



**Minutes of "Intro to CSE" Meeting**  
held on Sep 15, 2020

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**Q&As**

Is the job of a mentor to just guide you through your academics in terms of courses we take or do we work on our master thesis under him/her?

- Your mentor guides you through the academic side of CSE. In some case, they also work with him/her during your master thesis. This is up to you. You may choose to change you mentor at any point during your studies.

If we take up a TA/RA position, should it be under our mentor?

- You may choose to do so, this is not mandatory though.

Till when do we have to select a mentor??

- Start now! Deadline is 2 Weeks after semester start (Oct 19).

How can we approach a mentor as we are not in Braunschweig ?

- Via e-mail. Google their name and their e-mail will show up. If they don't answer (which happens rarely) you can contact their assistant or secretary.

Is there a list of mentor?

- No, there isn't.

Approximately, how many students can 1 mentor will take care?

- Differs from every professor. Some can take up to 13 and some 2.

Can I take one subject or two from other direction of studies if they interest me?

- Yes, you can.

Can mechanical engineering students go towards maths and computer science??

- Yes.

Study plan for the whole course needs to be sent or we can send semester wise?

- The way you and your mentor prefer.



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Can you please repeat the files needed to be sent ?

- The presentation and all other documents can be downloaded from our website in the download section.

When we sent out our application to TU BS seeking admission. Fluid mechanics was taught in English. now it has suddenly changed to German taught.

- There was a mistake in the study plan. The correct version is now on our website.

How do I differentiate between compulsory electives and chosen electives on the document shown right now?

- The grey marked courses are the compulsory courses and the courses with a blank/white background are the chosen electives.

Can we choose both the electives, if we want to?

- Yes, you can.

I would like to study thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics and Solid mechanics but I can only pick two. Can I pick the subject to study in the next semesters, in addition to the electives and compulsory modules in that semester?

- Only two(!) will be counting towards your degree, the other one will have to be a so-called additional.

It is mentioned algorithm and programming lab in first semester, so the lab would be possible online?

- Yes, the lab will be held online. All details will be announced closer to the beginning of the winter semester.

How many subjects can we take in the one semester?

- Technically as many or as few as you want. We recommend you to achieve 30 credit points (4-5 subjects) in order to graduate on time. Please note that many students take 6 semester to graduate.

Can I determine the field of study with my mentor, regardless of my selection during the application process, right?

- Yes.

May I know what will the students do when they reach German on first week of October, will they have any opportunity to come to university.

- Some facilities are open to students. As of right now, there is not more information that we can provide as decision are made based on the newest developments.

In the study plan it is mentioned SS for Thermodynamics, so this means that I can only take the subject during the summer semester ?

- Yes.

Where we can find the list of subjects of IDC?

- There is no IDC list. An IDC is a master level class that is relevant to your field/career. IDCs can be from the TU Braunschweig or another German/European/International university.



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Student project will be in the third semester?

- Yes. Due to individual choices some students work on their projects later.

Can we do our student project in other university or company?

- Either is fine.

What is the difference between student project and master thesis?

- Student project is a smaller work and time wise. A master thesis is not an extension of the student project but can be touched upon. [https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/fileadmin/Redaktionsgruppen/Studiengaenge\\_Fakultaet\\_3/CSE/Registration\\_PRO\\_CSE\\_07\\_2020.pdf](https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/fileadmin/Redaktionsgruppen/Studiengaenge_Fakultaet_3/CSE/Registration_PRO_CSE_07_2020.pdf)

Is the student project a group project or individual?

- Individual.

Is a student project under a professor and a master thesis in a company?

- No, you can do both in a company or at a university. Either way, a professor is your first examiner and will mark your student project/master thesis.

Can we work for the master thesis in the research center of TU?

- Yes. You can do it anywhere as long as it makes sense to you and your mentor.

What will be language of thesis? Should we write in German or English?

- Language choice is up to you. Choose the one you prefer.

How to send our compulsory elective subjects to you?

- Through your study plan. Mark your elective subject on the study plan. Details on the exact process will be provided by CSE via email.

What does this mean exercise and lecture??

- Exercise is where you apply what you learned in lectures to real problems.

How do we register for courses? Is there a platform or are we automatically enrolled into compulsory courses?

- You can "register" through Stud.IP. When in doubt or you cannot find the information, send the lecturer an email.

What about study materials of first semester subjects?

- They will be provided online.

For subjects that are in high demand, is there a maximum number of students that can register for that course and if that is the case how do we ensure we can get enrolled into that course?

- This won't happen. If it does, contact us.

When we will get username and password for Stud.IP ?

- after enrollment and after you received your matriculation number.

Do we get an official student email ID?

- Yes.



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Will we get the ID only when we get to Germany?

- Yes.

Should we wait till we get our student mail ID before we mail/approach our Mentors?

- Don't wait, contact them right now.

I was previously enrolled at TU BS and already have a y-number. Should I get a new ID or y-number?

- No, you use your current one.

Is it likely that a professor would respond to our emails?

- Yes, of course. If they don't contact their secretary or assistant.

Can the temporary ID be provided within this week?

- We can't tell you. All documents are being processed.

Any expected date to resume offline classes?

- We don't know. Hopefully in the summer semester.

If we complete masters beyond the stipulated time, then do we have to pay the tuition fees.?

- It depends, roughly 8 or 9 semester. Please search for "Langzeitstudiengebühren" for more details.

When can we do our internships?

- Whenever you get one.

Can we get the mail ID of Rahav for further communication ?

- r.venkateswaran@tu-braunschweig.de

Could we get the slides that were showed here.

- Can be downloaded on our website.

Summer semester 2021 - would it be offline complete?

- We do not know at this point.

Is there any office in the university to help or guide us to find internships? Or should we find them ourselves?

- You will have to apply for internships yourself. There are many guides online.

Are there any career fairs or any such events?

- Yes, they are.