

WELCOME TO MATERIALS SCIENCE AT TU DARMSTADT

M.Sc. Materials Science

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This talk will be uploaded to the
Materials Science webpages at
**Master/Information for new Master
students**

CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS

Five categories of students here:

1. Exchange students (**not** in Master's programme; e.g. Erasmus)
2. National Incomings in Master's programme
3. International Incomings in Master's programme
4. Bachelor's students in Materials Science (TU Da) who did not graduate yet
5. Bachelor's graduates in Materials Science (TU Da), now in Master's programme

Other? This talk:

- Mainly geared to categories 2-5,
- Lesser to category 1

After talk:

- All students of categories 1-3 are encouraged to stay for Q&A session
- Presentation by student council

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- 2** Academic achievements (Exam types, GPA, special course settings)
- 3** Support (Mentoring programme, departmental contacts)
- 4** Labs and internships (Industrial internship, RL I & II, ARL)
- 5** Exchange programmes

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For students new to TU Darmstadt

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Start in summer term: Schedule out of step!

→ More info: see M.Sc. Materials Science web page
https://www.mawi.tu-darmstadt.de/studium/im_studium/master_mawi/index.en.jsp

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QM / MM (6 CP = 6 ECTS)


Choice:

- Quantum Mechanics for Materials Science
- or
- Micromechanics for Materials Science

The respective other module may be taken as an „Elective Course Materials Science,“ if desired.

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ELECTIVE COURSES MATERIALS SCIENCE (29 CP)

→ Question to all **international degree seeking students**:

Did you get a departmental admission letter with „obligations“?

Often (not always):

- Lecture „Concepts in Materials Physics“ and
- „Seminar Research Topics in Materials Science“
- **NO DEPARTMENTAL ADMISSION LETTER?**
→ Mail to studienbuero@mawi.tu-darmstadt.de
- Check if „Concepts...“ course makes sense for you. If not, contact Prof. B.-X. Xu (chair of examination board)

Note:

- The credit points of these modules typically count towards the credits ‘elective courses in materials science’. You have to pass the modules before you can register for your Master’s thesis. We thus recommend that you take those modules within the first year.
- Obligations („Auflagen“) from within the Bachelor’s curriculum (e.g. Materials Science III) **do not count** for the Master’s degree
- Only take „Concepts in Materials Physics“ if obligatory for you!

ELECTIVE COURSES MATERIALS SCIENCE (29 CP)

Personal Schedule:

- Prepare your personal schedule, discuss it with your mentor, best right away (this or next week!)
- Give personal list of modules **with mentor's signature** to the Office for Student Affairs, rm 79 → [Scan is sufficient!](#)
- **Only** modules with numerical grade 1.0, 1.3, ..., 4.0; 5.0 are acceptable!!
- Modules with only pass/fail are **not** acceptable!!


Excel template for personal schedule available on
Master homepage > Documents and forms

Possibilities:

- „Concepts in Materials Physics“ (take only, if obligatory for you!) and „Seminar Research Topics in Materials Science“
- „Courses from Master Materials Science module guide“ (check in TUCaN: the department may offer more courses than listed in the module guide)
- Materials Science related courses outside the department (physics, chemistry, mech. eng., electr. eng., Master course „Energy Science and Engineering“...)

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(9 CP)**

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ELECTIVE COURSES NOT MATERIALS SCIENCE (9 CP)

- Graded (1.0, 1.3, ..., 4.0; 5.0) or ungraded (pass/fail): if graded, grade does **not** count towards GPA
- Choose for yourself or discuss with your mentor

- May also be from natural sciences or engineering, but only if **not** Materials Science-related
- English language courses **only** acceptable if they go beyond the admission level for Master's programme

- Few courses in English language at TU Da;
→ **International students**: Take German language courses:
<https://www.spz.tu-darmstadt.de/index.en.jsp>

Deadline for registration is
Wednesday, April 12 at 12 noon!

Approval:

- List of already approved courses: [see](#)
 - pdf file on [Master](#) homepage and
 - look into list „Genehmigte Wahlpflichtmodule“ on [Bachelor](#) homepage; acceptable categories are
 - „2. Nicht-technisch-naturwissenschaftliche Wahlpflichtfächer“ and
 - „3. Wahlweise Technisch-naturwissenschaftliche oder Nicht-technisch-naturwissenschaftliche Wahlpflichtfächer (passend für beide Kategorien)“

- For other than already approved choices: If uncertain, write Email to studienbuero@mawi.tu-darmstadt.de

ADDITIONAL COURSES

„Additional Courses:“ ad libitum

- CP do **not** count towards degree, grades do **not** count towards final GPA
- Additional courses will be listed on a separate transcript

TYPES OF EXAMS: FP, SL, THESIS

FP = „Fachprüfung“:

- Graded exam (grades 1.0, 1.3, ..., 4.0, 5.0; oral or written) with only three attempts
- After failing twice in same exam, talk to your mentor!
- If you and the teacher agree: third attempt of written exam may be taken as oral exam
- Once during M.Sc. course after three failed written attempts: oral last-chance attempt („mündliche Ergänzungsprüfung“)

SL, SLb = „Studienleistung“ (SL: pass/fail, SLb: graded):

- Graded or ungraded study achievement without limitation regarding the number of attempts
- In Materials Science: Labs, Seminars, where you are automatically registered for „exams“:
 - Lab: successfully carrying out all experiments
 - Seminar: Successful seminar talk and seminar participation

Master's Thesis:

- Only two attempts
- Once: possibility to return subject without failed attempt: latest after 8 weeks
- Deadline after 26 weeks (ca. 1/2 year); you may apply for a justified extension up to 13 weeks

CALCULATION OF FINAL GPA

Grades weighted with CPs of their modules:

- Mandatory lectures
- Quantum Mechanics/Micromechanics
- Elective Courses Materials Science

Grade weighted with 1,5 x CPs:

- Master's Thesis

No contribution to final GPA:

- Research Labs I & II, Advanced Research Lab
- Elective Courses (not Materials Science)
- Additional Courses

„VORGEZOGENE MASTER- LEISTUNGEN“ FROM B.SC.

(„EARLY MASTER ACHIEVEMENTS“)

After matriculation to the Master's programme in TUCaN
send Email to

studienbuero@mawi.tu-darmstadt.de

and ask for „early Master achievements“ to be moved
from your Bachelor's to your Master's achievements.

Only of interest for students with
B.Sc. from TU Darmstadt

FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS

Only of interest for students who graduated with an „old“ B.Sc. Materialwissenschaft from TU Darmstadt

New B.Sc. and M.Sc. study regulations were installed in WiSe 2015/16:

- „Functional Materials“ moved from B.Sc. to M.Sc. curriculum
- „Materials Engineering“ moved from M.Sc. to B.Sc. curriculum (now in German and called „Werkstoffherstellung und -verarbeitung“)



Consequences for B.Sc. graduates according to regulations from 2008:

- You passed „Funktions- und Konstruktionsmaterialien“ as part of your mandatory curriculum and are **not** allowed to take „Functional Materials“ for credit again.
→ Choose **more elective course(s)** instead: **35 CP instead of 29 CP!**

Encouraged option: „Werkstoffherstellung & –verarbeitung“ (5 CP)

Of interest for all Master's students

→ **The above circumstances cause a technical issue in TUCaN:**

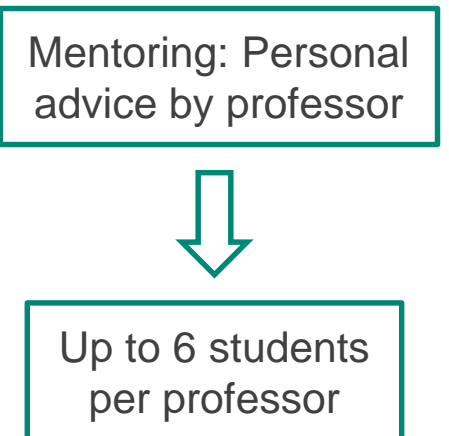
The required CPs as listed in TUCaN sum up to only 114 CP.

Don't be fooled by this! You need a minimum of 120 CP for your Master's degree!

MENTORING PROGRAMME

- Choose mentor according to your research interests (but may be changed later).
- Register in TUCaN:
 - register in TUCaN for **module** „Discussion with Mentor – Master
 - register in TUCaN for **course** „ Discussion with Mentor – Master - <name of prof.>“
- **Arrange for an appointment yourself!**
- Prepare preliminary „personal schedule“ for discussion with mentor (Excel template available on Master's homepage)
- The sooner the appointment the better; latest at the end of the first semester:

→ **else no more registration in TUCaN possible!**

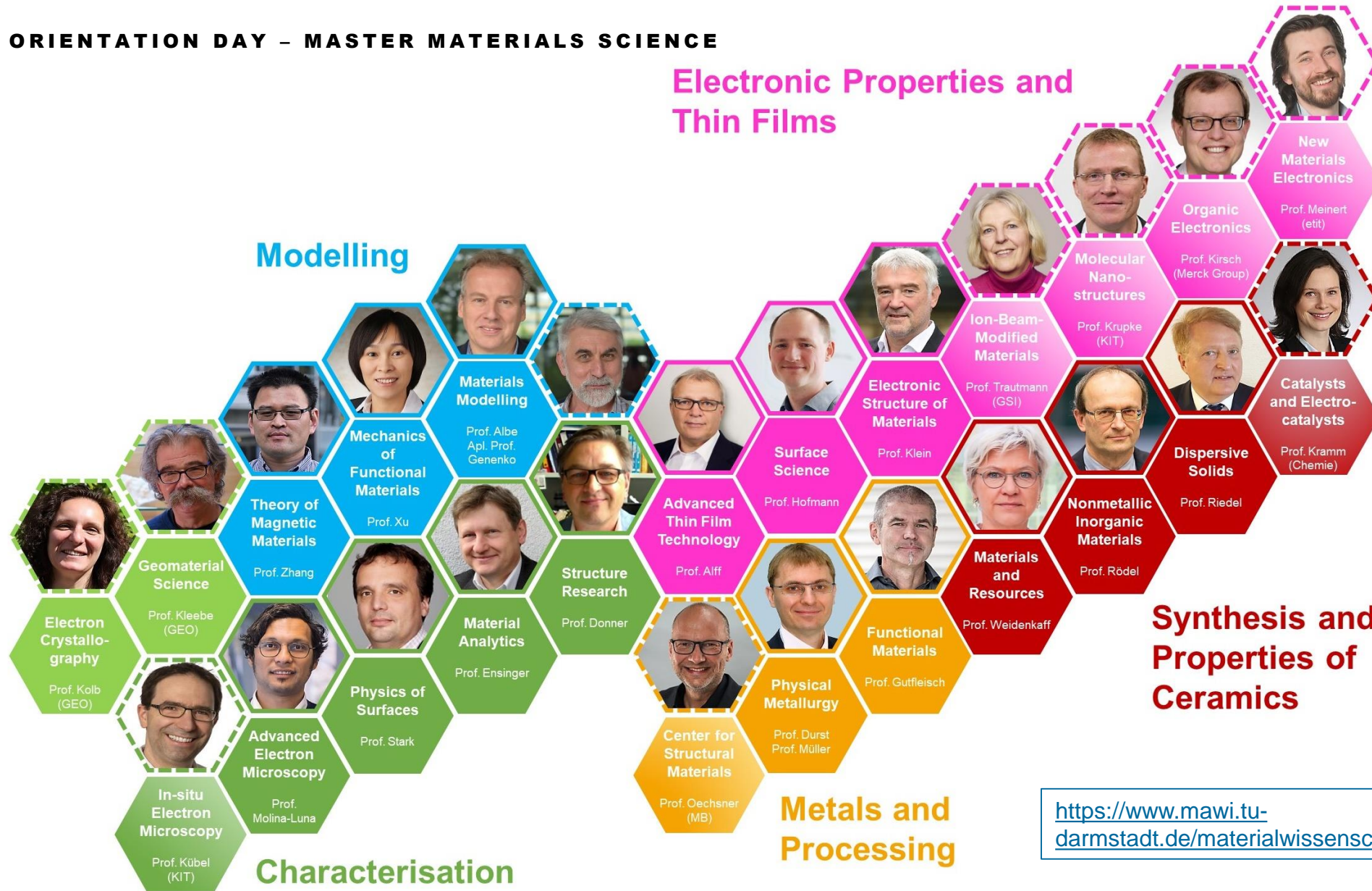


POSSIBLE MENTORS

- Mr. Prof. K. Albe
- Mr. Prof. L. Alff
- Mr. Prof. W. Donner
- Mr. Prof. K. Durst
- Mr. Apl. Prof. Y. Genenko
- Mr. Prof. O. Gutfleisch
- Mr. Prof. J.P. Hofmann
- Mr. Prof. A. Klein
- Mr. Prof. R. Krupke
- Mr. Prof. C. Kübel
- Mr. Ass.-Prof. L. Molina-Luna
- Mr. Prof. J. Rödel
- Mr. Prof. R. Stark
- Ms. Prof. A. Weidenkaff
- Ms. Prof. B. Xu
- Mr. Prof. H. Zhang

For a list of all research groups and links to their webpages see here:

https://www.mawi.tu-darmstadt.de/materialwissenschaft/fachgebiete_mawi/index.en.jsp



[https://www.mawi-tu-darmstadt.de/materialwissenschaft/fachgebiete_mawi/index.en.jsp](https://www.mawi.tu-darmstadt.de/materialwissenschaft/fachgebiete_mawi/index.en.jsp)



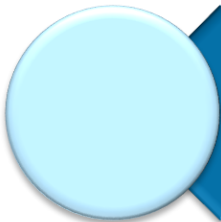
Prof. Bai-Xiang Xu

Chair of examination board; Tongji double degree programme
Room L1|08/419, Phone 16-21906
pk@mawi.tu-darmstadt.de
Office hours: Wednesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 noon



PD Dr. Boris Kastening

Study coordinator; department manager
Room L2|01/78, Phone 16-22244



Katharina Schütz

Office for Student Affairs: exams, TUCaN
Room L2|01/78

ADVICE FOR STUDY-RELATED QUESTIONS

Your mentor!

Office for Student Affairs

Contact via email and arrange appointment, if needed
studienbuero@mawi.tu-darmstadt.de

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Dr. Joachim Brötz

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Dr.-Ing. Anne Kikker

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Dr. Hannah Sonderfeld

International exchange & Master's students
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Ruben Bischler

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LABS (PRAKTIKA)

- Industrial Lab → Internship / Work experience
- Research Lab I & II → Lab course within the department
- Advanced Research Lab → Individual research project

INDUSTRIAL LAB / INTERNSHIP

- Formally prerequisite for admission to M.Sc., but may be finished until before starting Master's thesis
- if you already did it for the B.Sc., you're done

- Internship at company (or research institute outside TU Darmstadt)
- Duration of at least 6 weeks, with report
- Related to materials science

Get approval
beforehand !!!

- Apprenticeship or work experience in related areas is also fine (get approval!)
- Information sheet on Master homepage

- Approvals, reports, other questions: [Dr. Enrico Bruder, phone 16-22556, e.bruder@phm.tu-darmstadt.de](mailto:e.bruder@phm.tu-darmstadt.de)

RESEARCH LAB II

- SL, 4 CP
- Lab course during the semester covering 6 experiments
- Introductory meeting with Dr.-Ing. Anne Kikker:

Participation in the introductory meeting is mandatory!

Wednesday, 12 April 2023
at 08:00 – 09:30 am
in L2|03, Lecture Hall 05

and on zoom for those who are not yet in
Darmstadt:

[https://tu-
darmstadt.zoom.us/j/66093017511?pwd=ay9y
UGFEMFlzNW1MMjYrQm5OWW4ydz09](https://tu-darmstadt.zoom.us/j/66093017511?pwd=ay9yUGFEMFlzNW1MMjYrQm5OWW4ydz09)

Meeting-ID: 660 9301 7511

Code: 682393

ADVANCED RESEARCH LAB (ARL) AND MASTER'S THESIS

- Own research project
- ARL: SL, 15 CP | MT: FP, 30 CP

Boundary condition: **only one** of **ARL** and **Master Thesis** may be carried out externally,
NOT BOTH

“external” := “not at a university”

- i.e., at a company or external research institution
- exceptions:
 - GSI (@ Profs. Toimil-Molares)
 - MPA/IfW (@ Prof. Oechsner)
 - Fraunhofer IWKS (@ Prof. Weidenkaff)
 - KIT (@ Profs. Krupke or Kübel) are counted as “internal”

External ARL or Master's Thesis: no non-disclosure agreement will be signed except in German law – and only if the advisor is willing to do so

Please note the guidelines for
(external) Master's Theses on
the materials science
webpage!

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

- Next application period for Erasmus+ places within **Europe**: May 2023
- Application period for places **worldwide** with deadline for most applications: 30.11.2023, some earlier!
- All information and further links on our website:

www.mawi.tu-darmstadt.de/studium/im_studium/auslandsstudium/index.en.jsp

- More information in RL II introductory session or contact Dr. Hannah Sonderfeld
auslandskoordination@mawi.tu-darmstadt.de

- publications for download from DAAD (in German):

www.studieren-weltweit.de/publikationen

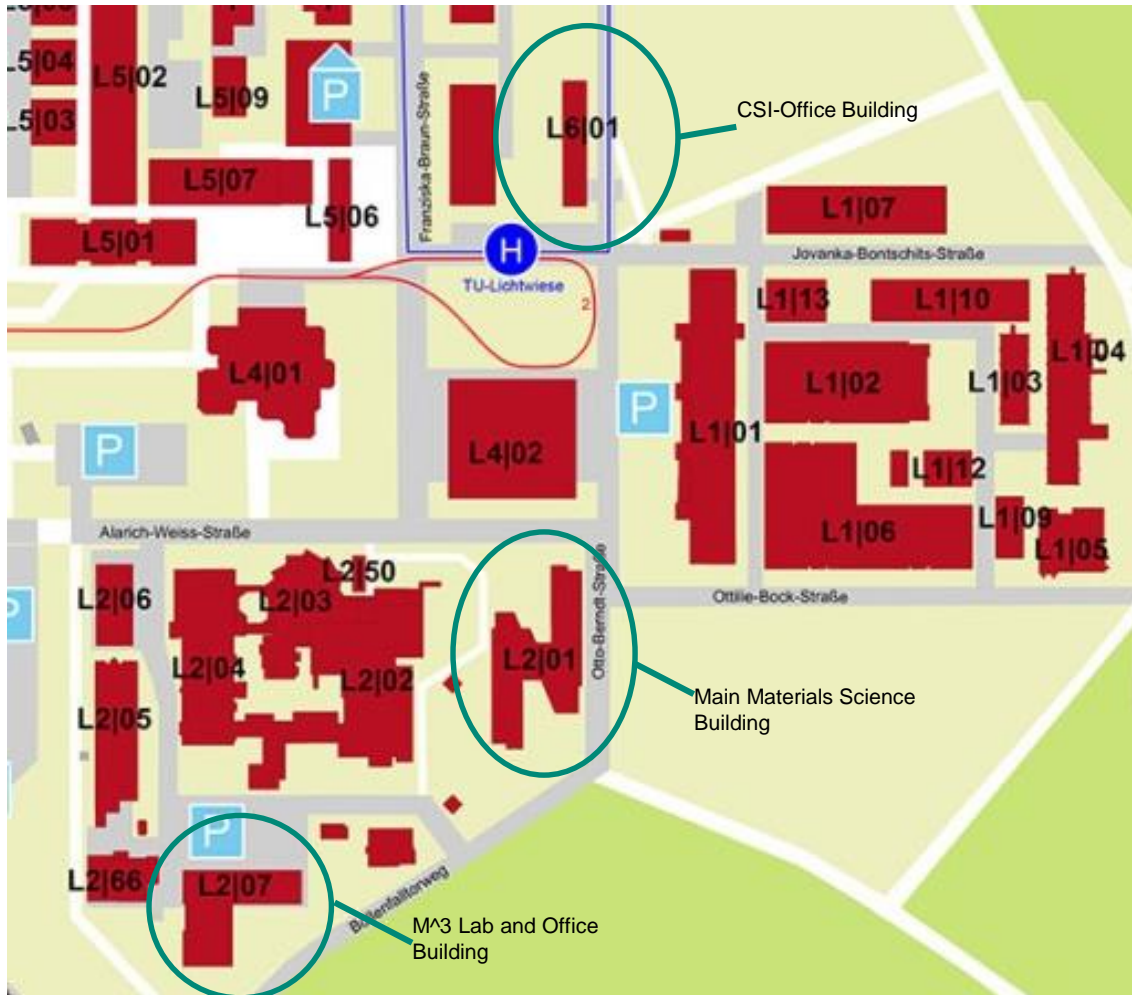
END OF PART I

Good luck!
And: Have fun!!

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PART II

- Further support (Mentoring, IT)
- Orientation on campus
- TUCaN
- Exams (Registration and hints)



BUILDINGS AT CAMPUS LICHTWIESE

Other important buildings:

- Mensa L4|01 (eating place)
- HMZ L4|02 (library, lecture halls, seminar rooms)



MATERIALS SCIENCE LAB AND OFFICE BUILDING

Some locations important to you here:

- Office for Student Affairs
- Dean's office
- Student Body (Fachschaft)
- Seminar rooms

L2|01
Alarich-Weiss-Str. 2



OFFICE BUILDING

L6|01

Otto-Berndt-Str. 3



LAB AND OFFICE BUILDING: M³

L2|07

Alarich-Weiss-Str. 16

TUCAN

TUCaN = central system for organization of studies and teaching

- Registration for **modules**, **courses** (within modules) und **exams**
- Check your **grades**

Important:

- activate your TU-ID (see letter with student ID card)
- configure your email address in TUCaN
 - Recommended: activate forwarding of system messages
- keep your phone number in TUCaN up to date (preferably mobile)

Further information on TUCaN:

1. www.tu-darmstadt.de/tucan-faq
2. Flyers at the Office for Student Affairs
3. Fachschaft (= Materials Science student body)



In case of problems:
Don't Panic!

Ask fellow students, then the
Office for Student Affairs
(Ms. Schütz, PD Dr.
Kastening)

or tucan@tu-darmstadt.de.

EXAM REGISTRATION RULES

EXCEPTIONS ONLY IN TRULY EXCEPTIONAL CASES

- Exams with a collective date (written or oral):
 - register in TUCaN in time; for Mat. Sci. exams **at least 8 calendar days** before!
 - other rules for exams of other departments; e.g. central reg. periods June 01.-30./Nov. 15.-Dez. 15.
- Oral exams without collective date:
 - register in TUCaN and arrange for an appointment yourself!
- Changed your mind? Deregister **at least 8 calendar days before!**
- If you are sick *and* it is too late for deregistering:
 - Get **physician's certificate** that you were „prüfungsunfähig“=„unable to participate in an exam“ or „arbeitsunfähig“=„unable to work“! and give it to Office for Student Affairs within three calendar days after the exam (if this is Sat, Sun, holiday: next working day thereafter). Scan and email to studienbuero@mawi.tu-darmstadt.de works, too.
- Other important reasons *and* it is too late for deregistering :
 - Give notice to Office for Student Affairs and be prepared to provide evidence for such reasons

Problems in TUCaN? Tell Office for Student Affairs **BEFORE** deadline!

SOME HINTS FOR EXAMS

Preparing for exams:

- Participate in exercises, if offered
- Do not learn by heart, but try to understand
- Try to understand not only *how* things work, but *why*
- Learn in groups

Oral exam:

- Ask your professor for examples of typical questions
- Ask each other questions

Writing the exam:

- Given time limits are strict
- Read over all questions first
- Start with the easiest questions
- Adjust the level of detail of your answers to the time given

SOFTWARE

- **Sophos antivirus** software for free with TU-ID via HRZ
- **Microsoft Office 365** for free with TU-ID via HRZ
- Link to software from HRZ: https://www.hrz.tu-darmstadt.de/services/it_services/campus_software/index.en.jsp

- For **QtiPlot** software see departmental webpage:
Office for Student Affairs/Master -> Documents and Forms, -> Software for Students

- In case of problems: Andreas Hönl, Stephan Diefenbach
 - phone 16-22240
 - Visit Room 204
 - Mr. Andreas Hönl (andreas.hoenl@tu-darmstadt.de)
 - Mr. Stephan Diefenbach (stephan.diefenbach@tu-darmstadt.de)

MASTER'S ORIENTATION AND PEER MENTORING

- Master's Orientation Event
 - organised by the "Fachschaft" = student body
 - following this talk and Q&A

- ISS programme of TU Darmstadt:

https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studierende_tu/internationale_studierende_1/index.en.jsp

and Su²Ma – Mentoring workshops for and from Materials Science students:

https://www.mawi.tu-darmstadt.de/studium/im_studium/master_mawi/su_ma_mentoring_programme/index.en.jsp

FURTHER ACTIVITIES AT TU DARMSTADT

- University groups and societies

https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/universitaet/organisation_verwaltung/studierendenschaft_hochschulgruppen/index.de.jsp

- University sports

<https://www.usz.tu-darmstadt.de/>

- Library

https://www.ulb.tu-darmstadt.de/die_bibliothek/index.de.jsp

MATERIALS SCIENCE AT TU DARMSTADT



Good Luck!

Check the MaWi-Master homepage:

https://www.mawi.tu-darmstadt.de/studium/im_studium/master_mawi/index.en.jsp

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