

Frank Richter:
Computational Semantics

Seminar: Tuesday 10ct–12 at the SfS, Seminarraum 1.13 and
 Thursday 10ct–12 at the SfS, Seminarraum 1.13

Seminar starts: Thursday, April 18th, 2013

Office Hours: Monday 12.00 – 13.00

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- Webpage: <http://www.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de/~fr/teaching/ss13/cs/>
- Term papers **must** be submitted by **July 26th**. Term papers submitted later **will not** be accepted.

Participation and Grading Policy

You are required to attend the course meetings regularly. Missing more than two course meetings without a proper excuse (doctor's note) will result in a deduction from your final grade.

You are expected to come on time. In some of the class meetings students will give oral presentations (more on this below). It is a matter of common courtesy to not make their work harder by disturbing them by being late.

Please turn your mobile phone off before class, or put it into quiet mode.

- B.A. students (6 credits):

The grade of the class will be based on an oral in-class presentation, and on regular course participation.

- M.A. students (10 credits):

Your grade for this course will be based on the following items:

1. An in-class presentation (*Referat*). Your presentation should be based on either a printed hand-out or a slide presentation. The presentation will count for a total of 40% of your grade: 20% for the quality of the hand-out/slides, and 20% for the quality of the oral presentation.
2. A written term paper or software project. The grade of the paper will count 60% of your final grade. Note the **deadline** of the term paper / project pointed out above.

Reading Assignments

Please read the assigned reading in advance of the class meeting for which it was assigned. I will presuppose that you have read the material when we discuss it in class.

Oral Presentations (Referate)

For your presentations the following two rules are important:

- You should have an appointment with me no later than *one week before* your presentation in order to discuss open questions and the structure and content of your presentation.
- At the beginning of the class meeting one week before your presentation you will have five minutes to tell the other participants about how to prepare for your presentation. You are expected to give a very brief overview of the topic of your talk and to inform the participants what to focus on when they read the paper on which your presentation is based.

Important Dates

- Choice of presentation topic: **May 2nd**
- Term paper deadline: **July 26nd**

References

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