

# European Master's Program in Computational Logic

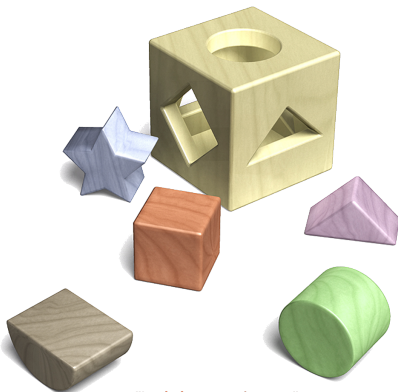
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*"Logic is everywhere ..."*



# The European Master's Program in Computational Logic (EMCL)

- ▶ **EMCL is a distributed European Master's Program**
  - ▷ Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (unibz)
  - ▷ Technische Universität Dresden (TUD, coordinating institution)
  - ▷ Nova Universidade de Lisboa (NOVA)
  - ▷ Technische Universität Wien (TUW)
  - ▷ Nactional ICT Australia (NICTA)
- ▶ **Joint MSc degree from the European universities at which a student has physically studied**
- ▶ **Supported by the European Union within the Erasmus Mundus Program since 2004**



## Curriculum – Mandatory Modules and Master Thesis

- ▶ **Basic Modules (34 cr)**
  - ▷ **Foundations (first semester, 9 cr, TUD)**
  - ▷ **Logic and Constraint Programming (first semester, 9cr, TUD)**
  - ▷ **Advanced Logic (second semester, 8cr, unibz)**
  - ▷ **Integrated Logic Systems (second semester, 8 cr, unibz)**
- ▶ **Presentation and Communication Skills  
(second and third semester, 4cr any European university)**
- ▶ **Project (third semester, 16 cr, any European university and NICTA)**
- ▶ **Master Thesis (forth semester, 30 cr, any European university)**



## Curriculum – Advanced Modules

- ▶ **Advanced Modules (12cr each; select at least three; first - third semester)**
  - ▷ **Constraints (NOVA)**
  - ▷ **Computational Logic for Information Technology (TUW)**
  - ▷ **Computer Science Engineering (all European universities)**
  - ▷ **Knowledge Representation (TUD, NOVA, TUW)**
  - ▷ **Logical Foundations (TUW)**
  - ▷ **Logics and Languages for Software Reliability and Security (NOVA)**
  - ▷ **Modelling and Verification (TUW)**
  - ▷ **Ontology and Database Systems (unibz)**
  - ▷ **Principles of Computation (unibz, TUW)**
  - ▷ **Principles of Data Managment (unibz)**
  - ▷ **Principles of Inference (TUD, TUW)**
  - ▷ **Semantic Technologies (unibz, NOVA)**
  - ▷ **Theoretical Computer Science and Logic (TUD)**



## Distribution

- ▶ **First semester: TUD**
- ▶ **Second semester: unibz**
- ▶ **Third and forth semester: any European university**  
(see EMCL booklet for details of the placement process)
- ▶ **Project Work may be done at NICTA**  
during the break between the second and third semester  
(see EMCL booklet for details of the procedure)



## EMCL versus MCL

- ▶ The International Master's Program in Computational Logic (MCL)
- ▶ Curriculum of MCL is identical to the curriculum of EMCL
  - ▷ All mandatory modules are offered by TUD
  - ▷ Only the advanced modules offered by TUD can be selected
  - ▷ The master thesis is offered by TUD
- ▶ MSc degree from TUD
- ▶ **New: One semester must be studied abroad**
  - ▷ We strongly suggest to study the second semester at unibz



## Service Center for International Students (SCIS)

- ▶ **Mrs Julia Koppenhagen, room 2018, Tuesdays 1pm-3pm**
- ▶ **[http://www.inf.tu-dresden.de/index.php?node\\_id=2727&ln=en](http://www.inf.tu-dresden.de/index.php?node_id=2727&ln=en)**
- ▶ **Organises the registration to written examinations upon application**
- ▶ **Hands out the documents for oral examinations/master's thesis**
- ▶ **Administers the results of examinations and announces the grade**
- ▶ **Issues transcripts of records and further documents in connection with residence authorisation on enquiry**
- ▶ **Please study the SCIS web page carefully and consider the rules and deadlines related to**
  - ▷ **registration to the exams**
  - ▷ **cancellation of exams**
  - ▷ **deadlines**
  - ▷ **forms**



## Grants for unbz

- ▶ **Students without Erasmus Mundus grant can apply for 4 EM+ grants (amounting to about 200 EUR per month) for their stay at unbz until 15 Nov, see: [www.computational-logic.org/content/study/master/support/EM+grant/php?id=43](http://www.computational-logic.org/content/study/master/support/EM+grant/php?id=43)**





## Some General Hints (1)

- ▶ **Read the EMCL booklet carefully**
- ▶ **Check out the EMCL web pages carefully and regularly**
- ▶ **Check out the notice board on the wall outside of this lecture hall**
- ▶ **Check your emails regularly**
- ▶ **Our mailing lists contain your private addresses, please inform us about any changes**
- ▶ **All students must register each semester online at TUD, you will not receive the current students' identity card sent by mail without this registration**



## Some General Hints (2)

- ▶ **Address questions concerning examinations, transcript of records, etc to the SCIS (Julia Koppenhagen) during the announced office hours**
- ▶ **Address questions concerning individual modules to the respective module representatives**
- ▶ **Address questions concerning individual lectures to the respective lecturers**
- ▶ **Address all other questions to Sylvia Wunsch**
- ▶ **Visa prolongation must be applied for on time**
- ▶ **Don't enter an EU country without a valid visa**



## Some Hints for EMCL Students (1)

- ▶ **You must pay the reduced students service fee to TUD each semester while you study at one of our partner universities (this does not apply to EM scholarship holders)**
- ▶ **The date of the EMCL students workshop has not been fixed yet**
- ▶ **2nd semester at unibz will start on 29 February 2016, 2pm**
- ▶ **In order to carry out the enrollment at unibz you must provide a declaration of equivalent value (see: [www.study-in-italy.it/studying/info-07.html](http://www.study-in-italy.it/studying/info-07.html)). This document must be applied for in the countries where you have received the bachelor degree and submitted to unibz upon arrival.**
- ▶ **You will travel to Bozen-Bolzano with the valid German residence permit and a letter issued by TUD confirming the participation in the EMCL program. You must apply for the residence permit (permesso di soggiorno) in Bozen-Bolzano within the first 8 days after entering Italy. The unibz -International Relations Office supports students regarding this procedure.**



## Some Hints for EMCL Students (2)

▶ **How to apply for the second year university?**

[www.emcl-study.eu/fileadmin/emcl\\_booklet\\_tree/msss\\_jc\\_placement\\_second.html](http://www.emcl-study.eu/fileadmin/emcl_booklet_tree/msss_jc_placement_second.html)

▶ **How to apply for the project work at NICTA?** [www.emcl-study.eu/fileadmin/emcl\\_booklet\\_tree/mss\\_jc\\_projects\\_nicta.html](http://www.emcl-study.eu/fileadmin/emcl_booklet_tree/mss_jc_projects_nicta.html)



## Some More Specific Hints

### ► For Beginners

- ▷ **Focus initially on the two mandatory basic modules**
- ▷ **If you can follow the lectures and the tutorials of the basic modules then add an advanced module**
- ▷ **At each university try to complete modules because modules are automatically accepted at all European universities**
- ▷ **Individual lectures are not automatically accepted at the European universities; you must negotiate with the module representatives**

### ► For Second Year Students and Beyond

- ▷ **Please see the coordinator personally during his consultation hours; bring an up to date transcript of records and your current plan of studies**
- ▷ **Projects are negotiated individually between students and supervisors; you must become active**



## Some Even More Specific Hints for Foreign Students

- ▶ **We assume that you have come to Germany because you want to be exposed to Germans, a German university and German culture**
  - ▷ **Avoid your fellow countrymen and -women;  
you can meet them when you are back home**
  - ▷ **Make contact with Germans in the university, in the dormitories, in the city,  
during your studies, during shopping, during sports, during leisure etc**
  - ▷ **Learn the German language by speaking to Germans**
    - ▶▶ **German language classes as part of the Presentation and  
Communication Skills module (4 SWS / 2 cr)**
  - ▷ **A German is likely to be as shy as you in approaching a foreigner;  
be brave; if you make contact it is likely to be an advantage for both of you**



## Finally

- ▶ **Join us during the weekly open house**  
(Thursdays, 2:50 pm - 4:20 pm on the 2nd floor main hall, but not today)
- ▶ **Christmas Party: 2 December 2015**
- ▶ **Logic Exam: 19 December 2015**
- ▶ **You may contact the coordinator (Steffen Hölldobler) anytime**
  - ▷ **Office phone number: +49 351 46 33 83 40**
  - ▷ **E-Mail: [sh@iccl.tu-dresden.de](mailto:sh@iccl.tu-dresden.de)**
  - ▷ **Mobile phone number: +49 151 27 02 36 23 (SMS in case of emergency)**
- ▶ **In case you experience any problems whatsoever please contact us immediately; don't wait; problems will usually not go away, we will just have less time to solve them**



## News

- ▶ **Skills lecture at 1pm in room 2026 today**
- ▶ **Thursday hiking tour: depends on the weather**

