Welcome to the course Efficient Algorithms and Problem Complexity 5DV117!

You are admitted to the course Efficient Algorithms and Problem Complexity 5DV117 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/5DV117/HT15/. 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 from Thursday August 27 until Friday September 4. **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](http://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](http://Universityadmissions.se), you will receive a letter from Umeå University after 20 of August/2 of January 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.


**Not only books at Umeå University Library**
As a student, you have access to the University Library and all the resources such as textbooks, journals, study rooms and a presentation studio for practicing and recording your own lectures. We also have an Academic Resource Centre that offers tips on writing as well as study habits. More information can be found at: [www.ub.umu.se/en](http://www.ub.umu.se/en).

**You will need to obtain a UmU Card**
Students at Umeå University will receive a UmU card which is a multifunction card which allows access to buildings, university library card, as well as a copying and printing card. You will receive more information when it’s time to apply for the UmU Card. Read more about the UmU Card at [www.student.umu.se/english/during-your-studies/campus-services/campus-and-premises/-umu-card](http://www.student.umu.se/english/during-your-studies/campus-services/campus-and-premises/-umu-card).

**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).

**Accommodation in Umeå/Skelefteå/Örnsköldsvik**
If you haven’t already found a place to live in Umeå/Skelefteå/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)

**Welcome to Infocenter!**
No matter what questions you have regarding the university, you can turn to Infocenter. Here you can study information and get help with practical matters, such as to pick up your UmU card (after you have ordered it) or get parking permits.

Call +46 90 786 50 00 or write in our [contact form](mailto:). Once you are on Campus Umeå, you will find Infocenter in [the Universum Building](http://). Find more information on [www.infocenter.umu.se/english](http://www.infocenter.umu.se/english).

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