1 The Credit Point System

For each course you pass, you are awarded a number of credit points (CPs). One CP is roughly equivalent to a total workload of 30 hours, thus the estimated workload for a course determines the number of credit points awarded. The calculation of the estimated workload includes not only the contact hours (lectures and tutorials), but also homework, self study, exam preparation and the exam itself. Hence the number of credit points of a course will give you an idea of how much work should (on average) be put into the course.

The program requires you to collect 120 CP in total. With a workload of 30 CP per semester, you are expected to finish within 4 semesters (2 years). If you have any prerequisite courses, these will be on top of the 120 CP, so your workload would then be a little more. Your lesson plan should generally aim at getting around 30 CP per semester. Other than these (and some other) rough guidelines, you are responsible for your schedule yourself—there is no fixed schedule prescribed by the university.

2 Program Timeline

The following is a possible outline of your studies.

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- going abroad
- internship
- prerequisite courses
- seminar
- MSc thesis

3 Modules and Module Descriptions

Details on each course can be found in the module description. Among other information, the module description contains the number of credit points awarded, a breakdown of the total workload into contact hours and self study, whether a course usually takes place in summer or in winter, information on the examination and on the topics covered in the course. You can access these descriptions on TUM-Online in a number of ways:

- Log in to TUM-Online at https://campus.tum.de and open your curriculum. It contains all the modules that can be completed in your program. To access the module description, click on the “book” icon next to the course title.
• Go to https://campus.tum.de, select “Academic Departments” – “Mathematics” in the navigation on the left and click on “Degree Programmes”. Choose a degree program that you want information on and you will again get the curriculum for that program. The module descriptions are available through the “book” icon.

• Go to https://campus.tum.de and use the search function to access the module handbook. Searching for the module number (or the title) takes you to the module description.

How many credits are awarded for the course “Combinatorial Optimization”? What is the estimated workload for that course?

4 The Balance Sheet

Apart from the total credit requirement of 120 CP, there are more detailed requirements for certain sections of the module catalog. Here, some things are the same for all master’s programs, other things differ by program. A summary of the common requirements is illustrated in fig. 1.

Balance Sheet

- 77 CP graded, 13 CP ungraded
- consult appendix 1 of FPSO for specific regulations

https://www.ma.tum.de/de/studium/studienorganisation/pruefungen.html

| 4 CP | interdisciplinary modules |
| 6 CP | internship |
| 3 CP | seminar |
| 30 CP | master’s thesis |
| 77 CP | mathematical modules |
| | minor subject modules |
| | modules from other universities |

Figure 1: credit points balance sheet

You are required to complete an internship with internship seminar (more on that at a different station), one seminar and 4 CP worth of “interdisciplinary modules” (more on that at a different station). These 13 CP of modules are not graded (or if they are, the grades do not count towards your final grade).

The difference of the master’s programs is in the master’s thesis (attention: a thesis for one program will not be recognized for a different program!) and in the 77 CP of mathematical and minor modules. The “Modules from other Universities” are meant for credits that you earn at other universities while studying abroad for one semester. There is more on that topic at a different station.

Specific regulations for the 77 CP block can be found in the FPSO for your specific program (available at https://www.ma.tum.de/de/studium/studienorganisation/pruefungen.html). Have a look at “Anlage 1”, where you can find a listing of the courses in different sections (more current version of these may be available on TUM-Online) together with the relevant CP limits for each of these sections. As this is an official legal document, the FPSO is unfortunately only available in German. However, an unofficial translations is available for some of the programs. If in doubt about any regulations, please do not hesitate to ask!
5 Course Registration

No registration is required for most math courses. You can register on TUM-Online to display the course in your personal timetable and to enable the lecturer to send you messages. There are, however, a few important exceptions to this rule; most of these registration requirements come with a deadline.

Seminars require prior registration. Seminar registration takes place at the end of each semester for the following semester. It will be announced by email and employs a two-rounds system: In the first round, you register for your favourite seminar. If the seminar is overbooked, your registration might be cancelled. In that case, you get a chance to register for one of the remaining seminars in a second round.

Case Studies Discrete/Nonlinear Optimization take place during the summer term and require prior registration. Usually, an information meeting takes place during the last two weeks of the winter term. Registration starts after this meeting and usually ends by the end of February (exact date may change).

Tutorials may require registration in some cases. This is usually announced on the course website and/or during the first course unit.

All exams require registration. Exam registration is announced on the website and by email. If you fail to register for an exam, you will not be able to take it.

Other faculties may have different registration requirements! This might be important for your minor.

Registration Requirements

Which courses in your study plan require prior registration? Make a note in your calendar to register for these courses on time!