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I am an international / double-degree student and...?

If you have a question / problem related to the fact that you are an international student that is NOT included in our frequently asked questions, please write an email to: inno@uni-hohenheim.de.

Is attendance in the lectures mandatory? Am I allowed to write the exam without participating in the lectures / tutorials?

In general, attendance is not mandatory. Students are allowed to write the exam without participating in the lectures / tutorials (exceptions will be indicated by Prof. Pyka). However, we strongly encourage all students to take the opportunity and participate in both the lectures and the tutorials to successfully pass the exam.

Which topics of the lecture are relevant for the exam? Do I only have to learn the tutorial by heart?

In general, everything that is part of the lecture or the tutorial is relevant for the exam. This applies to the lecture slides, as well as to topics that have been discussed, but are not explicitly written down in the slides (e.g., examples). Therefore, we strongly recommend you to use all the material you have to prepare for the exam. Especially in masters courses, we expect more than just repetition of the tutorial. If, for some reason, Prof. Pyka decides to exclude topics from the exam, he will inform students during the lecture (usually the last one before the exam).

Is there a post-exam review? How will we be informed about the post-exam review?

Yes. On our homepage you will find all the relevant information concerning time and date for the post-exam review. You do not have to apply. If there are important reasons (e.g., illness, etc.) why you cannot attend at the given date please inform us in advance.

How and when are the results of exams announced?

We grade exams as quickly and thoroughly as possible, always with the aim that you get your results in time for the next examination period. Please refrain from sending emails with requests to the chair, this will not shorten the duration. You will be informed about your results via 'Studium Online'. Employees at the chair are not allowed to inform you in person or on the phone.

Can I get the results of my exam earlier due to important reasons?

Given the fact there is a justified reason (e.g., a job offer depending on this exam, appropriate proof required), it is possible to get your result earlier. If there is such a justified reason in your case, you have to inform the chair BEFORE the exam. However, we than can only tell you whether or not you passed the exam; it is not possible to inform you about your grade.

In which language do I have to answer the exams?

The exams have to be answered in the same language the lecture was given in. In masters courses you always have to answer the questions in the exam in English. This also holds true for oral exams.

FAQ – Theses

Where do I find information on bachelor's or master's theses?

For current information on your final theses (bachelor and master), please visit our homepage.

FAQ – Seminars

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Do I have to apply for the seminar? How can I apply for the seminar?

Yes, you always have to apply for the seminar. Terms and deadlines for applications will be announced on the chair's homepage. Please keep in mind that, most of the time, the deadline for application is one day before the first lecture / the kick-off meeting starts.

When does the seminar take place? How do I have to apply for the seminar?

The seminar takes place during the semester. Please have a look at the chair's homepage. On our homepage, we will inform you about the next seminar and how to apply.

Is participation in events related to the seminar (kick-off, presentation of seminar papers, etc.) mandatory?

Yes. If you are unable to participate due to important reasons (e.g., illness), please inform us in advance (proof is required).

In which language is the seminar? In which language do I have to write my seminar paper?

The language of the seminar will be communicated in the kick-off (usually English, sometimes the bachelor's seminar may also be in German).

Can I choose my own seminar topic?

Usually, Prof. Pyka will give you the topics of your seminars.

Can we write the seminar paper in groups?

No, usually not.

How many pages do I have to write for a seminar paper?

For a seminar paper, 13 to 15 pages are expected. References and appendices excluded.

Is it possible to get feedback concerning my paper?

Of course. Please contact your supervisor after you received the grade of your paper.

Can I withdraw from the seminar?

You can withdraw from the seminar. Please send an email to Mrs. Bianca Janic and your supervisor. Once you have withdrawn from the seminar, we cannot guarantee that we can accept your application for next semester's seminar.