**Name of Module:** Computational Complexity  
**CP (ECTS):** 9  
**Short Name:** MiNF-CompuComplex.W11  

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**Module Description**

1. **Qualification Aims**

Participants of this module can classify discrete computational problems according to their computational complexity using standard complexity classes. They understand structural properties of complexity classes and can make qualitative and quantitative statements about computational complexity questions.

The course is **principally** designed to impart technical skills 50%, method skills 50%, system skills 0%, social skills 0%.

2. **Content**

Introduction into structural complexity theory, with particular emphasis on complexity resources time and space. Particular topics are:
- complexity classes
- theory of the NP-completeness hierarchies
- polynomial time hierarchy
- interactive proof systems

3. **Module Components**

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4. **Description of Teaching and Learning Methods**

There is a lecture 4 hours per week presenting the whole course material. The lectures are accompanied by 2-hour tutorials, where an active participation and homework on the work sheets distributed every week is required.

5. **Prerequisites for Participation**

a) obligatory: Basic course on automata and complexity  
b) desirable: Basic knowledge on algorithms

6. **Target Group of Module**

- Computer Science Master with focus “Intelligent Systems”  
- Computer Science Master with focus “Reliable Systems”  
- Computer Science Master with focus “System Engineering”  
- Computer Science Diploma  
- Computer Engineering Master with focus “Software Engineering”  
- Computer Engineering Diploma

7. **Work Requirements and Credit Points**

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8. **Module Examination and Grading Procedures**
Final oral exam determining the grade (MP). As a prerequisite, an active participation in the tutorials with presentation of own solutions of exercises is mandatory.

9. Duration of Module
1 semester

10. Number of Participants
Max. 30 participants

11. Enrolment Procedures
http://www.akt.tu-berlin.de/

12. Recommended Reading, Lecture Notes

| Lecture notes available in paper form? | yes ✓ | no X |
| Lecture notes available in electronic form? | yes ✓ | no X |

**Recommended Reading:**

13. Other Information
The german title of the module is “Komplexitätstheorie”.