

TU Wien Informatics Doctoral School

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Doctoral Education at our Faculty

common roof formed by **TU Wien Informatics Doctoral School**

different ways of funding a doctoral degree at our faculty

Doctoral Colleges

Teaching Assistants

Research Assistants

Self-Funded PhDs

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different areas, different institutes, different supervisors, ...

but the same curriculum, process, evaluation criteria apply to every doctoral student

currently~400 the Doctoral School is not a secluded club – every doctoral student is considered member of our Doctoral School



Excellent Education for Doctoral Students

✓ Excellent Supervision

- Well-thought Dissertation Process
- Quality Assurance
- Structured Curriculum
- Top-class Guest Professors
- Information & Support of Students
- Teambuilding & Socializing





TU Wien Informatics Doctoral School

> Mission:

✓ ...to provide you with an environment that encourages you to contribute to technology advancement through systematic, yet creative research. Our program enables you to become an independent researcher capable of generating, pursuing, and communicating novel research ideas. To achieve this, you will be involved in research activities as soon as possible.

Services (in tight cooperation with the Deans of Academic Affairs & Dean's Office):

- ✓ maintain unified interface inside and to the outside (webpage, Q&A)
- ✓ implement the basic curriculum (mandatory lectures)
- ✓ organize guest lectures (selection, invitation, operation...)
- ✓ organize special courses in house (Current Trends in CS, Proposal Writing)
- ✓ stimulate teambuilding (social events)
- ✓ keep contact to doctoral students, provide aid (relay info, give pointers when problems)
- ✓ inform (events), coordinate, provide facts & figures



The Path to the Doctoral Degree



Proficiency Exam

Does the candidate know the relevant venues?



 vop) & presentation (30')
 outline the research challenge you want to address
 put in context with related work ' research proposal (~10p) & presentation (30')

- Is the methodology appropriate?
- outline envisioned methodology
- sketch the expected output
- give a time table including publications
- Does the plan align with the rules, does it make sense? ✓ present a plan for your 18 ECTS coursework



Quality Assurance

- early feedback & transparency through proficiency exam
- ✓ extra guidance by PE members: National Expert & Chair
- extra certainty through clear commitments in thesis agreement
- ✓ grading of thesis by 2 independent experts
- \checkmark possibility for thesis revision
- thesis & reviews open for inspection by faculty



Structured Curriculum



Admission & Enrolment

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Curriculum Structure

(M)

As a reminder: In total minimum18 ECTS required

fundamental courses

•	Philosophy of Science	(M)
•	Research & Career Planning for Doctoral Students	(M)

- Fundamental Research Methods for Doctoral Students
- Crafting Good Professional Life
- Digital Humanism (will be added later!)
- Scientific Proposal Writing *min 6 ECTS, min 1 methodology*

• area courses

- PhD seminar, 3 ECTS
- visiting professor courses, min 3 ECTS
- own choice of courses related to research area min 12 ECTS, at most 6 ECTS seminar or PV

submission of plan after proficiency exam; need approval!

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Important Sources of Information

- Information of the Dean's Office about Doctoral Study Process <u>https://informatics.tuwien.ac.at/study-services/doctoral-graduation/</u>
- Webpage of the TU Wien Informatics Doctoral School <u>https://informatics.tuwien.ac.at/doctoral/</u>
- Standard Procedure for Doctoral Program at the Faculty of Informatics <u>https://informatics.tuwien.ac.at/doctoral/procedure/</u>
- Registration to Doctoral School news: <u>https://inn.tuwien.ac.at/socialevents_doctoralstudents</u>
- Admission Office <u>https://www.tuwien.at/en/studies/admission/the-conditions-for-international-students/doctoral-programme/</u>
- TUW DOC School's Mentorship Program <u>https://www.tuwien.at/forschung/tuw-doctoral-school/peer2peer-mentorship-program</u>
- Fachschaft Doktorat <u>https://fsdr.at/</u>
- TU Wien Student Support <u>https://www.tuwien.at/en/studies/student-support</u>
- Psychosocial Counselling <u>https://www.tuwien.at/en/studies/student-support/psychological-counselling-and-mental-health</u>
- Ombuds Office for Academic Affairs
 <u>https://www.tuwien.at/en/studies/student-support/ombuds-office-for-academic-affairs</u>



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Abschlussarbeiten	Titel	Anm.Bed	. Stunden	ECTS	
Studienbewerbung	TU Wien Informatics Doctoral School				
LVA Cockpit	Fundamental Courses			20.0	
Favoriten	VU Philosophy of Science			3.0	
Nachrichten	195.080 VU 2024W Philosophy of Science		2.0	3.0	
Kalender	VU Innovation			3.0	
Studienabschluss	VU Research Methods in Computer Science			3.0	
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Meine Lehre	SE Research and Career Planning for Doctoral Students		2.0	3.0	
LVA Administration	VU Research and Career Planning for Doctoral Students		2.0	3.0	
Abhaltemeldung	VU Being a Researcher		2.0	3.0	
Studierendendaten	VU From surviving to thriving: crafting your good professional life		2.0	3.0	
TAN Briefe	199.096 VU 2024W From surviving to thriving: crafting your good professional life		2.0	3.0	
Curricula	Area Courses			21.0	
Bearbeitung	VU PhD Primary Area Computer Engineering Introduction			3.0	
Unbestätigte Zuordnungen	VU Foundations of Data and Knowledge Systems			3.0	
STEOP	VU Introduction to Media Informatics and Visual Computing at VUT			3.0	
Steop-Management	VO Foundations of Business Informatics			3.0	
Studierenden-Verwaltung	VII Advanced Topics in Service oriented and Cloud Computing		2.0	3.0	
Studierenden-Status prüfen	VI Model Checking		2.0	3.0	
Konsistenz-Check	VII Discrete Mathematics and Probability		2.0	3.0	
Abschlussarbeiten	VI Formal Mathods			3.0	
Administration	VULLinger Algebra			3.0	
Übermittlung Noten	VULLAgosta			2.0	
Mobility Services	VULSbase from frantian methods			3.0	

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Top-class Guest Professors



Informatics Area Courses by Guest Professors – WS24

199.021 Ontology-Driven Conceptual Modeling

Lecturer: Prof. Giancarlo Guizzardi, University of Twente Course start: Oct 14

199.020 A Short History of Artificial Intelligence

Lecturer: Prof. Thomas Haigh, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Course start: Nov 5

^{all} VU 3.0



Fundamental Courses – WS24

 199.096 From surviving to thriving: crafting your good professional life Lecturer: Prof. Geraldine Fitzpatrick Course start: Oct 4

195.080 Philosophy of Science

Lecturer: Prof. Matti Tedre, University of Eastern Finland

Course start: Oct 23

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Fundamental Courses – Summer Term

195.079 Fundamental Research Methods for Doctoral Students

Introduction to Methodologies and Paradigms

- Qualitative Methods
- Formal Methods
- Quantitative Methods
- Design Methods

195.109 ProWriting – Effective Research Project Proposal Writing for Public Funding

Lecturers: S. Biffl, A. Ciabattoni, C. Maszl-Kantner, E. Schludermann, A. Steininger

195.098 (=184.778) Research and Career Planning for Doctoral Students

Lecturers: E. Sallinger



Elective Courses

Current Trends in Computer Science (VU 1.5, 195.072)

- Ring lecture with talks given by the guest professors of the current study year
- offered throughout winter and summer term
- Highly probable that we have 6 talks in total during this study year 2024/25 (check TISS & TUWEL)

requirements for positive grade:

- Preferably students attend 4 talks, choose 3 of those for their report and give a summary of at least 2 pages for each.
- For students who can only attend 3 talks this summary must comprise at least 3 pages for each talk.

The course will end after the summer term, a further combination with talks of the winter term 25/26 will not be possible.



Information, Teambuilding, Socializing

Regular Info Events (process, upcoming guest prof courses, Q&A,...)

Social Events

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- Special-focus Guided Tours ("Vienna for students", "Hidden Secrets of Vienna", ...
- Visit & Tour of Ottakringer Beer Brewery
- Visit of Vienna Museum of History
- Visit of Christmas Market



You want to receive information about future social events

• please register here:

https://inn.tuwien.ac.at/socialevents_doctoralstudents



Thank you!