

## **IMPORTANT: New regulations for Colloquium** (decided in meeting of study commission 30/10/19)

With the beginning of the winter semester 2019/2020 the requirements for successfully passing the module "Recent Developments in Cognitive Systems Research" receiving 6 ECTS have been revised. The requirements are as follows:

- Students have to attend a minimum of 12 presentations in the colloquium series (not necessarily within one semester). A list is circulated where attendees to the presentation have to sign in.
- Active participation of each individual is demonstrated by asking questions to the speaker with regard to the content of the talk. Students note down their own questions together with the presenters' reply (as far it was understood) and a brief interpretation (all together roughly ½ page per question asked). Students collect a minimum of 5 such Q&A + commentary protocols. The questions should be posed to different presenters/talks (i.e., not multiple questions for a single presentation). The protocols of each student should include the invited speaker's name and the title of the talk together with day and year of the presentation (the latter is to keep track of the presentations for the review process).

The attendance and collection of Q&A is not restricted to individual semesters but can be distributed over several semesters.

## **FAQs**

*When to submit?* Students can submit their Q&A + commentary at any time when the requirements are completed: (i) protocol about min. of 5 Q&As and (ii) attendance to min. of 12 talks (as specified above). They should not submit before both required activities are completed since grading cannot be done otherwise.

*How to submit?* Once a student has the requirements completed (as specified above) the protocol should be submitted to Prof. Ernst who has agreed to do the examination by reading the submissions and grade them. Each submission must be covered by a front page with name and matriculation number to identify the individual and his/her examination registration in the web.

*What are the criteria to grade my submission?* The usual criteria apply, similar to seminars or projects. For example, are the questions addressing a topic not trivially related to the presentation, is the question going somewhat deeper with respect to the presentation, is the question scientifically grounded (referring to the method, evaluation, etc.)?

*I don't have an idea what to ask: Can I somehow prepare attending individual talks?* The talks with speaker and the title of their presentation are announced early. An announcement is hung up in different institutes and it is announced via the program website. In order to prepare for such a talk, you may digest some of the related publications of the speaker. Reading abstract and summary is often already sufficient to get an idea what is coming up.

*When should I register for examination of the colloquium?* The examination of the colloquium is formally like a written exam during the course of a semester. The examination itself takes the submission of the Q&A + commentary for the different talks as they are submitted to the reviewer. Students should therefore register for the exam when they submit their Q&A + commentary to Prof. Ernst for reviewing (see *When to submit?*). Registration is via the Campus Online system (<https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de>). Your submission can then be graded via the online system.

***Can students who began their program earlier than winter semester 19/20 still complete the colloquium requirements with a poster presentation?*** There will be an offer to present posters for those students from earlier semesters (with a start date before winter semester 19/20) who have not yet done. Such poster presentation will happen at the beginning of the summer semester 2020 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the lecture period. Those students who have already now applied for a free semester who are then back to resume the MSc program in the next winter semester 20/21 have a final chance of poster presentation there.

Students who like to actively switch to study the colloquium following the new regulations should get in touch with the coordinators of the colloquium. We will register your name in addition to those students in the cohort as of winter semester 19/20.