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Let’s talk about IDP @in.tum

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Main target group

First year Informatics Master students

Looking for information on

- Rules & regulations of the interdisciplinary project
- How to find an IDP
- And the registration process

Points of contact

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Rules & regulations I

Important to know:

- Mandatory in the Master Informatics
- Module number: IN2334
- Scope: 16 ECTS
- Can be done in groups of 1-4 students
- Groups get their grades entered in TUMonline once all members have finished project & lecture
- Recommendation: Do it your 2nd and / or 3rd semester
- Registration: Possible anytime

- Examiner can be any professor from TUM or LMU
- No pure Informatics project is allowed: topic has to be interdisciplinary
- The IDP can be done at a university or in cooperation with a company, e.g., spin-off

Rules & regulations II

The IDP consists of two parts:

- A **lecture** related to the topic of the project:

No elective module of the Master Informatics

No seminar or lab course

May be a Bachelor's course

Can be one or more modules totalling 4 SWS or 5 ECTS

30% of final grade – 5 ECTS

- The **project** itself:

Practical work, documentation & presentation

70% of final grade – 11 ECTS

How to find an IDP

- Projects on the website of the IDP
- Other departments and chairs of TUM
  - E.g. BaSaMa Datenbank of the student council of Mechanical Engineering
- Departments of LMU
- Contact potential examiners or supervisors who might know you from previous collaborations

Registration

Registration via the CIT portal (Koinon) for **IDPs at TUM**

The project description (exposé) should contain:

- A description of the content of the project and
- A timetable with milestones to be worked on and
- The name and module ID of the accompanying lecture and
- A description of the relation between application area, lecture and project

The timetable is very important in case clarification reg. the scope is required during the project

If you do your **IDP at LMU** please send an e-mail to idp-in.asa@xcit.tum.de for information on how to register

Registration process

1. Your chair registers your IDP in the CIT portal
2. You receive an automated e-mail from the CIT portal asking you to confirm the registration details
3. Once confirmed, you upload your exposé to the CIT portal

   Please do so within 7 seven days; otherwise your registration will be deleted and you need to start the process anew causing extra work for everybody

4. Your IDP’s registration gets checked and officially approved

During your IDP

- Once your registration is approved you get a confirmation e-mail from the CIT portal
- Do the work defined in your project plan
- Submit the project's documentation via the CIT portal – no submission to CIT Informatics administration
- Present your project at the supervising chair
- Do the exam(s) of your lecture(s) – you have to register via TUMonline's "free registration"
- Once finished, you can find you IDP's grade in your transcript and curriculum in TUMonline

Tipps for success

General advice:

- Register in time – the approval process takes about 1 month
- You can find your registration details if you log into the CIT portal
- After approval the lecture cannot be changed
- The IDP can be passed even if the lecture wasn’t
- If you fail the exam of the lecture you can repeat it once
- For group IDPs: Define responsibilities in project plan to avoid misunderstandings during project

IDPs in cooperation with companies:

- Your examiner is always a professor from TUM or LMU
- It is helpful if the company is somehow connected to TUM, e.g., a spin-off
- It can be difficult if only you know the company: Why should a professor be interested?
- Hold at least one meeting with all involved stakeholders to make sure everybody is aligned

Please keep in mind…

- You are responsible for the success of your IDP!
- Start looking for an IDP early – the starting date might be flexible once you have a topic
- Keep close contact with your examiner and supervisor / advisor
- Adhere to the milestones and your project plan

Any questions?

All the best for a successful IDP!