MIF1 – rentrée

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To start with

Centre des langues

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To do — first weeks

follow all courses, then choose

put the “fiche de choix de modules” in my mailbox
(3d floor, between the north and south parts of the building)

for wednesday, sept. the 25th, at noon

▶ find it on the www page for the M1
▶ arrange a meeting with your tutor, discuss with me if necessary
  ▶ your tutor is the same as previously if you had one
  ▶ if not, you will know soon, treat me as your tutor in the meantime if necessary

contact your tutor early enough

(before the welcome reception of the DI)

▶ write to me for specific discussion/choices of courses
▶ tell me in advance if there will be a delay
  (doubts, tutor out of town . . . )
First semester — calendar

- Oct. 28 - Nov 1: holidays
- The week Nov 12 - Nov 15: tentative week for the midterms
- Dec. 23 - Jan 3: holidays
- Jan 6 - Jan 10: final exams
  3 hours each
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- two class representants?

  *let us meet at some point*
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- things get smoother in the second semester
- things get lovely during the summer internship
Modus vivendi - keep in mind that . . .

- you are supposed to attend courses and TDs
- get in touch with me (for anything) via email
- you are supposed to read and answer your email @ens-lyon
  (this has an official status)
  - changes in the schedule, ..
  - projects due, midterm exams, ..
  - meetings with your tutor / me / the head of department, ..

- and write as well
  - tell in advance whenever you will have to miss some courses/TDs, . . .
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- internship
  - **research**
  - $\geq$ 12 weeks, abroad or in industry
  - person in charge: É. Thierry

  *meeting with Éric Thierry, on sept. 17th*
Next year(s)

- M2
  
  - here
  
  - or elsewhere (robotics, machine learning, networks, vision, . . .)

- préparation à l’agrégation

- grands corps de l’état

get in touch with Philippe Audebaud

- concours ENS Cachan

- or something else

*meeting with Damien Stehlé, on sept. 24th*
Goals during this year

- You are students
  - The curriculum is rather rigid
  - We view our M1.1 courses as basic/ground stuff
- Most of you will eventually become researchers
  - Students seminar
    - Usually in French
  - Second semester is more research-oriented
  - Training period
  - Get deeper into a subject: take initiatives, involve your teachers (e.g. reading group)
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▶ try not to hurry being narrow-minded
▶ let’s meet and talk
To sum up

- choose your english course soon (sept 16th - sept 18th)
- follow all courses for the moment, starting today
- choose your courses for sept. 25th
- stay tuned for enrollment at UCBL

Questions?