Welcome to the course Visual Interactive Simulation 5DV058!

You are admitted to the course Visual Interactive Simulation 5DV058 at the Department of Computing Science at Umeå University. We welcome you and hope you will have a very rewarding study here in Umeå! Initially, I want to remind you that if you do not want to keep your place on the course / program, we are grateful if you mail a note about it to studentexp@cs.umu.se so that we can offer the place to the next person on the list of reserves.

Material for your coming studies
Information about the course is available through the link http://www8.cs.umu.se/kurser/5DV058/VT16/. On the course website there is a list of course coordinator and other teachers working on the course, schedule, syllabus and other useful information.

If the course is conducted in a learning platform, e.g. Cambro, parts of the information can be hidden until you have registered for the course. Please contact us or the course responsible teacher if you have questions about anything related to the course!

Online registration for the course
To start taking a course, you must register in Portalen. In order to do so, you must have activated your account (see http://www.student.umu.se/english/about-cas-and-other-it-services/activate-your-user-account/?languageId=1). Online registration is open during the period Monday 21/3 2015 - Friday 1/4 2015. It is important that you register during that period; otherwise you might lose your study place.

You will find the sign in link to Portalen at www.student.umu.se/english. For instructions on online registration in Portalen, please visit: www.student.umu.se/english/course-registration.

If you cannot register this way, it might be the case that you, at the time of admission, did not fulfill all requirements for the course. In this case, please contact the study administrator or the study counselor at the department and bring a certificate that you fulfill all requirements.

E-mail addresses
First of all: We assume that you as a student in computing science, check your student email at least once a day!

All students taking a course at Umeå University are given a so-called CAS-ID and an email account with the address CAS-id@student.umu.se. This email address is your primary address. You can change this address through the “Portalen”.

As a student at the department of Computing Science, you also get a user at computer science and an email address cs-anv@cs.umu.se linked to it. Teachers send all its information to this address. If you want to e-mails instead to go to a different address, do the following:
1. Go to the website http://webapps.cs.umu.se/.
2. Click on the link named "Mail forwarding" and log in with your cs-username and password.
3. On that page there is a heading "Mail forwarding" and a text box. Enter the email address that you normally read your mail from there. (You can enter multiple addresses if you wish.)
4. Click the "Save Settings" and you're done.

**Systems and IT services for students**

As a student at Umeå University you will get access to a number of systems and IT services. In the student portal system, Portalen, you will get access to personal services, such as the student e-mail and your study results. Cambro is another system, used as a learning platform for many university courses. You will find more information about these at www.student.umu.se/english/about-cas-and-other-it-services.

**As a new student**, you need to activate your user account to get access to these services.

If you have applied to Umeå University through Universityadmissions.se, you will receive a letter from Umeå University after 20 of August with a temporary user identity that you can use to activate your user account. You can also use your user identity on Universityadmissions.se to activate your user account. This way to activate your account will be available from the first week of August. Both ways to activate the user account is reached via www.student.umu.se/english/about-cas-and-other-it-services/activate-your-user-account.

If you have applied to Umeå University as an exchange student, you will receive information about how to activate your user account when you arrive to Umeå University.

When you have activated your user account, you will reach the student portal (Portalen) or the learning platform (Cambro) via the sign in links to the right at www.student.umu.se/english.

**If you have previously studied at Umeå University**, you won´t receive a temporary user identity because you already have a user account and don´t need to activate that account again. You just sign in via the links to the right at www.student.umu.se/english. If you have forgotten your password or wish to change it, you will find information about how to do that via the link “Forgotten your password?” next to the sign in links.

If you encounter problems signing in to Portalen or other technical errors, please send a message to the ServiceDesk, www.servicedesk.its.umu.se/Default.aspx?language=en.

**Orientation Course**

We strongly recommend that you take part in the Orientation Course, which is open for all international students. The Orientation Course will give you the opportunity to get acquainted with Umeå and Umeå University. It is also a great opportunity to make friends with other international students. The schedule for the coming term will be available on the site below one month before the beginning of the term. There may be last minute changes to the schedule, so you should check for updates before you leave home or when you get to Umeå. www.umu.se/english/education/student-support/orientation-course
**Buddy Programme**
The Buddy Programme is an opportunity for you to get in contact with Swedish culture and traditions and meet Swedish and other international students during your stay in Umeå. Buddies are Swedish students who volunteer to introduce you to the Swedish way of life. As a participant in the Buddy Programme, you will be part of a buddy group that consists of buddies and international students. The Buddy Programme will give you the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, for example, sports, parties and travel.

Visit the Buddy Programme page on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/UmeaUniv.Buddy](http://www.facebook.com/UmeaUniv.Buddy). If you want to take part in the Buddy Programme, you need to sign up on [www8.umu.se/international_office/forms/buddy](http://www8.umu.se/international_office/forms/buddy).

**Accomodation in Umeå/Skellefteå/Örnsköldsvik**
If you haven´t already found a place to live in Umeå/Skellefteå/Örnsköldsvik, you will find information and tips at our website: [www.umu.se/english/education/accommodation](http://www.umu.se/english/education/accommodation).

**Studying with disabilities**
If you are in need of special support due to disability, you should apply for that in good time before you start your studies. Find more information on support for studying with disabilities at: [www.student.umu.se/english/during-your-studies/support-for-disabled-students](http://www.student.umu.se/english/during-your-studies/support-for-disabled-students)

**Välkommen till Infocenter!**
Oavsett vilka frågor du har som rör universitetet kan du vända dig till Infocenter. Här kan du få information om studier och hjälp med praktiska ärenden som att hämta ut ditt UmU-kort efter att du har beställt det eller få parkeringskort.

Ring 090-786 50 00 eller skriv i vårt kontaktformulär. När du är på Campus Umeå hittar du Infocenter i Universum-huset. Läs mer om Infocenter på [www.infocenter.umu.se](http://www.infocenter.umu.se).

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