.
- report study results responsibly in an objective and comprehensible form.

## Contents

1. Principles of Research
  - 1.1 Scientific Inquiry
  - 1.2 Principles of Reasoning
  - 1.3 From Data to Knowledge
  - 1.4 Models & Theories
  - 1.5 The Research Cycle
2. Research Approaches
  - 2.1 Experimental Design
  - 2.2 Engineering & Development
  - 2.3 Empirical Research & Case Studies

- 2.4 Interpretative Studies
- 3. The Research Project
  - 3.1 Topic Generation
  - 3.2 Types of Literature Reviews
  - 3.3 Developing a Research Design
  - 3.4 The Research Proposal
- 4. Selected Formal Techniques
  - 4.1 Foundations of Probability Theory & Inferential Statistics
  - 4.2 Data Acquisition
  - 4.3 Pattern Recognition & Classification
  - 4.4 Modelling & Theory Generation
  - 4.5 Artificial Intelligence in Research
- 5. Selected Interpretative Topics
  - 5.1 Phenomenology
  - 5.2 Hermeneutics & Discourse Analysis
  - 5.3 Ethnography & Ethnomethodology
  - 5.4 Critical Management Theory
- 6. Scientific Reporting
  - 6.1 Results Presentation & Visualization
  - 6.2 Interpretation
  - 6.3 Argumentation & Discussion
  - 6.4 Conclusions
  - 6.5 Ethical Considerations

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Written Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Written Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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# Machine Learning

Module Code: DLMDSML

Module Type	Admission Requirements	Study Level	CP	Student Workload
see curriculum	DLMDSAM01-01 and DLMDSPWP01	MA	5	150 h

Semester / Term	Duration	Regularly offered in	Language of Instruction and Examination
see curriculum	Minimum 1 semester	WiSe/SoSe	English

## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Visieu Lac (Machine Learning)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Machine Learning (DLMDSML01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: Distance Learning

Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning approaches
- Regression and classification learning problems
- Estimation of functional dependencies via regression techniques
- Data clustering
- Support vector machines, large margin classification
- Decision tree learning

**Learning Outcomes****Machine Learning**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- know different machine learning model classes.
- comprehend the difference between supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning methods.
- understand common machine learning models.
- analyze trade-offs in the application of different models.
- appropriately choose machine learning models according to a given task.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Machine Learning

Course Code: DLMDSML01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSAM01-01 and DLMDSPWP01

## Course Description

Machine learning is a field of scientific study concerned with algorithmic techniques that enable machines to learn performance on a given task via the discovery of patterns or regularities in exemplary data. Consequently, its methods commonly draw upon a statistical basis in conjunction with the computational capabilities of modern computing hardware. This course aims to acquaint the student with the main branches of machine learning and provide a thorough introduction to the most widely used approaches and methods in this field.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- know different machine learning model classes.
- comprehend the difference between supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning methods.
- understand common machine learning models.
- analyze trade-offs in the application of different models.
- appropriately choose machine learning models according to a given task.

## Contents

1. Introduction to Machine Learning
  - 1.1 Regression & Classification
  - 1.2 Supervised & Unsupervised Learning
  - 1.3 Reinforcement Learning
2. Clustering
  - 2.1 Introduction to clustering
  - 2.2 K-Means
  - 2.3 Expectation Maximization
  - 2.4 DBScan
  - 2.5 Hierarchical Clustering
3. Regression
  - 3.1 Linear & Non-linear Regression



- 3.2 Logistic Regression
- 3.3 Quantile Regression
- 3.4 Multivariate Regression
- 3.5 Lasso & Ridge Regression
4. Support Vector Machines
  - 4.1 Introduction to Support Vector Machines
  - 4.2 SVM for Classification
  - 4.3 SVM for Regression
5. Decision Trees
  - 5.1 Introduction to Decision Trees
  - 5.2 Decision Trees for Classification
  - 5.3 Decision Trees for Regression
6. Genetic Algorithms
  - 6.1 Introduction to Genetic Algorithms
  - 6.2 Applications of Genetic Algorithms

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b>	<b>Learning Material</b>	<b>Exam Preparation</b>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests
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## Deep Learning

Module Code: DLMDSDL

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMDSML01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Visieu Lac (Deep Learning)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Deep Learning (DLMDSDL01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Oral Assignment

Study Format: Distance Learning

Oral Assignment

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Introduction to neural networks and deep learning
- Network architectures
- Neural network training
- Alternative training methods
- Further network architectures

**Learning Outcomes****Deep Learning**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- comprehend the fundamental building blocks of neural networks.
- understand concepts in deep learning.
- analyze the relevant deep learning architecture in a wide range of application scenarios.
- create deep learning models.
- utilize alternative methods to train deep learning models.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Deep Learning

Course Code: DLMDSDL01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMDSML01

## Course Description

Neural networks and deep learning approaches have revolutionized the fields of data science and artificial intelligence in recent years, and applications built on these techniques have reached or surpassed human performance in many specialized applications. After a short review of the origins of neural networks and deep learning, this course will cover the most common neural network architectures and discuss in detail how neural networks are trained using dedicated data samples, avoiding common pitfalls such as overtraining. The course includes a detailed overview of alternative methods to train neural networks and further network architectures which are relevant in a wide range of specialized application scenarios.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- comprehend the fundamental building blocks of neural networks.
- understand concepts in deep learning.
- analyze the relevant deep learning architecture in a wide range of application scenarios.
- create deep learning models.
- utilize alternative methods to train deep learning models.

## Contents

1. Introduction to Neural Network and Deep Learning
  - 1.1 The Biological Brain
  - 1.2 Perceptron and Multi-Layer Perceptrons
2. Network Architectures
  - 2.1 Feed-Forward Networks
  - 2.2 Convolutional Networks
  - 2.3 Recurrent Networks, Memory Cells and LSTMs
3. Neural Network Training
  - 3.1 Weight Initialization and Transfer Function
  - 3.2 Backpropagation and Gradient Descent
  - 3.3 Regularization and Overtraining

4. Alternative Training Methods
  - 4.1 Attention
  - 4.2 Feedback Alignment
  - 4.3 Synthetic Gradients
  - 4.4 Decoupled Network Interfaces
  
5. Further Network Architectures
  - 5.1 Generative Adversarial Networks
  - 5.2 Autoencoders
  - 5.3 Restricted Boltzmann Machines
  - 5.4 Capsule Networks
  - 5.5 Spiking Networks

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline



**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

## Seminar: Data Science and Society

Module Code: DLMDSSDSS

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Tim Schlippe (Seminar: Data Science and Society)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Seminar: Data Science and Society (DLMDSSDSS01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Written Assessment: Research Essay

Study Format: Distance Learning

Written Assessment: Research Essay

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

In this module, students will reflect on current societal and political implications of the application of data science models. To this end, pertinent topics will be introduced via articles that are then critically evaluated by the students in the form of a written essay.

### Learning Outcomes

#### Seminar: Data Science and Society

On successful completion, students will be able to

- name selected current societal topics and issues in data science.
- explain the influence and impact of data science on society and politics.
- transfer theoretically-acquired knowledge to real-world cases.
- treat in a scientific manner a selected topic in the form of a written essay.
- critically question and discuss current societal and political issues arising from the application of data science techniques.
- develop own problem-solving skills and processes through reflection on the possible impact of their future occupation in the sector of data science.

#### Links to other Modules within the Study Program

This module is similar to other modules in the fields of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

#### Links to other Study Programs of the University

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology fields

## Seminar: Data Science and Society

Course Code: DLMDSSDSS01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

### Course Description

Applications of data science are becoming ubiquitous across virtually all forms of economic and social interaction. Credit rating, consumer behavior analysis, and news feed curation are but a few examples. In this seminar, some of the societal implications of these developments are examined. The course is complemented by several articles and case studies describing current examples of the impact of data science on society. The students learn to independently analyze selected topics and case studies and link them with well-known concepts, as well as critically question and discuss them.

### Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- name selected current societal topics and issues in data science.
- explain the influence and impact of data science on society and politics.
- transfer theoretically-acquired knowledge to real-world cases.
- treat in a scientific manner a selected topic in the form of a written essay.
- critically question and discuss current societal and political issues arising from the application of data science techniques.
- develop own problem-solving skills and processes through reflection on the possible impact of their future occupation in the sector of data science.

### Contents

- The seminar covers current topics concerning the societal impact of data science. Each participant must write a seminar paper on a topic assigned to him/her.

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Turabian, K. L. (2013). A manual for writers of research papers, theses, and dissertations. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Seminar
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Research Essay

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>	
<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Seminar
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Research Essay

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

# IT Project Management

Module Code: DLMCSITPM

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> None	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Carsten Skerra (IT Project Management)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- IT Project Management (DLMBITPAM01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: Distance Learning

Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Organizing the work
- Cost estimation and controlling
- The human factor
- Organizing small and medium projects
- Organizing large projects



### **Learning Outcomes**

#### **IT Project Management**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- critically reflect the status of knowledge on IT project management.
- set up different IT project management formats (small, medium and large projects) and know the methods for managing these different IT projects professionally.
- develop an IT management proposal as the fundament of a professional IT project management concept.
- understand and integrate different IT management project plans (e.g., time plan, cost plan, resources plan, risk plan) and use those plans in an integrative IT project planning and controlling scheme.
- organize and to lead an IT project team and its core and/or extended team members.

#### **Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Computer Science & Software Development

#### **Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field

# IT Project Management

Course Code: DLMBITPAM01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the concepts involved in IT project management. This is achieved through the development of an understanding of the fundamental tenets of project management enhancing the students' ability to apply their knowledge, skills and competencies in analyzing and solving IT project management problems. A special focus is put on the specifics of IT project organization, cost management and the human factor within IT projects.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- critically reflect the status of knowledge on IT project management.
- set up different IT project management formats (small, medium and large projects) and know the methods for managing these different IT projects professionally.
- develop an IT management proposal as the fundament of a professional IT project management concept.
- understand and integrate different IT management project plans (e.g., time plan, cost plan, resources plan, risk plan) and use those plans in an integrative IT project planning and controlling scheme.
- organize and to lead an IT project team and its core and/or extended team members.

## Contents

1. Introduction: Characteristics of IT Projects
  - 1.1 Defining IT Projects
  - 1.2 Overview on Typical Roles and Phases of IT Projects
  - 1.3 Risks and Challenges of IT Projects
  - 1.4 Role of an IT Project Manager
2. Organizing the Work
  - 2.1 Project Breakdown Structure, Work Packages
  - 2.2 Prioritization
  - 2.3 Time Planning, Milestones, Gantt Charts
  - 2.4 Definition of Done
3. Cost Estimation and Controlling

- 3.1 Challenges of Cost Estimation in IT Projects
- 3.2 Estimation Techniques: 3-Point Estimation, Double Blind Expert Estimation, Function Points
- 3.3 Cost Controlling Using Earned Value Analysis
- 3.4 Risk Management
4. The Human Factor
  - 4.1 Vision Keeping
  - 4.2 Stakeholder Management
  - 4.3 Conflict Management
5. Organizing Small and Medium Projects
  - 5.1 Rational Unified Process (RUP)
  - 5.2 Agile Software Processes
  - 5.3 Scrum
  - 5.4 Plan-driven Project Management in Small Projects
6. Organizing Large Projects
  - 6.1 PMBOK Guide
  - 6.2 Prince2
  - 6.3 Multi Project Management
  - 6.4 Agile Software Processes in Large Projects
  - 6.5 Selection of the Appropriate Project Management Method

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Stephens, R. (2015). Beginning software engineering. Wrox, a Wiley Brand.

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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## Project: Technical Project Planning

Module Code: DLMDSETPL1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMBITPAM01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Dorian Mora (Project: Technical Project Planning)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Project: Technical Project Planning (DLMDSETPL01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Portfolio  
Study Format: myStudies  
Portfolio

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

In this course, students learn to apply the project management concepts they learned in previous modules in a real-world project.

**Learning Outcomes****Project: Technical Project Planning**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- apply the concepts of project management to real-world tasks and problems.
- translate the learned theories into the practice of project management.
- analyze a real-world problem and define and implement a project to resolve it.
- appraise the results of a project performed and identify what worked well and what did not.
- explain the work they perform, give its scientific background, and produce adequate documentation.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Project: Technical Project Planning

Course Code: DLMDSETPL01

<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMBITPAM01
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## Course Description

The focus of this course is to apply the project management knowledge gained previously in a practical portfolio project and reflect on the results. Students engage in this portfolio project and document the results, reflecting on the project management concepts they apply and the influence of these concepts on the success of the project.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- apply the concepts of project management to real-world tasks and problems.
- translate the learned theories into the practice of project management.
- analyze a real-world problem and define and implement a project to resolve it.
- appraise the results of a project performed and identify what worked well and what did not.
- explain the work they perform, give its scientific background, and produce adequate documentation.

## Contents

- In this course, students perform and document a portfolio project in which they apply the project management topics covered in previous modules.

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Hinde, D. (2012). PRINCE2 Study Guide. John Wiley & Sons.
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- Schwaber, K. (2004). Agile project management with Scrum. Microsoft Press.



**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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# Data Engineering

Module Code: DLMSEDE1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Georgi Dimchev (Data Engineering)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Data Engineering (DLMSEDE01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Oral Assignment  
Study Format: myStudies  
Oral Assignment

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Principles of Data Engineering
- Paradigms for Data Processing at Scale
- Overview on Data Governance, Security, and Protection
- Common Cloud Platforms
- DataOps Approach

### Learning Outcomes

#### Data Engineering

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the foundational concepts in data engineering.
- categorize important data-processing classes.
- summarize common approaches to data governance and security and contribute to the broader societal discussion on an academic level.
- compare different common public cloud offerings.
- recognize current approaches to data operations (DataOps) including productivity tools to facilitate working in interdisciplinary teams.

#### Links to other Modules within the Study Program

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

#### Links to other Study Programs of the University

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Data Engineering

Course Code: DLMSEDE01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

The focus of this first course in the Data Engineering elective module is to introduce students to important principles, concepts, methods and approaches in this subject domain. In order to achieve this goal, the course moves from an exposition of the foundational principles of data engineering to a thorough treatment of the core data processing classes. Modern architectural paradigms such as Microservices are explained, and important factors in data governance and protection are addressed. In this context, students are enabled to reflect on modern data protection principles and their societal implications and implement these principles into large-scale data-intensive systems. Aspects of cloud computing are introduced via an overview of the most common offerings on the market. Finally, a state-of-the-art agile perspective on the operation of data pipelines is given by an exposition to the emerging notion of DataOps and the productivity tools around it to facilitate working in interdisciplinary teams.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the foundational concepts in data engineering.
- categorize important data-processing classes.
- summarize common approaches to data governance and security and contribute to the broader societal discussion on an academic level.
- compare different common public cloud offerings.
- recognize current approaches to data operations (DataOps) including productivity tools to facilitate working in interdisciplinary teams.

## Contents

1. Foundations of Data Systems
  - 1.1 Reliability
  - 1.2 Scalability
  - 1.3 Maintainability
2. Data Processing at Scale
  - 2.1 Batch Processing
  - 2.2 Stream and Complex Event Processing

3. Microservices
  - 3.1 Introduction to Microservices
  - 3.2 Implementing Microservices
4. Governance & Security
  - 4.1 Data Protection
  - 4.2 Data Security
  - 4.3 Data Governance
5. Common Cloud Platforms & Services
  - 5.1 Amazon AWS
  - 5.2 Google Cloud
  - 5.3 Microsoft Azure
6. Data Ops
  - 6.1 Defining Principles
  - 6.2 Containerization
  - 6.3 Building Data Pipelines

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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## Project: Data Engineering

Module Code: DLMSEDE2

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMSEDE01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Max Pumperla (Project: Data Engineering)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Project: Data Engineering (DLMSEDE02)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Portfolio  
Study Format: myStudies  
Portfolio

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Knowledge transfer and application to practical problems
- Implementation of a data infrastructure building block

**Learning Outcomes****Project: Data Engineering**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- apply the principles of data engineering to a practical application.
- analyze data engineering approaches with respect to a given project task.
- reason about the benefits and drawbacks of solution alternatives for a given implementation task.
- make apposite architectural choices.
- implement aspects of a modern data pipeline abiding by strict data protection principles.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

## Project: Data Engineering

Course Code: DLMDSEDE02

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSEDE01

### Course Description

The second course of the Data Engineering elective module builds upon theoretical and methodological insights from the first course. It provides opportunities for students to put their newly-acquired knowledge into practical application by completing a data engineering project. In order to find an appropriate and viable approach, students will have to reason about and evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of possible architectural choices. Once an informed decision has been met, the chosen approach is implemented as a running piece of data infrastructure.

### Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- apply the principles of data engineering to a practical application.
- analyze data engineering approaches with respect to a given project task.
- reason about the benefits and drawbacks of solution alternatives for a given implementation task.
- make apposite architectural choices.
- implement aspects of a modern data pipeline abiding by strict data protection principles.

### Contents

- The second course of the Data Engineering elective revolves around the implementation of a data engineering project chosen from a set of project suggestions. Students can also contribute their own project ideas.

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Farcic, V. (2016). The DevOps 2.0 toolkit: Automating the continuous deployment pipeline with containerized microservices. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.
- Karau, H., Konwinski, A., Wendell, P., & Zaharia, M. (2015). Learning Spark: Lightning fast data analysis. O'Reilly Media.
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- White, T. (2015). Hadoop: The definitive guide: Storage and analysis at Internet scale (4th ed.). O'Reilly Media.

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b>
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

# Business Intelligence I

Module Code: DLMDSEBA1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Silke Vaas (Business Intelligence I)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Business Intelligence I (DLMDSEBA01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Case Study  
Study Format: myStudies  
Written Assessment: Case Study

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Data acquisition and dissemination
- Data warehouse and multidimensional modeling
- Analytical systems
- Future Business Intelligence Application Areas

**Learning Outcomes****Business Intelligence I**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the motivations and use cases for, as well as fundamentals of, business intelligence.
- explain relevant types of data.
- know and disambiguate techniques and methods for modeling and dissemination of data.
- expound upon the techniques and methods for the generation and storage of information.
- select apposite business intelligence methods for given requirements.
- explain current and future business intelligence application areas.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the fields of Computer Science & Software Development

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology fields



# Business Intelligence I

Course Code: DLMDSEBA01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

Business Intelligence is about the generation of information based on operational data. It is used to enable goal-oriented management practices as well as the optimization of relevant business activities. This course introduces and discusses techniques, methods, and models for data provisioning and the generation, analysis, and dissemination of information.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the motivations and use cases for, as well as fundamentals of, business intelligence.
- explain relevant types of data.
- know and disambiguate techniques and methods for modeling and dissemination of data.
- expound upon the techniques and methods for the generation and storage of information.
- select apposite business intelligence methods for given requirements.
- explain current and future business intelligence application areas.

## Contents

1. Motivation and Introduction
  - 1.1 Motivation and Historical Development of the Field
  - 1.2 Business Intelligence as a Framework
2. Data Provisioning
  - 2.1 Operative and Dispositive Systems
  - 2.2 The Data Warehouse Concept
  - 2.3 Architecture Variants
3. Data Warehouse
  - 3.1 The ETL-Process
  - 3.2 DWH and Data-Mart Concepts
  - 3.3 ODS and Meta-Data
4. Modeling Multidimensional Dataspaces

- 4.1 Data Modeling
- 4.2 OLAP-Cubes
- 4.3 Physical Storage Concepts
- 4.4 Star-Schema and Snowflake-Schema
- 4.5 Historization
- 5. Analytical Systems
  - 5.1 Freeform Data Analysis and OLAP
  - 5.2 Reporting Systems
  - 5.3 Model-Based Analytical Systems
  - 5.4 Concept-Oriented Systems
- 6. Distribution and Access
  - 6.1 Information Distribution
  - 6.2 Information Access
- 7. Current and Future Business Intelligence Application Areas
  - 7.1 Mobile Business Intelligence
  - 7.2 Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics
  - 7.3 Artificial Intelligence
  - 7.4 Agile Business Intelligence

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Grossmann, W., Rinderle-Ma, S. (2015). Fundamentals of Business Intelligence. Berlin/ Heidelberg: Springer.
- Kolb, J. (2013). Business intelligence in plain language: A practical guide to data mining and business analytics. Createspace.
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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Case Study

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Case Study

<b>Student Workload</b>					
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<b>Instructional Methods</b>	
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## Project: Business Intelligence

Module Code: DLMDSEBA2

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMDSEBA01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Silke Vaas (Project: Business Intelligence)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Project: Business Intelligence (DLMDSEBA02)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Portfolio  
Study Format: myStudies  
Portfolio

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

Implementation of a business intelligence use case.

**Learning Outcomes****Project: Business Intelligence**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- transfer knowledge of business intelligence methodology to real-world use cases.
- analyze the suitability of different approaches with respect to the project task.
- critically reason about relevant design choices.
- make apposite architectural choices.
- formulate and implement a business intelligence use case.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the fields of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology fields

# Project: Business Intelligence

Course Code: DLMDSEBA02

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSEBA01

## Course Description

In this course the students will transfer knowledge of business intelligence approaches and methods to the implementation of a real-world business analytical use case. To accomplish this goal, students must look closely at the given task and find an apposite approach by analyzing, evaluating, and comparing different solution strategies and their constituent parts. The found solution then has to be implemented in order to arrive at a running business analytical system.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- transfer knowledge of business intelligence methodology to real-world use cases.
- analyze the suitability of different approaches with respect to the project task.
- critically reason about relevant design choices.
- make apposite architectural choices.
- formulate and implement a business intelligence use case.

## Contents

- This second course in the Business Analyst specialization aims at the practical implementation of a business intelligence project. Students can choose from a list of project topics or contribute their own ideas.

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Kimball, R. (2013). The data warehouse toolkit: The definitive guide to dimensional modeling (3rd ed.). Indianapolis, IN: Wiley.
- Linstedt, D., & Olschimke, M. (2015). Building a scalable data warehouse with Data Vault 2.0. Waltham, MA: Morgan Kaufmann.
- Provost, F. (2013). Data science for business: What you need to know about data mining and data-analytic thinking. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly.
- Sherman, R. (2014). Business intelligence guidebook: From data integration to analytics. Waltham, MA: Morgan Kaufmann.

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b>
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
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<b>Instructional Methods</b>	
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides

## Seminar: Current Topics in Data Science

Module Code: DLMDSSTDS

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Tim Schlippe (Seminar: Current Topics in Data Science)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Seminar: Current Topics in Data Science (DLMDSSTDS01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Written Assessment: Research Essay

Study Format: Distance Learning

Written Assessment: Research Essay

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

In this module, students will reflect on current developments in data science. To this end, pertinent topics will be introduced via articles, that are then critically evaluated by the students in the form of a written essay.

**Learning Outcomes****Seminar: Current Topics in Data Science**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify current research trends and topics in data science.
- outline a selected topic in the form of a written essay.
- explain relevant assumptions and design choices pertaining to the topic of choice.
- relate the chosen topic to comparable approaches.
- name and describe potential applications for the chosen topic's concepts.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the fields of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology fields

## Seminar: Current Topics in Data Science

Course Code: DLMDSSCTDS01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

### Course Description

The theory and applications of data science are constantly evolving, with new models and model variations being proposed at a steady rate. Innovative methodological approaches as well as fresh application possibilities are also being continuously developed. This course aims to familiarize the students with the current trends in this rapidly-changing environment. The students learn to independently analyze selected topics and case studies and link them with well-known concepts, as well as critically question and discuss them.

### Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify current research trends and topics in data science.
- outline a selected topic in the form of a written essay.
- explain relevant assumptions and design choices pertaining to the topic of choice.
- relate the chosen topic to comparable approaches.
- name and describe potential applications for the chosen topic's concepts.

### Contents

- The seminar covers current topics in data science. Each participant must write a seminar paper on a topic assigned to him/her.

### Literature

#### Compulsory Reading

#### Further Reading

- Turabian, K. L. (2013). A manual for writers of research papers, theses, and dissertations. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Swales, J. M., & Feak, C. R. (2012). Academic writing for graduate students, essential tasks and skills. Michigan: University of Michigan Press.
- Bailey, S. (2011). Academic writing for international students of business. New York, NY: Routledge.

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Seminar
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Research Essay

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>	
<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Seminar
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Research Essay

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

# Explainable and Interpretable Machine Learning Models

Module Code: DLMMLEIMLM

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMDSML01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Dr. Maja Popovic (Explainable and Interpretable Machine Learning Models )

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Explainable and Interpretable Machine Learning Models (DLMMLEIMLM01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Explainability
- Accountability
- Interpretability
- Trustworthy AI

**Learning Outcomes****Explainable and Interpretable Machine Learning Models**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the meaning of model explainability and interpretability and their importance for managing biases in the predictions generated by ML models.
- judge the reliability of ML models in generating predictions in different use cases.
- know frameworks such as Lime, SHAP, Skater, ELI5, etc. and be aware of their shortcomings.
- understand regulatory frameworks that address trustworthiness of AI-systems.
- analyze state-of-the-art explainability research.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field



# Explainable and Interpretable Machine Learning Models

Course Code: DLMMLEIMLM01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSML01

## Course Description

In this course students learn about model explainability and interpretability basics, ethical considerations and biases in the predictions generated by AI models. Also, they learn about the reliability of AI models in generating predictions in different use cases. A broad overview highlighting ante-hoc and post-hoc explainability methods, including their shortcomings will be provided. They will know methods and systems to interpret the models that are used in AI, such as non-linear models and time series models. They will know frameworks such as Lime, SHAP, Skater, ELI5, etc. for complex ensemble models, explainability, and interpretability. They will also know about model explainability for unstructured data and natural language processing-related tasks.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the meaning of model explainability and interpretability and their importance for managing biases in the predictions generated by ML models.
- judge the reliability of ML models in generating predictions in different use cases.
- know frameworks such as Lime, SHAP, Skater, ELI5, etc. and be aware of their shortcomings.
- understand regulatory frameworks that address trustworthiness of AI-systems.
- analyze state-of-the-art explainability research.

## Contents

1. Foundations of Explainable AI (XAI)
  - 1.1 Understanding the need for transparency in AI decision-making
  - 1.2 An overview of explainability and interpretability: meaning and limitations
  - 1.3 The Blackbox problem
  - 1.4 Introduction to model complexity, interpretability, and trade-offs
2. Bias in AI Systems
  - 2.1 Identifying sources of bias in data, algorithms, and model deployment and evaluation
  - 2.2 Analyzing the impact of bias on decision-making and fairness
  - 2.3 Mitigation techniques for reducing bias in AI models.

- 2.4 Data quality assessments
- 2.5 Alternative metrics and assurance for model reliability
3. Interpretability Techniques
  - 3.1 Overview of model-agnostic and model-specific interpretability methods
  - 3.2 Feature importance analysis, SHAP values, and LIME explanations
  - 3.3 Visualizing complex models using tools like decision trees and attention maps
  - 3.4 Unresolved issues and challenges of explainability methods
  - 3.5 Implementing explainability methods in real-world scenarios
4. Ethical Considerations in explainability
  - 4.1 Ethical dilemmas in explainability and how to mitigate them
  - 4.2 Challenges related to transparency, accountability, and trustworthiness of AI systems
  - 4.3 Strategies for addressing privacy concerns while maintaining transparency
  - 4.4 The impact of explainability and trustworthy AI on society
5. Regulatory aspects for implementing explainability
  - 5.1 Regulatory guidelines and standards for ensuring to explainability and fairness in AI decision-making processes
  - 5.2 The need for accountability of different end users and sectors
  - 5.3 Mandates for organizations to provide interpretable explanations for AI-generated outcomes
  - 5.4 Reporting and documentation requirements for AI systems, including model architecture, data sources, and decision rules
  - 5.5 Implications of explainability regulations on critical sectors such as finance, healthcare, and criminal justice.
6. Research trends and future considerations
  - 6.1 Interactive XAI methods for engaging users in the decision-making process
  - 6.2 Human-AI collaboration models for enhanced user trust
  - 6.3 Transferability of explanations between different domains and tasks
  - 6.4 Context adaptable algorithms considering different user contexts and application scenarios.
  - 6.5 Combining model-agnostic and model-specific interpretability techniques for hybrid models

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Du, M., Liu, N., & Hu, X. (2019). Techniques for interpretable machine learning. *Communications of the ACM*, 63(1), 68-77.
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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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# 3. Semester

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# Leadership

Module Code: DLMBLSE-02

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> None	<b>Study Level</b> MBA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Muriel Poehler (Leadership)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Leadership (DLMBLSE01-02)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Organizational Behavior
- Motivation
- Justice
- Power Decisions
- Diversity

### **Learning Outcomes**

#### **Leadership**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand behavior of employees from a psychological and sociological point of view.
- apply and reflect several behavioral and motivational theories relevant to the workplace and draw conclusions for management problems.
- raise awareness to workplace issues around justice and apply their knowledge in to their management decisions.
- reflect individual and group mechanisms against the background of diversity.
- develop a deep understanding of decision-making processes and common biases and errors in decision-making.
- critically reflect on conflicts with their processes and patterns, and solve them more effectively.

#### **Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Business Administration & Management.

#### **Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the Business & Management field.

# Leadership

Course Code: DLMBLSE01-02

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MBA	English		5	None

## Course Description

Students will be prepared to take over a leadership role in an organization. Students will be equipped with the psychological foundation of performance and commitment as the most crucial outcome variables in leadership. Based on their psychological understanding, they will develop a deep understanding of resulting social processes such as motivation, conflict, power, and leadership. Solid theoretical foundations will be taught, and students will transfer their theoretical knowledge to work-place problems.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand behavior of employees from a psychological and sociological point of view.
- apply and reflect several behavioral and motivational theories relevant to the workplace and draw conclusions for management problems.
- raise awareness to workplace issues around justice and apply their knowledge in to their management decisions.
- reflect individual and group mechanisms against the background of diversity.
- develop a deep understanding of decision-making processes and common biases and errors in decision-making.
- critically reflect on conflicts with their processes and patterns, and solve them more effectively.

## Contents

1. Organizational Behavior as the Foundation of Leadership
  - 1.1 What Is Organizational Behavior?
  - 1.2 Job Performance
  - 1.3 Organizational Commitment
2. Psychological Mechanisms
  - 2.1 Individual Characteristics
  - 2.2 Individual Mechanisms
  - 2.3 Group Characteristics & Diversity
  - 2.4 Group Mechanisms
  - 2.5 Organization Mechanisms



3. Motivation Concepts
  - 3.1 Self-Determination Theory
  - 3.2 Reinforcement Theory
  - 3.3 Expectancy Theorie
  - 3.4 Motivational Concepts Applied
4. Organizational Justice
  - 4.1 Equity Theory
  - 4.2 Distributive Justice
  - 4.3 Procedural Justice
  - 4.4 Interactional Justice
  - 4.5 Cultural Justice
5. Making and Implementing Decisions
  - 5.1 Perception and Individual Decision-Making
  - 5.2 The Rational Model, Bounded Rationality, and Intuition
  - 5.3 Common Biases and Errors in Decision Making
6. Power and Politics
  - 6.1 Trait Theories of Leadership
  - 6.2 Behavioral Theories
  - 6.3 Contingency Theories
  - 6.4 LMX Theory
  - 6.5 Bases of Power
  - 6.6 The General Dependence Postulate
  - 6.7 Influence Tactics
7. Conflict
  - 7.1 The Conflict Process
  - 7.2 Negotiation in a Social Context

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
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# Strategic Management

Module Code: DLMBSME

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> None	<b>Study Level</b> MBA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Josephine Zhou-Brock (Strategic Management)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Strategic Management (DLMBSME01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Foundations and concepts of strategic management
- Strategic planning process
- International challenges of strategic management

**Learning Outcomes****Strategic Management**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the entire process of strategic planning from the organizational planning, the implementation to the evaluation and controlling.
- apply appropriate analysis tools in order to methodically address specific business decisions in the international business environment, taking intercultural aspects into account.
- analyze the capabilities of various organizations, that operate in different fields, from a functional and resource perspective by evaluating its strengths and weaknesses.
- develop a better understanding of the wider business environment by analyzing the opportunities and threats facing their organization.
- evaluate strategies by employing appropriate controlling tools.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Business Administration & Management.

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the Business & Management field.

# Strategic Management

Course Code: DLMB SME01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MBA	English		5	None

## Course Description

Various methods of strategic market analysis are presented in this course so as to allow students to evaluate risks and opportunities in global markets, highlighting intercultural aspects, by looking at organizations operating in different countries. Students learn to analyze and understand strengths and weaknesses of organizations from various disciplines (products, services, NGOs etc.) that face specific market situations. Supported by new developments in the field of market research, the process for identifying and analyzing core competencies and competitive advantages in national and international environments is discussed at length. Students are supported to plan strategic alternatives and to implement and control these by taking on fictitious roles within various different organizations. Exercises and international case studies help students to identify with the role of management and participate in the strategic planning process as well as in operational management. This helps students understand the problems companies regularly face and comprehend how methods of modern management can be used in order to solve these.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the entire process of strategic planning from the organizational planning, the implementation to the evaluation and controlling.
- apply appropriate analysis tools in order to methodically address specific business decisions in the international business environment, taking intercultural aspects into account.
- analyze the capabilities of various organizations, that operate in different fields, from a functional and resource perspective by evaluating its strengths and weaknesses.
- develop a better understanding of the wider business environment by analyzing the opportunities and threats facing their organization.
- evaluate strategies by employing appropriate controlling tools.

## Contents

1. What is Strategy?
  - 1.1 What is a Corporate Strategy?
  - 1.2 What Has to be Taken into Consideration when Making Strategic Decisions?
  - 1.3 Who Takes Part in Developing a Strategy?
  - 1.4 What is Included in a Solid Strategic Plan?

2. The Strategic Environment
  - 2.1 Where Are We in the Market Place? The Macroenvironment
  - 2.2 Where Are We in the Market Place? The Microenvironment
  - 2.3 Analysis, Strategic Capabilities, and the Five Forces Model
3. The Position in the Market
  - 3.1 Why Do We Exist?
  - 3.2 What is Our Position in the Market?
  - 3.3 What Information Does the Company Need?
  - 3.4 What Capabilities Does the Company Have?
  - 3.5 What Capabilities Do Others Have?
4. What Strategic Options Are Available to the Strategic Business Unit (SBU)?
  - 4.1 What Strategic Options Does the SBU Have?
  - 4.2 Interactive Strategies
  - 4.3 Product Life Cycle
5. What Strategic Options Are Available to the Corporation?
  - 5.1 Areas to Consider When Formulating a Strategy
  - 5.2 Strategic Options
  - 5.3 Outsourcing
  - 5.4 Product Portfolio Analysis Using the BCG Matrix
  - 5.5 Product Portfolio Analysis Using the GE-McKinsey Matrix
6. What International Strategies Are Available?
  - 6.1 Why Do Companies Go International?
  - 6.2 What Factors Contribute to the Decision About Which Country to Invest In?
  - 6.3 How Can a Company Invest Internationally?
7. Do-It-Yourself, Buy, or Ally?
  - 7.1 Do-It-Yourself
  - 7.2 Mergers and Acquisitions (M&As)
  - 7.3 Strategic Alliances
  - 7.4 How to Decide Whether to Buy, Alley, or Do-It-Yourself?
8. How to Evaluate Strategies?
  - 8.1 How to Evaluate Strategy?
  - 8.2 Implementing Strategy



**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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# Global Brand Management

Module Code: DLMBSPBE1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Caterina Fox (Global Brand Management)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Global Brand Management (DLMBSPBE01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

**Module Contents**

For most companies, a major opportunity to grow their business involves looking for possibilities outside their native country. However, taking brands beyond national boundaries presents a new set of branding issues as the global marketplace is constantly changing. At the same time, various forms of regionalization are taking place, adding another layer of complexity to managing a brand portfolio. Arguably, products, pricing and distribution are increasingly becoming commodities and the new competitive arena is brand value, creating long-term, profitable brand relationships. Ultimately, strong brands will transcend industries and provide an organization with one of its most valuable assets. This course ultimately aims to introduce students to the differentiation of products and services in a world of alternatives and the benefits/disadvantages of providing customers with the power of choice.

**Learning Outcomes****Global Brand Management**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- analyze brands, brand components and brand management.
- examine how brands are positioned and re-positioned in regional, national and international markets and explore the concept of shared- and co-operative branding.
- promote the importance of brand valuation and measurement techniques within their company.
- form and apply tactics to address brand falsification and protection as well as to develop strategies to manage a brand crisis.
- analyze the main challenges facing international brands, and be able to measure their brand equity
- understand the factors that contribute to increasing or losing consumer-based brand equity.
- analyze a company's current brand strategy and propose viable alternatives as well as make informed decisions with greater probability of success.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field(s) of Marketing & Sales

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the Marketing field(s)

# Global Brand Management

Course Code: DLMBSPBE01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

For most companies, a major opportunity to grow their business involves looking for possibilities outside their native country. However, taking brands beyond national boundaries presents a new set of branding issues as the global marketplace is constantly changing. At the same time, various forms of regionalization are taking place, adding another layer of complexity to managing a brand portfolio. Arguably, products, pricing and distribution are increasingly becoming commodities and the new competitive arena is brand value, creating long-term, profitable brand relationships. Ultimately, strong brands will transcend industries and provide an organization with one of its most valuable assets. This course ultimately aims to introduce students to the differentiation of products and services in a world of alternatives and the benefits/disadvantages of providing customers with the power of choice.

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## Contents

1. Introduction to Global Brand Management
  - 1.1 Brand, Brand Equity, and Brand Value
  - 1.2 Brand Management and Brand Leadership
  - 1.3 Integrating Marketing Activities
2. Culture and Branding

- 2.1 What is Culture?
- 2.2 Culture and Consumer Behavior
- 2.3 The Global-Local Dilemma of Branding
3. Creating Global Brands
  - 3.1 Brand Positioning
  - 3.2 Designing and Implementing Stages of Branding Strategies
  - 3.3 Choosing Brand Elements to Build Brand Equity
  - 3.4 Designing Marketing Programs to Build Brand Equity
4. Managing Global Brands
  - 4.1 Branding Strategy
  - 4.2 Brand Hierarchy
  - 4.3 Business-to-Business (B2B) Brand Management Strategies
5. Growing and Sustaining Brand Equity
  - 5.1 Extending the Brand
  - 5.2 Brand Alliances
  - 5.3 Green and Cause Marketing
6. Measuring Global Brand Equity and Performance
  - 6.1 Brand Equity Measurement Systems
  - 6.2 Measuring Sources of Brand Equity
  - 6.3 Measuring Outcomes of Brand Equity
7. Brand Analysis and Strategy Across Multiple Markets: A Managerial Approach
  - 7.1 Internal Analysis
  - 7.2 External Analysis
  - 7.3 Global Brand Management Scenarios
8. Managing a Brand Crisis
  - 8.1 Revitalizing a Brand
  - 8.2 Brand Falsification
  - 8.3 Brand Protection Strategies
  - 8.4 Brand Crises

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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# Sales and Pricing

Module Code: DLMBSPBE2

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Thomas Bolz (Sales and Pricing)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Sales and Pricing (DLMBSPBE02)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

**Module Contents**

Establishing and maintaining a competitive customer interface is one of the major challenges for every company to assure successful revenue- and profit-management. The course will allow students to understanding the optimization levers of the customer interface. This includes advanced methods of market- and customer segmentation, channel management including the design, setup and optimization of a customer oriented sales organization (e.g. key account management), practices for sales-force-effectiveness, sales optimization levers, e.g. for customer penetration, and methods for price-differentiation and -realization. The course incorporates case-studies and practice related data and for each optimization lever, students are introduced to a comprehensive tool-box approach. The tool box for each lever contains the required theory, a set of basic analyses and the application of best-practice examples and metrics.

**Learning Outcomes****Sales and Pricing**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify the key-success factors for modern sales organizations.
- describe the relationship between segmentation and the design of an appropriate sales organization.
- execute respective analyses and apply improvement levers.
- demonstrate the use of the tool-boxes for the respective optimization levers.
- identify major characteristics of a high-performance sales organization.
- conduct decisive analyses to assess the strength and weaknesses of a sales organization and identify respective optimization levers.
- implement the required organizational and process-related improvement levers.
- measure the performance of a sales-organization using established methods, KPIs and metrics.
- apply fundamental concepts of international pricing.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field(s) of Marketing & Sales

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the Marketing field(s)

# Sales and Pricing

Course Code: DLMBSPBE02

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

Establishing and maintaining a competitive customer interface is one of the major challenges for every company to assure successful revenue- and profit-management. The course will allow students to understand the optimization levers of the customer interface. This includes advanced methods of market- and customer segmentation, channel management including the design, setup and optimization of a customer oriented sales organization (e.g. key account management), practices for sales-force-effectiveness, sales optimization levers, e.g. for customer penetration, and methods for price-differentiation and -realization. The course incorporates case-studies and practice related data and for each optimization lever, students are introduced to a comprehensive tool-box approach. The tool box for each lever contains the required theory, a set of basic analyses and the application of best-practice examples and metrics.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify the key-success factors for modern sales organizations.
- describe the relationship between segmentation and the design of an appropriate sales organization.
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- demonstrate the use of the tool-boxes for the respective optimization levers.
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- implement the required organizational and process-related improvement levers.
- measure the performance of a sales-organization using established methods, KPIs and metrics.
- apply fundamental concepts of international pricing.

## Contents

1. Segmentation
  - 1.1 Customer Segmentation
  - 1.2 Selection of Market Segments for Market Entry
  - 1.3 Development of Market Segments
2. Channel Management

- 2.1 Distribution System as a Function of the Products Sold
  - 2.2 Selection of Distribution Partners
  - 2.3 Professionalization and Mobilization of Distribution Partners
  - 2.4 Control of Distribution Partners
3. Sales Force Effectiveness
  - 3.1 Sales Strategy
  - 3.2 Sales Process
  - 3.3 Sales Organization
  - 3.4 Sales Information and Management Systems
  - 3.5 Sales Controlling
4. Sales Optimization Levers
  - 4.1 Key Account Management
  - 4.2 Proactive Sales
  - 4.3 Value-Based Selling
  - 4.4 Online Sales Tools
5. Fundamentals of International Pricing
  - 5.1 Pricing Strategies
  - 5.2 Pricing for Market Segments
  - 5.3 Transaction Pricing and Managing the Price Waterfall
  - 5.4 Price Differentiation and Standardization in an International Context
6. Special Topics in International Pricing
  - 6.1 Gray Markets
  - 6.2 Transfer Pricing
  - 6.3 Price Wars
  - 6.4 Innovative Pricing Methods
  - 6.5 Risks in International Business

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

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**Study Format myStudies**

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# International Consumer Behavior

Module Code: DLMBCBR1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Caterina Fox (International Consumer Behavior)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- International Consumer Behavior (DLMBCBR01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Consumer Behavior
- The Consumer Decision-Making Process
- Internal Influences on Consumer Behavior
- External Influences on Consumer Behavior
- International Consumer Behavior
- International Marketing Strategy and Consumer Behavior

### **Learning Outcomes**

#### **International Consumer Behavior**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- outline the purchase decision-making process undertaken by the consumer.
- describe the internal and external influences on the consumer decision-making processes.
- identify the different research methods available to companies to collect relevant data regarding their consumers and their behavior
- develop a plan to generate required market research data regarding consumer behavior and decision-making.
- be able to generate, analyze, interpret and report relevant data regarding consumers.
- present the key concepts characterizing international consumer behavior and discuss their impact on global marketing strategies.

#### **Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the fields of Marketing & Sales

#### **Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the fields of Marketing & Communication

# International Consumer Behavior

Course Code: DLMBCBR01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

In a global economy characterized by greater competition, companies operating internationally need comprehensive market-driven strategies to survive in the market place. The course provides students with the relevant concepts for understanding the international environment of the company with focus on the demand side/the consumer. Students learn how differences in culture, economic systems, and political environments impact consumers' behavior in terms of decision-making in the fields of acquisition, consumption, and disposal of products, services, experiences, and ideas.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- outline the purchase decision-making process undertaken by the consumer.
- describe the internal and external influences on the consumer decision-making processes.
- identify the different research methods available to companies to collect relevant data regarding their consumers and their behavior
- develop a plan to generate required market research data regarding consumer behavior and decision-making.
- be able to generate, analyze, interpret and report relevant data regarding consumers.
- present the key concepts characterizing international consumer behavior and discuss their impact on global marketing strategies.

## Contents

1. Consumer Behavior
  - 1.1 Consumer Behavior and International Marketing
  - 1.2 Consumer Decision-Making in the Marketplace
2. The Consumer Decision-Making Process
  - 2.1 The Pre-Purchase Stage
  - 2.2 The Purchase Stage
  - 2.3 The Post-Purchase Stage
3. Internal Influences on Consumer Behavior
  - 3.1 Motives and Motivation

- 3.2 Perception
- 3.3 Attitude
4. External Influences on Consumer Behavior
  - 4.1 Culture
  - 4.2 Subculture
  - 4.3 Groups and Families
5. International Consumer Behavior
  - 5.1 Cultural Dimensions
  - 5.2 The Influence of Social Media on Consumer Decision-Making
6. International Marketing Strategy and Consumer Behavior
  - 6.1 International Market Segmentation and Product Positioning
  - 6.2 Consumer Behavior and Product Strategy
  - 6.3 Consumer Behavior and Communication Strategy
  - 6.4 Consumer Behavior and Pricing Strategy
  - 6.5 Consumer Behavior and Distribution Strategy

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Schiffman, L. G., & Kanuk, L. L. (2014). Consumer behavior. Frenchs Forest.: Pearson Education Australia.
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## Applied Marketing Research

Module Code: DLMBCBR2

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Caterina Fox (Applied Marketing Research)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Applied Marketing Research (DLMBCBR02)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- The Role of Marketing Research in Managerial Decision-Making
- Problem Definition and the Marketing Research Process
- Secondary Data and Qualitative Research
- Survey Research and the Concept of Measurement
- Observational Research
- Sampling Issues, Data Processing, and Fundamental Data Analysis
- Communicating the Research Results

**Learning Outcomes****Applied Marketing Research**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- recognize and promote the importance of marketing research methodologies in supporting key marketing management decisions.
- identify some of the challenges of marketing research in an international environment.
- identify appropriate analysis tools for a given marketing related problem on a strategic and operational level.
- identify errors made in the research process.
- outline the stages of the marketing research process.
- identify ethical problems in a marketing research situation and propose an ethically sound approach.
- propose a research design to study a particular research question.
- compare and contrast different research methods.
- recommend good practice for a variety of research techniques.
- design questionnaires with sound measurement properties.
- interpret results of advanced marketing research efforts.
- transfer the gained insights into their future international work environment.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the fields of Marketing & Sales

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the fields of Marketing & Communication



# Applied Marketing Research

Course Code: DLMBCBR02

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

In a global economy characterized by greater competition, companies operating internationally need comprehensive market-driven strategies in order to survive in the market place. The course allows students to explore marketing research, the information-gathering arm of marketing practice. The topic is viewed primarily from the perspective of a consumer of marketing research, i.e. a busy manager who needs information to guide decision making. Given their role in decision-making regarding marketing and sourcing marketing research, it is helpful for managers to understand how producers of research approach the process. This background will help you as a manager to become a better-informed consumer of research who is able to participate in research design, evaluate the quality of marketing information that crosses your desk, and conduct marketing research projects yourself when appropriate.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- recognize and promote the importance of marketing research methodologies in supporting key marketing management decisions.
- identify some of the challenges of marketing research in an international environment.
- identify appropriate analysis tools for a given marketing related problem on a strategic and operational level.
- identify errors made in the research process.
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- identify ethical problems in a marketing research situation and propose an ethically sound approach.
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- interpret results of advanced marketing research efforts.
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## Contents

1. The Role of Marketing Research in Managerial Decision-Making
  - 1.1 The Importance of Marketing Research in Decision-Making
  - 1.2 The Institutions Involved in Marketing Research

- 1.3 Common Challenges in Conducting Marketing Research
2. Problem Definition and the Marketing Research Process
  - 2.1 From Problem Recognition to Research Objectives: Step One
  - 2.2 From Research Design to Follow-Up: Steps Two to Six
  - 2.3 Forward and Backward Linkages in the Marketing Research Process
3. Secondary Data and Qualitative Research
  - 3.1 Advantages and Limitations of Secondary Data
  - 3.2 Definition and Types of Qualitative Research
  - 3.3 Limitations of Qualitative Research
4. Survey Research and the Concept of Measurement
  - 4.1 Survey Errors and Their Impact on Research Outcomes
  - 4.2 Measurement Scales
  - 4.3 Questionnaire Design
5. Observational Research
  - 5.1 Observational Research Defined
  - 5.2 Approaches to Observational Research
  - 5.3 Advantages and Limitations of Observational Research
6. Sampling Issues, Data Processing, and Fundamental Data Analysis
  - 6.1 Sampling Methods and Types of Samples
  - 6.2 Data Processing Issues
  - 6.3 Fundamental Data Analysis
7. Communicating the Research Results
  - 7.1 The Major Steps in Communicating the Results
  - 7.2 Organization of the Research Report
  - 7.3 The Marketing Research Presentation

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

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# Corporate Finance

Module Code: DLMINRE

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> None	<b>Study Level</b> MBA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. David Florysiak (Corporate Finance)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Corporate Finance (DLMINRE01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Portfolio and capital market theory
- Financing and capital structure
- Company assessment procedures
- Acquisition, corporate control, and governance
- Finance planning

**Learning Outcomes****Corporate Finance**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- know the key components of corporate finance.
- use financial mathematical methods.
- apply the previously learned methods by using selected data sets and case studies.
- understand the capital structures of a corporation as well as their need to make investment and funding decisions.
- apply the common methods of business valuation and understand the basics of mergers & acquisitions.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Finance & Tax Accounting.

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Business & Management field.

# Corporate Finance

Course Code: DLMINRE01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MBA	English		5	None

## Course Description

How is funding provided to a corporate activity? How much loan capital and/or own capital does one need? Which projects are worth investing in? What is the actual value of a company? What instruments are available to measure the value of a company and assess financial markets? How can one ensure an optimal balance between the competing goals of liquidity, safety, yield, and growth? This course offers answers to these and other complex questions on the topic of financing and investing. The introduction deals with portfolio selection and capital market theory. With this theoretical foundation, various financing types and capital structures are then explained in detail. Well-known corporate assessment procedures, such as the discounted cash flow method, are presented, as are different calculations that can be used to inform decision making. A critical element of the course is the topic of mergers and acquisitions. Case studies are included to illustrate which parties are typically involved in a merger or acquisition and what criteria is used to determine the success of such a venture. The course concludes with the topic of finance planning.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- know the key components of corporate finance.
- use financial mathematical methods.
- apply the previously learned methods by using selected data sets and case studies.
- understand the capital structures of a corporation as well as their need to make investment and funding decisions.
- apply the common methods of business valuation and understand the basics of mergers & acquisitions.

## Contents

1. Portfolio and Capital Market Theory
  - 1.1 Capital Markets and Informational Efficiency
  - 1.2 Portfolio Theory
  - 1.3 CAPM
2. Stock and Portfolio Analysis
  - 2.1 Measures of Risk and Performance

- 2.2 Stock Analysis
- 3. Optimal Capital Structure
  - 3.1 Capital Structure Based on the Traditional Theorem
  - 3.2 Capital Structure According to Modigliani/Miller
  - 3.3 Neo-Institutional Capital Structure Model
- 4. Types of Financing
  - 4.1 Internal and External Financing
  - 4.2 Debt Financing
  - 4.3 Equity Financing
  - 4.4 Additional Financing Options
- 5. Capital Budgeting
  - 5.1 Fundamental Concepts
  - 5.2 Static Capital Budgeting Methods
  - 5.3 Dynamic Investment Calculation Methods
- 6. Business Valuation
  - 6.1 Purpose and Methods of Business Valuation
  - 6.2 Individual Valuation Methods
  - 6.3 Total Valuation Methods
  - 6.4 Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)
- 7. Corporate Control and M&A
  - 7.1 The Market for Corporate Control: Mergers and Acquisitions
  - 7.2 Motivations for M&A Transactions
  - 7.3 Phases of M&A Transactions
- 8. Specific Forms of M&A, Private Equity, Due Diligence, and IPOs
  - 8.1 Due Diligence
  - 8.2 Friendly and Hostile Takeovers, LBOs, MBOs, and MBIs, and IPOs
  - 8.3 Private Equity & Venture Capital Companies
- 9. Corporate Governance
  - 9.1 Internal and External Corporate Governance
  - 9.2 Example of Legal Basis: Sarbanes Oxley Act (SOX)
  - 9.3 Effect on the Company Performance and the Significance of Ownership Structures
  - 9.4 Additional Financing Options



## 10. Financial Planning

10.1 Principles of Financial Planning

10.2 Cash Budgeting

10.3 Projected Financial Statements and Ratios

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Brealey, R., Myers, S. C., & Allen, F. (2016). Principles of corporate finance (12th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Education.
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## Advanced Corporate Finance

Module Code: DLMBCFIE1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Andreas Simon (Advanced Corporate Finance)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Advanced Corporate Finance (DLMBCFIE01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Financing decisions and issuing securities
- Debt financing and leasing
- Options and futures
- Takeovers, corporate control, and governance
- Unsolved issues and the future of finance

### Learning Outcomes

#### Advanced Corporate Finance

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify methods of issuing corporate debt and equity securities, and understand the role of financial intermediaries.
- discuss dividend policy and corporate capital structure in perfect markets vis-à-vis imperfect markets.
- utilize a range of tools for valuing different kinds of debt.
- describe various financing options and their different forms of application in the context of corporate finance.
- discuss mergers and takeovers and the role of different parties involved in the transaction process.

#### Links to other Modules within the Study Program

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Finance & Tax Accounting

#### Links to other Study Programs of the University

All Master Programmes in the Business & Management field

# Advanced Corporate Finance

Course Code: DLMBCFIE01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

The last decade has seen fundamental changes in financial markets and financial instruments. Both the theory and practice of corporate finance have been moving ahead with uncommon speed. Participants will be guided through the main areas of modern financial theory, including the pricing of assets and derivatives, corporate financial policy, and corporate control. The course emphasizes the modern fundamentals of the theory of finance and brings the theory to life with contemporary examples.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify methods of issuing corporate debt and equity securities, and understand the role of financial intermediaries.
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## Contents

1. Financing Decisions and Issuing Securities
  - 1.1 Types of Corporate Financing
  - 1.2 Corporations and Issuing Shares
  - 1.3 Corporations and Issuing Debt Securities
2. Dividend Policy and Capital Structure
  - 2.1 What's Your Dividend Policy?
  - 2.2 What's Your Debt Policy?
  - 2.3 Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)
  - 2.4 Corporate and Personal Taxes
  - 2.5 Capital Structure and Related Theories

3. Debt Financing and Leasing
  - 3.1 Debt Valuation
  - 3.2 Rating Debt
  - 3.3 Different Kinds of Debt and Hybrid Securities
  - 3.4 Leasing as a Form of Corporate Finance
4. Options and Futures
  - 4.1 Derivative Financial Instruments, Options and Futures
  - 4.2 Valuing Options, the Binomial Model, the Black-Scholes Formula
  - 4.3 Real Options
5. Takeovers, Corporate Control, and Governance
  - 5.1 Mergers and Acquisitions
  - 5.2 LBOs, Management Buyouts, and Going Private
  - 5.3 Private Equity and the Venture Capitalist
  - 5.4 Empirical Testing of Takeover Success
  - 5.5 Corporate Governance and Corporate Control
6. Unsolved Issues and the Future of Finance
  - 6.1 What Do We Know and What Do We Not Know About Finance?
  - 6.2 The Future of Finance

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Brealey, R., Myers, S. C., & Allen, F. (2016). Principles of corporate finance (12th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Education.
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**Study Format myStudies**

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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests

# Change Management & Organizational Development

Module Code: DLMCMO1\_E

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Stefanie Rödel (Change Management & Organizational Development)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Change Management & Organizational Development (DLMCMO01\_E)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Basics of Change Management and Organizational Development
- Theoretical Models of Organizational Development
- Theoretical Models of Change Management
- Instruments and Methods
- Organizational Implementation
- Success Control of Change Management and Organizational Development
- Special Features in International Companies

### Learning Outcomes

#### Change Management & Organizational Development

On successful completion, students will be able to

- contextualize areas of Change Management and Organizational Development within the overall context of Human Resources Management.
- explain goals, methods and instruments of Change Management and Organizational Development.
- understand the current characteristics and transformation of Change Management and Organizational Development.
- name alternative instruments of Change Management and Organizational Development and know how to implement Change Management and Organizational Development.
- name the instruments and problems of measuring the success of Change Management and Organizational Development.
- explain the specifics of Change Management and Organizational Development in international companies.

#### Links to other Modules within the Study Program

This module is similar to other modules in the field Business Administration & Management

#### Links to other Study Programs of the University

All Master Programs in the Business & Management field

# Change Management & Organizational Development

Course Code: DLMCMO01\_E

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

Considering the current conditions, companies, both large enterprises and SMEs, are constantly confronted with the need to continuously evolve and to adapt and change the organization or structure accordingly. These transformation processes are often perceived as painful, especially by the company's employees: Uncertainties, resistance and fears arise. With the help of concepts and methods for Change Management and Organizational Development, these negative consequences of change processes can be mitigated. The aim of the course is to present this understanding to students and provide them with the necessary "tools" to implement activities related to Change Management and Organizational Development.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- contextualize areas of Change Management and Organizational Development within the overall context of Human Resources Management.
- explain goals, methods and instruments of Change Management and Organizational Development.
- understand the current characteristics and transformation of Change Management and Organizational Development.
- name alternative instruments of Change Management and Organizational Development and know how to implement Change Management and Organizational Development.
- name the instruments and problems of measuring the success of Change Management and Organizational Development.
- explain the specifics of Change Management and Organizational Development in international companies.

## Contents

1. Basics of Change Management and Organizational Development
  - 1.1 External and Internal Conditions
  - 1.2 Definition and Goals of Change Management and Organizational Development
  - 1.3 Causes for and Barriers of Change in Organizations
2. Theoretical Models of Organizational Development
  - 2.1 Classical Organizational Approaches

- 2.2 Modern Organizational Approaches
- 2.3 Current Topics of the Organizational Structures
- 3. Theoretical Models of Change Management
  - 3.1 Four Types of Organizational Change
  - 3.2 Phase Model for Change Management According to Lewin
  - 3.3 Cause-Effect-Model for Performance and Change According to Burke/Litwin
  - 3.4 Two Psychological Models of Organizational Change
- 4. Instruments and Methods
  - 4.1 Procedure for Implementing Change
  - 4.2 Change Communication
  - 4.3 Further Tools for Implementing Change
- 5. Organizational Implementation
  - 5.1 Organizational Barriers and Resistance
  - 5.2 Structures and Responsibilities
  - 5.3 Conflict Management: Communication in Transformation Processes
- 6. Success Control of Change Management and Organizational Development
  - 6.1 Key Figures and KPIs
  - 6.2 Expansion and Contraction in Change Management/Key Figures in The St. Gallen Management Model According to Bleicher
  - 6.3 Other Topics in Performance Review
- 7. Special Features in International Companies
  - 7.1 Cultural Dimensions according to Hofstede
  - 7.2 Communication in International Change Projects

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Al-Haddad, S. & Kotnour, T. (2015). Integrating the Organizational Change Literature: A Model for Successful Change. In: *Journal of Organizational Change Management*, 28/2, pp. 234–262.
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- Hughes, M. (2019). *The Leadership of Organizational Change*. Routledge, New York.
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- *The Oxford Handbook of Organizational Change and Innovation*.

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b>	<b>Learning Material</b>	<b>Exam Preparation</b>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests
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# Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Module Code: DLMBIE-01

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> None	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Lena Bernhofer (Innovation and Entrepreneurship)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Innovation and Entrepreneurship (DLMBIE01-01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Innovation management and entrepreneurship in a globalized world
- Basics of entrepreneurship
- Business ideas and company foundations
- Financing sources and processes
- Internet, digital business, and artificial intelligence
- Strategic alliances
- Family-owned companies



## Learning Outcomes

### Innovation and Entrepreneurship

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the importance, fundamentals, and dimensions of entrepreneurship and its derivatives (intrapreneurship, corporate entrepreneurship, stakeholder relationships, and family businesses).
- analyze the opportunities and challenges associated with evaluating a business idea and setting up a business.
- distinguish between the different motivations behind entrepreneurial activity and develop specific objectives for new enterprises.
- develop a business model, including benchmarks for assessing desired sustainable growth.
- apply different legal forms to business start-ups and select the appropriate legal form for a specific business model.
- understand the different ways in which entrepreneurship and innovation can be financed and weigh them against each other in terms of medium- and long-term advantages and disadvantages.
- develop a rigorous business plan that can be used both as a planning and financing instrument.
- apply, in principle, an entrepreneurial mindset in a variety of different contexts of future professional development.

#### Links to other Modules within the Study Program

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Business Administration & Management.

#### Links to other Study Programs of the University

All Master Programmes in the Business & Management field.

# Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Course Code: DLMBIE01-01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	None

## Course Description

In today's globalized and digital world, entrepreneurs have more opportunities to develop and market products and services than ever before. However, entrepreneurship, whether in the form of entrepreneurship or intrapreneurship, presents special challenges. In order to avoid the typical pitfalls of starting and growing a business, a sound understanding of innovation management and building a business is essential. Particular attention must be paid to the financing of entrepreneurial activity, both from the perspective of the entrepreneur and the investor. Innovation and entrepreneurial activity are the basis and driving force of our economy. Even looking at other economies, it is obvious that innovation and entrepreneurship are crucial at every stage of economic development. Small enterprises in developing countries initiate the development of economic institutions and create supply, demand, and markets. These enterprises lay the foundation for economic development and growth. In developed economies, innovation and entrepreneurship are the driving forces behind competition and competitiveness in the global context. In all parts of the world, family businesses play the most important role. The rapid technological and social change present in our societies requires the innovative use of digital technologies (internet and artificial intelligence), as well as flexibility in handling new forms of organization (e.g., strategic alliances between companies). This course introduces students to the ideas behind, motives, and drivers of entrepreneurial activity and innovation and teaches them the practical aspects of the identification, analysis, and development of innovations and business ideas. The core competence of the entrepreneur—the ability to negotiate with investors and partners—is also addressed.

**Course Outcomes**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the importance, fundamentals, and dimensions of entrepreneurship and its derivatives (intrapreneurship, corporate entrepreneurship, stakeholder relationships, and family businesses).
- analyze the opportunities and challenges associated with evaluating a business idea and setting up a business.
- distinguish between the different motivations behind entrepreneurial activity and develop specific objectives for new enterprises.
- develop a business model, including benchmarks for assessing desired sustainable growth.
- apply different legal forms to business start-ups and select the appropriate legal form for a specific business model.
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- develop a rigorous business plan that can be used both as a planning and financing instrument.
- apply, in principle, an entrepreneurial mindset in a variety of different contexts of future professional development.

**Contents**

1. Entrepreneurship
  - 1.1 Entrepreneurship and entrepreneur
  - 1.2 Enterprise related theories of entrepreneurship
  - 1.3 The economic significance of entrepreneurship
2. Company formation strategy
  - 2.1 Different contexts in which companies are founded
  - 2.2 The Entrepreneur
  - 2.3 Business models and strategies
3. Innovation and innovation management
  - 3.1 Innovation
  - 3.2 Innovation management
  - 3.3 Protection of intellectual property
  - 3.4 Case study: BMW Empathic Design
4. Legal form in international comparison
  - 4.1 Germany
  - 4.2 International comparison: USA

5. Financing entrepreneurial activity I: Sources of finance
  - 5.1 Incubators, accelerators and crowdfunding
  - 5.2 Business angels
  - 5.3 Private equity and corporate venture capital
  - 5.4 Public start-up support
6. Financing entrepreneurial activity II: Financing processes
  - 6.1 The investor view: Deal sourcing and deal screening
  - 6.2 The entrepreneurial view: Negotiations with investors
  - 6.3 The evaluation of business start-ups
7. The business plan
  - 7.1 Purpose and objectives of the business plan
  - 7.2 Expectations regarding the business plan
  - 7.3 Structure and content of the business plan
  - 7.4 Guidelines for creating a business plan
8. Digital business models and artificial intelligence
  - 8.1 e-Business
  - 8.2 Artificial intelligence
  - 8.3 The Globotics Evolution
9. Cooperative strategy: Alliances and joint ventures
  - 9.1 Cooperative strategy
  - 9.2 The right “fit”
  - 9.3 The right “form”
10. Family-owned company
  - 10.1 Definitions
  - 10.2 Economic significance
  - 10.3 Strengths and weaknesses

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Mariotti, S., & Glackin, C. (2016). *Entrepreneurship: Starting & operating a small business* (4th ed.). Pearson.
- Parker, S. C. (2009). *The economics of entrepreneurship* (pp. 1–28). Cambridge University Press.
- Scarborough, N. M., & Cornwall, J. R. (2019). *Essentials of entrepreneurship and small business management* (9th ed.). Pearson.

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b>	<b>Learning Material</b>	<b>Exam Preparation</b>
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# NLP and Computer Vision

Module Code: DLMAINLPCV

Module Type	Admission Requirements	Study Level	CP	Student Workload
see curriculum	DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMDSML01	MA	5	150 h

Semester / Term	Duration	Regularly offered in	Language of Instruction and Examination
see curriculum	Minimum 1 semester	WiSe/SoSe	English

## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Tim Schlippe (NLP and Computer Vision)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- NLP and Computer Vision (DLMAINLPCV01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning

Oral Assignment

Study Format: myStudies

Oral Assignment

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Important methods in computer vision and NLP
- Relevant applications in both domains
- Security and privacy implications of computer vision and NLP



**Learning Outcomes****NLP and Computer Vision**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- name important problems in natural language and image processing.
- recognize the common algorithms and methods to address said problems.
- understand common use-case scenarios in which NLP and computer vision techniques are applied.
- analyze the advantages and drawbacks of various NLP and computer vision algorithms.
- reflect on pertinent implications of NLP and computer vision technology with respect to privacy and security.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field

# NLP and Computer Vision

Course Code: DLMAINLPCV01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMSML01

## Course Description

This course elucidates contemporary approaches to computer vision and natural language processing. In order to achieve this goal, two problem domains are introduced with a comprehensive overview on related topics and techniques. It is then demonstrated how related tasks arise in relevant application scenarios. Finally, an outlook on privacy and security aspects is provided in order to sensitize the students to pressing questions in this domain.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- name important problems in natural language and image processing.
- recognize the common algorithms and methods to address said problems.
- understand common use-case scenarios in which NLP and computer vision techniques are applied.
- analyze the advantages and drawbacks of various NLP and computer vision algorithms.
- reflect on pertinent implications of NLP and computer vision technology with respect to privacy and security.

## Contents

1. Introduction to NLP
  - 1.1 What is NLP?
  - 1.2 Regular expressions, tokenization & stop-words
  - 1.3 Bag of Words and word vectors
  - 1.4 N-Grams: Grouping related words
  - 1.5 Word sense disambiguation
  - 1.6 NLP with Python
2. Applications of NLP
  - 2.1 Topic identification and text summary
  - 2.2 Sentiment analysis
  - 2.3 Named entity recognition
  - 2.4 Translation
  - 2.5 Chatbots

3. Introduction to Computer Vision
  - 3.1 What is computer vision?
  - 3.2 Pixels and filters
  - 3.3 Feature detection
  - 3.4 Distortion and calibration
  - 3.5 Multiple & stereo vision
  - 3.6 Computer vision with Python
4. Applications of Computer Vision
  - 4.1 Image classification, motion tracking
  - 4.2 Semantic segmentation
  - 4.3 Object identification & tracking
  - 4.4 Eigenfaces and facial recognition
5. Privacy and Security
  - 5.1 Adversarial image attacks
  - 5.2 Privacy of visual data & privacy preserving visual features
  - 5.3 Wearable and mobile camera privacy

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Bird S., Klein, E., & Loper, E. (2009). Natural language processing with Python. O'Reilly.
- Fisher, R. B., Breckon, T. P., Dawson-Howe, K., Fitzgibbon, A. , Robertson, C. , Trucco, E., & Williams, C. K. I. (2014). Dictionary of computer vision and image processing. Wiley .

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b>	<b>Learning Material</b>	<b>Exam Preparation</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests
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## Advanced NLP and Computer Vision

Module Code: DLMAIANLPCV

Module Type	Admission Requirements	Study Level	CP	Student Workload
see curriculum	DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMDSML01, DLMAINLPCV01	MA	5	150 h

Semester / Term	Duration	Regularly offered in	Language of Instruction and Examination
see curriculum	Minimum 1 semester	WiSe/SoSe	English

### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Tim Schlippe (Advanced NLP and Computer Vision)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Advanced NLP and Computer Vision (DLMAIEAIS01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam or Written Assessment: Written  
Assignment, 90 Minutes

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam or Written Assessment: Written  
Assignment, 90 Minutes

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

<p><b>Module Contents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Machine Translation and Semantic Text Interpretation</li> <li>▪ Recovery of Scene Geometry</li> <li>▪ Semantic Image and Video Analysis</li> <li>▪ Object Tracking</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Learning Outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Advanced NLP and Computer Vision</b></p> <p>On successful completion, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ name core aspects of advanced computer vision and NLP problems and techniques.</li> <li>▪ summarize current approaches to problems in text and speech processing.</li> <li>▪ recognize promising developments in scene understanding and semantic image analysis.</li> <li>▪ remember challenges and solution strategies in single and multiple object tracking.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Links to other Modules within the Study Program</b></p> <p>This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science &amp; Artificial Intelligence</p>	<p><b>Links to other Study Programs of the University</b></p> <p>All Master Programs in the IT &amp; Technology field</p>

# Advanced NLP and Computer Vision

Course Code: DLMAIEAIS01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMSML01, DLMAINLPCV01

## Course Description

This course expands upon the material presented in the introductory NLP and Computer Vision course. With respect to the processing of text, it provides an overview of machine translation and information extraction. Moreover, it addresses signal processing aspects of NLP such as speech recognition and synthesis. Additionally, important concepts from the subject domain of computer vision such as the recovery of scene geometry, the semantic analysis of still and video imagery, and object tracking are discussed.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- name core aspects of advanced computer vision and NLP problems and techniques.
- summarize current approaches to problems in text and speech processing.
- recognize promising developments in scene understanding and semantic image analysis.
- remember challenges and solution strategies in single and multiple object tracking.

## Contents

1. Text Processing
  - 1.1 Machine translation
  - 1.2 Information extraction
2. Speech Signal Processing
  - 2.1 Speech recognition
  - 2.2 Speech synthesis
3. Geometry Reconstruction
  - 3.1 3D reconstruction from 2D images/videos
  - 3.2 Change of perspective
4. Semantic Image Analysis
  - 4.1 Image retrieval
  - 4.2 Semantic segmentation / object detection



- 4.3 Medical imaging analysis
- 4.4 Copyright violation, counterfeit and forgery detection
- 4.5 Face recognition and biometrics

## 5. Tracking

- 5.1 Challenges in tracking
- 5.2 Object representation
- 5.3 Single vs. multiple object tracking

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Bengfort, B., Bilbro, R., & Ojeda, T. (2018). Applied text analysis with Python: Enabling language aware data products with machine learning. O'Reilly.
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam or Written Assessment: Written Assignment, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 100 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 25 h	<b>Self Test</b> 25 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam or Written Assessment: Written Assignment, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 100 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 25 h	<b>Self Test</b> 25 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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# Architectures of Self-Driving Vehicles

Module Code: DLMDSEAAD1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Dr. Jan Hüls (Architectures of Self-Driving Vehicles)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Architectures of Self-Driving Vehicles (DLMDSEAAD01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Architectural Patterns of a Self-Driving Car
- Perception and Motion Control
- Social Impact of Autonomous Vehicles

**Learning Outcomes****Architectures of Self-Driving Vehicles**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- explain and recognize the main components of a self-driving car.
- distinguish the sensor solutions for a self-driving car and adopt the best one for a given scenario.
- model and implement a simple motion control system.
- manage the main communication protocols to retrieve valuable information.
- reflect on the social impact of self-driving cars.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Engineering

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Architectures of Self-Driving Vehicles

Course Code: DLMDSEAAD01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

This course gives an overview of the main architectural aspects of a self-driving car. After introducing the hardware and software platforms, the course presents the sensor solutions necessary to provide environment perception for autonomous vehicles. Such perception yields the information used for motion control, including braking and steering. The fundamental concepts for the realization and implementation of motion control are presented, together with related safety issues (e.g., motion control under false information). The way in which a self-driving car exchanges information with the outside world is also discussed, and the main technologies and protocols are introduced. The last part of the course elaborates on the social impact of self-driving cars: ethics, mobility, and design.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- explain and recognize the main components of a self-driving car.
- distinguish the sensor solutions for a self-driving car and adopt the best one for a given scenario.
- model and implement a simple motion control system.
- manage the main communication protocols to retrieve valuable information.
- reflect on the social impact of self-driving cars.

## Contents

1. Introduction
  - 1.1 Basic concepts and key technologies
  - 1.2 Hardware overview
  - 1.3 Software overview
  - 1.4 State of the art and open challenges
  - 1.5 Trends
2. Environment Perception
  - 2.1 Basic concepts
  - 2.2 GPS
  - 2.3 Inertial sensors

- 2.4 Lidar and Radar
- 2.5 Cameras
3. Moving, Braking, Steering
  - 3.1 Fundamentals
  - 3.2 Dynamics of a mobile vehicle
  - 3.3 Braking technologies
  - 3.4 Lateral and longitudinal control
  - 3.5 Safety issues
4. Communication
  - 4.1 Car2X communication
  - 4.2 Protocols
  - 4.3 Safety issues
5. Social Impact
  - 5.1 Ethics for autonomous vehicles
  - 5.2 New mobility
  - 5.3 Autonomous vehicles and design

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests



**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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# Case Study: Localization, Motion Planning and Sensor Fusion

Module Code: DLMDSEAAD2

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Dr. Jan Hüls (Case Study: Localization, Motion Planning and Sensor Fusion)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Case Study: Localization, Motion Planning and Sensor Fusion (DLMDSEAAD02)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Case Study  
Study Format: myStudies  
Written Assessment: Case Study

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Algorithms for Localization and Navigation
- Sensor Fusion Methods for Localization and Objects Tracking
- Motion Planning Algorithms

**Learning Outcomes****Case Study: Localization, Motion Planning and Sensor Fusion**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- distinguish the methods used for localization, motion planning, and sensor fusion.
- apply the methods to autonomous vehicles.
- understand the main issues related to the adoption of autonomous vehicles in real-world scenarios.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Engineering

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Case Study: Localization, Motion Planning and Sensor Fusion

Course Code: DLMDSEAAD02

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

This course provides the fundamental concepts and methods of localization, motion planning, and sensor fusion for mobile robotics and self-driving cars. Mobile robots and autonomous vehicles rely on the ability to perceive the environment and react to its dynamic changes. The first part of the course focuses on the representation of motion and navigation based on odometry, which is affected by errors due to information uncertainty. A possible solution is offered by localization methods which use odometry and complementary information, such as a GPS signal, to improve the estimation of the position of the autonomous vehicles within a reference frame. In this way, the vehicle is able to move towards a goal. The problems with detecting dynamic change in the environment is addressed in the last part of the course, where the methods of sensor fusion are introduced. Thanks to the fusion of multiple data sources, information can be extracted, e.g., an approaching object or a change in a situation can be revealed. The autonomous vehicle must be able to track the object and react to its movement to avoid human hazard and damage. The determination of the best trajectory to follow is addressed in the final part of the course. The course gives a hands-on overview of the main methods for localization, motion planning, and sensor fusion. The students must apply the concepts and methods to case studies involving a self-driving vehicle in two main scenarios: "on the road" and in a manufacturing facility.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- distinguish the methods used for localization, motion planning, and sensor fusion.
- apply the methods to autonomous vehicles.
- understand the main issues related to the adoption of autonomous vehicles in real-world scenarios.

## Contents

1. Motion and Odometry
  - 1.1 Basic principles
  - 1.2 Motion models
  - 1.3 Navigation by odometry
  - 1.4 Holonomic and non-holonomic motion

- 1.5 Errors
- 2. Local Navigation
  - 2.1 Basic concepts
  - 2.2 Path finding
  - 2.3 Obstacle avoidance
- 3. Localization
  - 3.1 Basic concepts
  - 3.2 Triangulation
  - 3.3 GPS
  - 3.4 Probabilistic localization
  - 3.5 Uncertainty of motion
- 4. Sensor Fusion
  - 4.1 Sensors
  - 4.2 Elaborating data from sensors
  - 4.3 Kalman filter
  - 4.4 Extended Kalman filter
  - 4.5 Tracking objects
- 5. Motion Planning
  - 5.1 Path planning
  - 5.2 Motion prediction
  - 5.3 Trajectory generation

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Case Study

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Case Study

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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# Reinforcement Learning

Module Code: DLMAIRIL

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMDSML01, DLMSDL01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Max Pumperla (Reinforcement Learning)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Reinforcement Learning (DLMAIRIL01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies  
Written Assessment: Written Assignment  
Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Written Assignment

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Introduction to reinforcement learning
- Markov chains
- Bandit
- Q-Learning
- Reinforcement learning approaches

**Learning Outcomes****Reinforcement Learning**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the concepts of reinforcement learning.
- analyze Markov decision processes.
- evaluate value functions, actions and policies.
- apply Q-Learning methods to reinforcement learning problems.
- summarize model-free and model-based approaches.
- evaluate the tradeoff between exploitation and exploration.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Reinforcement Learning

Course Code: DLMAIRIL01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMSML01, DLMSDL01

## Course Description

Reinforcement learning allows computers to derive problem-solving strategies without being explicitly programmed for the specific task, similar to the way humans and animals learn. After introducing the concepts of reinforcement learning, the course discusses the properties of Markov chains and single- and multi-armed bandits in detail. Special attention is given to the understanding of value functions and discounted value functions. The course connects reinforcement learning with neural networks and deep learning and discusses how Q-Learning approaches can be used to utilize deep learning methods in reinforcement learning problems, including extensions such as double Q-Learning, hierarchical learning, and actor-critic learning. Finally, the course discusses reinforcement learning approaches such as model-free and model-based learning and the tradeoff between exploration and exploitation.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the concepts of reinforcement learning.
- analyze Markov decision processes.
- evaluate value functions, actions and policies.
- apply Q-Learning methods to reinforcement learning problems.
- summarize model-free and model-based approaches.
- evaluate the tradeoff between exploitation and exploration.

## Contents

1. Introduction to Reinforcement Learning
  - 1.1 Understanding Reinforcement Learning
  - 1.2 Components of Reinforcement Learning Systems
2. Markov Chains
  - 2.1 Markov Decision Process & Markov Property
  - 2.2 Value Functions and Discounted Value Functions
  - 2.3 General Utility Function
  - 2.4 Actions & Policy
  - 2.5 Bellman's Equation

- 2.6 Value Iteration
- 2.7 Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- 3. Bandit
  - 3.1 Single-Arm Bandit
  - 3.2 Multi-Arm Bandit
- 4. Q-Learning
  - 4.1 Time-difference Learning
  - 4.2 Reinforcement Learning with Neural Networks & Deep Q Learning
  - 4.3 Experience Replay
  - 4.4 Double Q-Learning
  - 4.5 Delayed Sparse Rewards
  - 4.6 Hierarchical Learning
  - 4.7 Value- vs Policy-Based Learning
  - 4.8 Actor Critic Learning
- 5. Reinforcement Learning Approaches
  - 5.1 Model-Free Learning
  - 5.2 Model-Based Learning
  - 5.3 Exploration vs Exploitation

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Written Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Written Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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# Inference and Causality

Module Code: DLMAIAC

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSAS01, DLMDSPWP01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Bertram Taetz (Inference and Causality)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Inference and Causality (DLMAIAC01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies

Advanced Workbook

Study Format: Distance Learning

Advanced Workbook

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Statistical inference
- Introduction to causality
- Interventions
- Do-calculus
- Fallacies

**Learning Outcomes****Inference and Causality**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- examine data in terms of statistical inference.
- create probabilistic models.
- understand the building blocks of causal inference.
- analyze interventions in statistical systems.
- follow the rules of do-calculus.
- evaluate common fallacies in causal analysis.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field



# Inference and Causality

Course Code: DLMAIAC01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSAM01-01, DLMDSAS01, DLMDSPWP01

## Course Description

Statistical inference and causal analysis are crucial tools for analyzing and understanding data on a fundamental level. This course starts with an introduction to Bayesian inference and Bayesian networks which use probabilities to describe statistical problems and introduce probabilistic modelling which allows the specification of Bayesian statistical models in code. This course introduces the concepts of causality, how causality relates to correlation between variables, and discusses the fundamental building blocks of causal analysis. The effect of interventions (i.e., when the experimenter actively changes the setup from which the data are taken) are also discussed. This course then introduces the rules of do-calculus, which allow interventions to be described formally. Finally, the course discusses a wide range of typical fallacies which arise in the context of causal analysis.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- examine data in terms of statistical inference.
- create probabilistic models.
- understand the building blocks of causal inference.
- analyze interventions in statistical systems.
- follow the rules of do-calculus.
- evaluate common fallacies in causal analysis.

## Contents

1. Statistical Inference
  - 1.1 Bayesian inference
  - 1.2 Bayesian networks
  - 1.3 Probabilistic modelling
2. Introduction to Causality
  - 2.1 Correlation vs causation
  - 2.2 Granger causality
  - 2.3 Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAG)
  - 2.4 Elements of causal graphs: collider, chain, fork
  - 2.5 D – separation

3. Interventions
  - 3.1 Seeing vs doing
  - 3.2 Conditional independence
  - 3.3 Confounders & counterfactuals
  - 3.4 Causal inference vs randomized controlled trials
4. Do-calculus
  - 4.1 Front- & backdoor criterion
  - 4.2 Three rules of do-calculus
5. Fallacies
  - 5.1 Mediation fallacy
  - 5.2 Collider bias
  - 5.3 Simpson's & Berkson's Paradox
  - 5.4 Imputing missing values: causal vs data-driven view

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Advanced Workbook

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b>	<b>Learning Material</b>	<b>Exam Preparation</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests
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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Advanced Workbook

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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# Modeling in Automation Engineering

Module Code: DLMDSINDA

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimaldauer: 1 Semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Dr. Sahar Qaadan (Modeling in Automation Engineering)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Modeling in Automation Engineering (DLMDSINDA01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Mathematical Frameworks for the Formal Description of Discrete Event Systems
- Analysis and Evaluation Methods
- Simulation of Discrete Event Systems
- Supervisory Control
- Advanced Issues (Fault Diagnosis, Adaptive Supervision, Optimization)

**Learning Outcomes****Modeling in Automation Engineering**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify the main issues related to industrial automation and Industry 4.0 automation in particular.
- describe a discrete event system in a formal way by means of different mathematical models.
- analyze the performance of a system using formalisms and numerical simulation approaches.
- choose the best formalism for a given design scenario and formulate requirements.
- design and implement a supervisory controller to fulfill requirements.
- understand advanced topics related to Industry 4.0 industrial automation.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Engineering

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Modeling in Automation Engineering

Course Code: DLMDSINDA01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

Production systems can be described as discrete event systems where the evolution is characterized by the occurrence of events. In the era of Industry 4.0 and highly-flexible manufacturing, there is the need to provide adequate means for the modeling, analysis, design, and control of flexible production environments. This course introduces several modeling approaches for the mathematical description of discrete event systems, such as Automata, Petri Nets, and Markov processes. Each approach is presented in both theory and practice with examples taken from the industry. The approaches are grouped into logic—where only the logic sequence of events determines the evolution—and timed, where the time schedule of the events also plays an important role. Although simple discrete event systems can be analyzed mathematically, complex systems need the support of computer simulation. The main issues concerning the simulation of discrete event systems are addressed. The final part of this course introduces the concept of supervisory control, which aims at changing the properties of a given system to improve specified behaviors and fulfill defined design specifications. Supervisory control is addressed both from the theoretical practical sides, describing how it can be implemented in a modern industrial environment. The course wraps up with discussion of interesting applications for modeling and design approaches, e.g., in the modeling and analysis of an industrial production unit. Additional conversation on topics like fault-diagnosis, decentralized and distributed supervision, optimization, and adaptive supervision provide a contingent connection between classical industrial automation and the recent, (big) data-driven, flexible, Industry 4.0 advanced industrial automation.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify the main issues related to industrial automation and Industry 4.0 automation in particular.
- describe a discrete event system in a formal way by means of different mathematical models.
- analyze the performance of a system using formalisms and numerical simulation approaches.
- choose the best formalism for a given design scenario and formulate requirements.
- design and implement a supervisory controller to fulfill requirements.
- understand advanced topics related to Industry 4.0 industrial automation.

**Contents**

1. Introduction to Production Systems
  - 1.1 Basic concepts and definitions
  - 1.2 Industrial supervision and control
  - 1.3 Challenges
  - 1.4 Trends
2. Automata
  - 2.1 Preliminaries
  - 2.2 Deterministic finite automata
  - 2.3 Non-deterministic finite automata
  - 2.4 Properties
3. Petri nets
  - 3.1 Preliminaries
  - 3.2 Modeling systems
  - 3.3 Properties
  - 3.4 Analysis methods
4. Timed models
  - 4.1 Timed automata
  - 4.2 Markov processes
  - 4.3 Queuing theory
  - 4.4 Timed Petri Nets
5. Simulation of discrete event systems
  - 5.1 Basic concepts
  - 5.2 Working principles
  - 5.3 Performance analysis
  - 5.4 Software tools
6. Supervisory control
  - 6.1 Basic concepts
  - 6.2 Specifications
  - 6.3 Synthesis
  - 6.4 Performance analysis
  - 6.5 Implementation
7. Applications



- 7.1 Production system supervision
- 7.2 Monitoring and diagnosis of faults
- 7.3 Distributed and de-centralized supervision
- 7.4 Model-based optimization of production systems
- 7.5 Adaptive supervisory control

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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# Internet of Things

Module Code: DLMBMMIIT1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Rachel John Robinson (Internet of Things)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Internet of Things (DLMBMMIIT01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Consumer use cases and risks
- Business use cases and risks
- Social-economic issues
- Enabling technologies and networking fundamentals

**Learning Outcomes****Internet of Things**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- distinguish and discuss a broad range of use cases for the internet of things (IoT).
- understand and reflect upon the different perspectives on IoT.
- apply distinct techniques to engineer internet-of-things products.
- evaluate and identify appropriate IoT communication technology and standards according to given IoT product requirements.
- reflect on the respective theoretical foundation, evaluate different approaches, and apply appropriate approaches to practical questions and cases.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Computer Science & Software Development

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Internet of Things

Course Code: DLMBMMIIT01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

The Internet of Things (IoT), once a rough vision, has become reality today in a broad manner. There is a plethora of devices and services available to both consumers and businesses. From smart homes to smart cities, from smart devices to smart factories – internet-of-things technologies impact on our lives and environments. This course follows a top-down approach, discussing a broad set of aspects connected with the internet of things. It starts with use cases and risks from the perspectives of customers and businesses and winds up with a technical foundation of the internet of things. To address the engineering perspective, a set of techniques is proposed.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- distinguish and discuss a broad range of use cases for the internet of things (IoT).
- understand and reflect upon the different perspectives on IoT.
- apply distinct techniques to engineer internet-of-things products.
- evaluate and identify appropriate IoT communication technology and standards according to given IoT product requirements.
- reflect on the respective theoretical foundation, evaluate different approaches, and apply appropriate approaches to practical questions and cases.

## Contents

1. Introduction into the Internet of Things
  - 1.1 Foundations and Motivations
  - 1.2 Potential and Challenges
2. Social and Business Relevance
  - 2.1 Innovations for Consumers and Industry
  - 2.2 Impact on Human and Work Environment
  - 2.3 Privacy and Security
3. Architectures of Internet of Things and Industrial Internet of Things
  - 3.1 Elements of IoTs and IIoTs
  - 3.2 Sensors and Nodes

- 3.3 Power Systems
- 3.4 Fog Processors
- 3.5 Platforms
4. Communication Standards and Technologies
  - 4.1 Network Topologies
  - 4.2 Network Protocols
  - 4.3 Communication Technologies
5. Data Storage and Processing
  - 5.1 NoSQL and MapReduce
  - 5.2 Linked Data and RDF(S)
  - 5.3 Semantic Reasoning
  - 5.4 Complex Event Processing
  - 5.5 Machine Learning
  - 5.6 Overview of Existing Data Storage and Processing Platforms
6. Fields of Application
  - 6.1 Smart Home/Living
  - 6.2 Smart Buildings
  - 6.3 Ambient Assisted Living
  - 6.4 Smart Energy/Grid
  - 6.5 Smart Factory
  - 6.6 Smart Logistics
  - 6.7 Smart Healthcare
  - 6.8 Smart Agriculture

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Lea, P. (2018). Internet of things for architects: Architecting IoT solutions by implementing sensors, communication infrastructure, edge computing, analytics, and security. Birmingham: Packt Publishing Ltd. (Database: Dawson).
- McEwen, A., & Cassimally, H. (2013). Designing the internet of things. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons. (Database: ProQuest).
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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

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# Artificial Intelligence

Module Code: DLMAIAI

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Claudia Heß (Artificial Intelligence)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Artificial Intelligence (DLMAIAI01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: myStudies  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- History of AI
- AI application areas
- Expert systems
- Neuroscience
- Modern AI systems

**Learning Outcomes****Artificial Intelligence**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- remember the historical developments in the field of artificial intelligence.
- analyze the different application areas of artificial intelligence.
- comprehend expert systems.
- apply Prolog to simple expert systems.
- comprehend the brain and cognitive processes from a neuro-scientific point of view.
- understand modern developments in artificial intelligence.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field

# Artificial Intelligence

Course Code: DLMAIAI01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

The quest for artificial intelligence has captured humanity's interest for many decades and has been an active research area since the 1960s. This course will give a detailed overview of the historical developments, successes, and set-backs in AI, as well as the development and use of expert systems in early AI systems. In order to understand cognitive processes, the course will give a brief overview of the biological brain and (human) cognitive processes and then focus on the development of modern AI systems fueled by recent developments in hard- and software. Particular focus will be given to discussion of the development of "narrow AI" systems for specific use cases vs. the creation of general artificial intelligence. The course will give an overview of a wide range of potential application areas in artificial intelligence, including industry sectors such as autonomous driving and mobility, medicine, finance, retail, and manufacturing.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- remember the historical developments in the field of artificial intelligence.
- analyze the different application areas of artificial intelligence.
- comprehend expert systems.
- apply Prolog to simple expert systems.
- comprehend the brain and cognitive processes from a neuro-scientific point of view.
- understand modern developments in artificial intelligence.

## Contents

1. History of AI
  - 1.1 Historical Developments
  - 1.2 AI Winter
  - 1.3 Notable Advances in AI
2. Expert Systems
  - 2.1 Overview Over Expert Systems
  - 2.2 Introduction to Prolog
3. Neuroscience
  - 3.1 The (Human) Brain

### 3.2 Cognitive Processes

## 4. Modern AI Systems

### 4.1 Recent Developments in Hard- and Software

### 4.2 Narrow vs General AI

### 4.3 NLP and Computer Vision

## 5. AI Application Areas

### 5.1 Autonomous Vehicles & Mobility

### 5.2 Personalized Medicine

### 5.3 FinTech

### 5.4 Retail & Industry

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Chowdhary, K. R. (2020). Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence. Springer India.
- Russell, S. & Norvig, P. (2022). Artificial intelligence. A modern approach (4th ed.). Pearson Education.
- Ward, J. (2020). The student's guide to cognitive neuroscience. (4th ed.). Taylor & Francis Group.

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
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<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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# Project: AI Excellence with Creative Prompting Techniques

Module Code: DLMPAIECPT1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimaldauer: 1 Semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Gissel Velarde Perez (Project: AI Excellence with Creative Prompting Techniques)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Project: AI Excellence with Creative Prompting Techniques (DLMPAIECPT01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Project Report  
Study Format: myStudies  
Written Assessment: Project Report

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

In this module, students delve into the world of generative AI applications, creating AI-generated content such as text, images, and videos. They learn to design, analyze, and evaluate different prompting techniques in these systems and apply them within their respective fields of study.



**Learning Outcomes****Project: AI Excellence with Creative Prompting Techniques**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- comprehend and implement various prompting techniques in generative AI applications.
- analyze, assess, and combine different prompt techniques for various expected AI outputs.
- implement ethical considerations into the design and execution of various generative AI applications.
- design, implement, and refine effective prompts and their combinations for real-world scenarios through various hands-on exercises.
- showcase creative and innovative thinking and reasoning in the application of advanced prompting techniques to solve multidimensional problems in their specialized area of study.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Project: AI Excellence with Creative Prompting Techniques

Course Code: DLMPAIECPT01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

In this course, students explore the exciting world of prompting in various generative AI applications. They involve themselves in hands-on exercises that combine various prompting techniques to create new AI-generated content, including text, images, and videos. Through these exercises, students learn how to effectively use, analyze, combine, and assess these systems within their specialized fields of study.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- comprehend and implement various prompting techniques in generative AI applications.
- analyze, assess, and combine different prompt techniques for various expected AI outputs.
- implement ethical considerations into the design and execution of various generative AI applications.
- design, implement, and refine effective prompts and their combinations for real-world scenarios through various hands-on exercises.
- showcase creative and innovative thinking and reasoning in the application of advanced prompting techniques to solve multidimensional problems in their specialized area of study.

## Contents

- In this course, students engage in a practical application of a generative AI use case by choosing from the options provided in the extensive supplementary guide. The course presents practical examples as study materials and exercises with both individual and combined prompting techniques for open-source text, image, and video generation use cases. The exercises are crafted to inspire and lead students in executing their distinct generative AI use case work and provide guidance on describing the use case and selecting a mixture of prompting techniques. Additionally, students are led to critically evaluate the design, implementation, and the outcomes from both technical and ethical perspectives.

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Project Report

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Project Report

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 0 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 0 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 0 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>	
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides

# Manufacturing Methods Industry 4.0

Module Code: DLMBMMIIT2

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimaldauer: 1 Semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Radiah Rivu (Manufacturing Methods Industry 4.0)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Manufacturing Methods Industry 4.0 (DLMBMMIIT02)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: [myStudies](#)  
Exam, 90 Minutes

Study Format: [Distance Learning](#)  
Exam, 90 Minutes

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Forming
- Cutting
- Rapid prototyping
- Rapid tooling
- Direct manufacturing

**Learning Outcomes****Manufacturing Methods Industry 4.0**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- evaluate different manufacturing methods against given product and process requirements.
- define and design modern additive techniques in contrast to traditional manufacturing.
- assess and estimate the impact of current trends on manufacturing like cyber-physical systems to given manufacturing challenges and practical problems.
- apply modern processes like rapid prototyping, rapid tooling, and direct manufacturing.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Computer Science & Software Development

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Manufacturing Methods Industry 4.0

Course Code: DLMBMMIIT02

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

The aim of the course is to enable students to evaluate and identify appropriate manufacturing methods in the context of Industry 4.0. For that purpose, the course provides a comprehensive introduction of such processes based on traditional, standardized manufacturing techniques that have influenced and are still influencing production processes through technological developments under the generic term Industry 4.0. These include technological advances in additive manufacturing processes that enable applications such as rapid prototyping, rapid tooling, and direct manufacturing. Finally, the course deals with the consequences of the digitization and networking of production facilities and their elements in terms of a cyber-physical system.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- evaluate different manufacturing methods against given product and process requirements.
- define and design modern additive techniques in contrast to traditional manufacturing.
- assess and estimate the impact of current trends on manufacturing like cyber-physical systems to given manufacturing challenges and practical problems.
- apply modern processes like rapid prototyping, rapid tooling, and direct manufacturing.

## Contents

1. Introduction to Manufacturing Methods
  - 1.1 Basic Concepts
  - 1.2 Historical Development of Manufacturing
  - 1.3 About the Long Tail
2. Manufacturing Methods
  - 2.1 Casting and Molding
  - 2.2 Shaping
  - 2.3 Machining
  - 2.4 Joining
  - 2.5 Coating
3. Additive Manufacturing and 3D printing



- 3.1 Basics and Legal Aspects
- 3.2 Material Extrusion
- 3.3 Vat Polymerization
- 3.4 Powder Bed Fusion
- 3.5 Material Jetting
- 3.6 Binder Jetting
- 3.7 Direct Energy Deposition
- 3.8 Sheet Lamination
4. Rapid Prototyping
  - 4.1 Definitions
  - 4.2 Strategical and Operative Aspects
  - 4.3 Application Scenarios
5. Rapid Tooling
  - 5.1 Definitions
  - 5.2 Direct and Indirect Methods
  - 5.3 Application Scenarios
6. Direct/Rapid Manufacturing
  - 6.1 Potentials and Requirements
  - 6.2 Implementation Examples
7. Cyber-Physical Production Systems
  - 7.1 Introduction
  - 7.2 Cyber-Physical Production Systems
  - 7.3 Impact on Design and Maintenance of Plants
  - 7.4 Dynamic Reconfiguration of Plants
  - 7.5 Application Examples

### Literature

#### Compulsory Reading

#### Further Reading

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Exam, 90 Minutes

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 30 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b>	<b>Learning Material</b>	<b>Exam Preparation</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Exam
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	

## Project: Data Science for Industry 4.0

Module Code: DLMDSEDSS1

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMBMMIIT02	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimaldauer: 1 Semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Dr. Friedrich Morlock (Project: Data Science for Industry 4.0)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Project: Data Science for Industry 4.0 (DLMDSEDSS01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Portfolio

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

In preparation of a portfolio, students will apply data science to manufacturing scenarios; use predictive analytics to improve industrial processes; and gain an understanding of the principles and applications of predictive maintenance.

**Learning Outcomes****Project: Data Science for Industry 4.0**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify where data science can be beneficial for manufacturing in the era of Industry 4.0.
- formulate related manufacturing issues in the data science formalism in order to prepare a solution.
- apply data science methods to realistic manufacturing scenarios.
- find and implement strategies to improve manufacturing processes.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence.

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field.

## Project: Data Science for Industry 4.0

Course Code: DLMDSEDSS01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMBMMIIT02

### Course Description

The area of manufacturing is undergoing considerable change due to the development of key technologies in data science and the use of machine learning and artificial intelligence. The focus of this course is how to improve the performance of manufacturing processes by adopting data science methods and using knowledge of manufacturing methods. The main topics addressed include: predictive analytics for overproduction, idle time, logistics, and inventory; fault prediction and predictive maintenance; demand forecasting; and price optimization. Over the duration of this course, students will work through the phases of a data science-based project in theory and practice.

### Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify where data science can be beneficial for manufacturing in the era of Industry 4.0.
- formulate related manufacturing issues in the data science formalism in order to prepare a solution.
- apply data science methods to realistic manufacturing scenarios.
- find and implement strategies to improve manufacturing processes.

### Contents

- The course covers the applications of data science to manufacturing environments for Industry 4.0. The main fields of interest are predictive analytics for overproduction, idle time, logistics, and inventory; fault prediction and predictive maintenance; demand forecasting; and price optimization.

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Portfolio

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline



## Advanced Requirements Engineering

Module Code: DLMSEARE

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr Tobias Brückmann (Advanced Requirements Engineering)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Advanced Requirements Engineering (DLMSEARE01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Case Study

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Introduction and Overview of Requirements Engineering
- Fundamental Principles of Requirements Engineering
- Work Products and Documentation Practices
- Practices for Requirements Elaboration
- Process, Working Structure and Tool Support
- Management Practices for Requirements

**Learning Outcomes****Advanced Requirements Engineering**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the overall goal of the requirements engineering discipline with its specific terminology and principles.
- apply the techniques and methods of Requirements Engineering in order to elicit, document, validate and manage high-quality requirements.
- evaluate requirements based on well-known quality criteria and stakeholder feedback.
- create comprehensive requirements documents using a well-defined structure.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the fields of Computer Science & Software Development.

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology fields.

# Advanced Requirements Engineering

Course Code: DLMSEARE01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

This course is intended to equip students with a comprehensive and high-level understanding of requirements engineering. Rather than solely covering the foundational aspects of requirements engineering, which include techniques for elicitation, documentation, validation, and negotiation of requirements, the curriculum delves deeply into the diverse tools and methodologies utilized in requirements management and modeling. Furthermore, it teaches vital facets of the discipline, such as quality assurance measures and techniques for effectively managing conflicts in the realm of requirements engineering.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the overall goal of the requirements engineering discipline with its specific terminology and principles.
- apply the techniques and methods of Requirements Engineering in order to elicit, document, validate and manage high-quality requirements.
- evaluate requirements based on well-known quality criteria and stakeholder feedback.
- create comprehensive requirements documents using a well-defined structure.

## Contents

1. Introduction and Overview of Requirements Engineering
  - 1.1 Requirements Engineering: What, Why, Where and How?
  - 1.2 Role and Tasks of a Requirements Engineer
2. Fundamental Principles of Requirements Engineering
  - 2.1 Value Orientation and Stakeholders
  - 2.2 Shared Understanding and Context
  - 2.3 Problem-Requirement-Solution Validation
  - 2.4 Evolution and Innovation
  - 2.5 Systematic and Disciplined Work
3. Work Products and Documentation Practices
  - 3.1 Characteristics, Levels, and Aspects of Work Products

- 3.2 Text-Based Work Products
- 3.3 Model-Based Work Products
- 3.4 Glossaries and Requirements Documentation
- 3.5 Quality Criteria
- 4. Practices for Requirements Elaboration
  - 4.1 Sources for Requirements
  - 4.2 Elicitation of Requirements
  - 4.3 Resolving Conflicts
  - 4.4 Validation of Requirements
- 5. Process, Working Structure, and Tool Support
  - 5.1 Influencing Factors
  - 5.2 Process Facets
  - 5.3 Process Configuration
  - 5.4 Requirements Engineering Tools
- 6. Management Practices for Requirements
  - 6.1 Life Cycle Management and Version Control
  - 6.2 Configurations and Baselines
  - 6.3 Attributes and Views
  - 6.4 Traceability and Change Handling
  - 6.5 Prioritization

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Case Study

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

# Seminar: Ethic & Societal Considerations in Data Management

Module Code: DLMDMSESC

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Claudia Heß (Seminar: Ethic & Societal Considerations in Data Management)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Seminar: Ethic & Societal Considerations in Data Management (DLMDMSESC01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Research Essay

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

At the end of the module “Ethic & Societal Considerations in Data Management” students are able to identify and explain the societal, political and economic effects and side-effects of data management. They also know about adequate solution approaches addressing those effects. During the course they write a scientific paper on a specialist topic proving their ability to independently analyze selected topics and link them with well-known concepts, as well as to critically question and discuss them.

**Learning Outcomes****Seminar: Ethic & Societal Considerations in Data Management**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- explain the influence and impact of 'Big Data' applications on societal, economic, and political topics.
- understand the general ethical relevance of data management techniques.
- explain the critical data study approach and its main drivers.
- name selected current societal topics and issues in data management in the fields of privacy, health, social media, personal finance etc.
- describe approaches and methods to solve the identified problems.
- treat a selected topic in a scientific manner in the form of a written essay.
- critically question and discuss current societal and political issues arising from the recent advances in data management.
- develop problem-solving skills and processes through reflection on the possible impact of their future occupation in the sector of data management.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Seminar: Ethic & Societal Considerations in Data Management

Course Code: DLMDMSESC01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

Over the last decade Big Data applications have become an underlying matter of course for many activities in private, professional, and social life. This course discusses impacts and side-effects of data management applications from an ethical and societal perspective and provides adequate solution approaches.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- explain the influence and impact of 'Big Data' applications on societal, economic, and political topics.
- understand the general ethical relevance of data management techniques.
- explain the critical data study approach and its main drivers.
- name selected current societal topics and issues in data management in the fields of privacy, health, social media, personal finance etc.
- describe approaches and methods to solve the identified problems.
- treat a selected topic in a scientific manner in the form of a written essay.
- critically question and discuss current societal and political issues arising from the recent advances in data management.
- develop problem-solving skills and processes through reflection on the possible impact of their future occupation in the sector of data management.

## Contents

- The course covers current topics concerning the societal impact of data management.
- Problems like violation of privacy, surveillance capitalism, invasive marketing, misuse of health records and data, algorithmic discrimination concerning race, gender, religion or sexual attitude, political persecution or dissemination of fake news are among the topics the students have to analyze. Solution approaches like privacy concepts and compliance, legal regulations, codes of conduct or counter mapping should be identified and mapped to the specific problem field.



**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Seminar
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Research Essay

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>	
<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

# Seminar: Sustainability, Ethics, and Law in Machine Learning

Module Code: DLMMLSELML

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimaldauer: 1 Semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Kristina Schaaff (Seminar: Sustainability, Ethics, and Law in Machine Learning)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Seminar: Sustainability, Ethics, and Law in Machine Learning (DLMMLSELML01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Research Essay

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

The seminar covers topics concerning sustainability, ethics and how international law fits in participants gain critical understanding, methods knowledge, and practical skills necessary for responsible ML usage. Guided by real-world use cases, the seminar addresses privacy, bias, transparency, legality, and societal and environmental impact. A current list of topics will be provided.

**Learning Outcomes****Seminar: Sustainability, Ethics, and Law in Machine Learning**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- critically reflect on current research about sustainability, ethics and international IT Law.
- grasp the socio-cultural and environmental implications of Machine Learning systems.
- be aware of international ethical best-practices in Machine Learning practices.
- identify potential areas of bias and discrimination in Machine Learning practices and research possible solutions to minimize or mitigate them.
- effectively incorporate sustainability considerations in Machine Learning projects.
- exhibit cultural competence when designing or applying Machine Learning solutions in diverse global contexts.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Seminar: Sustainability, Ethics, and Law in Machine Learning

Course Code: DLMMLSSELML01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

In this course students will gain an in-depth look at the ethical, legal, and sustainable considerations of applying Machine Learning techniques. Through interactive teaching this seminar provides knowledge of methods, critical understanding, and practical skills necessary to commit to responsible usage of Machine Learning techniques. Based on different use cases participants will be guided through issues of privacy, bias, transparency, lawfulness, and social and environmental impact of Machine Learning. Insights from several disciplines, including AI, data sciences, ethics, and law are considered to allow for a holistic understanding. A current list of topics will be provided.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- critically reflect on current research about sustainability, ethics and international IT Law.
- grasp the socio-cultural and environmental implications of Machine Learning systems.
- be aware of international ethical best-practices in Machine Learning practices.
- identify potential areas of bias and discrimination in Machine Learning practices and research possible solutions to minimize or mitigate them.
- effectively incorporate sustainability considerations in Machine Learning projects.
- exhibit cultural competence when designing or applying Machine Learning solutions in diverse global contexts.

## Contents

- The seminar will provide an overview to ethics, sustainability, and law in Machine Learning. Ethical and legal implications of Machine Learning Model deployments will be discussed, e.g., how to foster technological advancement while adhering to ethical standards. A critical understanding of possible bias in Machine Learning algorithms, data quality issues, explainability methods, privacy concerns and data protection approaches will be gained. Several case studies will be discussed in detail. The following topics will be available:
  - Use cases that reflect trustworthy and fair AI models and possible implications of biased AI models.

- Use cases around sustainable development of Machine Learning; to explore the environmental and societal impact of AI models and Machine Learning with a specific focus on the sustainable development goals.
- Use cases of sustainable development of Machine Learning with a specific focus on issues around the digital divide.
- Use cases that highlight the principles of ethical decision making in machine learning, including relevant ethical frameworks for machine learning application and best practices.
- Use cases to cover international regulations and legal challenges posed by Machine Learning, considering international frameworks and possible technologies such as secure and privacy preserving Machine Learning techniques.

### Literature

#### Compulsory Reading

#### Further Reading

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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Seminar
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Research Essay

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 120 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 30 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>	
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

# Internship: Master AI, Machine Learning and Data Science

Module Code: DLMMLIMAMLDS

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 20	<b>Student Workload</b> 600 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

N.N. (Internship: Master AI, Machine Learning and Data Science)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Internship: Master AI, Machine Learning and Data Science (DLMMLIMAMLDS01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Internship Reflection Paper (passed / not passed)

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

Within the framework of this internship, students document and reflect on their everyday practical experiences. This is based on knowledge they have acquired. Students now apply this theoretical knowledge in various fields of practice and reflect upon it.



**Learning Outcomes****Internship: Master AI, Machine Learning and Data Science**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- to transfer theoretical knowledge to practical problems.
- depending on the tasks undertaken, to independently address and manage practical challenges; to reflect on their success.
- to better assess the scope, significance, and limitations of theoretical concepts in light of practical demands.
- to apply the AI algorithms, Data Science methods and ML libraries appropriately according to the specific types of data and the business requirement in practices.
- to critically evaluate the outcome of AI /ML based data analytics results.
- to implement and deploy the AI models on dedicated environment based on the requirements.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programs in the IT & Technology field

# Internship: Master AI, Machine Learning and Data Science

Course Code: DLMMLIMAMLDS01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		20	none

## Course Description

Within the scope of this course, students document and reflect on their everyday practical experience, relating it to the subject-specific and related scientific knowledge bases they have previously learned and developed, as well as previously acquired skills and competencies for action. The students apply their theoretical knowledge in various practical fields and reflect upon it. The connection between theory and practice, the application of knowledge in the practical field, and the reflection of these experiences in relation to theory and personal development are the primary focus.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- to transfer theoretical knowledge to practical problems.
- depending on the tasks undertaken, to independently address and manage practical challenges; to reflect on their success.
- to better assess the scope, significance, and limitations of theoretical concepts in light of practical demands.
- to apply the AI algorithms, Data Science methods and ML libraries appropriately according to the specific types of data and the business requirement in practices.
- to critically evaluate the outcome of AI /ML based data analytics results.
- to implement and deploy the AI models on dedicated environment based on the requirements.

## Contents

- As part of the internship, students document and reflect on their everyday professional experiences in the field of machine learning. The individual problems and questions that arise are reflected upon from the perspective of professional practice. This module provides students with the opportunity to apply the content they have learned in previous modules through practical reflection and to directly implement practical knowledge where it has been acquired. Various concepts and methods are concretely tested in practice and reflected upon in their specific applications. The basis for this is the documentation, evaluation, and presentation of approaches and methods in the chosen context of action.
- The internship can/should be completed in the following companies:

- Google
- Microsoft
- Facebook
- Nvidia
- OpenAI
- IBM
- Amazon
- Apple
- Adobe
- Salesforce
- Intel
- Huggingface
- Claude

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Within the subject relation, the literature of each module in the program is relevant.

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Practical Project
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Internship Reflection Paper (passed / not passed)

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 0 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 0 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 600 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 600 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions

# Cyber Security and Data Protection

Module Code: DLMCSITSDP

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Ralf Kneuper (Cyber Security and Data Protection)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Cyber Security and Data Protection (DLMCSITSDP01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: Distance Learning  
Oral Assignment  
Study Format: myStudies  
Oral Assignment

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Data protection and privacy
- Cyber security building blocks
- Cyber security management
- Cryptography concepts
- Cryptography applications

**Learning Outcomes****Cyber Security and Data Protection**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- explain the core concepts of cyber security, data protection, and cryptography including their differences and relationships.
- compare the approaches to data protection within in different legal systems.
- apply data protection concepts to data science and other application scenarios.
- analyze application scenarios to identify the adequate cyber security management measures that should be implemented.
- explain the different approaches to data protection in different cultures.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Computer Science & Software Development

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field

# Cyber Security and Data Protection

Course Code: DLMCSITSDP01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

With the increasing digitization and networking of IT systems, the need for safeguarding systems and the data processed by these systems has grown. The aim of this module is to provide an understanding of security measures needed, cyber security including cryptography, and data protection. While the need for cyber security is similar around the world, different cultures have different expectations regarding data protection and privacy. Nevertheless, personal data are often processed outside the country where the affected individuals live. Hence, the cultural aspects of data protection need to be taken into account wherever the data are processed. This course provides an overview of the main cyber security measures in different application scenarios, as well as their integration into an Information Security Management System, with particular focus on the relevant ISO/IEC 270xx family of standards. Cryptography provides an important tool set for cyber security and is used in many different application scenarios such as secure Internet protocols and block chain.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- explain the core concepts of cyber security, data protection, and cryptography including their differences and relationships.
- compare the approaches to data protection within in different legal systems.
- apply data protection concepts to data science and other application scenarios.
- analyze application scenarios to identify the adequate cyber security management measures that should be implemented.
- explain the different approaches to data protection in different cultures.

## Contents

1. Foundations of Data Protection and Cyber Security
  - 1.1 Terminology and Risk Management
  - 1.2 Core Concepts of Cyber Security
  - 1.3 Core Concepts of Data Protection and Privacy
  - 1.4 Core Concepts of Cryptography
  - 1.5 Legal Aspects
2. Data Protection

- 2.1 Basic Concepts of Data Protection (ISO/IEC 29100, Privacy by Design)
- 2.2 Data Protection in Europe: the GDPR
- 2.3 Data Protection in the USA
- 2.4 Data Protection in Asia
3. Applying Data Protection
  - 3.1 Anonymity and Pseudonyms (k-Anonymity, i-Diversity, Differential Privacy)
  - 3.2 Data Protection in Data Science and Big Data
  - 3.3 User Tracking in Online Marketing
  - 3.4 Cloud Computing
4. Building Blocks of Cyber Security
  - 4.1 Authentication, Access Management and Control
  - 4.2 Cyber Security in Networks
  - 4.3 Developing Secure IT Systems (OWASP, etc.)
5. Cyber Security Management
  - 5.1 Security Policy
  - 5.2 Security and Risk Analysis
  - 5.3 The ISO 270xx Series
  - 5.4 IT Security and IT Governance
  - 5.5 Example: Cyber Security for Credit Cards (PCI DSS)
6. Cryptography
  - 6.1 Symmetric Cryptography
  - 6.2 Asymmetric Cryptography
  - 6.3 Hash Functions
  - 6.4 Secure Data Exchange (Diffie-Hellman, Perfect Forward Secrecy, etc.)
7. Cryptographic Applications
  - 7.1 Digital Signatures
  - 7.2 Electronic Money
  - 7.3 Secure Internet Protocols (TLS, IPSec, etc.)
  - 7.4 Block Chain



**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Amoroso, E., & Amoroso, M. (2017). From CIA to APT: An introduction to cyber security. Independently published.
- National Institute of Standards and Technology. (2018). Framework for improving critical infrastructure cybersecurity.
- Paar, C., & Pelzl, J. (2011). Understanding cryptography: A textbook for students and practitioners. Springer.
- Walker, B. (2019). Cyber security comprehensive beginners guide to learn the basics and effective methods of cyber security. Independently published.

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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# Big Data Technologies

Module Code: DLMSBBDT

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Christian Müller-Kett (Big Data Technologies)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Big Data Technologies (DLMSBBDT01)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

Study Format: [myStudies](#)

Oral Assignment

Study Format: [Distance Learning](#)

Oral Assignment

### Split Exam

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

## Module Contents

- Data types and data sources
- Databases
- Modern storage frameworks
- Data formats
- Distributed computing

**Learning Outcomes****Big Data Technologies**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify different types and sources of data.
- understand different database concepts.
- learn to build new database structures.
- evaluate various data storage frameworks w.r.t. project requirements.
- analyze which data format to use for a given project.
- understand what roles you could take in such projects.
- create a distributed computing environment for a given project.
- understand the ethical impact of big data technology choices.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence.

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field.

# Big Data Technologies

Course Code: DLMSBBDT01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	none

## Course Description

Data are often considered the “new oil”, the raw material from which value is created. To harness the power of data, the data need to be stored and processed on a technical level. This course introduces the four “Vs” of data, as well as typical data sources and types. This course then discusses how data are stored in databases. Particular focus is given to database structures and different types of databases, e.g., relational, noSQL, NewSQL, and time-series. Beyond classical and modern databases, this course covers a wide range of storage frameworks such as distributed filesystems, streaming, and query frameworks. This is complemented by a detailed discussion of data storage formats ranging from classical approaches such as CSV and HDF5 to more modern approaches like Apache Arrow and Parquet. Finally, this course gives an overview of distributed computing environments based on local clusters, cloud computing facilities, and container-based approaches.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- identify different types and sources of data.
- understand different database concepts.
- learn to build new database structures.
- evaluate various data storage frameworks w.r.t. project requirements.
- analyze which data format to use for a given project.
- understand what roles you could take in such projects.
- create a distributed computing environment for a given project.
- understand the ethical impact of big data technology choices.

## Contents

1. Data Types and Data Sources
  - 1.1 The 4Vs of data: volume, velocity, variety, veracity
  - 1.2 Data sources
  - 1.3 Data types
2. Databases
  - 2.1 Database structures
  - 2.2 Introduction to SQL

- 2.3 Relational databases
- 2.4 nonSQL, NewSQL databases
- 2.5 Timeseries DB
3. Modern data storage frameworks
  - 3.1 Distributed Filesystems
  - 3.2 Streaming frameworks
  - 3.3 Query frameworks
4. Data formats
  - 4.1 Traditional data exchange formats
  - 4.2 Apache Arrow
  - 4.3 Apache Parquet
5. Distributed Computing
  - 5.1 Cluster-based approaches
  - 5.2 Containers
  - 5.3 Cloud-based approaches

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Date, C. J. (2003). An introduction to database systems. Pearson.
- Kleppmann, M. (2017). Designing data-intensive applications. O'Reilly.
- Wiese, L. (2015). Advanced data management. De Gruyter.

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline



**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creative Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

## Software Engineering for Data Intensive Sciences

Module Code: DLMDSSEDIS

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMDSPWP01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Max Pumperla (Software Engineering for Data Intensive Sciences)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Software Engineering for Data Intensive Sciences (DLMDSSEDIS01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: [myStudies](#)

Oral Assignment

Study Format: [Distance Learning](#)

Oral Assignment

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum

### Module Contents

- Agile project management
- DevOps
- Software development
- API
- From model to production

**Learning Outcomes****Software Engineering for Data Intensive Sciences**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the agile approaches Scrum and Kanban.
- explain how DevOps brings software development and operations together into one team.
- write high-quality code using relevant software development techniques.
- evaluate the requirements for APIs.
- create APIs for software applications.
- identify the challenges of bringing a model into production.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field

# Software Engineering for Data Intensive Sciences

Course Code: DLMDSSSEDIS01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMDSPWP01

## Course Description

Building a successful data-based product requires a significant amount of high-quality code which needs to run in a professional production environment. This course starts by introducing the agile approaches Scrum and Kanban and then discusses the shift from more traditional software development approaches to the DevOps culture. Special focus is given to the discussion and understanding of techniques and approaches for producing high-quality code such as unit and integration testing, test-driven development, pair programming, and continuous delivery and integration. Since many software artefacts are accessed via APIs, this course introduces concepts of API design and paradigms. Finally, this course addresses the challenges of bringing code into a production environment, building a scalable environment, and using cloud-based approaches.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand the agile approaches Scrum and Kanban.
- explain how DevOps brings software development and operations together into one team.
- write high-quality code using relevant software development techniques.
- evaluate the requirements for APIs.
- create APIs for software applications.
- identify the challenges of bringing a model into production.

## Contents

1. Agile Project Management
  - 1.1 Introduction to SCRUM
  - 1.2 Introduction to Kanban
2. DevOps
  - 2.1 Traditional lifecycle management
  - 2.2 Bringing development and operations together
  - 2.3 Impact of team structure
  - 2.4 Building a DevOps infrastructure
3. Software Development
  - 3.1 Unit & integration test, performance monitoring

- 3.2 Test-driven development & pair programming
- 3.3 Continuous delivery & integration
- 3.4 Overview of relevant tools
- 4. API
  - 4.1 API design
  - 4.2 API paradigms
- 5. From Model to Production
  - 5.1 Building a scalable environment
  - 5.2 Model versioning and persistence
  - 5.3 Cloud-based approaches

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Farcic, V. (2016). The DevOps 2.0 toolkit: Automating the continuous deployment pipeline with containerized microservices. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.
- Kelleher, A. & Kelleher, A. (2019). Machine learning in production: Developing and optimizing data science workflows and applications. Addison-Wesley.
- Kerzner, H. (2017). Project Management - A Systems Approach to Planning, Scheduling, and Controlling (12th ed., pp. 74–75). John Wiley & Sons.

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Oral Assignment

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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## Case Study: Model Engineering

Module Code: DLMSME

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> DLMSAM01-01, DLMSAS01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMSML01, DLMSDL01	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 5	<b>Student Workload</b> 150 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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### Module Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Gissel Velarde Perez (Case Study: Model Engineering)

### Contributing Courses to Module

- Case Study: Model Engineering (DLMSME01)

### Module Exam Type

#### Module Exam

Study Format: myStudies  
Written Assessment: Case Study  
Study Format: Distance Learning  
Written Assessment: Case Study

#### Split Exam

### Weight of Module

see curriculum



**Module Contents**

- Data science methodologies
- Data quality
- Feature engineering
- Feature selection
- Building a predictive model
- Avoiding common fallacies

**Learning Outcomes****Case Study: Model Engineering**

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand current data science methodologies.
- devalue the quality of the data used in data science projects.
- create new features from raw data.
- apply feature selection techniques.
- make predictive models using data science techniques.
- identify common fallacies and know how to avoid them.

**Links to other Modules within the Study Program**

This module is similar to other modules in the field of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

**Links to other Study Programs of the University**

All Master Programmes in the IT & Technology field

## Case Study: Model Engineering

Course Code: DLMSME01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		5	DLMSAM01-01, DLMSAS01, DLMDSPWP01, DLMSML01, DLMSDL01

### Course Description

The construction of data science models and applying the techniques to real-world problems requires a deep understanding of data science processes and techniques beyond the application of relevant algorithms. This course starts by introducing two commonly used data science methodologies: CRISP-DM and MS Team Data Science. Any data taken from real machines, systems, or processes will include some errors to varying degrees. This course discusses in detail how to detect and correct data quality issues, including the importance of domain knowledge in the determination of the veracity of the data. Many machine learning approaches require the creation and subsequent selection of model features which determine which part of the data are used in which way in the later modelling step. This course discusses methods to engineer and build new features from raw data and outlines statistical methods to identify the most relevant features for the given task. Finally, this course outlines strategies to avoid common fallacies when building data science models, as well as approaches to automate workflows.

### Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- understand current data science methodologies.
- devalue the quality of the data used in data science projects.
- create new features from raw data.
- apply feature selection techniques.
- make predictive models using data science techniques.
- identify common fallacies and know how to avoid them.

### Contents

1. Data Science Methodologies
  - 1.1 CRISP-DM
  - 1.2 MS Team Data Science
2. Data Quality
  - 2.1 Evaluating data quality
  - 2.2 Using low quality data
  - 2.3 Data duality and domain knowledge

3. Feature Engineering
  - 3.1 Building new features
  - 3.2 Splitting variables
  - 3.3 Feature engineering exploiting domain knowledge
4. Feature Selection
  - 4.1 Univariate feature selection
  - 4.2 Model based feature selection
5. Building a Predictive Model
  - 5.1 Establishing a benchmark model
  - 5.2 Prediction as probabilities
  - 5.3 Interpretable machine learning and results
6. Avoiding Common Fallacies
  - 6.1 Overtraining & generalization
  - 6.2 Overfitting & Occam's Razor
  - 6.3 Workflow automation and model persistence

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Geron, A. (2017). Hands-on machine learning with Scikit-Learn and TensorFlow. O'Reilly.
- Kuhn, M., & Johnson, K. (2013). Applied predictive modeling. Springer.
- Müller, A., & Guido, S. (2016). Introduction to machine learning with Python: A guide for data scientists. O'Reilly.

**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Case Study

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
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**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Theory Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> yes
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Written Assessment: Case Study

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 110 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 20 h	<b>Self Test</b> 20 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 150 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>		
<b>Tutorial Support</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive Live Sessions/Learning Sprint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorded Live Sessions	<b>Learning Material</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slides	<b>Exam Preparation</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guideline

## 4. Semester

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# Master Thesis

Module Code: MMTHE

<b>Module Type</b> see curriculum	<b>Admission Requirements</b> none	<b>Study Level</b> MA	<b>CP</b> 30	<b>Student Workload</b> 900 h
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<b>Semester / Term</b> see curriculum	<b>Duration</b> Minimum 1 semester	<b>Regularly offered in</b> WiSe/SoSe	<b>Language of Instruction and Examination</b> English
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## Module Coordinator

Degree Program Advisor (SGL) (Master Thesis) / Degree Program Advisor (SGL) (Colloquium)

## Contributing Courses to Module

- Master Thesis (MMTHE01)
- Colloquium (MMTHE02)

## Module Exam Type

### Module Exam

### Split Exam

#### Master Thesis

- Study Format "Distance Learning": Master Thesis (90)
- Study Format "myStudies": Master Thesis

#### Colloquium

- Study Format "Distance Learning": Colloquium (10)
- Study Format "myStudies": Colloquium (10)

## Weight of Module

see curriculum

<p><b>Module Contents</b></p> <p><b>Master Thesis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Master's thesis</li> </ul> <p><b>Colloquium</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Colloquium on the Master's thesis</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Learning Outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Master Thesis</b></p> <p>On successful completion, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ work on a problem from their major field of study by applying the specialist and methodological skills they have acquired during their studies.</li> <li>▪ analyse selected tasks with scientific methods, critically evaluate them and develop appropriate solutions under the guidance of an academic supervisor.</li> <li>▪ record and analyse existing (research) literature appropriate to the topic of the Master's thesis.</li> <li>▪ prepare a detailed written elaboration in compliance with scientific methods.</li> </ul> <p><b>Colloquium</b></p> <p>On successful completion, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ present a problem from their field of study under consideration of academic presentation and communication techniques.</li> <li>▪ reflect on the scientific and methodological approach chosen in the Master's thesis.</li> <li>▪ actively answer subject-related questions from subject experts (experts of the Master's thesis).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Links to other Modules within the Study Program</b></p> <p>This module is similar to other modules in the field of Methods</p>	<p><b>Links to other Study Programs of the University</b></p> <p>All Master Programmes in the Business field</p>



# Master Thesis

Course Code: MMTHE01

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		27	none

## Course Description

The aim and purpose of the Master's thesis is to successfully apply the subject-specific and methodological competencies acquired during the course of study in the form of an academic dissertation with a thematic reference to the major field of study. The content of the Master's thesis can be a practical-empirical or theoretical-scientific problem. Students should prove that they can independently analyse a selected problem with scientific methods, critically evaluate it and work out proposed solutions under the subject-methodological guidance of an academic supervisor. The topic to be chosen by the student from the respective field of study should not only prove the acquired scientific competences, but should also deepen and round off the academic knowledge of the student in order to optimally align his professional abilities and skills with the needs of the future field of activity.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- work on a problem from their major field of study by applying the specialist and methodological skills they have acquired during their studies.
- analyse selected tasks with scientific methods, critically evaluate them and develop appropriate solutions under the guidance of an academic supervisor.
- record and analyse existing (research) literature appropriate to the topic of the Master's thesis.
- prepare a detailed written elaboration in compliance with scientific methods.

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- Within the framework of the Master's thesis, the problem as well as the scientific research goal must be clearly emphasized. The work must reflect the current state of knowledge of the topic to be examined by means of an appropriate literature analysis. The student must prove his ability to use the acquired knowledge theoretically and/or empirically in the form of an independent and problem-solution-oriented application.

**Literature****Compulsory Reading****Further Reading**

- Bui, Y. N. (2013). *How to Write a Master's Thesis* (2nd ed.). SAGE Publications, Incorporated.
- Turabian, K. L. (2013). *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, theses, and dissertations* (8th ed.). University of Chicago Press.
- Further subject specific literature

**Study Format Distance Learning**

<b>Study Format</b> Distance Learning	<b>Course Type</b> Thesis Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Master Thesis

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 810 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 0 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 810 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>

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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Master Thesis

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 810 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 0 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 810 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>

# Colloquium

Course Code: MMTHE02

Study Level	Language of Instruction and Examination	Contact Hours	CP	Admission Requirements
MA	English		3	none

## Course Description

The colloquium will take place after submission of the Master's thesis. This is done at the invitation of the experts. During the colloquium, the students must prove that they have fully independently produced the content and results of the written work. The content of the colloquium is a presentation of the most important work contents and research results by the student, and the answering of questions by the experts.

## Course Outcomes

On successful completion, students will be able to

- present a problem from their field of study under consideration of academic presentation and communication techniques.
- reflect on the scientific and methodological approach chosen in the Master's thesis.
- actively answer subject-related questions from subject experts (experts of the Master's thesis).

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- The colloquium includes a presentation of the most important results of the Master's thesis, followed by the student answering the reviewers' technical questions.

## Literature

### Compulsory Reading

### Further Reading

- Renz, K.-C. (2016): The 1 x 1 of the presentation. For school, study and work. (2nd ed.). Springer Gabler.

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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Colloquium

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 0 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 90 h

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**Study Format myStudies**

<b>Study Format</b> myStudies	<b>Course Type</b> Thesis Course
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<b>Information about the examination</b>	
<b>Examination Admission Requirements</b>	<b>Online Tests:</b> no
<b>Type of Exam</b>	Colloquium

<b>Student Workload</b>					
<b>Self Study</b> 90 h	<b>Contact Hours</b> 0 h	<b>Tutorial/Tutorial Support</b> 0 h	<b>Self Test</b> 0 h	<b>Independent Study</b> 0 h	<b>Hours Total</b> 90 h

<b>Instructional Methods</b>