



# **Module Guide**

## **High Performance Computing / Quantum Computing**

Faculty Computer Science

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◦ **HPC-M-01 PHYSICS FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING/QUANTUM COMPUTING**

Module code	HPC-M-01
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Thomas Störtkuhl
Course number and name	HPC-M-01 Physics for HPC/QC
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Thomas Störtkuhl
Semester	1
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	written ex. 90 min.
Duration of Examination	90 min.
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

**Module Objective**

Physics for High Performance Computing / Quantum Computing builds the basic foundations of reasoning in physics as well as fundamental understanding of quantum mechanics -- the basic building blocks of quantum computing.

Mathematical structures and reasoning such as fields, vector spaces, and Hilbert spaces are (re-)visited. These mathematical structures are then used to argue about quantum mechanical laws and models such as the uncertainty principle and operators that build the foundation of quantum computing.

Students learn to know basic quantum mechanical effects and are able to calculate the answers to questions about known quantum mechanical effects. They understand the basic principles behind quantum mechanical effects which build the foundations of both, quantum computing, and, partly, also traditional computing and communication. They are able to understand and argue about these effects using mathematical and physical reasoning.

**Applicability in this and other Programs**



This module lays the basics in understanding quantum mechanics and quantum computing.

## Entrance Requirements

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## Learning Content

- o Mathematical foundations
  - o Matrices & vectors
  - o Fields, norms, vector spaces
- o Physical background
  - o Properties and limits of classical mechanics
  - o Measurements
- o Quantum mechanics
  - o Models of quantum mechanics
  - o Uncertainty principle
  - o Applying operators
- o Quantum Computing
  - o Introduction of Qubits / Qubit registers
  - o manipulation of Qubits via unitary matrices
  - o first quantum computing algorithms

## Teaching Methods

Lecture with exercises

## Recommended Literature

Specified in the lecture



## ◉ HPC-M-02 COMPUTER ARCHITECTURES FOR COMPUTING/QUANTUM COMPUTING

Module code	HPC-M-02
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt
Course number and name	HPC-M-02 Computer Architectures for HPC/QC
Lecturers	Dr. Atanas Atanasov Prof. Dr. Peter Faber NN NN PK AI/IAS/CS
Semester	2
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	written ex. 90 min.
Duration of Examination	90 min.
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

This course shows the building blocks of modern HPC and QC systems: Today's HPC systems are mainly built as clusters of interconnected compute nodes that may be accessed from a frontend. Intra-node performance in these systems is crucial.

QC systems, on the other hand, are based on (architecture dependent) quantum mechanical effects that can be described by a common theoretical framework. This framework can be used in simulators to develop algorithms for QC systems.

Students know and understand the architectural principles of HPC and QC systems. They are able to develop algorithms for HPC or QC systems according to a provided specification. They are able to assess the correct approach to a specified problem for a HPC or a QC architecture.

### Applicability in this and other Programs



Building blocks of HPC and/or QC systems are discussed here; this can be used in system design as well as programming and developing HPC/QC architectures or developing/designing for these architectures.

## Entrance Requirements

Knowledge in physics / quantum mechanics is advantageous

## Learning Content

Concepts of modern computer systems:

- o Building blocks of modern HPC systems
  - o Cluster architecture (interconnected compute nodes)
  - o Using HPC compute-nodes for computation
  - o Programming frameworks for high (intra-node) performance
- o Principles of QC systems
  - o Quantum models of computation
  - o QC simulators / QC processors
  - o Programming frameworks for QC

## Teaching Methods

Lecture with exercises

## Recommended Literature

Specified in the lecture



## ◉ HPC-M-03 NETWORKS FOR COMPUTING/QUANTUM COMPUTING

Module code	HPC-M-03
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Course number and name	HPC-M-03 Networks for HPC/QC
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Andreas Wöfl
Semester	2
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	written ex. 90 min.
Duration of Examination	90 min.
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

Networking Basics:

After completing the lecture students will be able to name and describe the major network protocols and technologies for building networks. They will be able to explain the fundamental architectural principles in networks, such as the ISO/OSI model and the Internet protocol stack. Students participating in this lecture can name the different network topologies, describe different network architectures and performance metrics. Participants of this lecture will be able to explain all relevant aspects of connecting to a network. They will be able to use different network analysing tools, such as Wireshark and Windows networking utilities for getting system information and troubleshooting networking problems.

Building on the basic part, modern network technologies are introduced: The students get to know modern networking technologies and their properties; they are able to understand the use of certain networking topologies and can explain why specific design techniques are applicable in a particular situation.

### Applicability in this and other Programs



Architecture in particular of HPC systems and computing centres

## Entrance Requirements

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## Learning Content

Basics:

This part represents is an introduction to networks used today. It deals with the construction, the functionality and the design of networks and protocols. On the basis of the ISO/OSI Model network and computer protocols are discussed. Media Access Control protocols of the lower layer are discussed together with network topologies with respect to their medium access mechanism. Topics of discussion include classic technologies like Ethernet. On network and transport layer, the TCP/IP protocol is introduced. The Exercise component of the module will help students reflect the content of the lecture. The Lab Practice component of the module faces practical aspects including use of network analyzing tools. The lecture and lab practice also includes topics such specialized industrial networks or protocols, e.g. the CAN and PROFINET.

Advanced topics:

Building on the basic part, modern network technologies are introduced: Massively parallel cluster systems today use high-performance networking technologies like Infiniband and are connected through non-trivial topologies. Connecting networks in an all-to-all clique is infeasible for large networks, thus, network topology design becomes important.

## Teaching Methods

- o Lecture
- o Exercise
- o Lab Practice

## Recommended Literature

Basics:

- o L. Peterson: Computer Networks: A Systems Approach, 5th edition
- o Tannenbaum: Computer Networks, 5th edition

Further literature as specified in the course





## ◉ HPC-M-04 SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Module code	HPC-M-04
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt
Course number and name	HPC-M-04 Software Engineering
Lecturers	Prof. Dr. Marcus Barkowsky Prof. Bernhard Zeller
Semester	1
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	written ex. 90 min.
Duration of Examination	90 min.
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

The Students know and understand important design patterns. They are able to apply these design patterns and are able to argue about advantages and disadvantages of a specific design.

They also have acquired an understanding of the practical uses in software engineering and are able to follow a structured approach towards a software design.

### Applicability in this and other Programs

Software design and programming lectures

### Entrance Requirements

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### Learning Content

Advanced methods of software engineering:



- o Design patterns
- o Applications in software development
- o System design

## **Teaching Methods**

Lecture with exercises



▶ **HPC-M-05 HIGH PERFORMANCE  
COMPUTING/QUANTUM COMPUTING  
PROGRAMMING LAB**

Module code	HPC-M-05
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Course number and name	HPC-M-05 HPC/QC Programming Lab
Lecturers	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt Prof. Dr. Thomas Störtkuhl
Semester	1
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	StA
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

The students learn to know different programming frameworks for modern computer architectures. They know theoretical foundations and can argue about asymptotic behaviour following from these theories. They are also aware of the limits of asymptotic aspects and have gained practical experience in the use of frameworks for HPC and QC programming. They are able to implement a small algorithm using at least one of these frameworks according to a given specification.

### Applicability in this and other Programs

Software design and programming lectures

### Entrance Requirements

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## Learning Content

Modern methodologies of HPC and QC programming:

During the course, theoretical concepts of programming for (parallel) HPC and QC systems are presented, e.g., (absolute, relative) speedup, parallel efficiency, Amdahl's law, Brent's Theorem. These theoretical concepts are then applied to real-life problems, and modern frameworks for these computational concepts are presented and discussed.

This may include, e.g.:

- o OpenMP (intra-node parallelism)
- o MPI (inter-node parallelism)
- o Intel Quantum Simulator / SDK (quantum computing simulator / framework)
- o further QC frameworks

## Teaching Methods

Lab sessions and exercises, usually in teams

## Recommended Literature

Victor Victor Eijkhout, Introduction to High Performance Scientific Computing; 2016; Lulu; <https://web.corral.tacc.utexas.edu/CompEdu/pdf/stc/EijkhoutIntroToHPC.pdf>

Further literature as specified during the course



## ◉ HPC-M-06 OPTIMIZATION METHODS

Module code	HPC-M-06
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Course number and name	HPC-M-06 Optimization Methods
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Semester	2
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	StA
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

The students gain an understanding of the construction of modern optimizing compilers and their run-time systems. They understand how certain optimization techniques work, why specific programming patterns may improve performance and others may prohibit optimizations. They are able to apply their knowledge and use appropriate techniques at the appropriate place. Ideally, the students can work on an optimization pass for themselves.

### Applicability in this and other Programs

Software design and programming lectures

### Entrance Requirements

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### Learning Content

Optimization methods for modern computer architectures are discussed. In particular, theoretical and practical aspects of parallel programming systems for modern high-performance computing systems are highlighted.



This includes insights into the inner workings of optimizing compilers and their runtime systems. Optimization methods employed by these compilers are presented and discussed, as well as performance analysis and respective tools.

## Teaching Methods

Lectures, presentations, lab sessions, exercises

## Recommended Literature

- o Klemm, Michael; Cownie, Jim; High Performance Parallel Runtimes -- Design and Implementation. De Gruyter, Oldenbourg. 2021
- o Aho; Lam, Monica Sin-Ling; Sethi, Ravi; Ullman, Jeffrey David. Compilers: Principles, Techniques, and Tools (2 ed.). Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Addison-Wesley. 2006
- o Further literature as specified during the course



◦ **HPC-M-07 HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING/QUANTUM COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY**

Module code	HPC-M-07
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt
Course number and name	HPC-M-07 HPC/QC Technology
Lecturers	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt NN NN PK AI/IAS/CS
Semester	1
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	StA
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

**Module Objective**

Student are introduced to technological issues particular to HPC and/or QC systems. They know hardware technologies relevant to the area and collected experience in building / setting up systems in hands-on sessions. They are able to set-up (part of) a modern HPC system and install and configure such a system on a small scale.

**Applicability in this and other Programs**

Hardware / system design for complex modern computing systems

**Entrance Requirements**

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**Learning Content**

The aim of this course is to discover the technological particularities of HPC and QC systems.



The module is divided into two parts, both covering theoretical as well as practical aspects including hands-on sessions:

- o Hardware
  - o Setting up a compute node
  - o Rack technologies
  - o Cooling aspects
- o Software
  - o Setting up an operating system
  - o Middleware
  - o Access and scheduling

## Teaching Methods

Lecture with lab sessions / exercises

## Recommended Literature

- o Andrew S. Tanenbaum; Herbert Bos. Modern Operating Systems. Prentice Hall, 4th ed. 2014
- o Evi Nemeth, Garth Snyder, Trent R. Hein et al. Unix and Linux System Administration Handbook. Addison-Wesley, 5th ed. 2018
- o Christine Bresnahan, Richard Blum. Mastering Linux system administration. Wiley. 2021. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/th-deggendorf/detail.action?docID=6658986>
- o Further literature as indicated in the lecture





**o HPC-M-08 HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING/QUANTUM COMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Module code	HPC-M-08
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt
Course number and name	HPC-M-08 HPC/QC Infrastructure
Lecturer	NN NN PK AI/IAS/CS
Semester	2
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	written ex. 90 min.
Duration of Examination	90 min.
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

**Module Objective**

Students know about questions arising when building the infrastructure of computing systems -- usually in data centers.

This includes:

- o Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- o Power engineering, incl. dimensioning -- students are able to calculate the required size of devices
- o Cooling techniques, incl. dimensioning -- students are able to calculate the required size of devices
- o Energy efficiency -- students know about new forms of energy efficient design; they are able to apply such a design and estimate its implications
- o Fire protection -- students know legal and functional requirements and can integrate measures into a building plan



## **Applicability in this and other Programs**

Design of complete computing systems

## **Entrance Requirements**

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## **Learning Content**

Infrastructure of modern computer systems in computing centers. The following topics belong in this category:

- o Building computing centers
- o Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- o Power engineering, incl. dimensioning
  - o particularly w/ racks
- o Cooling techniques, incl. dimensioning
  - o particularly w/ racks
- o Energy efficiency
- o Fire protection
- o Legal measures

## **Teaching Methods**

Lectures and exercises



## ◦ HPC-M-09 SYSTEM DESIGN AND APPLICATION OF HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING/QUANTUM COMPUTING SYSTEMS

Module code	HPC-M-09
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt
Course number and name	HPC-M-09 System Design and Application of HPC/QC Systems
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt
Semester	2
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	StA
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

Students acquire the ability to design a complex system, considering all levels of detail, from the small details of each building block of a computing system, up to the overview over the whole project.

Similar to the master's thesis, this course builds a cornerstone of the study program, with students being able to apply all their acquired knowledge to an actual project.

### Entrance Requirements

Students may draw from all the modules of the course of studies; however, there is no formal requirement of a particular module

### Learning Content

Complex system design: In a guided project, the students work on a case study of a complex project, designing a complex computing system from start to finish.



## **Teaching Methods**

Lecture with work on project / exercises, presentations

## **Recommended Literature**

As specified during the lecture



◦ **HPC-M-10 ADVANCED MATHEMATICS FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING/QUANTUM COMPUTING**

Module code	HPC-M-10
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Dieter Rummler
Course number and name	HPC-M-10 Advanced Mathematics for HPC/QC
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Dieter Rummler
Semester	1
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Type of Examination	written ex. 90 min.
Duration of Examination	90 min.
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

**Module Objective**

The student acquires basic knowledge and skills in mathematical definitions, structures, and reasoning. This contains in particular the ability to retrace, evaluate, correct proofs and to prove theorems. The student is competent to apply structured thinking and mathematical reasoning.

**Applicability in this and other Programs**

This module lays the basics in understanding contexts of higher mathematics.

**Entrance Requirements**

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**Learning Content**



The goal of this module is to empower the student to use mathematical approaches in different contexts and apply mathematical reasoning.

In this course, these abilities are conveyed using stochastic theoretical and statistical approaches that help in understanding quantum effects and quantum computing approaches.

## **Teaching Methods**

Lectures and exercises



**◉ HPC-M-11 ADVANCED MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS  
FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING/QUANTUM  
COMPUTING**

Module code	HPC-M-11
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Thomas Störtkuhl
Course number and name	HPC-M-11 Advanced Mathematics and Physics for HPC/QC
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Thomas Störtkuhl
Semester	2



## Applicability in this and other Programs

This module lays the basics in understanding how to solve numerically physical problems with high performance computers.

## Entrance Requirements

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## Learning Content

- o Mathematical foundations
  - o Matrices & vectors
  - o Fields, norms and vector spaces
  - o Convergence
- o Physical background
  - o physical problems: planet motion
  - o Heat conduction, Poisson equation
  - o Biharmonic and Stokes equations
  - o derivation of fundamental differential equations which govern the physical problem
- o Numerical mathematics
  - o Norms to measure the error of a computed solution
  - o function space
  - o linear system of equations
  - o theory of iterative solvers for linear system of equations
  - o discretization and discretization error
  - o discretization for time dependent differential equations
- o Numerical examples:
  - o computation of a solutions for model problems
  - o Poisson, biharmonic and Stokes equations
  - o with iterative methods like





- o Jacobi, Gauß-Seidel, Successive Overrelaxation iteration
- o multigrid approach
- o using explicit Euler for discretization of time dependence
- o example demonstration: Python code

## Teaching Methods

Lecture with exercises

## Recommended Literature

Specified in the lecture



## ◦ HPC-M-12 FACULTY ELECTIVE I

Module code	HPC-M-12
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Course number and name	HPC-M-12 Faculty Elective I
Semester	1
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	compulsory course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

This module allows students to customize their curriculum by choosing an elective out of existing university courses or student research projects provided by university lecturers.

There are three main goals in this module to the benefit of each student. The first goal is to fill knowledge gaps of the student (individuality) identified by the admission test and discussions with the study coordinator. The elective has to be selected in accordance with the study coordinator.

The second goal is to acquire knowledge in current and different upcoming topics of HPC/QC (flexibility).

As a third goal, students should be able to advance in individual higher-level topics (specialization).

### Applicability in this and other Programs

corresponding the modules you choose

### Entrance Requirements

corresponding the modules you choose



## **Learning Content**

corresponding the modules you choose

## **Teaching Methods**

corresponding the modules you choose

## **Remarks**

corresponding the modules you choose

## **Recommended Literature**

corresponding the modules you choose



## ◦ HPC-M-13 FACULTY ELECTIVE II

Module code	HPC-M-13
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Course number and name	HPC-M-13 Faculty Elective II
Semester	3
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	annually
Course type	compulsory course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	4
ECTS	5
Workload	Time of attendance: 60 hours self-study: 90 hours Total: 150 hours
Weight	5/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

This module allows students to customize their curriculum by choosing an elective out of existing university courses or student research projects provided by university lecturers.

There are three main goals in this module to the benefit of each student. The first goal is to fill knowledge gaps of the student (individuality) identified by the admission test and discussions with the study coordinator. The elective has to be selected in accordance with the study coordinator.

The second goal is to acquire knowledge in current and different upcoming topics of HPC/QC (flexibility).

As a third goal, students should be able to advance in individual higher-level topics (specialization).

### Applicability in this and other Programs

corresponding the modules you choose

### Entrance Requirements

corresponding the modules you choose



## **Learning Content**

corresponding the modules you choose

## **Teaching Methods**

corresponding the modules you choose

## **Remarks**

corresponding the modules you choose

## **Recommended Literature**

corresponding the modules you choose



## ◉ HPC-M-14.1 MASTER'S COLLOQUIUM

Module code	HPC-M-14.1
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Course number and name	HPC-M-14.1 Master's Colloquium
Lecturers	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber Prof. Dr. Helena Liebelt Prof. Dr. Thomas Störtkuhl
Semester	3
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	as required
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	2
ECTS	2
Workload	Time of attendance: 30 hours self-study: 30 hours Total: 60 hours
Type of Examination	oral ex. 20 min.
Weight	2/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

A professional delivery of scientific and technical findings, to be held as presentations, is integral to the successful completion of projects. This includes presenting results achieved in groups and presenting complex linkages within a tight time frame. A further aim is to draw a close correlation between the written project assignment and the presentations held during the seminars.

Students will achieve the following learning objectives:

#### Professional skills

Students will be able to present the at times difficult technical and scientific relationships outlined in their masters thesis to an expert audience in the form of an oral presentation, and respond to questions about their presentation at an appropriate length.

#### Methodological skills

Students can intelligibly convey the nature and content of the findings from their masters thesis to an expert audience and present them within a defined time frame.

#### Soft skills



Students are able to outline the outcomes in a presentation. The scenario of holding a presentation before an expert audience serves as a precursor to numerous similar situations students will encounter during their careers, especially with regard to time constraints and focusing on core messages; as such, this seminar prepares them for similar work-related situations.

## **Applicability in this and other Programs**

The colloquium (seminar) is conducted in partial fulfillment of the master's thesis

## **Entrance Requirements**

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## **Learning Content**

In addition to the Master's Thesis, the students present their works in a colloquium, in which the scientific quality and the scientific independence of their respective achievements are evaluated.

## **Teaching Methods**

Presentations, discussions

## **Remarks**

Presentations can actually be held in each semester



## ◉ HPC-M-14.2 MASTER'S THESIS

Module code	HPC-M-14.2
Module coordination	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Course number and name	HPC-M-14.2 Master's Thesis
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Peter Faber
Semester	3
Duration of the module	1 semester
Module frequency	as required
Course type	required course
Level	postgraduate
Semester periods per week (SWS)	0
ECTS	23
Workload	Time of attendance: 0 hours self-study: 690 hours Total: 690 hours
Type of Examination	master thesis
Weight	23/90
Language of Instruction	English

### Module Objective

By producing a master's thesis, the students demonstrate their ability to apply their knowledge and skills acquired during the course of studies in an independently written scientific work on complex tasks. They thus demonstrate they have successfully completed their master's levels studies and acquired the capacity for independent scientific work.

### Entrance Requirements

According to §8 of the Study and Examination Regulations, students who have collected at least 40 ECTS credits may register for the master's thesis.

### Learning Content

The master's thesis is a written report in a form of a scientific paper. It describes the scientific findings, as well as the way leading to these findings. It contains justifications for decisions regarding chosen methods for the thesis and discarded alternatives. The student's own substantial contribution to the achieved results has to be evident.





The work on the master's thesis is supervised by any of the instructors within the study course (professors or lecturers) or an external instructor. The master's thesis can be written on any subject or topic related to the content of any of the modules of the study course. The students can suggest the topics for their master's theses according to their research or practice preferences. The preparation time of a master's thesis according to the regulations is up to 6 (six) months. However, an extension up to a maximum of 8 months from the registration date is possible (§11 APO). As a general rule, the size of the thesis should not exceed 70 pages.

## **Teaching Methods**

Students perform an independent supervised scientific research work.

## **Recommended Literature**

Recommendations and instructions of writing a master's thesis (available through iLearn).

