

<b>Module title</b>		<b>Abbreviation</b>
Approximation Algorithms		10-I=APA-102-m01
<b>Module coordinator</b>		<b>Module offered by</b>
holder of the Chair of Computer Science I		Institute of Computer Science
<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Method of grading</b>	<b>Only after succ. compl. of module(s)</b>
5	numerical grade	--
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Module level</b>	<b>Other prerequisites</b>
1 semester	graduate	Where applicable, prerequisites as specified by the lecturer at the beginning of the course (e. g. completion of exercises).
<b>Contents</b>		
<p>The task of finding the optimal solution for a given problem is omnipresent in computer science. Unfortunately, there are many problems without an efficient algorithm for an optimal solution. As a result, in practice, methods are used which do not always give the optimal solution but always give good solutions. This lecture will discuss drafting and analysing techniques for algorithms which have a proven approximation quality. With the help of practical optimisation problems, the lecture will introduce students to important drafting techniques such as greedy, local search, scaling as well as methods based on linear programming.</p>		
<b>Intended learning outcomes</b>		
<p>The students are able to analyse easy approximation methods in terms of their quality. They understand fundamental drafting techniques such as greedy, local search and scaling as well as methods based on linear programming and are able to apply these to new problems.</p>		
<b>Courses</b> (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
<b>Method of assessment</b> (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>written examination (approx. 50 to 60 minutes); if announced by the lecturer by four weeks prior to the examination date, the written examination can be replaced by an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups (one candidate each: 15 minutes, groups of 2: 20 minutes, groups of 3: 25 minutes) Language of assessment: German, English if agreed upon with the examiner</p>		
<b>Allocation of places</b>		
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<b>Additional information</b>		
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<b>Referred to in LPO I</b> (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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<b>Module appears in</b>		
<p>Master's degree (1 major) Computer Science (2010) Master's degree (1 major) Mathematics (2012) Master's degree (1 major) Mathematics (2010) Master's degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2012) First state examination for the teaching degree Gymnasium Computer Science (2009)</p>		