

Hands-On Study-Tips (Kickoff)

Who?

- m_doerr14@cs.uni-kl.de Since I am doing the Campus Tour right before the Hands-On Study Tips, you have to call me if there is anything serious (015774021372)
- ... other guys who recieved this Document^^

When? 24.10., ~16:30 (it might start a bit earlier since we do this directly after the Campus Tour, so at least the groups' heads (see below) should be reachable form 16:00 on)

Where? T.B.A. Probably the terminal rooms in building 32 (32-410/1). We have at least one room there, hopefully also the other one... We will meet there! (Backup Room is 48-453)

Who? Students will be split into two groups (one per terminal room – but we will do the same things in parallel in both groups, the split is only because there are too many people for one room).

- Group A: *Manuel*, Ali, ...
- Group B: *Marc*, Sören, ...

The rest can join a group spontaneously.

What? We present several things (see below). The group heads (Marc, Manuel) have their Laptop and attach it to the presenter, the other group member can either walk around and help with small problems or help with the presentations (present some topics themselves, make annotations if the other presenter forgot something, make funny jokes, etc...)


Basically, you are pretty free in what you are doing: if you fell like saying something, just do it... it's really more of an informal event ("form students for students")

But remember: We want not to explain them HOW everything works, but more WHERE they can look it up if they need it! Also, we want to give them information which are not mentioned in the websites.

1. Important Websites

Go to <https://ewoche.de/master/>, find the “Links”-Section and open/show/explain them.

Make sure to distinguish between the different categories (Fachschaft, Department CS, University, ...)

Meta		
https://ewoche.de/master/	We provide all EWoche-related information there	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Link also on the invitation flyer you got > They should know this page by know (we referenced it many times before)
Fachschaft (Most important^^)		
https://www.fachschaft.informatik.uni-kl.de/	Official site of the Fachschaft made by us students	<p>Show in Details</p> <p>Show that there is an English Version</p> <p>Also explain the lock-symbol</p> <p>Show our blog and also explain how to subscribe to the Mailverteiler (Studium->ProTips) fsinfo again</p> <p>Also mention that the slides from the talk by the Fachschaft on the day before will be uploaded to ewoche.de</p>
Fachschaft Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram	Be up to date with our Social Media, you should know what this does 	Open all the links briefly, so they will find us on social media^^
https://kai.cs.uni-kl.de/	Protocols of previous exams	Explain how this works and that they can also provide protocols by themselves
Department CS		
https://www.cs.uni-kl.de/en/	Official site of the department Computer Science (ran be the staff)	<p>Useful Information: https://www.cs.uni-kl.de/en/studium/studierende/</p> <p>List of all professors and their websiues: https://www.cs.uni-kl.de/en/organisation/ags/</p> <p>Show the nice Google-Translate Bug</p> <p>Study plan: https://www.cs.uni-kl.de/en/studium/studiengaenge/bm-inf/sp.ma/</p> <p>We will have a look at this later (MAYBE)</p>
University TUK		
https://www.uni-kl.de/en/	Official Website of the University	(they probably all saw this, so you can do this quickly)
Campus Map	SKIP	They all have Google maps
KIS, (also QIS)	Plan your studies	We will have a look at this later (MAYBE)
https://www.ub.uni-kl.de/en/	Website of the university library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Each Department has its own library. > On the campus tour, we already saw the central library. > Some books can be rented online as well. They

		give extra presentations, where you can also ask how to get an account (I mean, you can ask that at any time, just approach them in building 34, they are friendly...)
Living at TUK		
https://www.studierendenwerk-kaiserslautern.de/kaiserslautern-en-US/	Support Living at the University	Browse through the menu ones and explain what they offer
https://www.asta.uni-kl.de/asta/referate-und-arbeitsbereiche/internationalen/	Large-Scope Fachschaft	You heard about them at the Campus Tour
https://www.rhrk.uni-kl.de/en/home/	Computing center by the university	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > @rhrk.uni-kl.de > Browse quickly through the menu > give out software like Wolfram Mathematica
https://sci.informatik.uni-kl.de/en/	Computing center by the Department CS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > @cs.uni-kl.de > They already were given a presentation by SCI, also I praised them very high, so SKIP
https://www.unisport.uni-kl.de/	Sports	Very rich sport program (also free). Probably Badminton will be the most relevant 😊
https://www.uni-kl.de/campuskultur/	Cultural Activities on the campus	Orchestra, Theater, Photography, ...
http://www.campusplus.uni-kl.de/	Events on the campus	Provide chill area in the summer, some events like open air cinema, open stage nights, poetry slams, ...
5. Useful Links		
SKIP THIS SECTION^^		For example, from the busses, they learned this somewhere else or should look it up (this is not really in the responsibility of the CS Department to provide those information)

2. Study plan

[Skip this part if time is short (if you needed for "1." more than 45mins)---somehow, everybody manages to handle this^^]

Just tell them, how YOU planned your first semester. Remember that they already know theoretical regulations from a previous talk.

Tips: Plan your studies roughly before you begin

- This will avoid longer study time due to some lectures only offered in your 5th semester or so
- Know your specialization (introduction talks tomorrow)
- Talk to your mentor, keep him up-to-date
- Make your OWN INDIVIDUAL study plan (and do not just copy from others)

Useful resources:

<https://www.cs.uni-kl.de/en/studium/studiengaenge/bm-inf/sp.ma/> (General overview over what professor Michel already said)

<https://www.cs.uni-kl.de/en/studium/lehrveranstaltungen/modulhb/> (all modules with description and also prerequisites and when they are offered)

<https://www.kis.uni-kl.de/campus/all/fields.asp?tguid=0x88A782723C5D4F54A660810FFD404FE3>
overview over rooms and times of events offered THIS semester

<https://office.kis.uni-kl.de/> make your personal timetable (there is an English tutorial:
https://videoportal.uni-kl.de/Static/DISC/KIS_Video_Tutorial_EN/index.html)

3. Example Day in the life of a CS student @TUK

[focus should be on the “exercise sheets” -part]

For example:

Lectures: 10am-11:30am (no one wants to start at 8am^^)

- Pay attention (more or less^^)
- Usually, the lecturer provides some material as PDF on their website
 - You should take notes of some important things which are not/badly explained in the lecturer’s material

Mensa: 12:30pm

Exercise: In the free time (or sometimes on the weekend while you are laying on your bed crying)

- Usually, there are weekly homework-sheets
 - You have to score a certain amount of points from those sheets during the semester to get admitted to the final exam
 - Do them on your own, since they are a great preparation to the exam
 - Remember that studying is a full-time job and sometimes you need maybe 8 hours per sheet
 - Usually, you can work in groups on the homework, so find reliable group member and organize yourself
 - In an optimal world, you would do something like this:
 - Monday: Sheet released
 - Tuesday: Talk about all the tasks together and decide who wants to work on which task
 - Friday: Explain the task you worked on to the other group member
 - Weekend: Finalize submission (write it down nicely looking, e.g. with LaTeX, but word is also accepted)
 - Monday: Submission Deadline (usually online)
 - There are deadlines on when to submit the homework!!!! There is nothing more embarrassing than to write the TA an email saying that you forgot to submit in time and begging for an extension (often, they will reject you :P)
- Exercise session: 13:45
 - Usually held by the Teaching Assistant or some student
 - Solutions to the exercise sheets are given
 - Go there! Often, things are explained very well there, sometimes also a bit more informal 😊!
 - Also, you can approach TAs most of the time with questions you would not ask the professor
 - You can ask questions there

Other non-study-related activities and meeting with friends: 17:00

- Studying is a full-time job. Remember that.
- Take time for yourself, enjoy your time in German!
- Come and chill in the Fachschaft^^
- Unisport, Orchestra, we showed you the websites already

- You know best what you want to do in your free-time

Exam:

- Exams are in the lecture free period so you have plenty of time to study (you should also do that! Depending on the student maybe 2 weeks per exam full-time)
- See KAI
- Written or oral (depends on number of students; less students usually oral)
- You saw QIS already during the presentation by the examination office
- Practice with friends, explain each other what you have learnt
- Problems, write to the Fachschaft's student member in the examination board (by now, this is Marc)

4. Tips:

- Do not always rely on sources on the internet since they sometimes explain things different then the lecturer
- Attend especially the first lecture (of course!)
- "How to please your professor":
 - Remember that most professors want you to learn something and pass the exam, so they are your friends, not your enemies
 - You can approach most of the professors directly in their office (only some have office times), but make sure you are prepared if you talk to them (for example, formulate clear questions if you have some)
 - If you want to do a project/thesis with a professor then approach them directly, but (again!) be prepared... you should at least know the professors name and roughly what he does...
 - (here, you can also give some examples of experiences you made with professors)
 - Be polite, but there is no need to be shy
- ...

5. Questions

Make sure they really ask questions if they are not sure... We (Fachschaft) are the ones who it's probably easiest to ask and where they can be sure to get correct information.

If you do not know an answer, then honestly tell them and forward them to the Fachschaft.