higher education, a higher educational institution, at an advanced level, beyond the age of 17, be famous for, a broad-based/vocational education, go to university/study at university, be founded, be opened, be situated/located, consist of/be composed of, provide tuition, a technical university, enter a university, graduate from, academic disciplines such as, have a wide range of ... (science) courses, study for a degree on full-time/ part-time basis, entrance to the universities, have entrance examinations,

introduce/ launch a unified state examination (USE), benefit students living in remote areas, enroll students on fee-paying basis, carry out research, financial aid, award grants/ scholarships, postgraduate degree, semester/ term, scientific library, sport center, culture center, administrative/ main building, halls of residence, rent a flat, group/room mates, the dean, the dean's office.

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## A report on my studies this term

I am studying for the Diploma in Computer Science in the Department of Applied Information Science. It is a two-year course which consists of lectures on hardware and software, seminars, practical sessions and individual work, the writing essays and computer programmes, and an examination at the end. I started the course at the beginning of September this year; it will finish in June in a year.

So far, I have enjoyed the course. However, I have had two kinds of difficulties: one is following some of the lecturers – they speak quickly and not very clearly; the other difficulty is caused by the use of mathematics. I have difficulty in understanding and using some of the equations.

This term I have finished two essays: they were quite long, and required a lot of reading in the library. Although I found it rather difficult to write the essays, I learned a lot, and received good marks for them. Next term I shall have to write another two essays.

During the two Master years I am able to continue to build on the broad ranging basic scientific knowledge acquired as part of the programme. The programme I am engaged in complements my skills and competences with IT profile and enables me to combine a multidisciplinary engineering training with an in-depth specialization in Applied Computer Science.

My second year is mostly based around a graduation project, intended to give me the opportunity to solve information technology related problems independently.

## Plan for your essay about your studies

## I INTRODUCTION



