

Computer Science / Digital Sciences Master

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Guided Projects in DigSc Master

SS 2026

Registration Procedure

Technology
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Guided Project Requirements (depending on specialization)

Specialization	Required Guided Projects („Must“)	optional additional Projects
ITM, 3-sem	- (<i>dedicated own project format</i>)	-
ITM, 4-sem		up to 30 ECTS for any modules or projects (i.e. any GPs up to 30 ECTS ok)
DIS	-	up to 30 ECTS of projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP-ID with 6 ECTS at max twice (2x) • all other project types at max once (1x)
BIS / SAR, 3-sem	1 GP-TS-xxx (18 ECTS)	-
BIS / SAR, 4-sem		up to 12 ECTS worth of GPs, so either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no additional projects • 1 GP-ID (6 ECTS) • 2 GP-ID (12 ECTS) • 1 GP-xxx (12 ECTS)

There is **NO** rule that you may only take GP-ACS or GP-TS-ACS, if you study SAR, etc. You may pick any GP, regardless of your own specialization

Track 'Teamwork'
in GP-A-Project

Eberhard Schenk, Dipl.-Psych.,
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How to register (1) ?

- Until Sat 28.02. eod ...

1. Go to ILU

2. Join the Guided Project course

- Digital Sciences (Master) / Guided Projects
- https://ilu.th-koeln.de/ilias.php?baseClass=ilrepositorygui&ref_id=85631

3. Go to folder SS26

- Digital Sciences (Master) / Guided Projects / SS26
- https://ilu.th-koeln.de/ilias.php?baseClass=ilrepositorygui&ref_id=787702

4. Apply for membership to the project(s) you like:

- SS26_01 ...
- SS26_02 ...
- etc.

How to register (2) ?

5. When applying: **Pick the project type you want to apply for.**
 - Mainly important for the distinction between your own study program
 - Digital Sciences vs. Media Informatics
 - Many projects are offered in both programs ...
 - ... but under different categories.
- Important: **There is no first come, first serve.**
- Therefore, please apply **only for the project(s) you really want** to participate in.

Hard Rule: ≥ 2 Participants per Project

- The **overall project context** must have ≥ 2 participants
 - Example: SS26_06 Some very fancy stuff done together

Gruppen **OK**

 GP-ACS (12 CP)
Please join group if you choose this project option 

 GP-ID (6 CP)
Please join group if you choose this project option

Gruppen **OK**

 GP-ACS (12 CP)
Please join group if you choose this project option 

 GP-ID (6 CP)
Please join group if you choose this project option 

Gruppen **Not OK**

 GP-ACS (12 CP)
Please join group if you choose this project option 

 GP-ID (6 CP)
Please join group if you choose this project option

Registration Phases

- Registration: **Phase 1** until Sat 28.02. eod
 - Register as described
 - Ask supervisors about the projects, if in doubt!
 - **No first-come-first-serve principle**
 - All applications will be treated equally regardless of the application date.
- Each GP supervisor decides on acceptance within phase 1
- Minimum number of participants reached?
 - **NO:** Projects not reaching minimum number of participants will be closed => **see phase 2**
 - **YES:** Membership is binding! leaving project after phase 1 means "Fehlversuch" (failed attempt)
- Registration: **Phase 2** until beginning of lectures in SoSe 2026
 - Applicants for closed projects are redistributed
 - At the end of Phase 2, a participant lists are compiled
 - Lists are sent centrally to examination office
 - No individual registration in PSSO etc. needed

End of project

- Each project needs to have a **final presentation**
- Digital Sciences:
 - Program Mgr will organize a GP Presentation Day
 - After semester end, either Feb or March 2026
 - Date will be coordinated & communicated in advance
 - Not binding, but nice (so you can present your work to others)
 - For each GP you participate, you'll need to attend one (other) GP's presentation
 - Reasons:
 - Quality assurance via peer review
 - More workshop-like atmosphere of the presentations
 - Presentation dates will be communicated well in advance
 - Details (registration procedure etc.) yet to be defined
- Media Informatics:
 - You need to do a poster session on the kickoff day for the media informatics beginning of April.
- In a mixed project of digital sciences and media informatics students, both student groups **need to participate in both presentations.**

Program manager recommendations for Guided Projects

- GP governance decided by supervisor
 - Below are the recommendations by CompSc program managers
- Milestones
 - Kickoff meeting
 - Reflection of tasks at hand, planning, ...
 - Intermediate presentation
 - Final presentation
 - Preferably as a workshop together with other GP
- Status meetings
 - regularly, at least every 3 weeks
 - advisable: every 2nd week, in peak times weekly
- In order to accommodate a realistic workload, the GP should start earlier / last longer than lecture period