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Module Manual

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1. Program Description

The ever-increasing interaction of hardware and software solutions and the networking of systems characterize the economic and technological developments in the computer industry and telecommunications sector. The Communication Systems and Networks degree program offers students the opportunity to understand and design the complex interrelationships of modern and future communication systems and services. A special feature of the course is the holistic view of communication systems from the system level to the network level, including the current security requirements for such systems. By choosing from two specialization profiles, Communication Systems and Networks and Security, students have the opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge and skills in one of these areas, depending on their inclinations. The course is taught almost exclusively in English. It is therefore also aimed at international students with English language skills.

Occupational fields

The planning, development and customer-specific adaptation of new communication technology systems and networks are at the heart of professional activities. The generally strong demand for communication and information technology services in practically all sectors of the economy opens up numerous prospects in many industries. In addition to large companies in the mobile communications and telecommunications sector, there are manufacturers and suppliers of telecommunications equipment and facilities, network operators and broadcasters, manufacturers of consumer electronics equipment, machine and plant manufacturers, the automotive industry and its suppliers. Work as a research assistant at scientific and public institutions and research facilities with the possibility of a doctorate is also envisaged.

Expectations of applicants

In addition to the formal admission requirements according to §3 of the examination regulations, students are expected to show a high degree of motivation, commitment, personal responsibility and resilience in the organization and implementation of their studies.

Study program

The Master's program is offered by the Institute of Communications Engineering of the Faculty of Information, Media and Electrical Engineering at the TH Köln in cooperation with the Department of Computer Science at the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences in St. Augustin. It is characterized by a practice-oriented, professionally qualifying education. The modular structure of the course and the assessment of modules and courses according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) facilitate international student exchange. The course is worth a total of 90 ECTS points. A large number of subjects are taught in English. The application-oriented Master's degree course in Communication Systems and Networks is designed for a standard period of study of three semesters, including the completion of the Master's thesis, and leads to a Master of Science degree. Through double degree agreements with the Universidad Politécnico de Valencia and the Universidad Politécnico de Madrid, students have the opportunity to obtain a Master's degree from the TH Köln and a renowned Spanish university with little additional effort. The programs there are also largely offered in English.

Study requirements

- Bachelor's or Diplom degree in a computer science program, a mathematical-scientific or engineering program in the field of information and communication technology with at least 210 ECTS points and a final grade of better than 2.3.
- In the case of degrees with fewer than 210 ECTS points, the degree program can be accepted through additional achievements in the form of internships and/or courses.

Start of studies

The course usually begins in the summer semester. It is possible to start in the winter semester.

2. Graduate Profile

Graduates of the M. Sc. Communication Systems and Networks degree program are able to analyze, design and further develop highly complex communication systems and network technologies at an advanced scientific level. They assume responsibility in research, development, system integration and technological management -- both nationally and internationally. The course is aimed at qualified computer science and engineering graduates and clearly stands out from undergraduate courses due to its research-oriented, international and interdisciplinary focus.

The Master's degree course in Communication Systems and Networks is a scientifically sound, strongly application-oriented course in the field of information and communication technology. Unlike a Bachelor's degree, the CSN program focuses on the conceptual depth, cross-system responsibility and innovative design of future information and communication systems and networks.

Students acquire in-depth, interdisciplinary specialist knowledge in the areas of:

- Communication systems, network technologies and signal processing
- Information theory, information security and cryptography, embedded systems, AI-supported networks
- Distributed systems, IoT architectures, mobile networks, multimedia communication

The study program is characterized by

- complete delivery in English and international orientation,
- selectable profile specializations ("Communication Systems" or "Networks and Security"),
- close integration of research-based project work,
- double-degree programs with partner universities in Spain, and
- sound preparation for management positions and/or a doctorate.

Graduates of the degree program develop a profile specific to the Master's degree in the following areas:

- They design, implement and evaluate complex systems of modern communication and network technology, taking into account economic, ecological and ethical aspects.
- You are proficient in scientific methods at a high level and can work on research questions in a structured manner - also with a view to a later doctorate.
- Through projects such as the research project and the Master's thesis, they develop skills in scientific analysis, interdisciplinary teamwork and innovation.
- They are able to take on responsibility in dynamic, technology-driven environments such as mobile communications, IT infrastructure, IoT, broadcasting technology or cloud/edge computing.
- You have the intercultural and communication skills to work effectively in international teams and communicate complex issues convincingly.
- They are prepared to classify new technical developments, assess their relevance and independently acquire new skills - lifelong learning is a central component of their professional identity.

3. Fields of Action

Central fields of activity in the degree program are development and design, research and innovation, leadership and management as well as quality assurance and testing. The profile module matrix shows which fields of activity are addressed by which modules.

Development and Design

Interdisciplinary development and testing of algorithms, circuits, software, devices, communication and media technology systems as well as complex computer, communication and embedded systems.

Research and innovation

Perform scientific research work and apply and expand scientific knowledge, from basic research to industrial research, with the qualification for doctoral studies.

Leadership and management

Assume technical leadership and project responsibility, including the coordination and management of working groups and internationally distributed teams, as well as the management of planning and manufacturing processes, project controlling and product management.

Quality assurance and testing

Carrying out quality controls and tests for products and processes, using measurement and testing technologies and coordinating certification processes.

4. Competencies

The modules of the degree program train students in different competencies, which are described below. The [Profile Module Matrix] (#Module Matrix) shows which competences are addressed by which modules.

Development and design of complex systems

Ability to design and implement large systems, taking into account electrical, software, mechanical and optical aspects, based on a thorough requirements analysis from a technical, economic, ecological and social point of view.

Testing and evaluation of complex systems

Plan, perform and analyze tests to verify and validate these systems, including consideration of user perspectives and technical-economic aspects.

Scientific work and research

Mastery and application of scientific methods, including the ability to research, evaluate and cite relevant literature, and to formulate and present results.

Project management and teamwork

Skills in organizing, managing and supervising projects and teams, even under uncertain conditions, and in making professional and organizational decisions.

Self-organization and self-taught skills

Identification of personal skills, efficient time management and the ability for self-directed learning.

Communication and intercultural competence

Ability to present and defend scientific and technical results convincingly in both German and English, including international and interdisciplinary contexts.

Technical and scientific fundamentals

Comprehensive and in-depth STEM subject knowledge and its application to real-world and theoretical problems.

Sustainability and social responsibility

Evaluate and develop sustainable and socially responsible technologies, including consideration of ethical values.

Analysis, simulation and abstraction

Ability to analyze complex systems, abstract key features and solve problems based on models.

Leadership and decision-making responsibility

Assume responsibility in technical management tasks, develop solution strategies for complex tasks.

Applying ethical values and principles in practice

Incorporating social and ethical considerations into technical decisions and design processes.

Integrative thinking and acting in interdisciplinary teams

Coordinating and integrating contributions from different disciplines to solve complex tasks.

Innovation and creativity

Developing new solutions and concepts to overcome technical challenges.

5. Study Plans

The following are studyable study plans. Other study plans are also possible. Please note, however, that each module is usually only offered once a year. Please also note that several modules may have to be selected in a particular semester and elective catalogs in order to obtain the total ECTS credit points shown.

5.1 Regelstudium

Sem.	Abbr.	Module Name	Mandatory (PF) Elective Catalog (WB)	ECTS
1	HIM	Advanced Mathematics	PF	5
	BSN	Fundamentals of System and Network Theory	PF	5
	PFM	Profile Module	WB	10
	EL1	Electives Catalog 1	WB	10
	PM	Project Management	PF	5
2	PFM	Profile Module	WB	10
	RP	Research Project	PF	10
	EL2	Electives Catalog 2	WB	5
	EL3	Elective 3	WB	5
3	MAA	Masterarbeit	PF	27
	KOLL	Kolloquium zur Masterarbeit	PF	3

6. Modules

The modules of the degree program are described below in alphabetical order.

6.1 ACC - Advanced Channel Coding

Module ID	ACC_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Advanced Channel Coding
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	ACC - Advanced Channel Coding
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every summer term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Uwe Dettmar/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Uwe Dettmar/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

What? Designing and rating of systems for the reliable transmission of data over distorted channels and storage of data for data at rest and data in motion

How? By applying results from information theory and applying methods and algorithms for error correcting codes using existing simulations tools, self written programmes, and studying existing systems.

What for? To be able to design, select, use and apply actual and future digital communication systems for reliable data transmission, and to rate their performance.

Module Contents**Lecture / Exercises**

The underlying concept of this module is a combination from lecture and tutorial. After a lecture block of approximately 20 minutes) the subjects taught are actively trained using Matlab/Octave and Python programs.

Syllabus:

- Introduction
- Basic terms and definitions
- short history of channel coding
- System and channel models
- Review of binary error correcting block and convolutional Codes
- Generator and Parity check matrices,
- decoding principles, Trellis and Viterbi Algorithm
- Some principles on Information Theory
- Channel coding theorem
- Channel capacity and example calculations
- Cyclic Codes, Reed Solomon Codes
- Encoding and Decoding, Euclidean and Berlekamp-Massey -Algorithm for Decoding
- Basics on LDPC, Polar, and TURBO Codes
- iterative decoding, Sum Product Algorithm
- Recursive Convolutional Codes
- Performance comparison
- Basics on Space Time Coding
- Channel Model, Capacity improvement, Alamouti Scheme, STBC and STTC and their decoding

These subjects are presented during the lecture. Students shall deepen their knowledge by self-study of literature and internet resources and discuss their results in small learning groups as a teamwork.

By the help of small exercises and programs during the presence time, students are able to actively train their knowledge. More extensive problems are solved and discussed in the second part of the course to activate the student's capabilities to solve relevant problems.

Students further learn

- to analyze communication systems and to estimate their performance
- to compare and rate algorithms and methods
- to apply their knowledge to technical problems

Lab

Existing simulation Tools like, e.g., the Matlab Communications Toolbox or AFF3CT (aff3ct.github.io) are used to:

- test theoretical results from lecture and tutorial
- implement algorithms for error control coding
- simulate BER and rate the performance, compare schemes
- adapt programs to solve equivalent problems
- become familiar with standard simulations tools
- train cooperation in small teams

Students learn to generate, check, present, and discuss performance results for FEC codes. They need to search for and to study scientific literature as background sources for their simulations. Teams of students get different code families to study. Results are presented to the whole group.

Teaching and Learning	▪ Lecture / Exercises
Methods	▪ Lab

Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
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Workload	150 Hours
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Contact Hours	45 Hours $\pm$ 4 SWS
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Self-Study	105 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	▪ Modul HIM: Grundkenntnisse zur linearen Algebra, der Algebra in endlichen Zahlkörpern, der Stochastik und der digitalen Kommunikationstechnik aus den vorangegangenen Bachelorstudiengängen. Da das Fach im ersten Fachsemester des Masters gewählt werden kann, können keine belastbaren Kenntnisse aus dem Fach HIM verpflichtend vorausgesetzt werden, auch wenn sie hilfreich wären. ▪ basics in linear algebra ▪ basics in stochastics ▪ good programming skills
Mandatory Prerequisites	▪ Lab requires attendance in the amount of: 2 Praktikumstermine und 1 Präsentation ▪ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lab
Recommended Literature	▪ R. E. Blahut. Algebraic Codes for Data Transmission. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2003. ▪ S. Lin and D. J. Costello. Error Control Coding. ISBN 0-13-042672-5. Prentice-Hall, 2004 ▪ T. M. Cover and J. A. Thomas. Elements of Information Theory. Wiley, New Jersey, 2006 ▪ A. Neubauer. Kanalcodierung. Schlembach, Wilburgstetten, 2006. ▪ R. Roth. Introduction to Coding Theory. Cambridge, second edition, 2006 ▪ B. Sklar. Digital Communications. Prentice Hall PTR, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 2001
Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	▪ ACC in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ▪ ACC in Master Technische Informatik 2020 ▪ ACC in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
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6.2 AMC - Advanced Multimedia Communications

Module ID	AMC_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Advanced Multimedia Communications
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	AMC - Advanced Multimedia Communications
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every winter term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Andreas Grebe/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Andreas Grebe/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

What?

Understanding service requirements, driven by heterogeneous services, in All-IP networks, and how to design, implement and evaluate quality-of-service (QoS) and quality-of-experience (QoE) mechanisms. Competences to evaluate, analyze, design, implement and test multiservice IP networks with heterogeneous service requirements.

How?

Based on Bachelor-level competences on IP networking and services, students learn different application (service) requirements from filetransfer to streaming and how to separate and fulfill these requirements in IP networks. In a small team and organized as semester project, students develop their own multiservice networks, optionally based on existing systems, and learn how to design, implement and analyze their own multiservice network solution.

What for?

To be able to design, analyze, select, use and apply actual and future network technologies, based on All-IP networks concepts for enterprise networks, telecommunication networks and mobile networks.

Module Contents

Lecture / Exercises

Content for multimedia applications, encoding of multimedia data, integration of data, audio and video, multimedia traffic requirements, multimedia transport protocols, RTP and MPEG-TS, traffic modeling burst silence model, quality of service (QoS), multiservice networks, IntServ, RSVP, DiffServ, ToS and DSCP, Traffic Classification, Traffic Measurement, Traffic Shaping, Network Scheduling, Queueing (FIFO, RR, WRR, WFQ, CB-WFQ, PQ, LLQ), Congestion Avoidance (RED, WRED, CB-WRED), Quality-of-Experience (QoE), MOS Scale, Error Detection, Error Correction, FEC, Interleaving, Jitter Buffer.

Students evaluate technologies and network architectures of multiservice networks; they analyze requirements of Multimedia services and systems, design architectures for multiservice networks, implement multiservice networks, and analyze Multimedia communication protocols and their performance metrics.

Lab

Fundamental knowledge of multiservice networks or multimedia applications in All-IP networks including planning, implementation and evaluation of services. Protocol analysis for functional analysis, performance analysis and troubleshooting.

Students evaluate requirements of Multimedia services, and necessary methods for QoS in multiservice networks. They plan and implement IP Multimedia environments as team project, and test QoS performance measures. They are competent in functional analysis and troubleshooting by deep packet inspection (DPI) protocol analysis. They evaluate the performance of the Multimedia network or services in terms of timing, throughput, latency and delays, jitter, robustness in case of packet errors, and security aspects. Individual project proposals by students are welcome.

Teaching and Learning Methods	■ Lecture / Exercises ■ Lab
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Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
Workload	150 Hours
Contact Hours	45 Hours $\pm$ 4 SWS
Self-Study	105 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	▪ Modul BSN: Fundamentals of Networks and Protocols (typically Bachelor Level) Layered Communications and Protocol Stacks (ISO/OSI, IETF TCP/IP, IEEE), LAN, MAN, WAN, Fixed Line and Mobile Network Fundamentals, Data Link-Technologies (Ethernet, WiFi), IP-Networking (IPv4, IPv6), IP Routing Protocols (static Routes, RIP, OSPF, BGP), Transport Protocols (TCP (incl. Flow Control / Congestion Control), UDP) and Port Numbers, Application Protocols (HTTP, Request-Response Pattern, Publish-Subscribe Pattern). ▪ Bachelor-level knowledge of protocols and layer models, Internet protocols (UDP, TCP, IP, HTTP, FTP), IP addressing (IPv4, IPv6), routing techniques (IP routing, functionality of a router, routing protocols, RIP, OSPF), transmission systems and layer 2 protocols, Ethernet. Understanding distributed systems and applications, sockets and client/server programming, request-response patterns, publishg-subscribe patterns.
Mandatory Prerequisites	▪ Lab requires attendance in the amount of: 6 Meilensteintermine und Projektvorstellungen ▪ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lab
Recommended Literature	▪ J. Kurose, K. Ross: Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach, Global Edition, Prentice Hall, 7th ed., 2016 ▪ A. S. Tanenbaum, D. J. Wetherall: Computer Networks, Pearson , 5th ed., 2013 ▪ W. Stallings: Foundations of Modern Networking, Pearson Education, 2016 ▪ H. W. Barz, G. A. Bassett: Multimedia Networks, John Wiley & Sons, 2016 ▪ T. Szigeti, C. Hattingh, R. Barton, B. Kenneth: End-to-End QoS Network Design: Quality of Service for Rich-Media & Cloud Networks (2nd Edition) End-to-End QoS Network Design: Quality of Service for Rich-Media & Cloud Networks, Cisco Press, 2nd Ed. 2013 ▪ R. Steinmetz, K. Nahrstedt: „Multimedia Systems“, Springer 2004 ▪ R. Steinmetz, „Multimedia-Technologie“, Springer 2000
Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	▪ AMC in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ▪ AMC in Master Technische Informatik 2020 ▪ AMC in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
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6.3 BSN - Fundamentals of System and Network Theory

Module ID	BSN_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Fundamentals of System and Network Theory
Type of Module	Mandatory Module
Recognized Course	BSN - Basics on Systems and Networks
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1
Frequency of Course	every summer term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Rainer Kronberger/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	▪ Prof. Dr. Rainer Kronberger/Professor Fakultät IME ▪ Prof. Dr. Harald Elders-Boll/Professor Fakultät IME ▪ Prof. Dr. Uwe Dettmar/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

Students learn the basics of communication systems and networks, by means of lectures, tutorials, exercises and practical laboratory experiments, so that they can later develop, design, analyze, measure and set up communication technology components, systems and networks.

Module Contents

Lecture

Introduction to Digital Communication Systems and Networks
 Review of the Basics: Signals and Systems
 Review of the Basics: Probability Theory
 Representation of Bandpass Signals and Systems
 Signals, Noise, Electromagnetic Waves
 Wave Propagation
 Communication Components: Receiver and Transmitter
 Antennas
 Source Coding and Quantization
 Channel Coding and Cryptography
 Modulation
 OFDM
 Radio Standards and Mobile Communication Systems and Networks

Exercises / Lab

Lab: Binary NRZ, IQ-Modulation and Demodulation
 Lab: Channel Coding and QPSK Modulation
 Lab: RF Signals

Teaching and Learning Methods

- Lecture
- Exercises / Lab

Examination Types with Weights
 cf. exam regulations

Workload	150 Hours
Contact Hours	45 Hours $\pm$ 4 SWS
Self-Study	105 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	Basics in communications, electronics, information technologies
Mandatory Prerequisites	▪ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lecture ▪ Exercises / Lab requires attendance in the amount of: 3 Testattermine ▪ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Exercises / Lab
Recommended Literature	▪ Tolga M. Duman, Fundamentals of Digital Communication Systems, Cambridge University Press, 2025 ▪ John Proakis and Masoud Salehi. Digital Communications. 5th. McGraw-Hill, 2007 ▪ Michael Rice. Digital Communications: A Discrete-Time Approach. Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009. ▪ James Kurose and Keith Ross. Computer Networking A Top Down Approach. 7th ed. Pearson, 2016. ▪ Andrew S. Tanenbaum, Nick Feamster, and David J. Wetherall. Computer Networks. 6th ed. Pearson, 2021. ▪ Ha H. Nguyen and Ed Shwedyk. A First Course in Digital Communications. Cambridge University Press, 2009. ▪ Upamanyu Madhow. Fundamentals of Digital Communication. Cambridge University Press, 2008.
Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	BSN in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024
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6.4 DSP - Digital Signal Processing

Module ID	DSP_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Digital Signal Processing
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	DSP - Digital Signal Processing
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every winter term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Harald Elders-Boll/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Harald Elders-Boll/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

Design, analyse and implement DSP systems in soft and hardware considering computational complexity and hardware resource limitation, by a thorough understanding of the theoretical concepts, especially frequency domain analysis, and practical implementation of DSP systems in software using Python and on microprocessors, to be able to design, select, use and apply actual and future DSP systems for various signal processing application in commercial products.

Module Contents**Lecture / Exercises**

Signals, Systems and Digital Signal Processing

Basic Elements of DSP Systems

Classification of Signals

Continuous-Time and Discrete-Time Signals

Deterministic and Random Signals

Even and Odd Signals

Periodic and Aperiodic Signals

Energy and Power of Signals

Some Fundamental Signals

Discrete-Time Linear Time-Invariant Systems

Difference Equations

Discrete-Time Convolution

Unit-Pulse and Impulse Response

Basic Systems Properties: Causality, Stability, Memory

Ideal Sampling and Reconstruction

Ideal Sampling and the Sampling Theorem

Aliasing

Fourier-Transform of Discrete-Time Signals

Eigenfunctions of Discrete-Time LTI Systems

Frequency response of Discrete-Time LTI Systems

The Fourier-Transform of Discrete-Time Signals

Ideal Continuous-Time Filters

Discrete Fourier-Transform

Sampling the DTFT

The DFT and the Inverse DFT

The Fast Fourier Transform

Radix-2 FFT Algorithms

Linear Convolution Using the FFT

Overlap-And-Add

Random Signals

Review of Probability and Random Variables

Ensemble Averages

Correlation Functions

Stationary and Ergodic Processes

Power Spectral Density

Transmission of Random Signals over LTI Systems

Advanced Sampling Techniques

Quantization and Encoding

Sampling of Bandpass Signals

Sampling of Random Signals

Sample Rate Conversion

Sample Rate Reduction by an Integer Factor

Sample Rate Increase by an Integer Factor

Sample Rate Conversion by a Rational Factor

Oversampling and Noise Shaping

Students understand the fundamentals of discrete-time signals and systems

Students can analyse the frequency content of a given signal using the appropriate Fourier-Transform and methods for spectrum estimation

Analysis of discrete-time LTI Systems

Students can calculate the output signal via convolution

Students can determine the frequency response of a given system

Students can characterize a given system in the frequency domain and in the z-domain

Implementation of discrete-time LTI systems
Students can implement the convolution sum in software
Students can implement different structures for IIR systems in software
Students can use the FFT to implement an FIR system

Lab

Review of Probability and Random Variables
Moments, Averages and Distribution Functions
Random Signals
Ensemble Averages
Correlation Functions
Stationary and Ergodic Processes
Power Spectral Density
Transmission of Random Signals over LTI Systems
Combating noise
Remove or suppress high-frequency noise from low-pass signals
Ability to trade-off different methods for digital coding of speech and audio signals

Teaching and Learning ■ Lecture / Exercises
Methods ■ Lab

Examination Types with Weights cf. exam regulations

Workload 150 Hours

Contact Hours 45 Hours $\pm$ 4 SWS

Self-Study 105 Hours

Recommended Prerequisites No formal requirements, but students will be expected to be familiar with:
Basic Knowledge of Signals and Systems: Continuous-Time LTI-Systems and Convolution, Fourier-Transform
Basic Knowledge of Probability and Random Variables

Mandatory Prerequisites ■ Lab requires attendance in the amount of: 8 Termine
 ■ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lab

Recommended Literature ■ John G. Proakis and Dimitris K. Manolakis. Digital Signal Processing (4th Edition). Prentice Hall, 2006.
 ■ Alan V. Oppenheim, Ronald W. Schaffer. Discrete-Time Signal Processing (3rd Edition). Prentice Hall, 2007.
 ■ Vinay Ingle and John Proakis. Digital Signal Processing using MATLAB. Cengage Learning Engineering, 2011.

Use of the Module in Other Study Programs ■ DSP in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024
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 ■ DSP in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024

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6.5 HIM - Advanced Mathematics

Module ID	HIM_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Advanced Mathematics
Type of Module	Mandatory Module
Recognized Course	HIM - Advanced Mathematics
ECTS credits	5
Language	deutsch und englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1
Frequency of Course	every term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Heiko Knospe/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	▪ Prof. Dr. Heiko Knospe/Professor Fakultät IME ▪ Prof. Dr. Hubert Randerath/Professor Fakultät IME ▪ Prof. Dr. Beate Rhein/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

Was: Das Modul vermittelt grundlegende Konzepte und Methoden der Mathematik, die in den Ingenieurwissenschaften benötigt werden (K. 8). Die Abstraktion und mathematischen Formalisierung von Problemen soll erlernt und angewendet werden (K. 2). Die Studierenden lernen die Anwendung mathematischer Methoden (K. 16). Es soll die Anwendung statistischer Verfahren und die Begründung wissenschaftlicher Aussagen erlernt werden (K. 17).

Womit: Der Dozent/die Dozentin vermittelt Wissen und Basisfertigkeiten in der Vorlesung. In der Übung bearbeiten die Studierenden unter Anleitung Aufgaben. Die Übung wird durch Hausaufgaben und Online-Aufgaben (E-Learning) ergänzt.

Wozu: Fortgeschrittene Mathematik-Kenntnisse (beispielweise in Vektoranalysis, Statistik und Optimierung) werden in mehreren Modulen des Studiengangs benötigt. Mathematische Methoden sind essentiell für Ingenieure, die wissenschaftlich arbeiten und wissenschaftliche Erkenntnisse anwenden und erweitern (HF2).

Module Contents**Lecture / Exercises**

A combination of:

- Vector Analysis
- Probability Theory, Statistics and Multivariate Statistics
- Stochastic processes
- Optimization

Vector Analysis

- Vector Spaces
- Scalar and Vector Functions
- Differential Operators
- Line Integrals
- Double Integrals
- Triple Integrals
- Change of Variables
- Surface Integrals
- Divergence Theorem
- Theorem of Stokes
- Maxwell Equations

Probability and Statistics

- Descriptive Statistics
- Two-dimensional Data
- Simple Linear Regression
- Probability Spaces
- Random Variables
- Expectation, Variance, Moments
- Jointly Distributed Random Variables
- Independent Random Variables
- Covariance
- Binomial Random Variable
- Poisson Random Variable
- Uniform Random Variable
- Normal Random Variable
- Chi-Square Distribution
- t-Distribution
- Central Limit Theorem
- Distributions of Sampling Statistics
- Confidence Intervals
- Hypothesis Testing
- t-Test, f-Test, Chi-Square Test
- Overview of various Tests

Multivariate Statistics

- Analysis of multidimensional data
- Multivariate Random Variables
- Matrix decompositions, Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
- Factor analysis, Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Multiple Linear Regression

Stochastic Processes

- Discrete and continuous time processes
- Random walk
- Markov chain
- Poisson process
- Queuing theory

Optimization

- Linear Programming
- Unconstrained Optimization: Gradient method, Newton's method, Trust Region method
- Constrained Optimization: Karush–Kuhn–Tucker (KKT) conditions, Lagrange multipliers, Penalty and Barrier functions
- Special optimization problems: Mixed Integer Nonlinear Programming, Nonlinear Stochastic Optimization

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Teaching and Learning Methods

Lecture / Exercises

Examination Types with Weights

cf. exam regulations

Workload 150 Hours

Contact Hours 34 Hours $\triangleq$ 3 SWS

Self-Study 116 Hours

Recommended Prerequisites Differential and integral calculus and linear algebra (Bachelor-level mathematics)

Mandatory Prerequisites

Recommended Literature

- K. Burg, H. Haf, F. Wille, A. Meister, Vektoranalysis - Höhere Mathematik für Ingenieure, Naturwissenschaftler und Mathematiker, Springer Vieweg
- E. Kreyszig, Advanced Engineering Mathematics, John Wiley & Sons
- L. Papula, Mathematik für Ingenieure und Naturwissenschaftler Band 3, Springer Vieweg
- R. E. Walpole, R. H. Myers, S. L. Myers, K. Ye, Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists, Prentice Hall
- S. M. Ross, Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists, Elsevier
- S. M. Ross, Stochastic Processes, John Wiley & Sons
- U. Krengel, Einführung in die Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie und Statistik
- A. Koop, H. Moock, Lineare Optimierung, Springer
- R. Reinhardt, A. Hoffmann, T. Gerlach, Nichtlineare Optimierung, Springer
- M. Ulbrich, S. Ulbrich, Nichtlineare Optimierung, Birkhäuser

Use of the Module in Other Study Programs

- HIM in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024
- HIM in Master Elektrotechnik 2020
- HIM in Master Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik 2024
- HIM in Master Technische Informatik 2020
- HIM in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024

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6.6 IBD - InnoBioDiv

Module ID	IBD_MaCSN2020
Module Name	InnoBioDiv
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	IBD - InnoBioDiv student projects
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	0.5 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Uwe Dettmar/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Uwe Dettmar/Professor Fakultät IME
Learning Outcome(s)	
Die Studierenden können in einer Forschungsgruppe ein Experiment teamorientiert planen, durchführen, auswerten und dokumentieren, indem sie auf biologisches und technisches Basiswissen und auf die zur Verfügung gestellten Ressourcen (ein IoT basiertes Mess- und Steuersystem inklusive FarmBot, Sensorik und Aktorik, Materialien und Geräte im Gewächshaus des Instituts für Pflanzenwissenschaften, Checklisten) sowie weitere frei verfügbare Informationsquellen zugreifen, um die Auswirkungen des Klimawandels auf die Wachstumsleistung von Pflanzen und die Biodiversität im Boden erfahrbar zu machen und dadurch Erkenntnisse zu generieren, die für die Gesellschaft im Rahmen des Klimawandels von Relevanz sind.	
Module Contents	
Seminar	
Development of project ideas, discussion and further development of the projects	
Project	
The students acquire... - the ability to develop and implement concepts for the adaptation of plants to climate change. - the ability to plan, conduct and analyze experiments in the fields of plant physiology, soil biology and technology. - the ability to statistically evaluate and present experimental data. - the ability to present and communicate scientific results. - the ability to collaborate interdisciplinary and interculturallly and to exchange ideas with students from different MINT research areas. - Experience in planning and implementing projects and in teamwork At the end, students will have - a deep understanding of the interactions between climate parameters, plant growth and soil biodiversity. - basic knowledge of modern technologies such as robotics, sensor technology and the Internet of Things in the context of plant research. - an awareness of the importance of sustainability, resource conservation and security of supply in the context of population growth and climate change.	
Teaching and Learning Methods	▪ Seminar ▪ Project
Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
Workload	150 Hours
Contact Hours	23 Hours $\pm$ 2 SWS
Self-Study	127 Hours

Recommended Prerequisites	- fluent English since working intercultural and interdisciplinary teams. - basic knowledge in IoT and robotics desirable - ability to work in a team - basic knowledge in plant biology are not mandatory
Mandatory Prerequisites	▪ Seminar requires attendance in the amount of: 8 Stunden ▪ Project requires attendance in the amount of: 5 meetings for project discussions
Recommended Literature	▪ https://farm.bot/ ▪ Arif, Tarik M.: Deep Learning on Embedded Systems: A Hands-On Approach Using Jetson Nano and Raspberry Pi, Wiley, 2025, ISBN:978-1-394-26927-3 ▪ Agrawal, D. P. (2017). Embedded Sensor Systems. Springer. ▪ Marwedel, Peter: Embedded System Design: Embedded Systems Foundations of Cyber-Physical Systems, and the Internet of Things, Springer, 2021, ISBN 978-3-030-60910-8 ▪ L. Urry, S. Wassermann: Campbell Biology AP Edition (12th Edition), Pearson, ISBN-13: 978-0-13-648687-9 ▪ Taiz, L., Møller, I. M., Murphy, A., & Zeiger, E. (2022). Plant Physiology and Development. Oxford University Press.
Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	▪ IBD in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ▪ IBD in Master Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik 2024 ▪ IBD in Master Medientechnologie 2024 ▪ IBD in Master Technische Informatik 2020 ▪ IBD in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
Permanent Links to Organization	<u>Course description in the learning platform</u>
Specifics and Notes	Block course from the beginning of October to mid-November (7 weeks), optional preparation time to build up basic knowledge in the last week of September
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6.7 ITF - IT-Forensik

Module ID	ITF_MaCSN2020
Module Name	IT-Forensik
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	ITF - IT forensics
ECTS credits	5
Language	deutsch, englisch bei Bedarf
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every winter term
Module Coordinator	Studiengangsleiter(in) Master Technische Informatik / Informatik und Systems-Engineering
Lecturer(s)	Jürgen Bornemann/Lehrbeauftragter
Learning Outcome(s)	
▪ WAS Studierende spüren digitale Beweise auf und stellen Sie zwecks Verwertbarkeit für weiterführende Analysen sicher, ▪ WOMIT indem sie anhand fallbezogener Aufgabenstellungen und mittels forensischer IT-Tools Schwachstellen entdecken und Beweise in Dateisystemen und IT-Infrastrukturen sichern, ▪ WOZU um im Berufsleben Gefahren vermeiden, erkennen und abwehren können und ggf. gutachterlich tätig zu werden.	
Module Contents	
Lecture / Exercises	
- Basic concepts of cyber security and digital forensics - Typical vulnerabilities, threats and risks - Dangers with mobile systems, home office, WLANs - Basics and working methods of IT forensics - Forensic documentation creation - Common tools for forensic investigations - Recognize and secure digital evidence - Open source forensics - File system forensics - Forensic analysis of mobile systems - Vulnerabilities, threats, attacks on network structures - KALI Linux - Operating System for Vulnerability and Pentesting	
Project	
Students can work on case-related forensic tasks and incidents independently or in working groups using the knowledge they have acquired. They show how to secure, analyze and document digital evidence.	
Teaching and Learning Methods	▪ Lecture / Exercises ▪ Project
Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
Workload	150 Hours
Contact Hours	45 Hours $\pm$ 4 SWS
Self-Study	105 Hours

**Recommended
Prerequisites**

**Mandatory
Prerequisites**

**Recommended
Literature**

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| Use of the Module in
Other Study Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ITF in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024▪ ITF in Master Elektrotechnik 2020▪ ITF in Master Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik 2024▪ ITF in Master Medientechnologie 2020▪ ITF in Master Medientechnologie 2024▪ ITF in Master Technische Informatik 2020▪ ITF in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024 |
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6.8 KOLL - Kolloquium zur Masterarbeit

Module ID	KOLL_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Kolloquium zur Masterarbeit
Type of Module	Mandatory Module
Recognized Course	MAKOLL - Colloquium
ECTS credits	3
Language	deutsch, englisch bei Bedarf
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	3
Frequency of Course	every term
Module Coordinator	Studiengangsleiter(in) Master Technische Informatik / Informatik und Systems-Engineering
Lecturer(s)	verschiedene Dozenten*innen / diverse lecturers
Learning Outcome(s)	- Darstellung von Forschungsergebnissen in einer Präsentation in vorgegebenem engen zeitlichen Rahmen - Fachliche und außerfachliche Bezüge der eigenen Arbeit darstellen und begründen - Eigene Lösungswege und gewonnene Erkenntnisse darstellen und diskutieren
Module Contents	
Colloquium	The colloquium serves to determine whether the student is able to present the results of the Master's thesis, its technical and methodological foundations, interdisciplinary contexts and extracurricular references orally, to justify them independently and to assess their significance for practice
Teaching and Learning Methods	Colloquium
Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
Workload	90 Hours
Contact Hours	0 Hours $\triangleq$ 0 SWS
Self-Study	90 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	
Mandatory Prerequisites	■ Module MAA: Die Masterarbeit muss abgeschlossen sein, damit sie im Kolloquium ganzheitlich und abschließend präsentiert werden kann. ■ See exam regulations §29, paragraph 2
Recommended Literature	
Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	■ KOLL in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ■ KOLL in Master Elektrotechnik 2020 ■ KOLL in Master Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik 2024 ■ KOLL in Master Medientechnologie 2020 ■ KOLL in Master Medientechnologie 2024 ■ KOLL in Master Technische Informatik 2020 ■ KOLL in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
Specifics and Notes	See also examination regulations §29.
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6.9 KRY - Cryptography

Module ID	KRY_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Cryptography
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	KRY - Cryptography
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every summer term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Heiko Knospe/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Heiko Knospe/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

Was: Die Studierenden lernen die mathematischen Grundlagen der Kryptographie kennen. Es werden Kenntnisse der wichtigsten kryptographischen Methoden und Algorithmen vermittelt (HF 1). Die Studierenden verstehen verschiedene Arten von Sicherheitsanforderungen und analysieren die Sicherheit von kryptographischen Verfahren.

Womit: Der Dozent/die Dozentin vermittelt Wissen und Basisfertigkeiten in der Vorlesung. In der Übung bearbeiten die Studierenden unter Anleitung Aufgaben. Im Praktikum werden konkrete Probleme und Fragestellungen der Kryptographie bearbeitet.

Wozu: Kryptographie wird eingesetzt um die grundlegenden Ziele der Informationssicherheit zu erreichen. Die Studierenden lernen die Implementierung und Anwendung von kryptographischen Algorithmen und entwickeln Konzepte um Systeme, Netzwerke und Anwendungen gegen Angriffe zu sichern (HF 2).

Module Contents

Lecture / Exercises

- * Mathematical Fundamentals
- * Encryption Schemes and Definitions of Security
- * Elementary Number Theory
- * Algebraic Structures
- * Block Ciphers
- * Stream Ciphers
- * Hash Functions
- * Message Authentication Codes
- * Public-Key Encryption and the RSA Cryptosystem
- * Key Establishment
- * Digital Signatures
- * Elliptic Curve Cryptography
- * Outlook: Post-quantum cryptography

Lab

- Solve mathematical and cryptographical problems in Python / SageMath: working with large integers and residue classes, factorization, primality and prime density, RSA key generation and encryption / decryption, Diffie-Hellman key exchange.
- Write code to encrypt and decrypt files using the AES block cipher and different operation modes. Analyze the statistical properties of AES ciphertext.
- Write code for RSA key generation, key encapsulation / decapsulation and hybrid encryption / decryption.

- Teaching and Learning Methods**
- Lecture / Exercises
 - Lab

Examination Types with Weights cf. exam regulations

Workload	150 Hours
Contact Hours	45 Hours $\triangleq$ 4 SWS
Self-Study	105 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	Mathematics (Bachelor level) and programming skills.
Mandatory Prerequisites	▪ Lab requires attendance in the amount of: 3 Termine ▪ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lab
Recommended Literature	▪ M. Bellare, P. Rogaway, Introduction to Modern Cryptography, UCSD CSE ▪ H. Delfs, H. Knebl, Introduction to Cryptography, Springer ▪ S. Goldwasser, M. Bellare, Lecture Notes on Cryptography, MIT ▪ J. Hoffstein, J. Pipher, J.H. Silverman, An Introduction to Mathematical Cryptography, Springer ▪ J. Katz, Y. Lindell, Introduction to Modern Cryptography, CRC Press ▪ H. Knespe, A Course in Cryptography, American Mathematical Society ▪ C. Paar, J. Pelz, Understanding Cryptography. Springer ▪ N.P. Smart, Cryptography Made Simple, Springer ▪ K. H. Rosen, Discrete Mathematics and its Applications, McGraw-Hill ▪ V. Shoup, A Computational Introduction to Number Theory and Algebra, Cambridge University Press
Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	▪ KRY in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ▪ KRY in Master Technische Informatik 2020 ▪ KRY in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
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6.10 MAA - Masterarbeit

Module ID	MAA_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Masterarbeit
Type of Module	Mandatory Module
Recognized Course	MAA - Master thesis
ECTS credits	27
Language	deutsch, englisch bei Bedarf
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	3
Frequency of Course	every term
Module Coordinator	Studiengangsleiter(in) Master Technische Informatik / Informatik und Systems-Engineering
Lecturer(s)	verschiedene Dozenten*innen / diverse lecturers

Learning Outcome(s)

Das Modul vermittelt folgende Kenntnisse und Fertigkeiten:

- Komplexe Aufgabenstellungen beurteilen
- Selbstständiges Verfassen eines längeren wissenschaftlichen Textes
- Gute Praxis des wissenschaftlichen Arbeitens anwenden
- Darstellung von Forschungsergebnissen in Form eines wissenschaftlichen Artikels nach den Vorgaben gängiger Fachzeitschriften bzw. Konferenzen
- Selbstständiges und systematisches Bearbeiten einer komplexen ingenieurwissenschaftlichen Aufgabenstellung unter Verwendung wissenschaftlicher Methoden
- Lösungsstrategien entwickeln und umsetzen
- Wissenschaftliche Literatur recherchieren und auswerten
- Eigene Arbeit bewerten und einordnen

Individuelle Vereinbarung des Studierenden mit einem Dozenten der MT bzw. F07 über eine qualifizierte Ingenieurstätigkeit mit einer studiengangsbezogenen Aufgabenstellung mit wissenschaftlichem Anspruch. Die Masterarbeit kann auch extern in einer Forschungsorganisation, einem Wirtschaftsunternehmen o.ä. durchgeführt werden. Die Betreuung erfolgt durch den Dozenten. Die Masterarbeit adressiert die Entwicklung komplexer Medientechnologien unter interdisziplinären Bedingungen (HF1) und das wissenschaftliche Arbeiten um wissenschaftliche Erkenntnisse zu erweitern (HF2)."

Module Contents

Thesis

The Master's thesis is a written assignment. It should show that the student is capable of independently working on a topic from his or her subject area within a specified period of time, both in its technical details and in its interdisciplinary contexts, using scientific and practical methods. Interdisciplinary cooperation can also be taken into account in the final thesis.

Teaching and Learning Methods	Thesis
Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
Workload	810 Hours
Contact Hours	0 Hours $\pm$ 0 SWS
Self-Study	810 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	See examination regulations §26
Mandatory Prerequisites	see exam regulations §26 paragraph 1

**Recommended
Literature**

Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	▪ MAA in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ▪ MAA in Master Elektrotechnik 2020 ▪ MAA in Master Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik 2024 ▪ MAA in Master Medientechnologie 2020 ▪ MAA in Master Medientechnologie 2024 ▪ MAA in Master Technische Informatik 2020 ▪ MAA in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
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Specifics and Notes	See also examination regulations §24ff. Contact a professor of the faculty early on for the initial supervision of the thesis.
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6.11 MLWR - Maschinelles Lernen und wissenschaftliches Rechnen

Module ID	MLWR_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Maschinelles Lernen und wissenschaftliches Rechnen
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	MLWR - Machine Learning and Scientific Computing
ECTS credits	5
Language	deutsch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every summer term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Beate Rhein/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Beate Rhein/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

Was:

fortgeschrittene Methoden des maschinellen Lernens auf typische Datensätze der technischen Informatik anwenden
Fallstricke des Maschinellen Lernens in der Vorgehensweise erkennen
für eine Aufgabenstellung das geeignete Verfahren bestimmen und anwenden können
Qualität von Datensätzen beurteilen und verbessern
Datenschutzgesetze kennen
weit verbreitete Software des maschinellen Lernens anwenden

Womit:

Die Methoden werden anhand eines Vortrags oder per Lernvideos vermittelt und in Vorlesung und Übung direkt angewendet. Jeder Student wird ein Projekt durchführen (je nach Anzahl der Studierenden in Gruppenarbeit), bei der er sich Teile des Stoffes selber erarbeitet.

Wozu:

Maschinelles Lernen wird bei den späteren Arbeitgebern immer mehr eingeführt, etwa in der Robotik, aber auch zur Überwachung und Steuerung von Produktionsprozessen oder Energiesystemen und zur Auswertung von Kundendaten, hier ist ein verantwortlicher Einsatz von Daten wichtig.

Module Contents**Lecture / Exercises**

Approximation methods
metamodeling
regression

Multi-criteria optimization
formulation
Pareto front
algorithms
visualization

Advanced Cluster Analysis

Association Pattern Mining

Outlier Detection

Advanced classification procedures

possibly text recognition, web mining, time series analysis

Lab

Apply and program methods of approximation, multicriteria optimization or machine learning
efficiently implement numerical methods
Evaluate the complexity of algorithms

Teaching and Learning Methods

- Lecture / Exercises
- Lab

Examination Types with Weights cf. exam regulations

Workload 150 Hours

Contact Hours 45 Hours $\pm$ 4 SWS

Self-Study 105 Hours

Recommended Prerequisites Basic knowledge of probability theory and machine learning

Mandatory Prerequisites

- Lecture / Exercises requires attendance in the amount of: 6 Stunden
- Lab requires attendance in the amount of: 2 Termine
- Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lab

Recommended Literature

- A. Geron: Hand-on Machine Learning, O'Reilly Verlag
- J. Alamar: Hands-on Large Language Models, O'Reilly Verlag

Use of the Module in Other Study Programs

- MLWR in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024
- MLWR in Master Elektrotechnik 2020
- MLWR in Master Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik 2024
- MLWR in Master Medientechnologie 2024
- MLWR in Master Technische Informatik 2020
- MLWR in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024

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6.12 NGN - Next Generation Networks

Module ID	NGN_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Next Generation Networks
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	NGN - Next Generation Networks
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every summer term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Andreas Grebe/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Andreas Grebe/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

What?

Understanding architectures and service signalling in Next Generation Networks (All-IP Networks). Competences to evaluate, analyze, design, implement and test NGN components and service areas with heterogeneous service requirements.

How?

Based on Bachelor-level competences on IP networking and services, students learn standards, design principles, architectures and sample implementations of Next Generation Networks and services in lectures and exercises. In a small team and organized as semester project, students develop their own NGN service solution, optionally based on existing systems, and learn how to design, implement and analyze their own service solution.

What for?

To be able to design, analyze, select, use and apply actual and future network services, based on All-IP networks for enterprise networks, telecommunication networks and mobile networks.

Module Contents

Lecture / Exercises

Achieve basic understanding and implementation knowledge on Next Generation Network (NGN) definition by ITU-T, IP Multimedia Subsystem by 3GPP, and ETSI, and Next Generation Internet (NGI) definition by IETF, ITU-T standards, Multimedia Services in NGN, VoIP, Video-over-IP, RTP encapsulation, Service Signaling, SIP protocol, SIP Digest Authentication, SDP service description and capabilities, SIP servers, Session Border Controller (SBC), SIP Gateway Technologies, SIP routing, NAT Gateways, NAT solution, SRR, STUN, TURN, IMS in mobile networks, IMS in fixed-line networks, VoIP in enterprise networks. IMS in virtualized core network.

Students evaluate requirements for NGN services and plan, implement and analyze NGN services based on SIP signalling or alternative signalling protocols. They are competent in functional analysis and troubleshooting by deep packet inspection (DPI) protocol analysis. They evaluate the performance of NGN services in terms of timing, throughput, latency and delays, jitter, robustness in case of packet errors, and security aspects.

Lab

Naming, structuring and classifying concepts and technologies for NGNs or NGIs. Demonstrate network analysis techniques and tools, know methods for NGN services and network planning.

Working on a small project in a tiny team (2-3 team members) on actual technologies in the area of NGN services and NGI services. Set-up an NGN/NGI environment and NGN service, including planning, implementation and evaluation of security aspects and protocol analysis plus performance evaluation.

The results are reviewed during the course period, summarised in a report and presented to the class. Individual project proposals by students are welcome.

Teaching and Learning Methods	■ Lecture / Exercises ■ Lab
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Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
Workload	150 Hours
Contact Hours	45 Hours $\pm$ 4 SWS
Self-Study	105 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	▪ Modul BSN: Bachelor Level Networking Knowledge and Skills like taught in BSN. Fundamentals of Networks and Protocols (typically Bachelor Level) Layered Communications and Protocol Stacks (ISO/OSI, IETF TCP/IP, IEEE), LAN, MAN, WAN, Fixed Line and Mobile Network Fundamentals, Data Link-Technologies (Ethernet, WiFi), IP-Networking (IPv4, IPv6), IP Routing Protocols (static Routes, RIP, OSPF, BGP), Transport Protocols (TCP (incl. Flow Control / Congestion Control), UDP) and Port Numbers, Application Protocols (HTTP, Request-Response Pattern, Publish-Subscribe Pattern). ▪ Bachelor-level knowledge of protocols and layer models, Internet protocols (UDP, TCP, IP, HTTP, FTP), IP addressing (IPv4, IPv6), routing techniques (IP routing, functionality of a router, routing protocols, RIP, OSPF), transmission systems and layer 2 protocols, Ethernet. Understanding distributed systems and applications, sockets and client/server programming, request-response patterns, publish-subscribe patterns.
Mandatory Prerequisites	▪ Lab requires attendance in the amount of: 6 Meilensteintermine und Projektvorstellungen ▪ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lab
Recommended Literature	▪ J. Kurose, K. Ross: Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach, Global Edition, Prentice Hall, 7th ed., 2016 ▪ A. S. Tanenbaum, D. J. Wetherall: Computer Networks, Pearson, 5th ed., 2013 ▪ U. Trick, F. Weber: SIP und Telekommunikationsnetze: Next Generation Networks und Multimedia over IP – konkret, De Gruyter Oldenbourg Verlag, 4. Auflage 2015 ▪ J. F. Durkin: Voice-enabling the Data Network, Cisco Press 2010 ▪ G. Camarillo, M.A. García-Martín: The 3G IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS), John Wiley Verlag, 2006 ▪ W. Stallings: Foundations of Modern Networking, Pearson Education, 2016 ▪ J. Doherty: SDN and NFV Simplified, Pearson Education, 2016 ▪ J. Edelman: Network Programmability and Automation, O'Reilly 2018 ▪ J. van Meggelen, R. Bryant, L. Madsen: Asterisk: The Definitive Guide: Open Source Telephony for the Enterprise, O'Reilly Media, 5th Ed. 2019
Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	▪ NGN in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ▪ NGN in Master Technische Informatik 2020 ▪ NGN in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
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6.13 PM - Project Management

Module ID	PM_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Project Management
Type of Module	Mandatory Module
Recognized Course	PM - Project Management
ECTS credits	5
Language	deutsch, englisch bei Bedarf
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1
Frequency of Course	every term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Uwe Dettmar/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Said Erkan/Lehrbeauftragter

Learning Outcome(s)

What? Learn how to create a project plan as part of their study

How? by applying project management concepts and processes to their "real-life" projects allowing them to generate immediate results that are usable in their future business situation. It acquires hands-on experience in applying new concepts and techniques in a project team environment and gain the confidence to take this forward to their environment.

Why? To be prepared managing projects during their work life of proficiency.

Module Contents

Seminar

Students learn basic PM methods, PM organizations, PM Tools

Project Management Fundamentals, and Project Initiation based on the PMI curriculum by presentations and team work, and source browsing.

Project

Practice project management concepts and processes to their "real-life" projects in classroom and team work and One by One sessions. Learn about planning, execution, controlling, and closing a project

Teaching and Learning Methods	▪ Seminar ▪ Project
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Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
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Workload	150 Hours
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Contact Hours	23 Hours $\triangleq$ 2 SWS
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Self-Study	127 Hours
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Recommended Prerequisites	Some basic knowledge on project management
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Mandatory Prerequisites

Recommended Literature	▪ PMP Handbook ▪ www.scrumalliance.org
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6.14 RFSD - RF System Design

Module ID	RFSD_MaCSN2020
Module Name	RF System Design
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	RFSD - RF System Design
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every winter term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Rainer Kronberger/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr. Rainer Kronberger/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

In general: Students will learn how high frequency components of wireless communication systems work

Module-specific:

students will get a general introduction in rf systems

they will learn in detail how transmitters and receivers in wireless communication systems work

they will learn in detail how the components of such systems (LNA, mixer, amplifier, oscillator, etc.) work

they will learn about limitation effects and noise in such systems

they will learn how to adapt the components to each other and how to plan and design the complete system (transmitter and / or receiver)

Module Contents

Lecture / Exercises

RF System, Applications

Noise in RF systems

noise classification and characterization

noise calculation

noise figure

noise matching

Linear and nonlinear circuit behaviour

theory

nonlinearities with mixers

nonlinearities with amplifiers

RF system components

receiver components

transmitter components

frequency generation

Lab

Teaching and Learning Methods	▪ Lecture / Exercises ▪ Lab
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Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
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Workload	150 Hours
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Contact Hours	45 Hours $\triangleq$ 4 SWS
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Self-Study	105 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	No formal requirements, but students should have knowledge in High Frequency and Microwave Topics
Mandatory Prerequisites	▪ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lecture / Exercises ▪ Lab requires attendance in the amount of: 3 Labortermine und 1 Präsentationstermin ▪ Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Lab
Recommended Literature	▪ Kraus & Carver Eletromagnetics, McGraw Hill, 2006. ▪ Michale Steer, Microwave and RF Design
Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	▪ RFSD in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ▪ RFSD in Master Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik 2024 ▪ RFSD in Master Medientechnologie 2024 ▪ RFSD in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
Specifics and Notes	
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6.15 RP - Research Project

Module ID	RP_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Research Project
Type of Module	Mandatory Module
Recognized Course	RP - Research Project at MaCSN
ECTS credits	10
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	2
Frequency of Course	every term
Module Coordinator	Studiengangsleiter(in) Master CSN
Lecturer(s)	

Learning Outcome(s)

Studierende untersuchen und lösen eine wissenschaftliche Problemstellung, indem sie

- selbständig den aktuellen Stand der Wissenschaft auf einem Fachgebiet durch Literaturrecherche erarbeiten,
- ein eigenes Projekt in Abstimmung mit Kollegen planen, durchführen und kontrollieren,
- das gegebene Problem selbständig (oder im Team) mit wissenschaftlichen Methoden untersuchen und lösen,
- im Studium erworbenes Fachwissen auf Problemstellung anwenden und hierbei vertiefen,
- eigene Lösung mit alternativen Lösungsmöglichkeiten vergleichen,
- erstellte Lösung in Gesamtzusammenhang einordnen und aus fachlicher und gesellschaftlicher Sicht kritisch bewerten und
- den Stand der Wissenschaft, die fachlichen Grundlagen, die gewählte Lösung und ihre Bewertung gegenüber den weiteren möglichen Lösungsalternativen klar und nachvollziehbar in schriftlicher Form darstellen, um wissenschaftliche Methoden in folgenden Modulen, insbesondere der Masterarbeit, und späteren Berufsleben anwenden zu können.

Module Contents

Research Project

As part of the project, the student should work individually on a research topic, analyze a problem in a scientific way, find new or suitable ways to solve the problem, plan the project in a scientific way, conduct experiments, simulations and/or theoretical work, evaluate the results, present the results and write a report.

Teaching and Learning Methods	Research Project
Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
Workload	300 Hours
Contact Hours	12 Hours $\pm$ 1 SWS
Self-Study	288 Hours
Recommended Prerequisites	
Mandatory Prerequisites	Participation in final examination only after successful participation in Research Project
Recommended Literature	

Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	RP in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024
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6.16 VAE - Virtual Acoustic Environments

Module ID	VAE_MaCSN2020
Module Name	Virtual Acoustic Environments
Type of Module	Elective Modules
Recognized Course	VAE - Virtual Acoustic Environments (VAE)
ECTS credits	5
Language	englisch
Duration of Module	1 Semester
Recommended Semester	1-2
Frequency of Course	every summer term
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christoph Pörschmann/Professor Fakultät IME
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christoph Pörschmann/Professor Fakultät IME

Learning Outcome(s)

What: The students learn the basic concepts, the technology and perception-related aspects of virtual acoustic environments. The course will be strongly related to research aspects and projects

How: The students apply their knowledge on Signal Processing, Audio, and in the field of VR on different aspects of Virtual Acoustic Environments. Actual trends in research and state of the art applications will be integrated, tested, analyzed and evaluated.

Aim: The students shall be able to work on research topics which consider topics which are scientifically new and relevant. Aspects of scalability and commercialization play a role

Module Contents

Lecture

The basic concepts of headphone-based or loudspeaker-based VR-systems are introduced

Project

In one specific topic of Virtual Acoustic Environments the students shall get deep know-how on the technology and apply it to a practical problem and present the results

Lab

Teaching and Learning Methods	▪ Lecture ▪ Project ▪ Lab
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Examination Types with Weights	cf. exam regulations
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Workload	150 Hours
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Contact Hours	45 Hours $\pm$ 4 SWS
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Self-Study	105 Hours
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Recommended Prerequisites	Know-how on Acoustics and audio signal processing
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Mandatory Prerequisites	
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Recommended Literature	▪ Rozinska, A. "Immersive Sound" ▪ Blauert, J. "Spatial Hearing" ▪ Zotter, F., Frank, M. "Ambisonics: A Practical 3D Audio Theory for Recording, Studio Production, Sound Reinforcement, and Virtual Reality"
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Use of the Module in Other Study Programs	▪ VAE in Master Communication Systems and Networks 2024 ▪ VAE in Master Medientechnologie 2020 ▪ VAE in Master Medientechnologie 2024 ▪ VAE in Master Technische Informatik 2020 ▪ VAE in Master Informatik und Systems-Engineering 2024
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7. Electives Catalogs

The following shows which modules can be selected in a particular elective area. The following notes and regulations apply to all elective areas:

- **When choosing modules from elective catalogs, the conditions formulated in Specializations also apply.**
- The semester in which elective modules of an elective catalog can typically be taken can be found in the study plans.
- As a rule, modules are only offered in either the summer or winter semester. This means that any required accompanying examination can only be taken in this semester. The summative examinations for modules in Faculty 07 are usually offered in the examination period after each semester.
- A completed module is recognized for a maximum of one elective area, even if it is listed in several elective areas.
- There is an admission restriction for some modules. More information on this can be found in the announcements on admission restrictions.
- Registration and admission to non-faculty modules are subject to deadlines and other conditions set by the faculty or university offering the module. Their admission cannot be guaranteed. Students must contact the relevant external lecturer in good time to find out whether they are allowed to take part in an external module and what they need to do to register and participate.
- Upon application, a suitable modules can be added to the elective area. Such an application must be submitted informally to the head of degree program at least four months before the planned participation in that module. The examination board decides on the acceptance of the application in consultation with the head of degree program and suitable teaching staff. A study achievement to be recognized
 - must fit in with the intended graduate profile of the degree program and contribute to its achievement,
 - must be oriented towards learning outcomes and must not serve solely to impart knowledge,
 - must correspond to the qualification level of a Master's degree program,
 - must represent a meaningful increase in competence against the background of the intended course of study,
 - must have been completed by an examination and
 - must not be identical in terms of content and learning outcomes to coursework that has already been completed.
- Modules are not listed below,
 - which in the past were only recognized for an elective catalog as part of individual recognition procedures or
 - which in the past were only recognized for an elective catalog as part of a stay abroad and the associated individual learning agreement.

Stays abroad

- Students who have integrated a stay abroad into their studies and have completed coursework at a foreign university can have this recognized upon application and with the approval of the examination board.
- A Learning Agreement must be concluded with the Faculty's Recognition Officer before the start of the stay abroad. In particular, it is agreed for which mandatory modules or elective catalogs the coursework completed abroad will be recognized.

7.1 EL1 - Electives Catalog 1

In diesem Wahlbereich können Master-Module aus dem Angebot der Fakultät 07 der TH Köln und des **FB Informatik** der Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg mit **technischem Inhalt** frei gewählt werden. Bitte beachten Sie, dass nicht jedes Modul in jedem Jahr angeboten wird.

You must select modules of 10 ECTS credit points in total out of this catalog.

This elective catalog particularly includes all modules from the following areas:

- Electives Catalog PFM - Profile Module

Modules from these other areas are printed normally in the following, original modules from this elective area are printed in bold.

Modules of the faculty:

Module ID	Module Name	ECTS	included in Specialization	
ACC	Advanced Channel Coding	5	CS	
AMC	Advanced Multimedia Communications	5	CS	N_S
AMS	Special Aspects of Mobile Autonomous Systems	5		
ARP	Alternative Rechnerarchitekturen und Programmiersprachen	5		
AVT	Audio- und Videotechnologien	5		

Module ID	Module Name	ECTS	included in Specialization	
AVV	Algorithmen der Videosignalverarbeitung	5		
CI	Computational Intelligence	5		
CSO	Computersimulation in der Optik	5		
DBT	Digitale Bildtechnik	5		
DLO	Deep Learning und Objekterkennung	5		
DMC	Digital Motion Control	5		
DSP	Digital Signal Processing	5	CS	
EBA	Elektrische Bahnen	5		
EMM	Energiemanagement in Energieverbundsystemen	5		
HSUT	Hochspannungsübertragungstechnik	5		
IBD	InnoBioDiv	5		
IIS	Intelligent Information Systems	5		
KOGA	Kombinatorische Optimierung und Graphenalgorithmen	5		
KRY	Cryptography	5	CS	N_S
LCSS	Large and Cloud-based Software-Systems	5		
LSPW	Leistungselektronische Stellglieder für PV- und Windkraftanlagen	5		
MCI	Mensch-Computer-Interaktion	5		
MLWR	Maschinelles Lernen und wissenschaftliches Rechnen	5	CS	
NGN	Next Generation Networks	5	CS	N_S
NLO	Nichtlineare Optik	5		
OSA	Optische Spektroskopie und Anwendungen	5		
PAP	Parallele Programmierung	5		
QEKs	Qualitätsgesteuerter Entwurf komplexer Softwaresysteme	5		
RFSD	RF System Design	5	CS	
RM	Rastermikroskopie	5		
SIM	Simulation in der Ingenieurwissenschaft	5		
SNEE	Stromnetze für erneuerbare Energien	5		
SYE	Systemtechnik für Energieeffizienz	5		
TED	Theoretische Elektrodynamik	5		
THI	Theoretische Informatik	5		
TSVP	Technologien und Systeme der Videoproduktion	5		
VAE	Virtual Acoustic Environments	5	CS	
VER	Virtuelle und erweiterte Realität	5		

Modules of other faculties or universities:

Affiliation	Module Name	ECTS	included in Specialization	
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Distributed Systems for IoT	5		N_S
Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg	Kommunikation in verteilten Systemen	6		N_S

7.2 EL2 - Electives Catalog 2

In diesem Wahlbereich können Master-Module aus dem Angebot der Fakultät 07 der TH Köln und der Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg frei gewählt werden. Bitte beachten Sie, dass nicht jedes Modul in jedem Jahr angeboten wird.

You must select modules of 5 ECTS credit points in total out of this catalog.

This elective catalog particularly includes all modules from the following areas:

- Electives Catalog EL1 - Electives Catalog 1

Modules from these other areas are printed normally in the following, original modules from this elective area are printed in bold.

Modules of the faculty:

Module ID	Module Name	ECTS	included in Specialization	
ACC	Advanced Channel Coding	5	CS	
AMC	Advanced Multimedia Communications	5	CS	N_S
AMS	Special Aspects of Mobile Autonomous Systems	5		
ARP	Alternative Rechnerarchitekturen und Programmiersprachen	5		
AVT	Audio- und Videotechnologien	5		
AVV	Algorithmen der Videosignalverarbeitung	5		
CI	Computational Intelligence	5		
CSO	Computersimulation in der Optik	5		
DBT	Digitale Bildtechnik	5		
DLO	Deep Learning und Objekterkennung	5		
DMC	Digital Motion Control	5		
DSP	Digital Signal Processing	5	CS	
EBA	Elektrische Bahnen	5		
EMM	Energiemanagement in Energieverbundsystemen	5		
HSUT	Hochspannungsübertragungstechnik	5		
IBD	InnoBioDiv	5		
IIS	Intelligent Information Systems	5		
KOGA	Kombinatorische Optimierung und Graphenalgorithmen	5		
KRY	Cryptography	5	CS	N_S
LCSS	Large and Cloud-based Software-Systems	5		
LSPW	Leistungselektronische Stellglieder für PV- und Windkraftanlagen	5		
MCI	Mensch-Computer-Interaktion	5		
MLWR	Maschinelles Lernen und wissenschaftliches Rechnen	5	CS	
NGN	Next Generation Networks	5	CS	N_S
NLO	Nichtlineare Optik	5		
OSA	Optische Spektroskopie und Anwendungen	5		
PAP	Parallele Programmierung	5		
QEKs	Qualitätsgesteuerter Entwurf komplexer Softwaresysteme	5		
RFSD	RF System Design	5	CS	
RM	Rastermikroskopie	5		
SIM	Simulation in der Ingenieurwissenschaft	5		

Module ID	Module Name	ECTS	included in Specialization
SNEE	Stromnetze für erneuerbare Energien	5	
SYE	Systemtechnik für Energieeffizienz	5	
TED	Theoretische Elektrodynamik	5	
THI	Theoretische Informatik	5	
TSVP	Technologien und Systeme der Videoproduktion	5	
VAE	Virtual Acoustic Environments	5	CS
VER	Virtuelle und erweiterte Realität	5	

Modules of other faculties or universities:

Affiliation	Module Name	ECTS	included in Specialization
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Distributed Systems for IoT	5	N_S
Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg	Kommunikation in verteilten Systemen	6	N_S

7.3 EL3 - Elective 3

Für dieses Wahlmodul können beliebige Master-Module aus dem Angebot der TH Köln und der Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg nach Angebot frei gewählt werden. Erfragen Sie jedoch, welche Voraussetzungen der Lehrende für den Besuch des Moduls erwartet. Diese müssen erfüllt sein, um das Modul besuchen zu können. Weitere Module können nur nach vorhergehender Absprache mit der Studiengangsleitung gewählt werden. Bitte beachten Sie bei Ihrer Planung auch, dass die Lehrveranstaltungen in der Regel nur im Sommer- oder Wintersemester angeboten werden. Beachten Sie auch, dass nicht alle Module jedes Jahr angeboten werden.
You must select modules of 5 ECTS credit points in total out of this catalog.

7.4 PFM - Profile Module

In diesem Wahlbereich sind die Module aufgeführt, die einem der Studienschwerpunkte zugeordnet sind.
You must select modules of 20 ECTS credit points in total out of this catalog.

This elective catalog particularly includes all modules from the following areas:

- Specialization CS - Communication Systems
- Specialization N_S - Networks & Security

Modules from these other areas are printed normally in the following, original modules from this elective area are printed in bold.

Modules of the faculty:

Module ID	Module Name	ECTS	included in Specialization	
ACC	Advanced Channel Coding	5	☐ CS	
AMC	Advanced Multimedia Communications	5	☐ CS	☐ N_S
DSP	Digital Signal Processing	5	☐ CS	
KRY	Cryptography	5	☐ CS	☐ N_S
MLWR	Maschinelles Lernen und wissenschaftliches Rechnen	5	☐ CS	
NGN	Next Generation Networks	5	☐ CS	☐ N_S
RFSD	RF System Design	5	☐ CS	
VAE	Virtual Acoustic Environments	5	☐ CS	

Modules of other faculties or universities:

Affiliation	Module Name	ECTS	included in Specialization	
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Distributed Systems for IoT	5		☐ N_S
Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg	Kommunikation in verteilten Systemen	6		☐ N_S

8. Specializations

The following section describes the specializations defined in this degree program (see also §24 of the examination regulations). The following information and regulations apply to all specializations:

- A specialization is deemed to have been successfully completed if modules listed therein amounting to at least 20 ECTS have been successfully completed.
- The completed specializations are listed in a separate annex to the degree certificate.
- Upon application, further suitable modules can be added to a specialization. Such an application must be submitted informally to the head of degree program at least six months before the planned participation in a module to be supplemented. The examination board decides on the acceptance of the application in consultation with the head of degree program and suitable teaching staff.

8.1 CS - Communication Systems

Kommunikationssysteme und deren Funktionalität Absolventen können kommunikationstechnische Systeme entwerfen, aufbauen, erweitern und entwickeln. Sie verfügen über HW und SW Kenntnisse und finden Arbeitsplätze in F&E Bereichen der IKT sowie als Allrounder in allen Bereichen der Industrie und Wirtschaft. Die weiter fortschreitende totale Vernetzung der Dinge (Internet of Things) und die Digitalisierung der Produktion eröffnen langfristig Berufsmöglichkeiten für Absolventen des Studiengangs. Absolventen des Communication Systems Profils arbeiten hier im Speziellen zum Entwurf von Hardware, Firmware und Aufbau von funkbasierten Sensornetzen.

Modules of the faculty:

Module ID	Module Name	ECTS
ACC	Advanced Channel Coding	5
AMC	Advanced Multimedia Communications	5
DSP	Digital Signal Processing	5
KRY	Cryptography	5
MLWR	Maschinelles Lernen und wissenschaftliches Rechnen	5
NGN	Next Generation Networks	5
RFSD	RF System Design	5
VAE	Virtual Acoustic Environments	5

8.2 N_S - Networks & Security

Vernetzung und Sicherheit von Netzwerken und Komponenten. Absolventen dieses Profils finden Ihre beruflichen Herausforderungen im Bereich der Vernetzung von Geräten und Dingen (IoT, Industrie 4.0) und der informationstechnischen Sicherheit. Alle Branchen der Industrie, die Wirtschaft und die öffentliche Verwaltung benötigen heute Experten aus diesen Gebieten. Dabei übersteigt die Nachfrage das Angebot.

Modules of the faculty:

Module ID	Module Name	ECTS
AMC	Advanced Multimedia Communications	5
KRY	Cryptography	5
NGN	Next Generation Networks	5

Modules of other faculties or universities:

Affiliation	Module Name	ECTS
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Distributed Systems for IoT	5
Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg	Kommunikation in verteilten Systemen	6

9. Examination Types

The forms of examination referenced in the module descriptions are explained in more detail below. The explanations are taken from the examination regulations, §19ff. In case of deviations, the text of the examination regulations applies.

(Digital) Written exam

Written, paper-based or digitally supported examination. Details are regulated in §19 of the examination regulations.

Oral examination

Examination to be taken orally. Details are regulated in §21 of the examination regulations.

Oral contribution

See §22, para. 5 of the examination regulations: An oral contribution (e.g. paper, presentation, negotiation, moderation) serves to determine whether students are capable of independently working on a practice-oriented task within a specified period of time using scientific and practical methods and presenting it in a technically appropriate manner by means of verbal communication. This also includes answering questions from the auditorium regarding the oral presentation. The duration of the oral presentation is determined by the examiner at the beginning of the semester. The facts relevant to the grading of the oral presentation are to be recorded in a protocol; students should also submit the written documents relating to the oral presentation for documentation purposes. Students must be notified of the grade no later than one week after the oral presentation.

Technical discussion

See §22, Para. 8 of the examination regulations: A technical discussion serves to determine professional competence, understanding of complex technical contexts and the ability to solve problems analytically. Students and examiners have roughly equal speaking time in the technical discussion in order to enable a discursive technical exchange. One or more discussions are held with an examiner during the semester or in summary form. Students should present and explain practice-related technical tasks, problems or project plans from the degree program and explain the relevant technical background, theoretical concepts and methodological approaches for processing the tasks. Possible solutions, procedures and considerations for solving the problem must be discussed and justified. The facts relevant to the grading of the technical discussion must be recorded in a protocol.

Project work

See §22, Para. 6 of the examination regulations: The project work is an examination that consists of independently working on a specific problem under supervision using scientific methodology and documenting the results. In addition to the quality of the answer to the question, the organizational and communicative quality of the implementation, such as slides, presentations, milestones, project plans, meeting minutes, etc., are also relevant for assessment.

Lab report

See §22, para. 10 of the examination regulations: An internship report (e.g. experimental protocol) serves to determine whether students are capable of independently carrying out a practical laboratory task within a specified period of time, as well as documenting, evaluating and reflecting on the process and results in writing. Preparatory homework may be required before the actual experiment is carried out. Technical discussions may take place during or after the experiment. Internship reports can also be admitted to the examination in the form of group work. Students must be notified of the assessment of the practical placement report no later than six weeks after submission of the report.

Exercise lab

See §22, para. 11 of the examination regulations: The examination form "practical training" tests the technical skills in the application of the theories and concepts learned in the lecture as well as practical skills, for example the use of development tools and technologies. For this purpose, several tasks are set during the semester, which are to be solved either alone or in group work, on site or as homework by a given deadline. The solutions to the tasks must be submitted by the students in (digital) written form. The exact criteria for passing the examination will be announced at the beginning of the corresponding course.

Exercise lab under examination conditions

See §22, para. 11, sentence 5 of the examination regulations: A "practical training course under examination conditions" is a practical training course in which the tasks are to be completed within the time frame and under the independent conditions of an examination.

Term paper

See §22, para. 3 of the examination regulations: A term paper (e.g. case study, research) serves to determine whether students are capable of independently completing a specialist task in written or electronic form using scientific and practical methods within a specified period of time. The topic and scope (e.g. number of pages of the text section) of the term paper are determined by the examiner at the beginning of the semester. A declaration of independence must be signed and submitted by the candidate. In addition, technical discussions may be held.

Learning portfolio

A learning portfolio documents the student competence development process by means of presentations, essays, excerpts from internship reports, tables of contents of term papers, notes, to-do lists, research reports and other performance presentations and learning productions, summarized as so-called "artefacts". The learning portfolio only becomes an examination item in conjunction with the student's reflection (in writing, orally or in a video) on the use of these artifacts to achieve the learning objective previously made transparent by the examiner. During the creation of the learning portfolio, feedback on development steps and/or artifacts is given over the course of the semester. A revised form of the learning portfolio - in handwritten or electronic form - is submitted as the examination result following the feedback.

Single / Multiple choice

See §20 of the examination regulations.

Access colloquium

See §22, para. 12 of the examination regulations: An entrance colloquium serves to determine whether the students fulfill the specific requirements to be able to work independently and safely on a defined practical laboratory task using scientific and practical methods.

(Intermediate) Certificate

See §22, para. 7 of the examination regulations: A test/intermediate test certifies that the student has completed a piece of coursework (e.g. draft) to the required standard. The scope of work to be completed and the required content and requirements can be found in the respective module description in the module handbook and in the assignment.

Open book preparation

The open book assignment (OBA) is a short term paper and therefore an unsupervised written or electronic examination. It is characterized by the fact that, according to the examiner's declaration of aids, all aids are generally permitted. Special attention is drawn to the safeguarding of good scientific practice through proper citation etc. and the requirement of independence in the performance of each examination.

Thesis

Bachelor's or Master's thesis as defined in the examination regulations §25ff: The Master's thesis is a written assignment. It should show that the student is capable of independently working on a topic from their subject area within a specified period of time, both in its technical details and in its interdisciplinary contexts, using scientific and practical methods. Interdisciplinary cooperation can also be taken into account in the final thesis.

Colloquium

Colloquium for the Bachelor's or Master's thesis as defined in the examination regulations §29: The colloquium serves to determine whether the student is able to present the results of the Master's thesis, its technical and methodological foundations, interdisciplinary contexts and extracurricular references orally, to justify them independently and to assess their significance for practice.

10. Profile Module Matrix

The following section describes the extent to which the modules of the degree program support and develop the competencies and fields of action of the study program as well as certain study program criteria as defined by the University of Applied Science TH Köln.

Abbr.	Module Name	HF1 - Algorithmen, Protokolle, ...	HF2 - Wissenschaftlich arbeiten...	HF3 - Fachliche Führungs- und P...	K.1 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.2 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.3 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.4 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.5 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.6 - Komplexe Fragestellungen ...	K.7 - Informationen und wissens...	K.8 - Naturwissenschaftliche Ph...	K.9 - Erkennen und Verstehen te...	K.10 - MINT-Modelle nutzen	K.11 - MINT-Wissen anwenden	K.12 - MINT-Wissen bedarfsgerech...	K.13 - Technische und wissenscha...	K.14 - Eigene wissenschaftliche ...	K.15 - Arbeitsergebnisse bewerte...	K.16 - Wissenschaftliche Method...	K.17 - Wissenschaftliche Aussage...	K.18 - Regeln guten wissenschaft...	K.19 - Komplexe technische Aufga...	K.20 - In unsicheren Situationen...	K.21 - Gesellschaftliche und eth...	K.22 - Lernfähigkeit demonstrier...	K.23 - Sich selbst organisieren	K.24 - Sprachliche und interkult...	SK.1 - Global Citizenship	SK.2 - Internationalisierung	SK.3 - Interdisziplinarität	SK.4 - Transfer	
ACC	Advanced Channel Coding	●	●		●	●	●	●	●					●	●		●	●											●	●			
AMC	Advanced Multimedia Communications	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●				●													●		
BSN	Fundamentals of System and Network Theory		●			●				●	●		●																	●	●		
DSP	Digital Signal Processing	●	●		●	●	●		●				●				●													●			
HIM	Advanced Mathematics					●	●							●																	●		
IBD	InnoBioDiv				●	●	●		●	●	●							●											●	●	●	●	
ITF	IT-Forensik	●			●	●	●	●	●				●	●			●	●															
KOLL	Kolloquium zur Masterarbeit	●	●	●					●	●																							
KRY	Cryptography	●	●		●	●			●				●																	●			
MAA	Masterarbeit	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	
MLWR	Maschinelles Lernen und wissenschaftliches Rechnen					●		●				●	●		●	●	●														●	●	
NGN	Next Generation Networks	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●			●					●												●			
PM	Project Management	●				●			●	●	●		●																	●	●		
RFSD	RF System Design		●		●	●	●			●			●					●												●	●		

Abbr.	Module Name	HF1 - Algorithmen, Protokolle, ...	HF2 - Wissenschaftlich arbeiten...	HF3 - Fachliche Führungs- und P...	K.1 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.2 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.3 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.4 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.5 - kommunikationstechnische ...	K.6 - Komplexe Fragestellungen ...	K.7 - Informationen und wissens...	K.8 - Naturwissenschaftliche Ph...	K.9 - Erkennen und Verstehen te...	K.10 - MINT-Modelle nutzen	K.11 - MINT-Wissen anwenden	K.12 - MINT-Wissen bedarfsgerech...	K.13 - Technische und wissenschafta...	K.14 - Eigene wissenschaftliche ...	K.15 - Arbeitsergebnisse bewerte...	K.16 - Wissenschaftliche Method...	K.17 - Wissenschaftliche Aussage...	K.18 - Regeln guten wissenschaft...	K.19 - Komplexe technische Aufga...	K.20 - In unsicheren Situationen...	K.21 - Gesellschaftliche und eth...	K.22 - Lernfähigkeit demonstrier...	K.23 - Sich selbst organisieren	K.24 - Sprachliche und interkult...	SK.1 - Global Citizenship	SK.2 - Internationalisierung	SK.3 - Interdisziplinarität	SK.4 - Transfer
RP	Research Project	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●		●														●	●	
VAE	Virtual Acoustic Environments	●	●		●	●	●	●						●		●															●	●

11. Version History

The table below lists the different versions of the course offer. The versions are sorted in reverse chronological order with the currently valid version in the first row. The individual versions can be accessed via the link in the right-hand column on the right.

Version	Date	Changes	Link
3.8	2025-08-25-18-53-00	1. "Kommunikation in verteilten Systemen" als externes Modul der H-BRS statt internes F07-Modul	Link
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