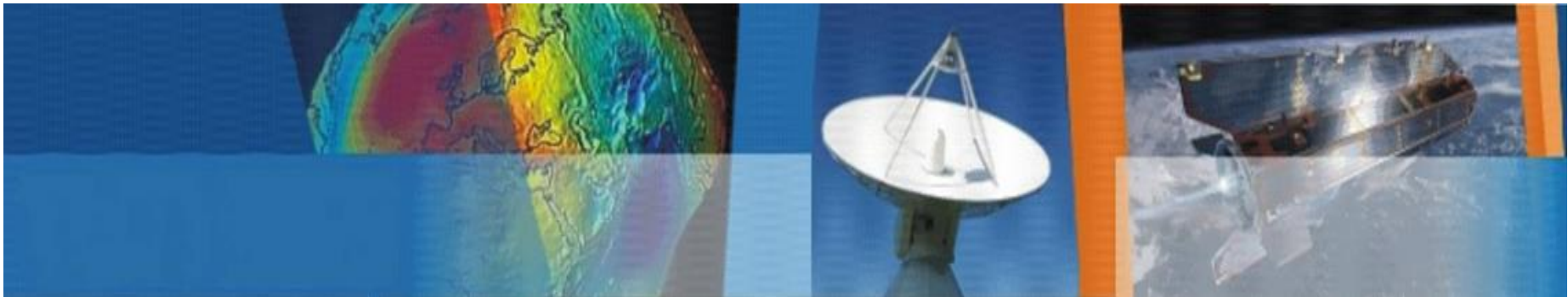# ESPACE – Earth Oriented Space Science and Technology

International Master's Programm

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Spacecraft Engineering

Studies: Aerospace Engineering

Satellite Data Users

Studies: Geodesy, Geophysics, Oceanography, Meteorology

Problem: Classical university programs cover parts of this spectrum in different disciplines → segregation of engineering and science

→ Master's program ESPACE combines spacecraft engineering with satellite applications in one interdisciplinary program

→ This combination makes ESPACE a unique study program in Europe

Earth Oriented Space Science and Technology - ESPACE

○ **International Master's program (2 years):**

  • Graduates can be best described as **Satellite Application Engineers**

  • All lectures are in English

  • International environment with students from all over the world

  • Students can specialize in one of three satellite applications:

    – Earth System Science

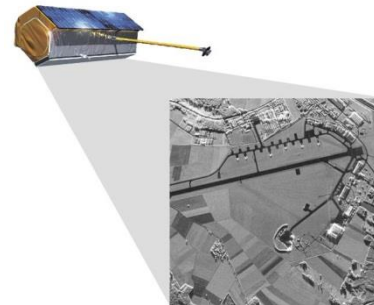   – Remote Sensing

    – Navigation

○ **Target Group:**

  • Students from engineering programs such as aerospace, mechanical, electrical, communication, environmental, or science programs such as geodesy, as well as geophysics, physics or mathematics
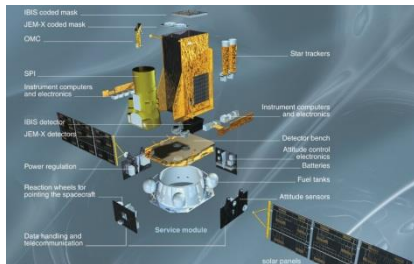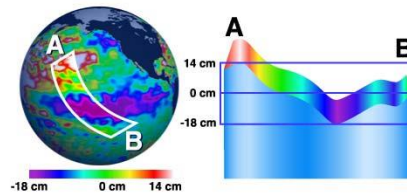
Spacecraft Engineering   Earth System Science   Remote Sensing   Navigation

Munich has a unique concentration of know-how related to Space Science and Technology!

ESPACE is coordinated at the TUM with teaching staff from:

- **Universities**: TUM, Ludwig-Maximillian-Universität, University of Federal Armed Forces (Universität der Bundesweh

- **Research Institution:** German Aerospace Center (DLR), German Geodetic Reserach Institute (DGFI)
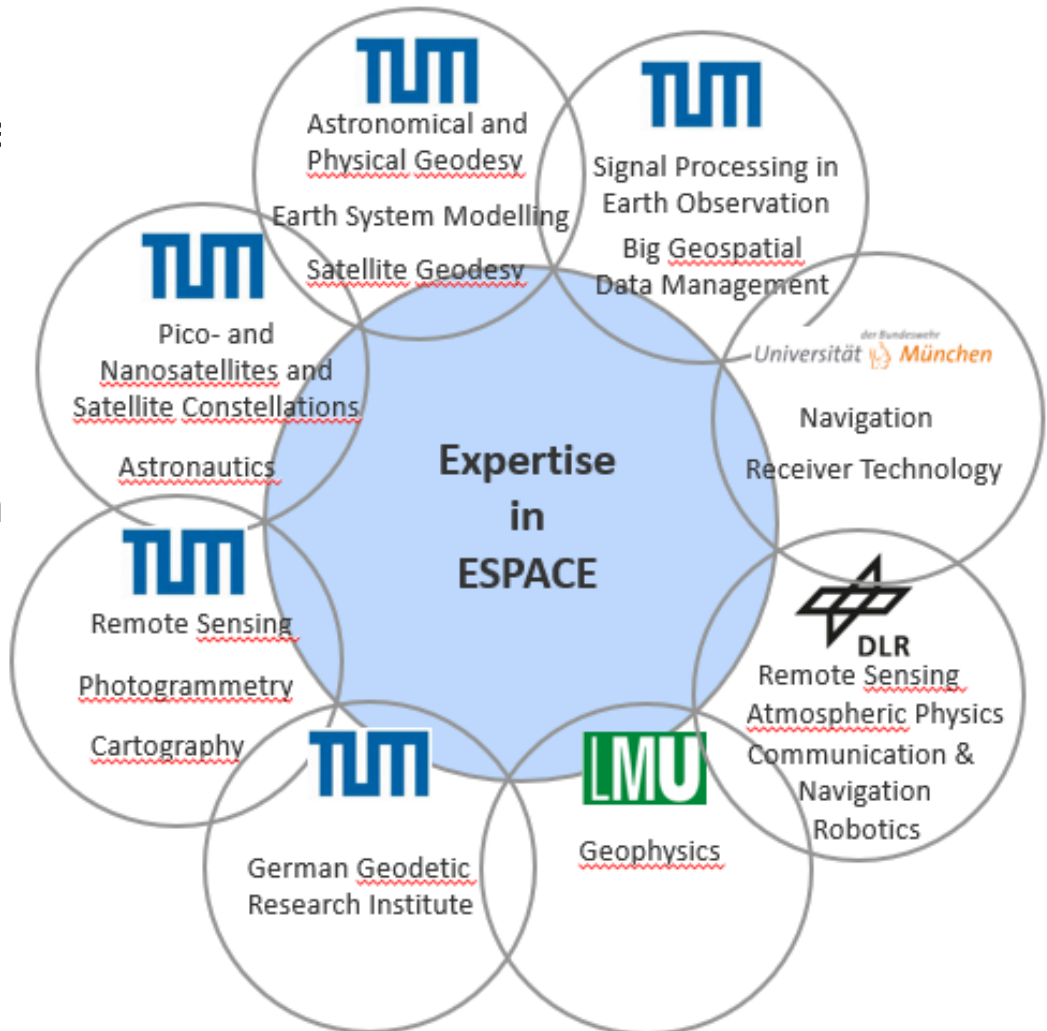
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1st Semester
Introduction to Satellite Navigation and Orbit Mechanics 5 CP
Numerical Modeling and Signal Processing 5 CP
Estimation Theory: Mathematical and Statistical Basics 5 CP
Applied Computer Science 5 CP
Introduction to Spacecraft Technology 5 CP
Introduction to Earth System Science 5 CP
Introduction to Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Digital Image Processing 5 CP
Required 20 CP
Required Electives 10 CP (2 of 3)
Electives -
30 CP
6 Exams

1st Semester	2nd Semester
Introduction to Satellite Navigation and Orbit Mechanics 5 CP	Project Seminar in Earth Oriented Space Science and Technology 5 CP
Numerical Modeling and Signal Processing 5 CP	Advanced Numerical Modeling and Signal Processing 5 CP
Estimation Theory: Mathematical and Statistical Basics 5 CP	Satellite Navigation and Advanced Orbit Mechanics 5 CP
Applied Computer Science 5 CP	Machine Learning for Earth Observation 5 CP
Introduction to Spacecraft Technology 5 CP	Advanced Spacecraft Technology 5 CP
Introduction to Earth System Science 5 CP	Ground and Space Mission Elements 5 CP
Introduction to Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Digital Image Processing 5 CP	Advanced Remote Sensing 5 CP
	Earth System Modelling 5 CP
	Free Electives 5 CP
Required 20 CP	Required -
Required Electives 10 CP (2 of 3)	Required Electives 25 CP (5 of 8)
Electives -	Electives 5 CP
30 CP	30 CP
6 Exams	6 Exams

1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester
Introduction to Satellite Navigation and Orbit Mechanics 5 CP	Project Seminar in Earth Oriented Space Science and Technology 5 CP	Specialization (see separate figure) 15 CP
Numerical Modeling and Signal Processing 5 CP	Advanced Numerical Modeling and Signal Processing 5 CP	
Estimation Theory: Mathematical and Statistical Basics 5 CP	Satellite Navigation and Advanced Orbit Mechanics 5 CP	
Applied Computer Science 5 CP	Machine Learning for Earth Observation 5 CP	Satellite Mission Design Project 5 CP
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Electives -	Electives 5 CP	Electives 10 CP
30 CP	30 CP	30 CP
6 Exams	6 Exams	6 Exams

1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester
Introduction to Satellite Navigation and Orbit Mechanics 5 CP	Project Seminar in Earth Oriented Space Science and Technology 5 CP	Specialization (see separate figure) 15 CP	Master's Thesis Master's Colloquium 30 CP
Numerical Modeling and Signal Processing 5 CP	Advanced Numerical Modeling and Signal Processing 5 CP		
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Electives -	Electives 5 CP	Electives 10 CP	Electives -
30 CP	30 CP	30 CP	30 CP
6 Exams	6 Exams	6 Exams	1 Exam

3rd Semester - Themes of Specialization		
Earth System Science from Space	**Remote Sensing**	**Navigation**
Atmosphere and Ocean 5 CP	**Geoinformation** 5 CP	**Precise GNSS and Inertial Navigation** 5 CP
Geokinematics and Continental Hydrology 5 CP or **Advanced Earth System Modeling and Continental Hydrology** 5 CP	**Photogrammetry – Selected Chapters** 5 CP	**Advanced Aspects of Navigation Technology** 5 CP
Space-based Gravity and Magnetic Field Monitoring 5 CP	**Remote Sensing** 5 CP	**Navigation Labs** 5 CP
15 CP	15 CP	15 CP
3 Exams	3 Exams	3 Exams

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ESPACE Double Degree with Wuhan University, China

- Two Master's degrees:
  - one from TUM
  - one from Wuhan University (WHU)
- Duration: 3 years (one more year than regular ESPACE Master's program)
- First year at TUM, second year at WHU, third year at TUM
- Funding possibilities

One year study visit at one of the leading technical universities in Europe

○ Duration: 2 years (as regular Master's program in ESPACE)

○ First year – at TUM

○ Exchange in 2nd year of Master's Program to DTU

○ funding via Erasmus+

○ Master of Science (TUM) + transcript from DTU

1st semester, TUM – ESPACE	2nd semester, TUM – ESPACE
Regular study program (30 ECTS)	Regular study program (30 ECTS)
3rd semester, Fall at DTU	4th semester, Spring at DTU
Compulsory: 15 ECTS Required electives: At least 10 ECTS Electives: Up to 5 ECTS	Co-supervised Master's Thesis (30 ECTS)

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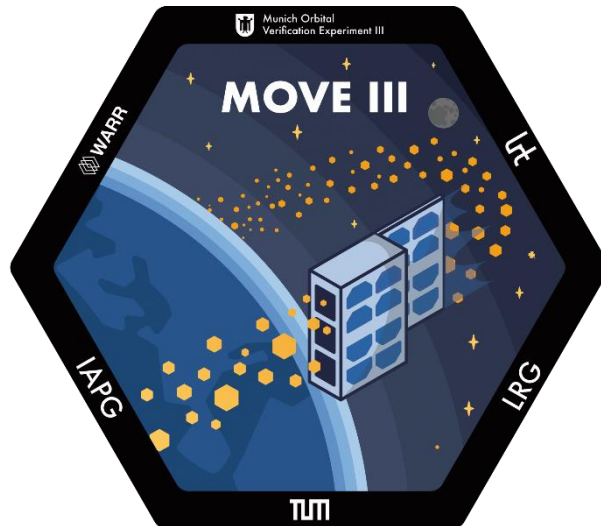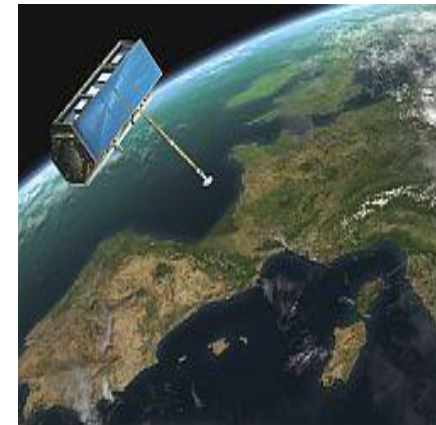
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Excursion to Geodetic Observatory Wettzell

Christmas party with students & lecturers

- Orientation Week for first semester students
  → week before start of the lecture period in winter semester

- Buddy Meeting with previous ESPACE batches

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MOVE-III

- Development of 6U CubeSat for detection and identification of sub-millimeter space debris particles

- https://warr.de/en/projects/move/move-iii/

Astronomy Club

- **Observatory at TUM Main Campus**

- https://www.asg.ed.tum.de/fesg/astron

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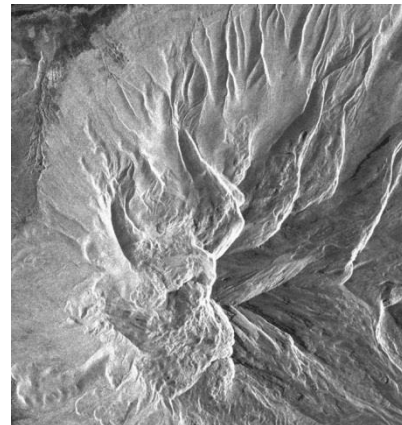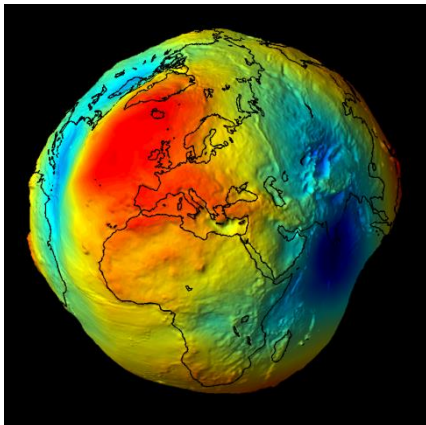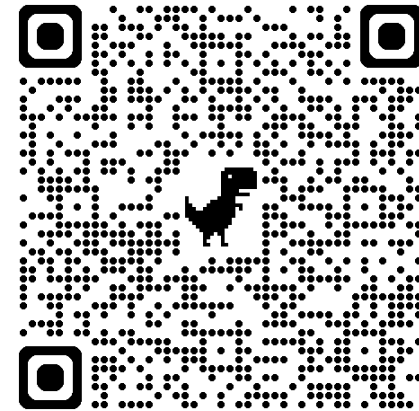5. **Application Information**

Application period: January 1 to May 31

Aptitude assessment for all students:

- **Documents**:
  - Statement of purpose (motivation letter)
  - short self-written scientific essay (500 – 700 words)
  - Transcript of records (at least 140 ECTS)
  - English language certificate
- **Competencies** in mathematics, physics and computer science

No tuition fees since Bachelor's degree obtained at TUM

ESPACE Website:

https://www.espace-tum.de/

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Thank you for your attention!