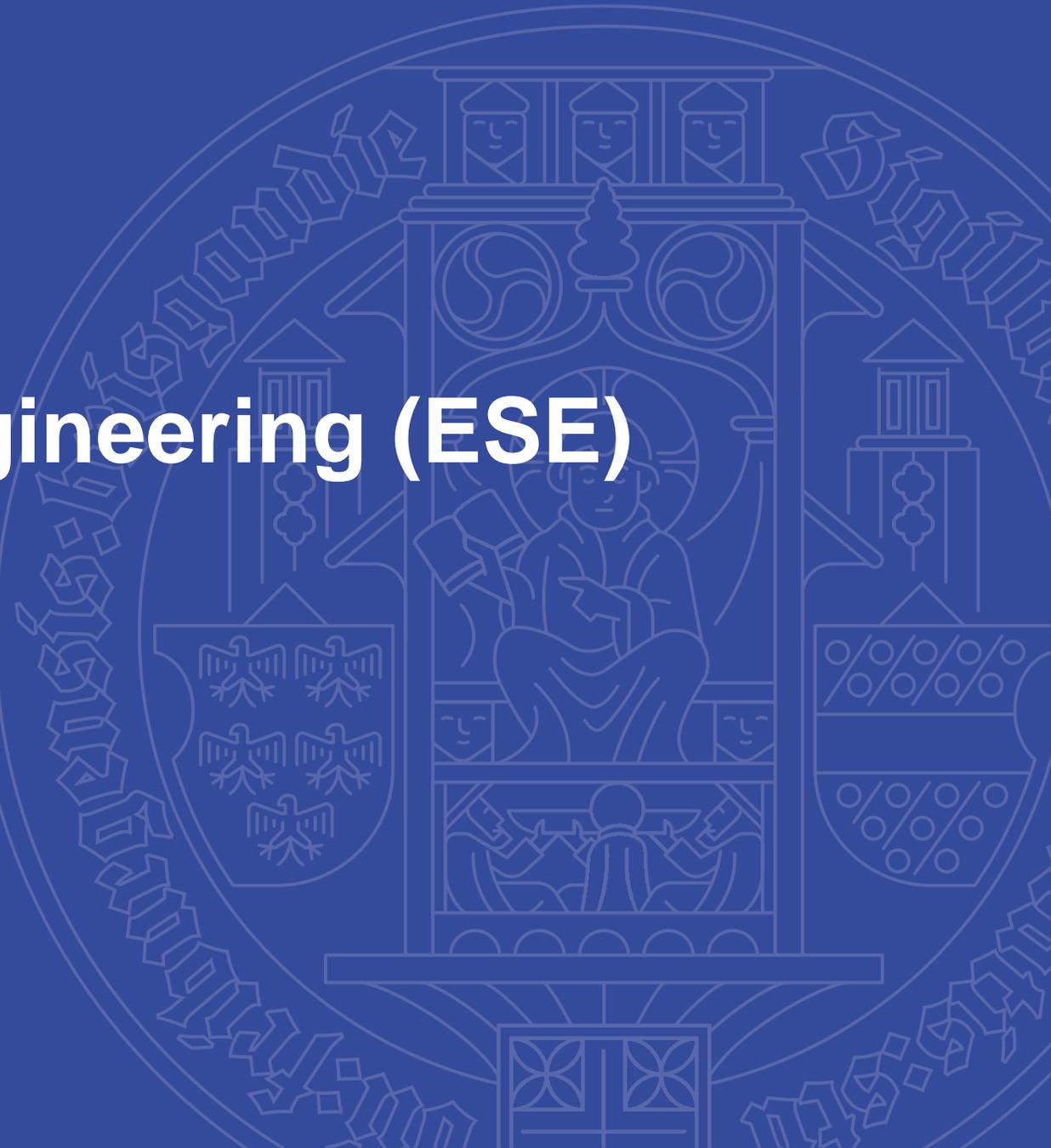


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Master of Science Embedded Systems Engineering (ESE)

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About me

Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Bastian E. Rapp

- 2005, mechanical engineering
University of Karlsruhe
- 2008, PhD in Microfluidics and Biosensors
University of Karlsruhe
- 2017, Habilitation on fluid mechanics and microfluidics
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
- 2018, Full Professor Process Technology
IMTEK, University of Freiburg
- 2018, Founding CEO and current CTO of Glassomer GmbH
- several industry/academic awards (selection):
GMM, Edison Award, Südwestmetallförderpreis, 2 of my former PhD students won the *Deutsche Studienpreis*
- since WS 2023/2024: Dean of Studies of IMTEK

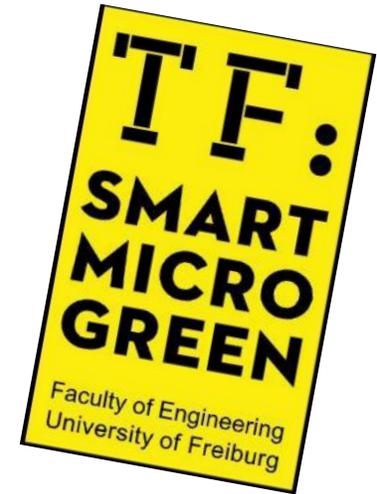
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The Faculty of Engineering

- Founded in 1995
- Faculty of Engineering consists of
 - Department of Computer Science
 - Department of Microsystems Engineering
 - Department of Sustainable Systems Engineering (founded 2015)
- Some statistics
 - 50 professors & group leaders (and still growing)
 - More than 500 employees
 - Nearly 2500 students (**Women: ca. 21%, Internationals: ca. 35% (more than 50 nations)**)



Students | head count

- Students
- Graduates
- Research
- Staff

Current numbers | WS 2022/23 (fall semester)

WS 2022/23

2,478

Students enrolled

▲ 3.68% to WS 2021/22



female

– **512** | 21%
79% | **1,966** –

0 Stud. unknown/diverse



male



35%
International
Students

WS 2022/23

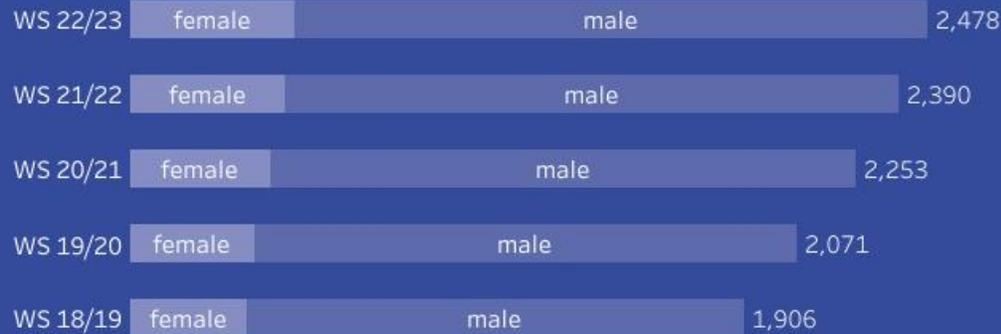
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First-year students

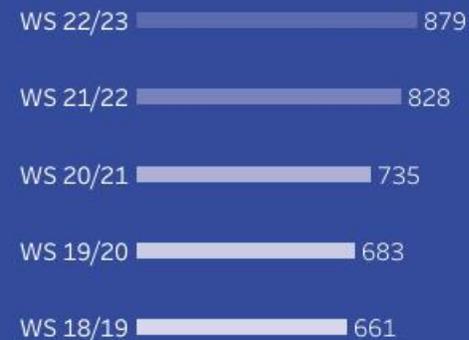
▲ 2.49% to WS 2021/22



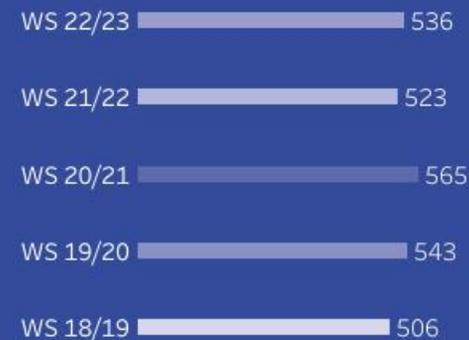
Development of student numbers



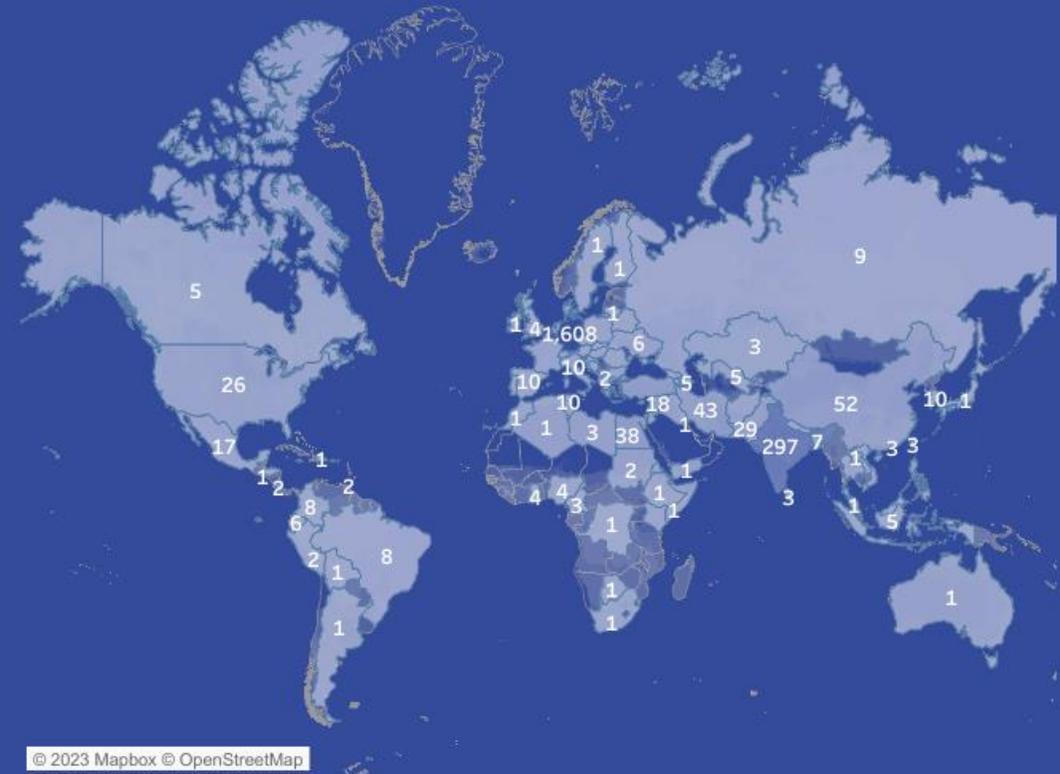
International students



First-year students



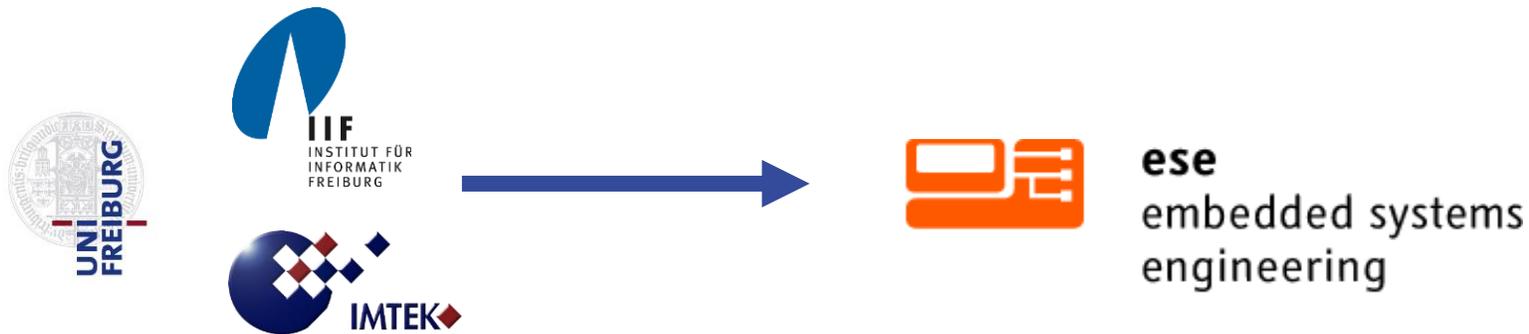
Students by citizenship



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Embedded Systems at the Faculty of Engineering

- 21 Laboratories at IMTEK, 18 Chairs/research groups at IIF
- Embedded Systems Engineering (ESE) touches all of our core competencies
- Cooperation of professors and lecturers from the departments of Computer Science (CS) and Microsystems Engineering (MSE) as well as external experts



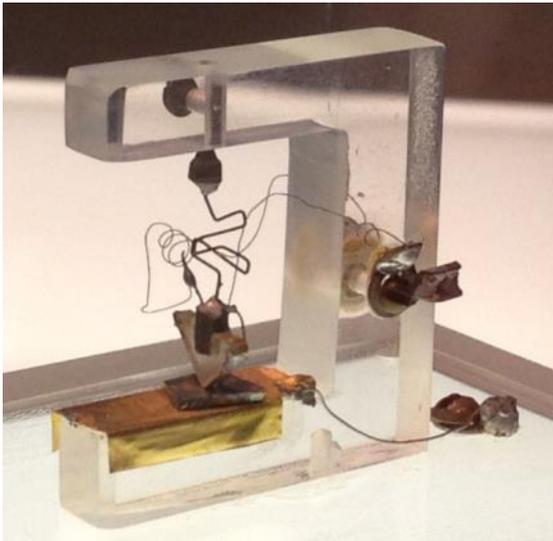
What is special at the Faculty of Engineering?

- Unique combination of Computer Science and MSE
- Interdisciplinary study program
- Great infrastructure:
cleanrooms, laboratories, computer pools, WiFi, tele-teaching facilities, own engineering library
- Close contact to
 - Faculties of Biology, Chemistry, Medical Science, Physics, Materials Science
 - Uniklinik (University Hospital Freiburg)
 - 5 local Fraunhofer Institutes
 - industrial enterprises
- Numerous contacts to the industry

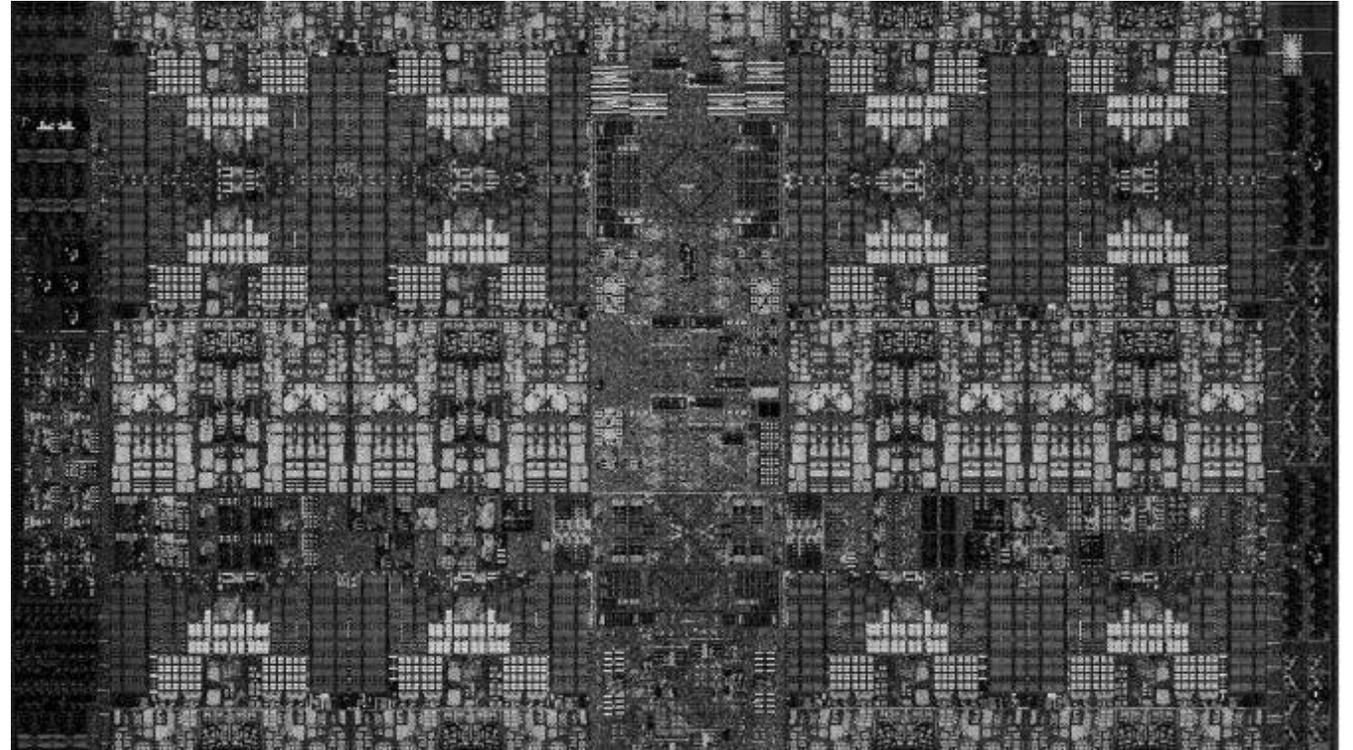
From the first transistor to super computers



*John Bardeen, William Shockley and Walter Brattain
at Bell Labs, 1948*



*the first transistor ever built
exhibited at Bell labs*

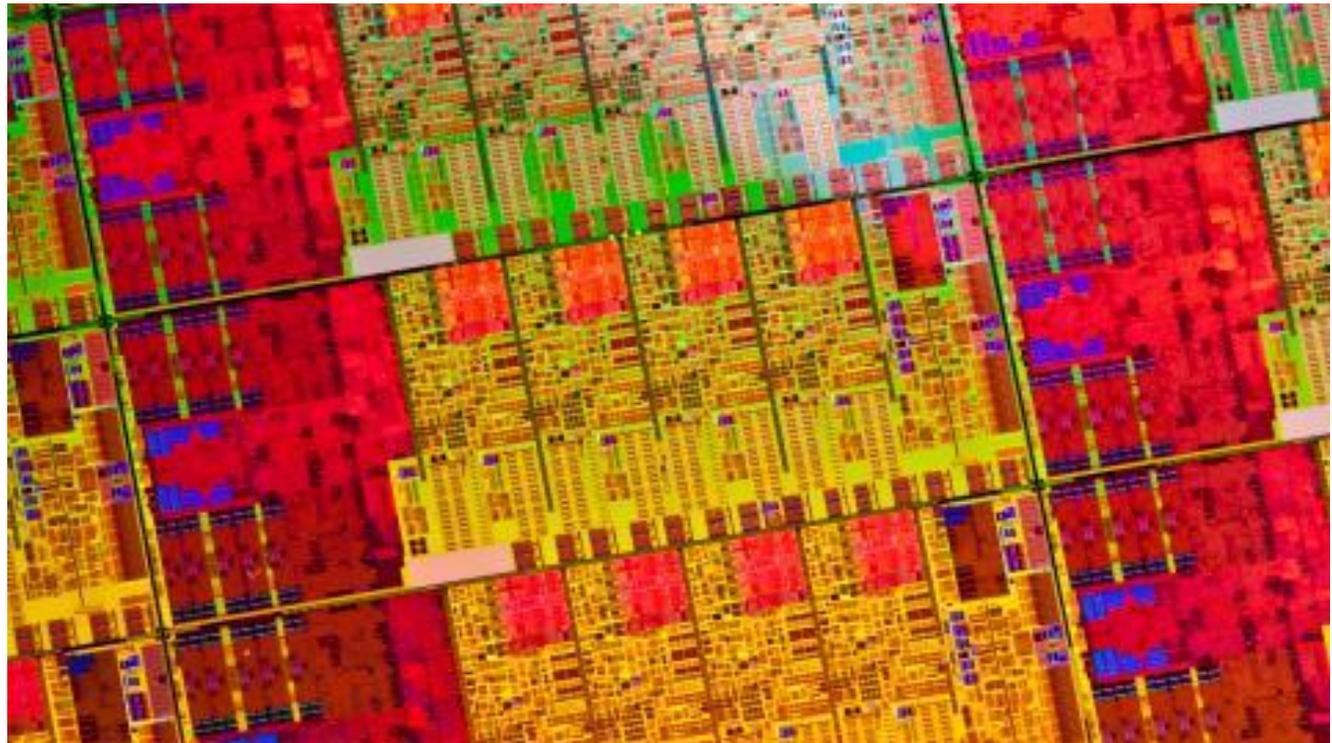
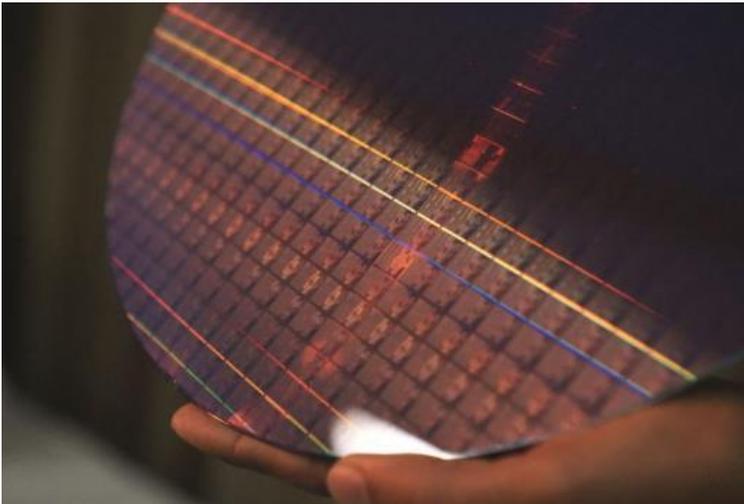


IBM Power9 supercomputer with 150 petaflops (peta=1E15)

The power of microelectronics



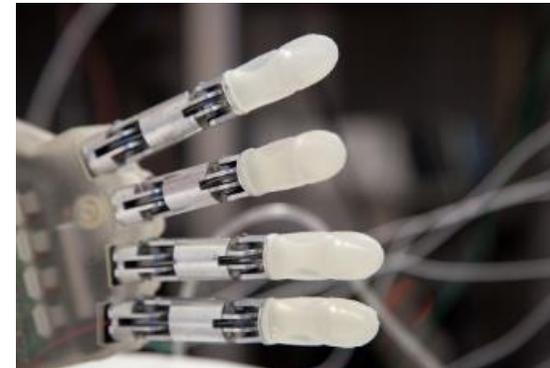
area: 148.000.000 km²
population: 7.8 billion people (2020)



area: 30.000 mm², 100 million transistors / mm²
population: 3.000 billion transistors (10 nm node, 2019)

Embedded Systems and where to find them

- Automotive engineering
- Bio/Medical technology
- Smart homes
- Telecommunications
- Media and consumer electronics
- Controlling and regulation in manufacturing processes
- Aerospace ...



General program structure

Structural principles of all study programs at the faculty

- Ca. 30 ECTS per semester
- 30 hours work-load per credit point
→ full-time study program with ~900 hours/semester
- All programs are organized in modules
- A module can consist of one or several courses or elements
- Performance evaluation after the semester

The Master program ESE is...

- generally an international study program
 - Most courses are offered in English
 - But some elective courses in German only
- a mixture of “compulsory elective” courses (to build a sound foundation in the area of Embedded Systems) and a big variety of elective courses and concentrations, which allow for individual specialization
- flexible: The study plan provides the frame, which you fill up with courses (→ when you do them is up to you)

Structure of the study program

(Overview)

1. Area Computer Science

- Essential Lectures in Computer Science
- Elective Courses in Computer Science

2. Area Microsystems Engineering

- Advanced Microsystems Engineering
- Microsystems Engineering Concentration Areas

3. Optional area Customized Course Selection

Total 1-3: 90 ECTS credits

Master module: 30 ECTS credits

Altogether: 120 ECTS credits

More details on course structure, exam regulations etc.

- ... will be provided by the study advisor, Mrs. Nopper, directly after I'm done here.
- Will afterwards be available through video tutorials at:
<https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/studies-and-teaching/a-to-z-study-faq/freshers-info>
- Topics handled there:
 - Understanding the regulations for the curriculum and designing your personal study plan
 - Administrative matters
 - Quick introduction to rules for examinations
 - Finding information and help
 - Using HISinOne to book your courses and exams

Problems with your studies?

- If you have any questions or problems:
Act immediately and do not procrastinate!
- Contacts & info sources:
 - Official information sources by university, faculty and study program
 - academic advising
 - Lecturers / assistants / mentors
 - Fachschaft (faculty's student committee)
 - Information centers like the Student Service Center, Office of Student Services etc.
 - fellow students

Some thoughts to share...

- **A Master's program in Germany: A University is NOT a school!**
 - You have to organize your courses ... and your life
 - You have to register for your courses on your own
 - We challenge you from the first day on to assess given knowledge...
 - ...and to transfer given knowledge from one course to another
 - We will show you many aspects of embedded systems and their applications to broaden your knowledge and increase the opportunities for an exciting career.
- **That means for you...**
 - YOU have to take the initiative to ASK, ASK and read until you understand!
 - WE give you the overview, YOU have to learn the details.

The art of living

Enjoy being a student!

It is helpful to

- structure your day
- have unstructured free time
- meet colleagues
- keep up with your work
- regularly relax and get out



Don't forget

- Family
- Friends
- Sports
- Culture
- Nature...



Moreover...

- Buy some textbooks
- Contact your mentor
- Form study groups
- Do a project / internship
- Poke around in the laboratories (Hiwi-jobs)
- Find a MSc thesis & a supervisor early on
- Re-enroll and register for things
- Get enough sleep



Mentoring

- **Every student has a faculty mentor**
 - A professor as a contact person
 - Assigned by the Dean of Studies
- **Student's contact for:**
 - problems
 - questions
 - clarifications
 - job searches
 - recommendations
 - or just general advising

Also here for your questions: Academic advisors

Contact information:

- Martina Nopper (Dipl.-Inf.)
Study advisor for computer science and ESE
- Phone: +49 761 203 8169

Please check the consulting hours for phone calls:

<https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/study-programs/counseling>

Counterpart in the MSE department:

- Frank Goldschmidtboing
- Phone: +49 761 203 7496

Mail (for both!): studienberatung@ese.uni-freiburg.de



Further contact points at our faculty

- Examination Office
 - Susanne Stork, Anne-Julchen Müller, Ilka Muckle
 - <https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/study-programs/counseling>
→ Examinations Office Faculty of Engineering
- Student advising on general matters
 - Ursula Epe
 - <https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/study-programs/counseling>
→ Program coordination and general study advice
- Fachschaft: (faculty's student committee)
 - <http://fachschaft.informatik.uni-freiburg.de>



And after graduation?

In Industry

- Find out what you like during your MSc program
- Use job portals and company websites to monitor the market
- Visit career workshops and gather tips how to apply
- Go to recruiting fairs

PhD as research assistant

- Perform a research project (on your own)
- Look for an open position
- Apply
- Get hired & paid for your PhD project
- Take on responsibility as project and lab assistant
- Support your professor in educational tasks
- Duration: 3 to 5 years

**We wish you
good luck & much success
with your studies!**

