Welcome to the course User Research for Interaction Design, 15 credits!

You have been admitted to the course User Research for Interaction Design, 15 credits at Umeå University. My name is Victor Kaptelinin and I am the course coordinator. You will meet me at the course registration and as a teacher during the course. Firstly, I wish to remind you to reply to your Notification of Selection Results at Universityadmissions.se/antagning.se so that you won’t lose your place (seat) at the course. If you are an exchange student you will have received a letter of acceptance, and it is not necessary for you to reply to the results. If you have any questions regarding your course you are most welcome to contact me or the study counsellor. You will find our contact information at the end of this letter. We wish you a warm welcome and hope that you will enjoy your period of studies here in Umeå!

Course registration
The course starts off with registration and introduction. You need to be registered for the course in the study documentation system in order to be able to follow the course and to get your results registered during the course. If you are unable to attend during the registration and introduction, you need to contact us in advance, or else you risk losing your place (seat) at the course.

Time and date: 13.15, August 31, 2015
Place: Lecture room MA378, MIT Building (Mit-huset) at Campus Umeå

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

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-systems-and-it-services-for-students.

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 January. 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.

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.

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.

Material for your coming studies
The course schedule for the introductory course and the starting course in the programme, together with course syllabus and literature list, are available at http://www.informatik.umu.se/english/student/courses-autumn-2015/

In this course, we use the learning platform Cambro. There you will find for example course schedule, instructions for exercises during the course and messages from the teachers. Examination tasks will be published there, and when you have written an examination you shall upload it to the platform. In order to get access to the learning platform, you sign in using your CAS user identity. The link to the learning platform is https://www.cambro.umu.se/portal/site/gatewayen.

Welcome Fair for New Students
On Thursday 3 September at 10 am to 2.30 pm, you are warmly invited to attend Umeå University’s Welcome Fair at the Universum building in the heart of Campus Umeå. New students are especially welcome to come! The Welcome Fair is an ideal opportunity for you to get to know the city of Umeå and the University a little better. The fair will feature a great number of exhibitors - closely connected with student social life - from the University, municipality, organisations, clubs, and associations. Find more information on www.umu.se/english/education/welcome-fair.

Accommodation in Umeå
If you haven’t already found a place to live in Umeå, you will find information and tips at our website: http://www.umu.se/english/education/accommodation.

Contact us
You are most welcome to contact us if you have any questions regarding the course.

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Back to webpage www.student.umu.se/english/new-student
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Welcome to Infocenter!
No matter what questions you have regarding the university, you can turn to Infocenter. If you need study information or general study guidance, you are welcome here. Here you can also get help with practical matters, such as to pick up your UmU card (after you have ordered it), book rooms or get parking permits.

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

Once again, welcome to Umeå University and studies in Informatics!