

ISRT: Admitted but, not yet here

23 October 2025

KIT Department of Informatics

Informatics Study Program Service (ISS)



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International Student Round Table:
Admitted but, not yet here (WS25-26)

Overview of Academic Calendar

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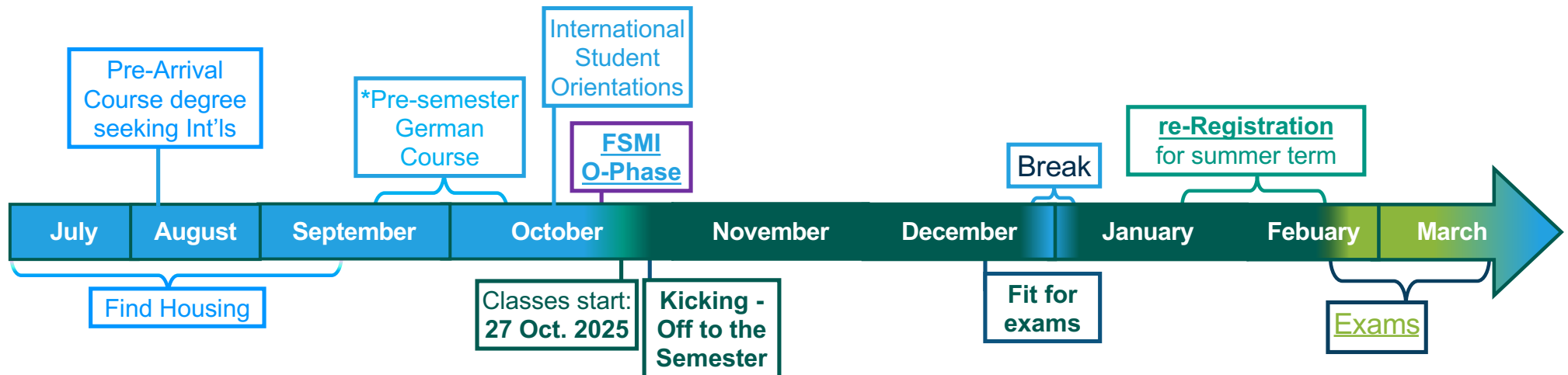
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Dates and Deadlines



	Semester duration	Lecture period	Recess
Winter term 2025/26	10-01-2025 to 03-31-2026	10-27-2025 to 02-21-2026	12-24-2025 to 01-06-2026
Summer term 2026	04-01-2026 to 09-30-2026	04-20-2026 to 08-01-2026	05-25-2026 to 05-30-2026
Winter term 2026/27	10-01-2026 to 03-31-2027	10-26-2026 to 02-20-2027	12-24-2026 to 01-06-2027
Summer term 2027	04-01-2027 to 09-30-2027	04-19-2027 to 07-31-2027	05-17-2027 to 05-22-2027

KIT- Academic Calendar



- **Pre-Semester German Course** (exchange)
- **International Student Orientations:** for Degree Seeking and Exchange
- **FSMI O-PHASE:** will take place from the 20.10.2025 to the 25.10.2025
- **Info²** Events including: ex. **Kicking -Off to the Semester**, **Fit for exams**, **Mentoring Get-Togethers**, etc...
- **Break:** Winter Break 24.December to 6. January
- **Exams** – Many exams take place during the lecture free period from February to the end of March



**Where I am at and what
are my options**

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Where I am at and what are my options

Winter Semester (WS) 25-26

As stated in the Letter from the KIT'S [International Affairs Degree Seeking Admissions Team](#)

- There are no restrictions for the enrollment, besides paying the respective fees on time
 - Please note that semester fees at KIT can only be paid on a semester basis
 - Meaning that there is no possibility for a student to pay one year in advance
- Physical presence in Karlsruhe is compulsory
 - However our students are free to arrive in Karlsruhe later during the semester at their own responsibility
- Regular duration of the Master of Computer Science (EN) program of study is four semesters

If you questions about enrollment, visas, and entry requirements, please contact the [International Affairs Degree Seeking Admissions Team](#)

Points of contact an overview

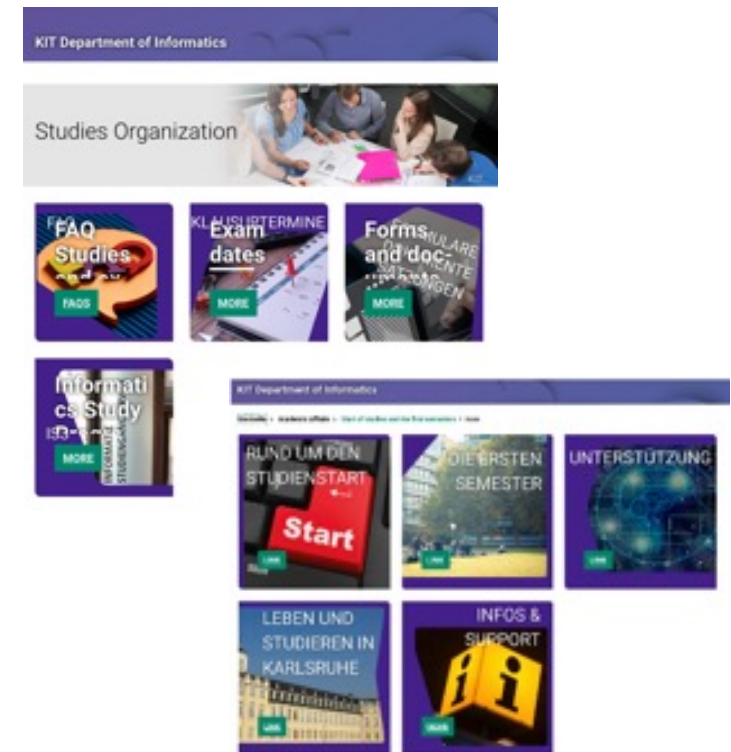


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Studies Organization & Start of studies and the first semesters

Informatics Study Program Service (ISS)

- Provides “official” information on your program of study
- Student Support, including study and examination counselling
- Administrative tasks in connection with the study programs: including updating of Module Handbooks , lecture schedule, exam timetabling, processing of applications and certificates, etc.
- International Student Roundtable and other events



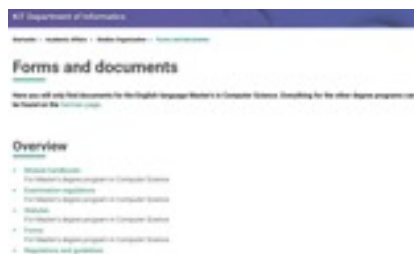
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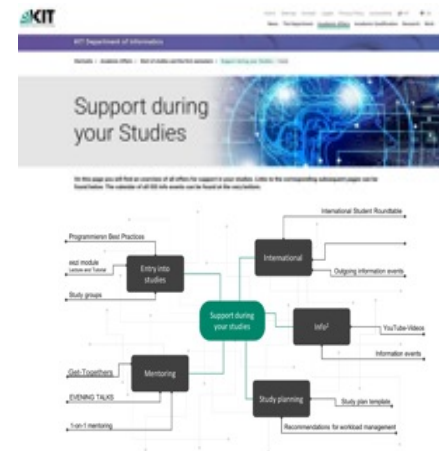
FAQs Study and exams

- Has a wealth of information related your processes and procedures in our department and should be consulted as an initial step to answering your questions



Forms and documents

- Including : Module handbooks, Examination regulations, Statutes, Forms, Regulations and guidelines



Support during your Studies

- Workshops and Videos, Study planning, Mentoring, Study Abroad, etc.
 - ex. International Round Tables

Who and What: Overview to Points of Contact

Department	Services & Resources	Student type	QR Code
<u>IStO</u> <i>International Students Office</i>	Supports KIT international student community from start to finish	all	
<u>International Affairs Degree Seeking Admissions Team</u>	enrollment, visas, and entry requirements, deferral of studies	<u>degree seeking</u>	
IStO Welcome & Integration - Degree Seeking	Pre-semester course, <u>Start of Studies for Internationals</u> , <u>Buddy Program</u> , <u>Student Support</u> , Refugee advising services, volunteering, etc.	<u>degree seeking</u>	 
<u>International Student Center at Studierendenwerk</u>	Social & Refugee counseling, events, mentoring, accommodation, etc..	all	
<u>International Student Hub</u>	Advising services for international students	all	
<u>Studienstart International - Information offer on ILIAS</u>	Resource materials, videos, ...	all	

Who and What: Overview to Points of Contact Student Life

Department	Services & Resources	Student type	QR Code
<u>AStA</u> KIT (Students' Union)	German courses, international student advising and a, equal opportunities, queer counselling, etc..	all	
<u>Fachschaften</u> (Student Councils)	Student to student advising, O-Phase, exam preparation resources, represent student interests at university and departmental level, etc.	all	
<u>Sports</u>	<i>Hochschulsport am KIT, Clubs, The walk-in - Center for Fitness, etc..</i>	all	
University groups & voluntary initiatives	Art and Culture , Research and Technology, Sustainability/ Ecology, Socio-political commitment	all	

Emergency assistance for all persons living in Germany

Unfortunately, we cannot always be there for you



Important telephone numbers such as those of the fire department, police and ambulance

Vital information under QR Code

- 112 - **Emergency** number for life-threatening situations
 - Europe-wide number, free of charge, no area code needed
- 110 - **Police** (for fraud, robbery, violence, traffic accidents without injuries)
 - Nationwide in Germany, free of charge, no area code needed

Websites and Videos

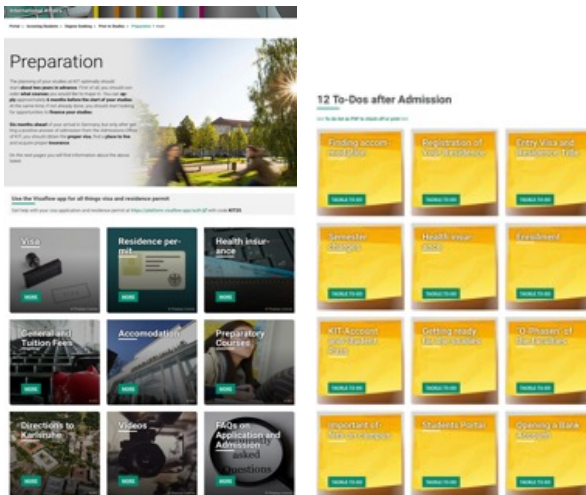
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Checklist for prior to arrival and start at KIT



□ Read thoroughly information on websites

- [Starting Your Studies at KIT](#)
- [Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe](#)
- [Starting your studies at KIT](#)
- [Arriving at KIT](#)
- [The KIT Glossary](#)



□ **Degree seeking**

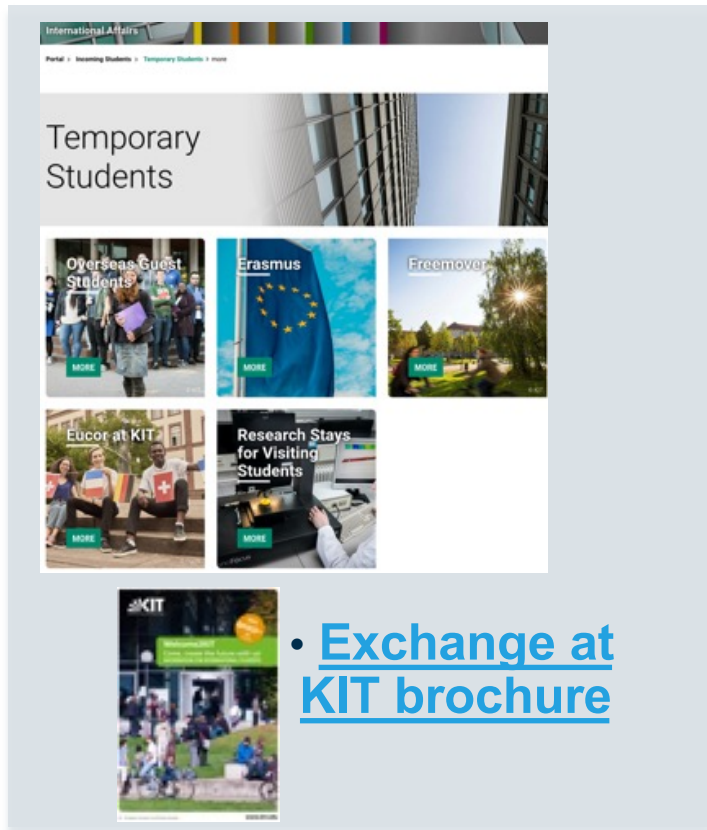
- [IStO](#)
- [Preparation](#)
- [Enrollment](#)
- [Your Road to KIT](#)
- [KIT Department of Informatics](#)

□ **Temporary Students (Exchange)**

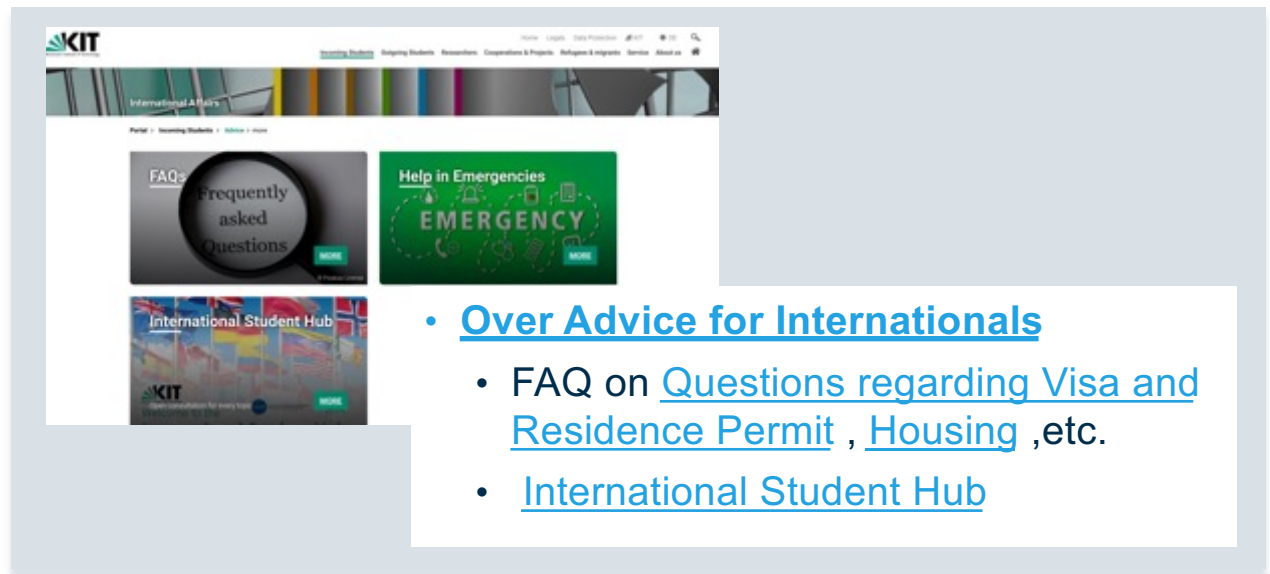
- [IStO](#) (ERASMUS, Eucor, Overseas Exchange, etc.)
- KIT Department of Informatics - [International Exchange](#)

Checklist for prior to arrival and start at KIT

- Read thoroughly information on websites



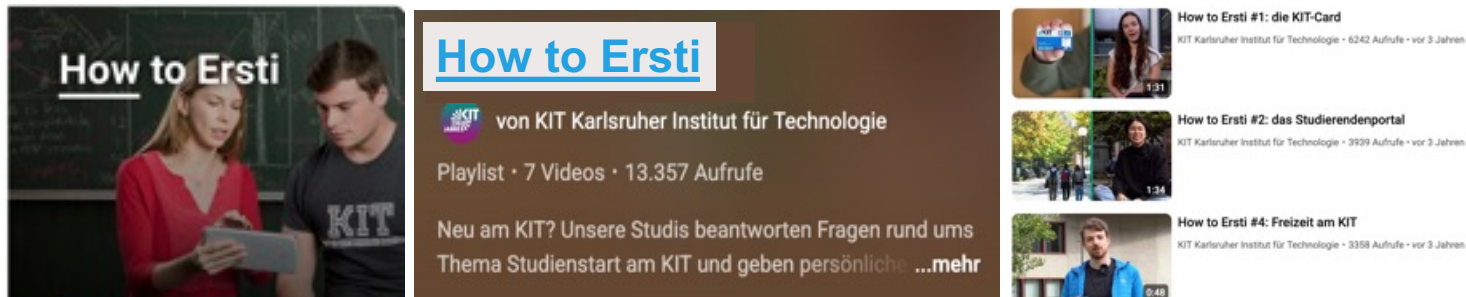
- [Exchange at KIT brochure](#)



- [Over Advice for Internationals](#)

- FAQ on [Questions regarding Visa and Residence Permit](#) , [Housing](#) ,etc.
- [International Student Hub](#)

Video Information...



International Affairs

Portal > Incoming Students > Degree-Seeking > **Prior to Studies** > Preparation > Videos

Videos from IStO: Our international students have produced videos for you on important topics of concern for new international students. The videos are in German language with English subtitles.

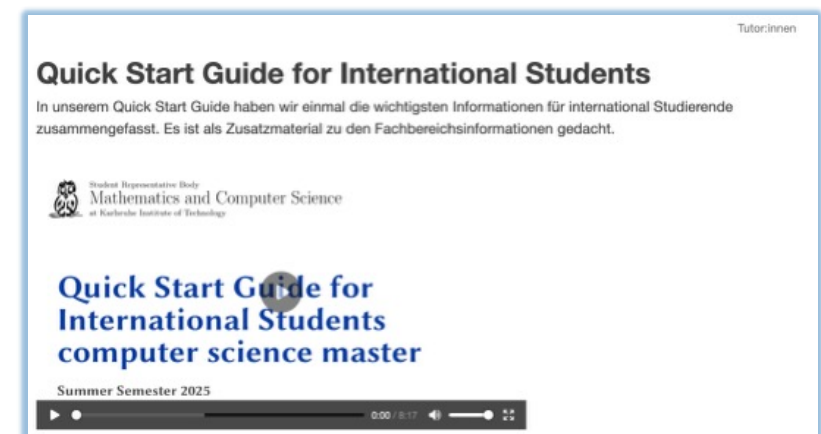
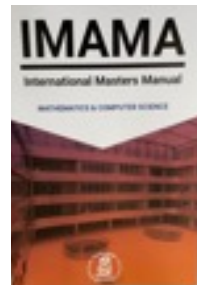
FSMI (Fachschaft Mathematik/ Informatik)

If you missed the FSMI O-Phase WS25-26 they have lots of helpful information on their website to help you get off to a good start. This includes: [Mathematics\) Handbook](#)

- FAQ
- Publications: Must reads such as [Study Program Information Computer Science M.Sc.](#) A good explanation and overview to academic structure of major and [IMAMA \(International Master Mathematics\) Handbook](#)
- O-Phase Summer semester 2025
 - If A [Quick Start Guide Video](#) about:
 - Planning the semester:
 - Campus Management (CMS) Course Catalogue selecting and removing modules, calendar
 - ILIAS
 - Extra curricular activities and groups, language , soft skill, interdisciplinary, key qualifications or additional courses and credits, ect
 - Everyday Life
 - Day and week structure, where to study, hangout and eat
 - What is Fachschaft

Structure of your studies

Area of Specialization 1 (min 15 ECTS)	Area of Specialization 2 (min 15 ECTS)	Elective Studies (6-49 ECTS)	Minor Studies (9-18 ECTS)	Interdisciplinary Qualifications (2-6 ECTS)
1	4 "Stammmodule"			
2	seminars, practical courses		Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Economics, Law	HoC, FORUM, language centre
3	elective modules of free choice			
4		Master's thesis (30 ECTS)		



Video Information...



Youtube channel of the KIT Faculty of Informatics

Lecture recording,
Information Videos etc...



- Ex. [Support during your studies video playlist](#)
 - the first six weeks of your studies
 - CMS (Campus Management for students)

Planning your Studies and Selecting Modules

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Who and What: Overview to Points of Contact

Department	Services & Resources	Student type	QR Code
KIT Department of Informatics Informatics Study Program Services (<u>ISS</u>)	Student Support, including Central study and examination counselling, Administrative tasks, Updating of Module Handbooks, etc..	all	
<u>FSMI</u> (Departmental Student Council)	Informatics O-Phase, student to student advising, exam preparation resources, free hot beverage, represent student interests at university and departmental level, etc.	all	
<u>KIT-Informatics-Library</u>	Study places, literature, etc.	all	
<u>KIT Business unit Studying and Teaching</u> (Studierendenservice (SLE))	Central Office for Student Fees (Gebühren), Certificated, Organization including: <u>KVV – Bescheinigung</u> / Warrant, renewal of matriculation & De-registration / Withdraw, Transcript of Records (ToR), Campus Management Portal (Student portal)	all	

Planning your studies

Degree seeking students:

- Starting Point is to inform yourself of the academic structure of the [degree you are seeking](#) at KIT
- Make sure you are familiar with what you need to enroll in and complete to for your program of study as you plan this and the following semesters
- Read through the Module handbook (MH) on the Form and Document site [English](#) & [German](#)

Exchange students in Informatics:

- Ensure the modules that you enroll in and select meet the approval of your home university
- Read through our [incoming exchange students website](#) and the information there about [course selection](#)
- Read through the Module handbook (MH) on the Form and Document side [German](#) & [English](#)
 - No matter if you are a bachelor or a master student you can choose modules at bachelor or at master level at KIT. However make sure you meet the prerequisite knowledge for the modules you choose
 - Ensure the Modules you select are also in your LA

Overview to Modules

Lecture

(Vorlesung)

- Sometimes with Übung (you need to know if the module has compulsory or non-compulsory worksheets)
- Registration later in Semester (*only need to register for the exam, most of the time not for attending)
- Please note that some lectures also include exercises, which must be successfully completed in order to complete the overall module.

Seminar

- Work on a particular topic, write about it and prepare and present it to the group
- Watch others presentations
- Must register before courses begin (depending on the seminar: ILIAS/ Website/ Email/ Wiwi-Portal ...)

Lab

(Praktikum)

- Acquire more practical skills
- Must register before courses begin (depending on the lab: ILIAS/ Website/ Email/ Wiwi-Portal ...)

Thesis

Bachelor- / Master

- Find advisor and topic (Visit the various Institute homepages to assist you in this process and e-mail potential advisors)
- Advisor will help to register the thesis
- Write and defend thesis

Language courses at KIT

One free course per semester:

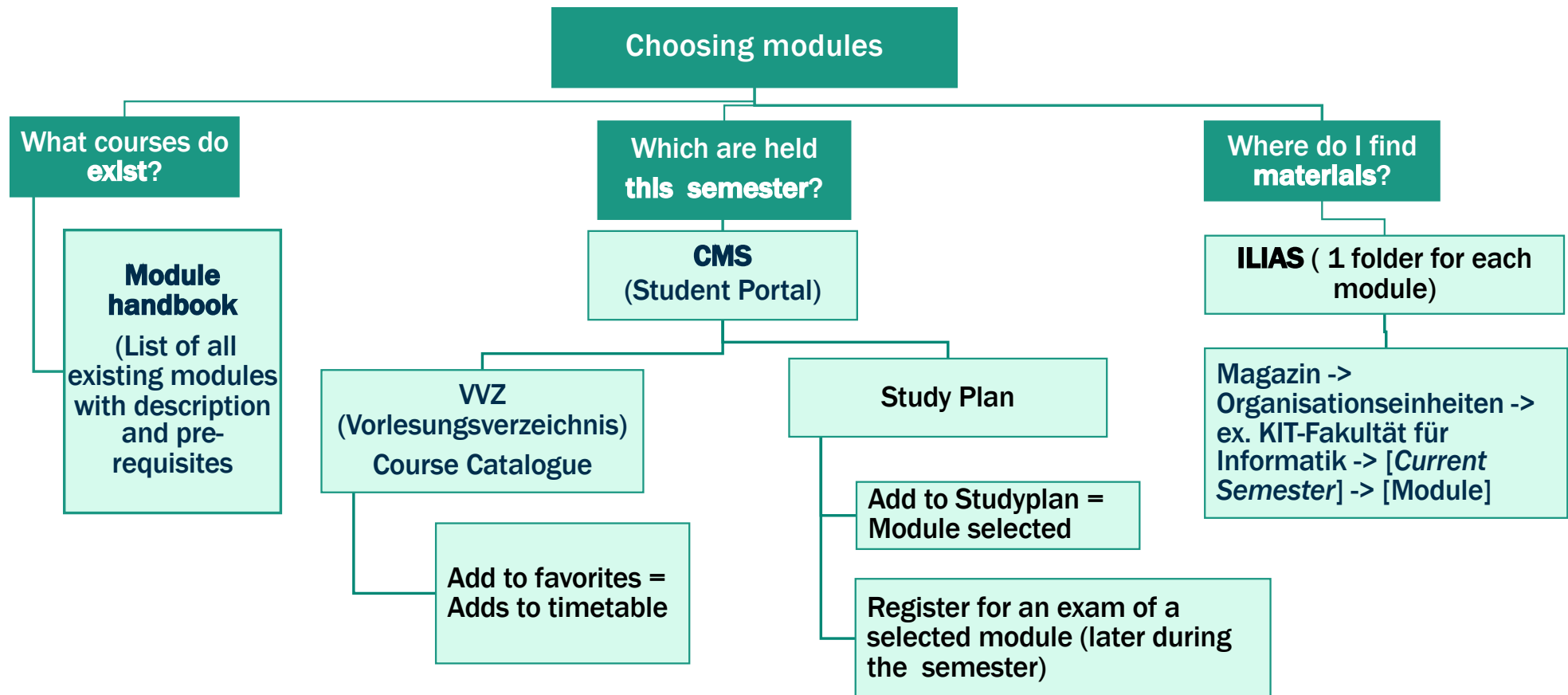
- **German classes** at KIT [Studienkolleg](#)
- **Foreign language** classes in 14 different languages at KIT [Sprachenzentrum](#)
- **Teletandem** for cooperative language learning at KIT [Sprachenzentrum](#)



Remember to register early for next semester!



Course Selection – Flow chart



Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

For information regarding the Module Handbooks, Campus Management for Students, ILIAS Learning Platform, SignMeUp and Wiwi-portal go to our [Info2](#) Website, you will find under [event archive](#)



Event Archive

And select International Student Roundtable: Pre-Arrival Online Orientation (Winter Semester 2025-26), it provides overview regarding these resources student need to regularly use during their studies

[Module Handbooks](#)

[Campus Management
for Students](#)

[ILIAS
Learning Platform](#)

[SignMeUp](#)

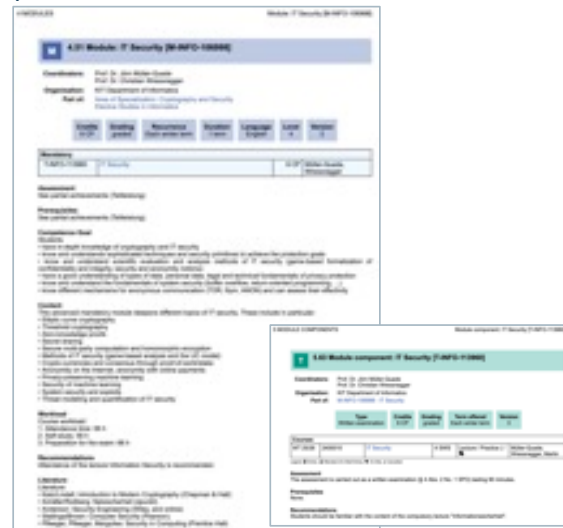
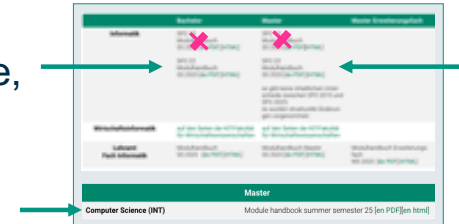
[Wiwi-portal](#)

- Module Handbook contains mostly Department specific modules
- “VVZ” (Vorlesungsverzeichnis) Course Catalogue
- CMS for managing and choosing your modules
- Ilias is a learning Platform
- Campus Plus Portal (SignMeUp) WiWi-Portal is a Platform for choosing and signing in for labs and seminars

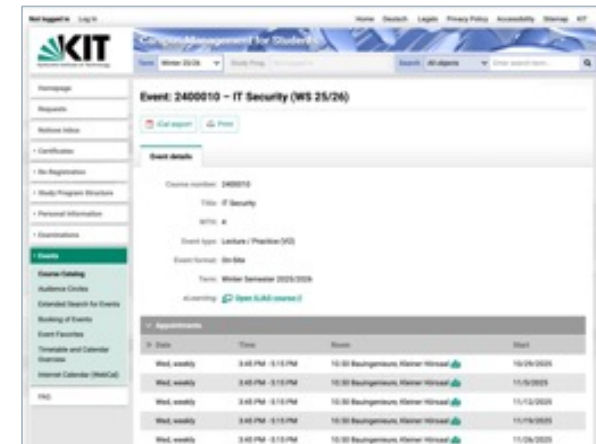
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Module Handbook and “VVZ” (Course Catalogue)

- Be sure to choose the correct Module Handbook for your studies (Computer Science, BSc. or Msc.) and the updated Handbook each semester
- When selecting modules, you will need to use the **Module Handbook in combination with** “VVZ” Campus Management **Course Catalogue**
 - Always start with Module Handbook and click yourself till VVZ
 - example - IT Security (WS 25/26)
 - Module Handbook



- VVZ (Vorlesungsverzeichnis) Course Catalogue



Planning your Studies

Top down:

- choose specialties and minor
- choose minor
- choose modules within each
- plan each semester according to when the courses and exams are offered.

Bottom up

- choose modules for your first semester according to your preferences
- make sure the courses are being offered this semester
- plan further semester in march using Top down

The table in Figure 1 contains an overview of the Master Program of Study.

Sem.	Area	Area of Specialization I min. 15 CP	Area of Specialization II min. 15 CP	Elective Studies max. 49 CP	Minor Studies 9 – 18 CP	Key Competences 2 – 6 CP
1		Advanced Mandatory Module I	Advanced Mandatory Module II Advanced Mandatory Module IV	Advanced Mandatory Module III		
2		Seminars (min. 3 CP) + Practical Courses (min. 6 CP) = in total min. 12 CP / max. 18 CP			Electrical Engineering/ Mathematics/ Mechanical Engineering/ Economics	General Studies / Language Courses / Soft Skills
3		min. 10 CP Lecture modules	min. 10 CP Lecture modules	Elective modules		
4		Master Thesis 30 CP				

Figure 1: Structure of the Master Program of Study

Mandatory	
Master's Thesis	30 (CP)
Areas of Specialization (Elective: 2 items)	
Area of Specialization: Algorithms Engineering	15 (CP)
Area of Specialization: Cryptography and Security	15 (CP)
Area of Specialization: Data Science	15 (CP)
Area of Specialization: Design of Embedded Systems and Computer Architectures	15 (CP)
Area of Specialization: Human-centred Machine Intelligence	15 (CP)
Area of Specialization: Robotics and Automation	15 (CP)
Area of Specialization: Software Engineering and Compiler Construction	15 (CP)
Area of Specialization: Telematics	15 (CP)
Area of Specialization: Theoretical Foundations	15 (CP)
Mandatory	
Elective Studies in Informatics	6-49 (CP)
Minor Studies (Elective: 1 item)	
Minor Studies: Electrical Engineering	9-18 (CP)
Minor Studies: Mathematics	9-18 (CP)
Minor Studies: Economics	9-18 (CP)
Minor Studies: Law	9-18 (CP)
Mandatory	
Interdisciplinary Qualifications	2-6 (CP)

4 MODULES Module: IT Security [M-INFO-106998]

M	4.51 Module: IT Security [M-INFO-106998]
Coordinates:	Prof. Dr. Jörn Müller-Quade Prof. Dr. Christian Weisneger
Organization:	KIT Department of Informatics
Part of:	Area of Specialization: Cryptography and Security Elective Studies in Informatics
Credits	6 CP
Grading	graded
Recurrence	Each winter term
Duration	1 term
Language	English
Level	4
Version	2
Mandatory	
T-INFO-11395	IT Security
	6 CP Müller-Quade, Weisneger

4 MODULES Module: Practical Course: Human-Centred Robotics [M-INFO-106646]

M	4.89 Module: Practical Course: Human-Centred Robotics [M-INFO-106646]
Coordinates:	Prof. Dr. Katja Mombour
Organization:	KIT Department of Informatics
Part of:	Area of Specialization: Robotics and Automation Area of Specialization: Human-centred Machine Intelligence Elective Studies in Informatics
Credits	6 CP
Grading	graded
Recurrence	Each term
Duration	1 term
Language	English
Level	4
Version	1
Mandatory	
T-INFO-11395	Practical Course: Human-Centred Robotics
	6 CP Mombour

4 MODULES Module: Software Engineering I [M-INFO-107235]

M	4.162 Module: Software Engineering I [M-INFO-107235]
Coordinates:	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Anne Kuchta Prof. Dr. Ralf Reussner
Organization:	KIT Department of Informatics
Part of:	Area of Specialization: Software Engineering and Compiler Construction Elective Studies in Informatics
Credits	6 CP
Grading	graded
Recurrence	Each summer term
Duration	1 term
Language	English
Level	4
Version	1
Mandatory	
T-INFO-114258	Software Engineering I
	6 CP Kuchta, Mombour, Reussner

4 MODULES Module: Seminar: Law and Legal Studies [M-INFO-107028]

M	4.147 Module: Seminar: Law and Legal Studies [M-INFO-107028]
Coordinates:	TU-Prof. Dr. Frederike Zühl
Organization:	KIT Department of Informatics
Part of:	Minor Studies: Law
Credits	3 CP
Grading	graded
Recurrence	Each term
Duration	1 term
Language	English
Level	4
Version	1
Mandatory	
T-INFO-114094	Seminar: Law and Legal Studies
	3 CP Zühl, Gessels, Poths

Online materials

Information regarding online materials are to be found in ILIAS Learning Platform

- To Log on to ILIAS please go to: https://ilias.studium.kit.edu/login.php?target=crs_177107&cmd=force_login&lang=en
- For an Overview of ILIAS GO TO: <https://www.scc.kit.edu/en/services/11716.php>
- KIT E-Learning Services Page: <https://elearning.studium.kit.edu/english/index.php>

[Module Handbooks](#)

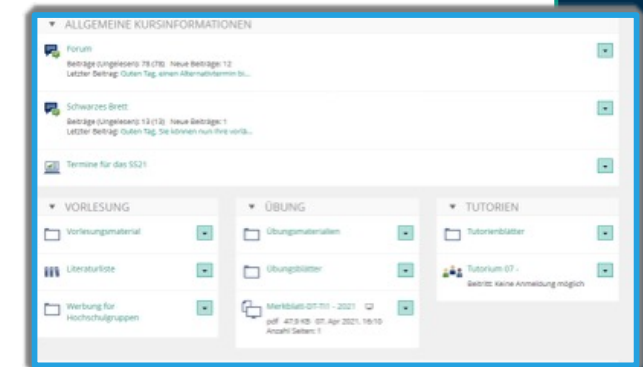
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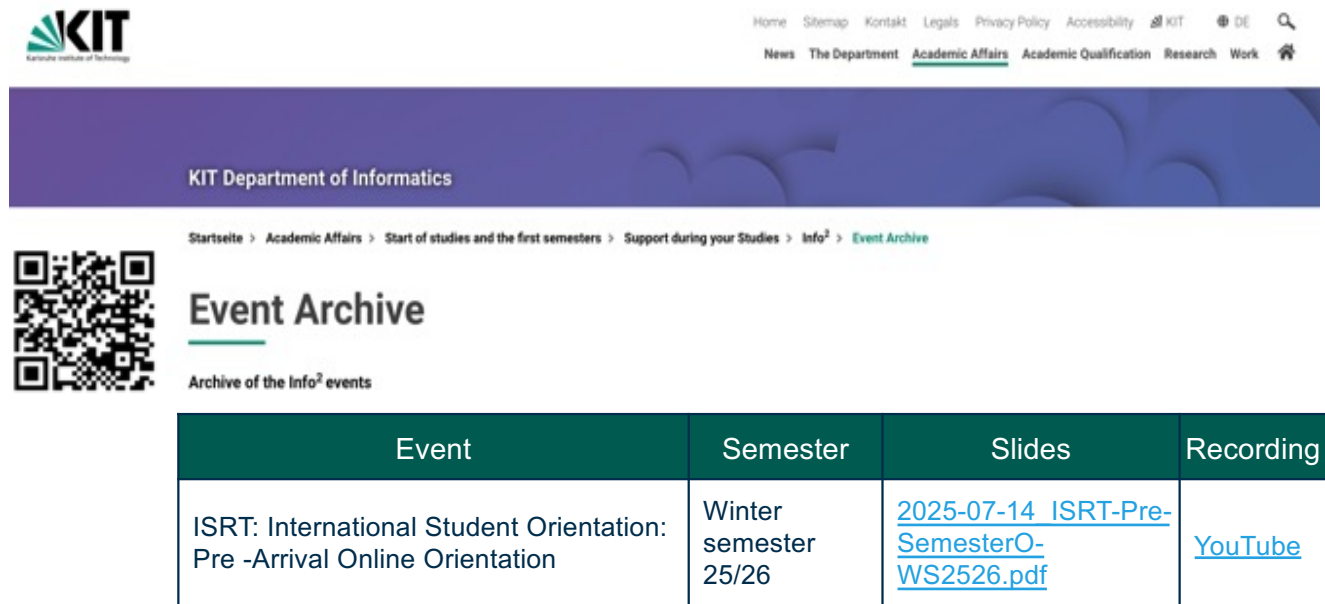
- **ILIAS: Magazin -> Organisationseinheiten -> KIT-Fakultät für Informatik -> [Current semester]**
- [ILIAS system](#)
 - Is one of the learning platform used by KIT
 - It is where most lecture materials are stored for modules
 - Usually one folder for every module
 - Find script/slides, hand in homework, forums to ask questions, etc.
- Make sure that you select the current semester module!
- Calendar download/ import (iCal)
- More information at FSML and Kick-Off to the semester



Planning your Studies and Selecting Modules

- For additional information about Planning your Studies and Selecting Modules:

- Please go to our Event Archive and read the PDF of slide or view the video from ISRT: International Student Pre -Arrival Orientation
- Read material from in FSMI [O-Phase Publications](#)
- Attend FSMI O-Phase event for Internationals Q&A on Saturday 25.10.25 at 3pm in [Infobau](#), in Room -101 (cellar)
- Attend the International Student Round Table: ["Kick-Off the Semester"](#) on 4 November 2025



KIT Department of Informatics

Startseite > Academic Affairs > Start of studies and the first semesters > Support during your Studies > Info > Event Archive

Event Archive

Archive of the Info² events

Event	Semester	Slides	Recording
ISRT: International Student Orientation: Pre -Arrival Online Orientation	Winter semester 25/26	2025-07-14 ISRT-Pre-SemesterO-WS2526.pdf	YouTube

Q & A and Closing Comments

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Closing Comments



You will find the on the [Info2](#) Website

- Slides from this event with additional slide regarding:
 - Getting Started Checklists
 - Accommodations
 - Living in Karlsruhe & Student Life at KIT
 - Orientations & Other Events
- Links to Youtube Video

Thank you for your participation!



We look forward to meeting you in person at
the International Student Round Table:

"Kick-Off the Semester"
on 4 November 2025!

Additional Resources

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Getting started- Checklists

Checklists - organizational and orienteering

- **Find [accommodations](#)** (as soon as you are admitted)
- **Read thoroughly information on [websites](#)**
 - **“[Your Road to KIT](#)” including [Health insurance](#), [bank account](#), etc...**
- **[Transportation](#)**
 - “Deutschland-Ticket” for regional transportation in Germany
 - Public transport ticket
 - Bike
- **KIT [Campus Map](#)**
- **International Student Office (IStO)** will provide vital information regarding for [Degree Seeking](#) and [Temporary Students](#) (Exchange):
 - [Visa](#) and [Entry Visa and Residence Title](#)
 - [Registered at Auslandsbehörde](#)
 - [Registration of Your Residence](#)
 - [Enrollment](#) for Bachelor and Master students
 - [Fees](#)
 - [Scholarships](#) for degree seeking students
- **Plan Arrival and Settle in time**
 - Takes time to not only manage the bureaucratic aspects, but also to get your bearings and adjust to life in KA before lectures start for the semester

Checklists - Partitipate in Events

Before Semester Start

- ❑ Degree Seeking Students
 - ❑ Online Pre-Semester Course (IStO)
 - ❑ Orientations (Yes they are important 😊)
 - ❑ Start of Studies for Internationals Studienstart International (IStO)
 - ❑ “Fachschaft” FSMI O-Phase (academic department)
- ❑ ISRT - Not able to arrive and start your studies?
Then attend: Admitted but, not yet here

Before Semester Start

- ❑ Temporary / Exchange Students
 - ❑ Pre-Arrival German Language Course
 - ❑ Orientations (Yes they are important 😊)
 - ❑ IStO or ESN orientations
 - ❑ “Fachschaft” FSMI O-Phase (academic department)

Checklists - **Participate in Events and Activities**

Participate in Events and Activities in First Semester

- in [ISRT](#) (International Student Round Table)
 - **“Kicking -Off to the Semester”**: Arrived and Checking-in: 4 November 2025
 - **“In the Thick of it - What next in my first semester”**: 11 November 2025
 - **“Fit for exams and returning home”**: 9 December 2025



- [FSMI Events](#)
- [Mentoring Get-Togethers](#)
- [IStO](#) and [Buddy Program](#), and [ESN](#) , etc.

Checklists - enrolment and academic

- **Enrollment** for degree seeking students:

The page describes what you need to do in sequence for online enrollment (matriculation)

- [Plan your studies and course selection at KIT](#)
- Register for tutorials/seminars/labs
- [Study Planning](#)
- [Updating Your Data](#) on the [Campus Management \(Student\) Portal](#)
- [KIT card](#) (register and pick up)

Living in Karlsruhe & Student Life at KIT



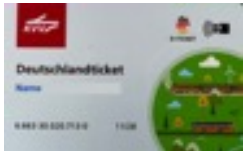
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Finding your way and Getting around

• Public transport ticket

- [Download KVV](#) -certificate in [CMS](#) – for free public transportation in Karlsruhe on Monday – Friday 6pm – 6am, weekend and holidays

• Deutschland Ticket



*"[Deutschland-Ticket](#)"

- for regional transportation in Germany is about
**58,00€ per month & 696,96€ per year
- Exchange and students over 27 years



*"[D-Ticket JugendBW](#)"

- Baden-Württemberg offers a cheaper Deutschland-Ticket for young people (up to 27 years old)
- The "D-Ticket JugendBW" is valid wherever the normal Deutschland-Ticket is valid
- **Currently costs 473 € per year

Theses fees were current as of [April 2025](#)

*The website is in German

**Please note fees for the various tickets may change.

• Bike

- owned
- Nextbike



• Walk



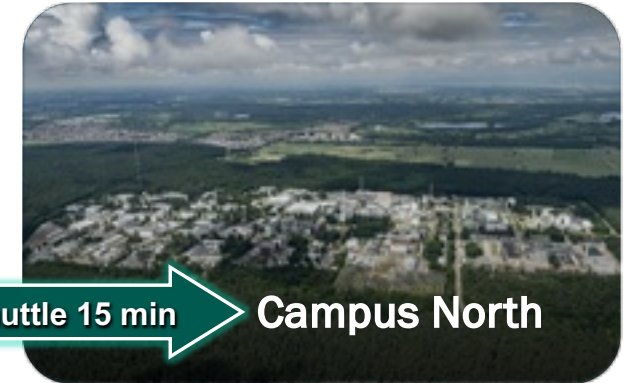
One KIT – Multiple Locations

Campus Map



Campus South

- Lectures
- Library, Mensa, Cafeteria
- Center of student life



Campus North

- Bauingenieur-, Geo-
Current research
- No entry for students (usually)



KIT Fees

As of
8 July 2025

**Please
check
Website to
confirm
current fees!**

General fees/Tuition fees per semester	Amount	Who?
General fees		
Administrative charge *	80,00 €	All students (except Double degree and Exchange students)
Charge for the Studierendenwerk *	109,50 €	All students
Charge for the Students Union *	12,00 €	All students (except Exchange students)
Additional tuition fees		
Tuition fees for second-degree studies	650,00 €	Second-degree students
Tuition fees for international students ***	1500,00 €	Non-EU students

	Administrative charge*	Charge for the Studierendenwerk*	Charge for the Students Union*	Tuition fees	Total
International Students (Non-EU students)	80,00 €	109,50 €	12,00 €	1500,00 € ***	1701,50 €
Second-degree students **	80,00 €	109,50 €	12,00 €	650,00 €	851,70 €
Double degree students	-	109,50 €	12,00 €	-	121,50 €
Exchange Students	-	109,50 €	-	-	109,50 €
Freemover	80,00 €	109,50 €	-	-	189,50 €
Freemover (Non-EU students)	80,00 €	109,50 €	-	1500,00 € ***	1689,50 €
Research Studies	80,00 €	109,50 €	12,00 €	-	201,50 €

Living expenses

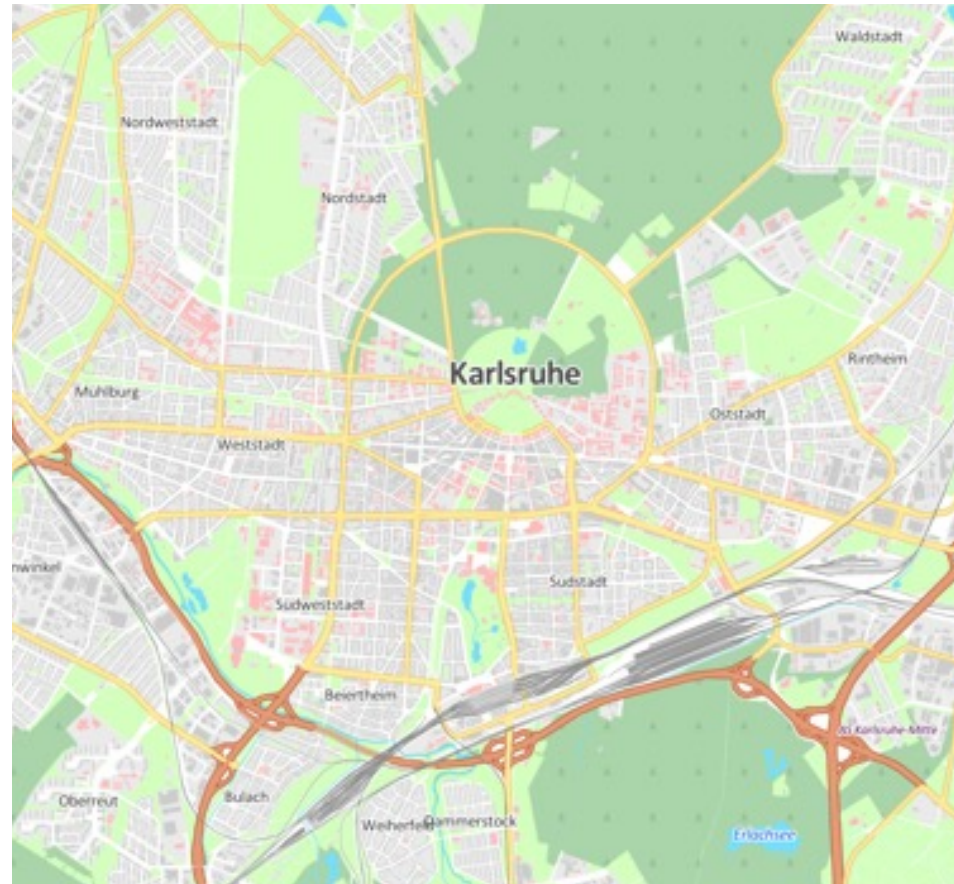
- Plan your finances

This a general description in euros and also depends on your spending habits and the market!

Per Month			Total	Total
Rent (Kalt vs. Warm)		Approximately - 400 - 700	550	670
Transport (such as Deutschland-Ticket)		Between - 40 -60	50	
Internet & Telephone		Between - 20 -60	35	
House keeping		Between - 20 -60	35	
Per week				Total
Mensa / Cafateria		Between - 20 - 40	25	60
Food		Between - 20 -60	35	
			Estimate Total	730
Heath Insurance (Krankenversicherung)			Total	
Other regular Expenses you might have			Total	
KIT Fees – see actual fees on Website and add it in to total below				
Charge for the Studierendenwerk*		Charge for the Students Union*	Administrative charge*	Tuition fees
				*This could be between 110 and 1701,50
KIT Fees- Total				
Over all Total Estimate				

Karlsruhe

Karlsruhe City Website



Out and About



Frankfurt – 1 hr. and 10 min.

Berlin – 5 hr. and 30 min.

Munich – 3 hr. and 15 min.

Basel – 1 hr. and 35 min.

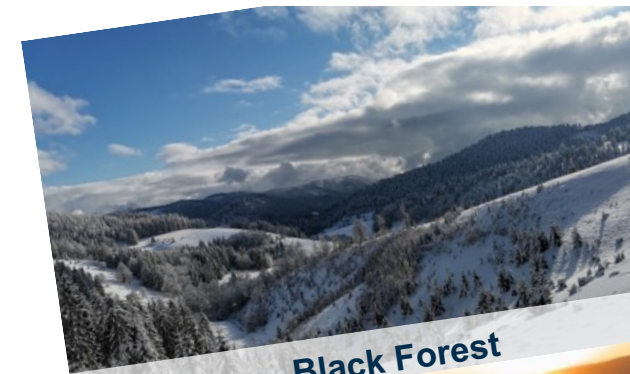
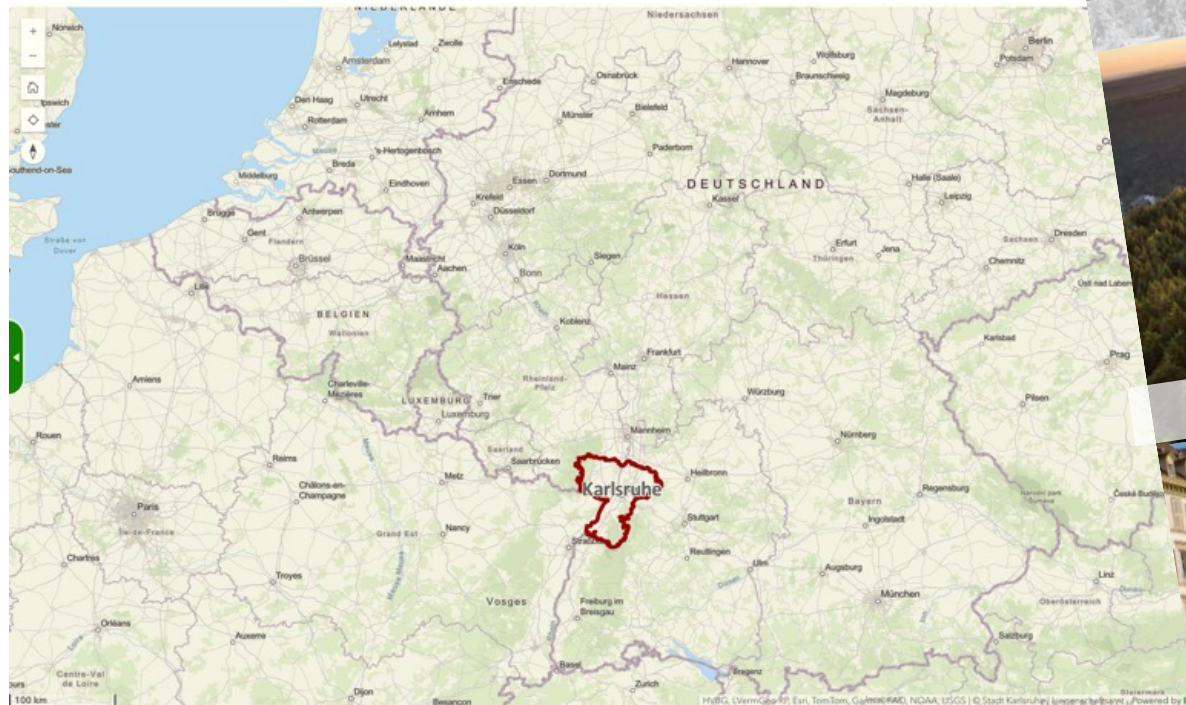
Zurich – 2 hr. and 45 min.

Strasbourg – 1 hr.

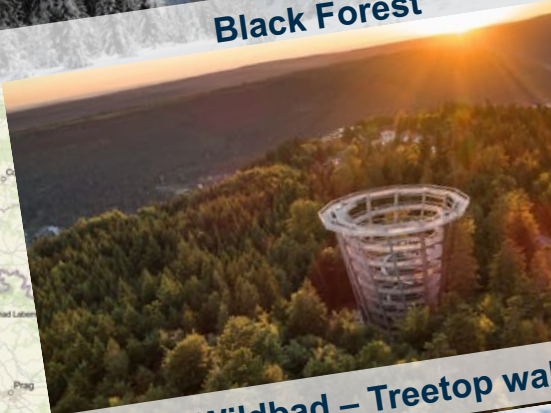
Paris – 2 hrs. and 45 min.

Amsterdam – 6 hrs.

London – 6 hrs.



Black Forest



Bad Wildbad – Treetop walk



Strasbourg

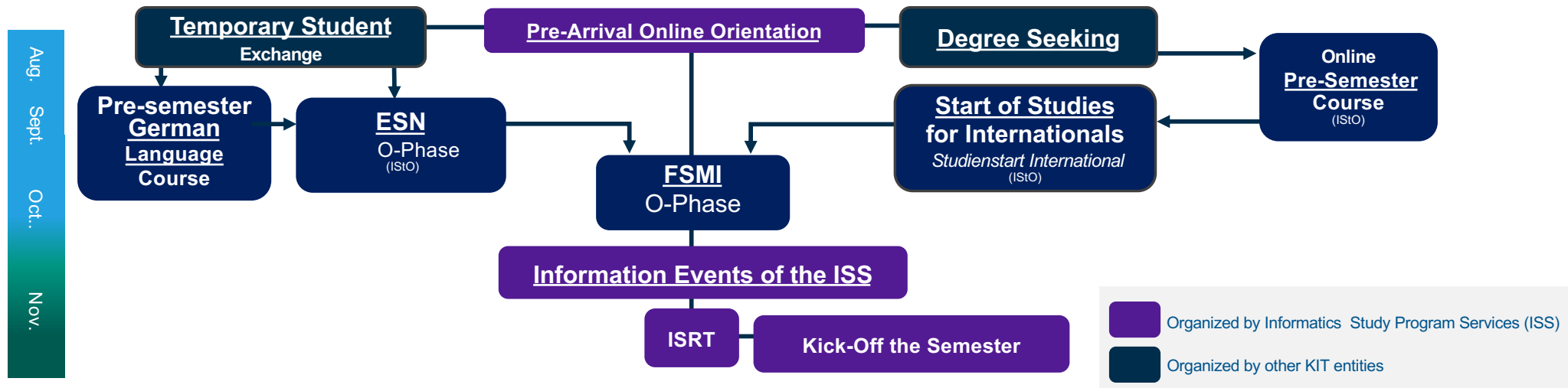
Orientation and Other Events

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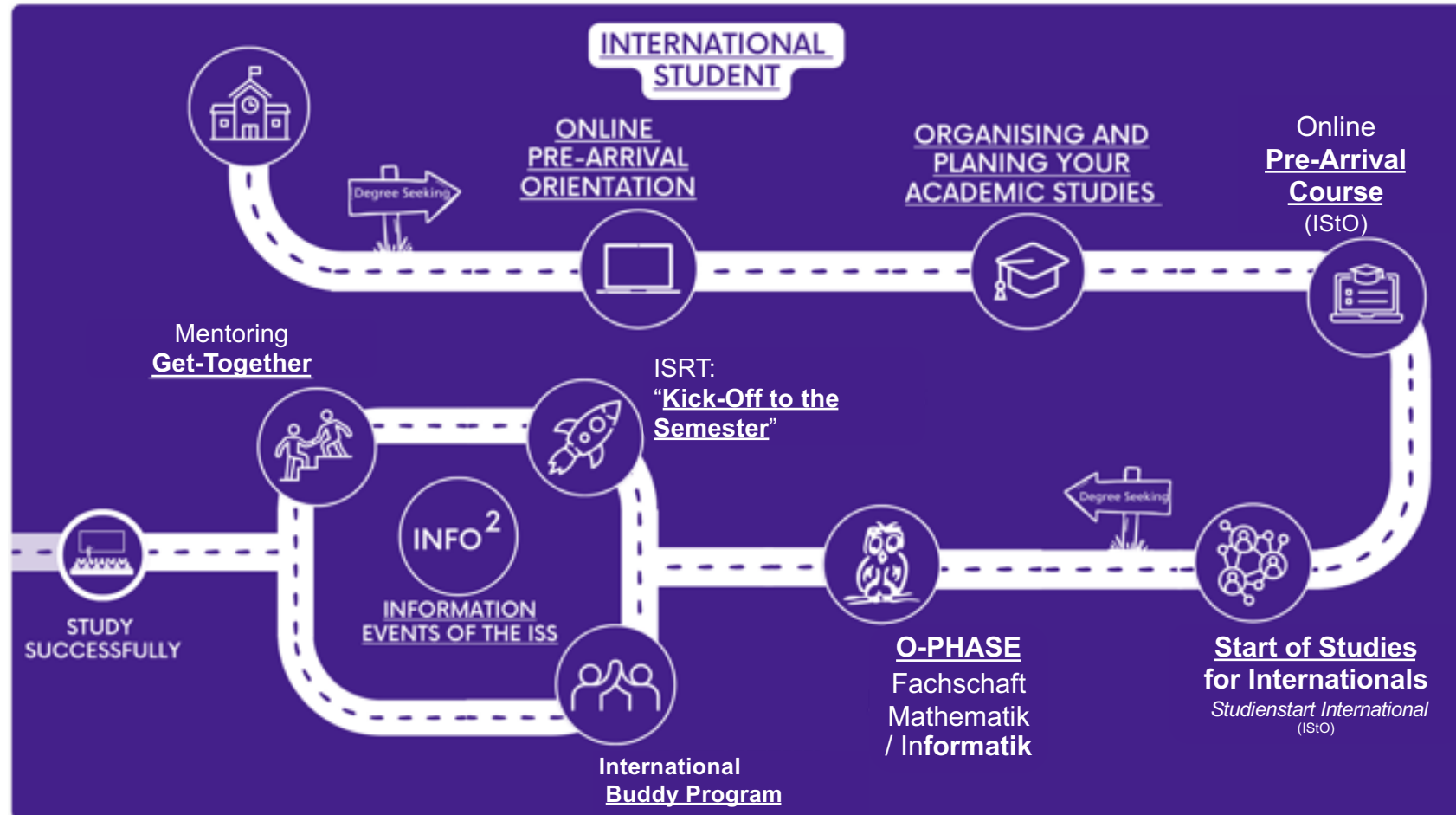
Overview to Orientations

□ Participate in Orientation

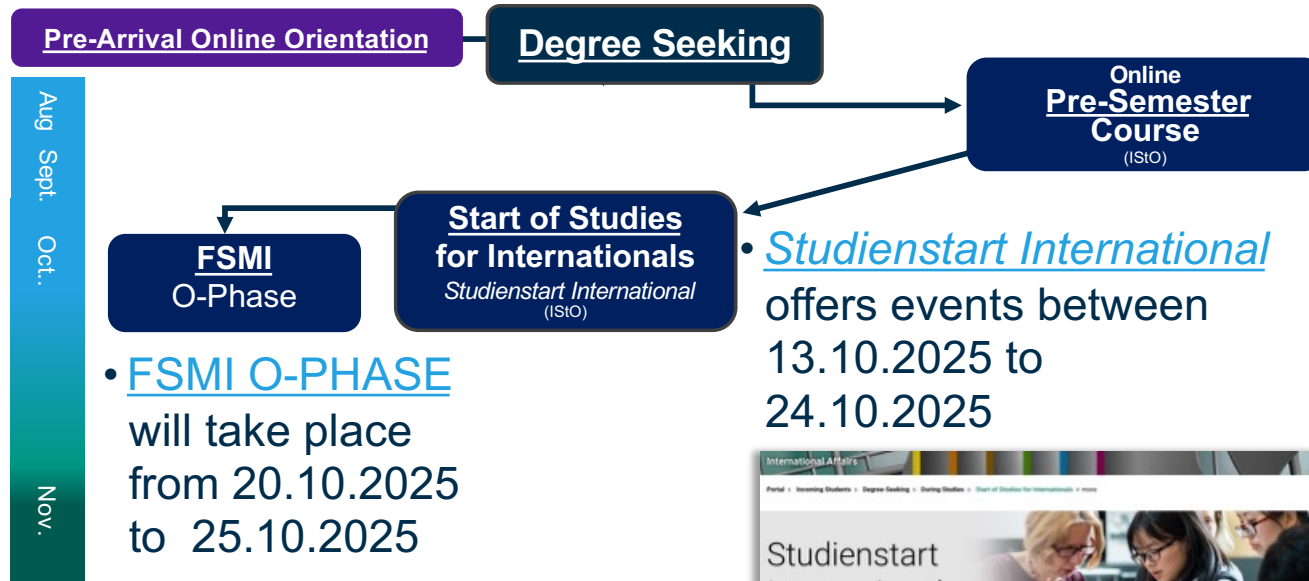
- Each of orientation focus a different content that is relevant to studying at KIT and living in Germany
- Yes, there will be a few places where you receive the same information more than once, but for good reasons and often slightly different perspective
- An important reason to attend is that you can start build a social network and find study partners



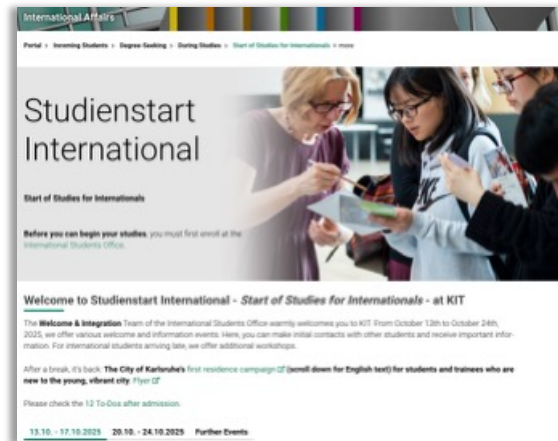
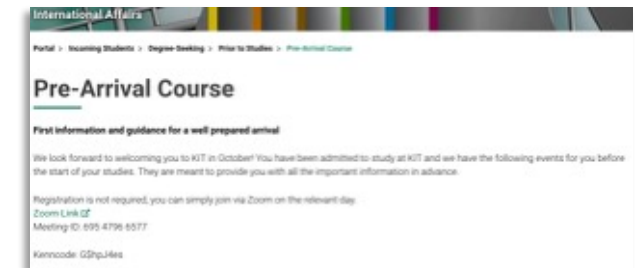
Degree Seeking



Before Semester Start – Orientations for Degree Seeking Students



- IStO's **Online Pre-Semester Course** will offer events between on 18.08, 19.08 and 20.08.2025

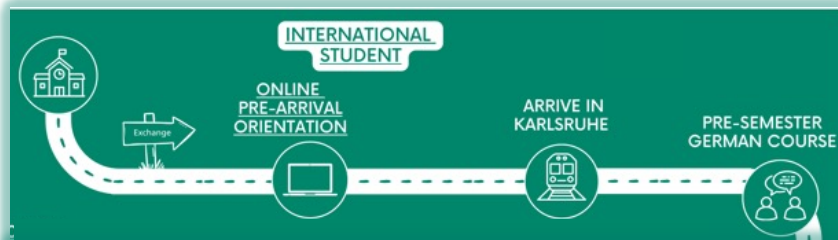


Exchange Students

- [KIT International Student Office](#) (IStO)
- [KIT Department of Informatics](#)



Exchange Students – Pre-Semester German Course



2. Paying the fee for the pre-semester language course

Pre-semester German language classes (different levels) will be offered **approximately five/six weeks** before lectures start from **2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** to all incoming exchange students, who have previously indicated in their online application that they want to participate.

For the pre-semester German language course, registration via the KIT Campus Plus Portal is required **until July 31st**: <https://plus.campus.kit.edu/signmeup/go/D4VCO54>

Participants are asked to take a placement test prior to registration. Upload of test result (pdf) is mandatory during the registration process. For placement test please see: https://www.hueber.de/einfach-digital/einstufungstests?sprache=daf&sprache_1=daf&lehrwerk=mom&lehrwerk_1=akd

The course fee is **75 EUR**. Payment is possible only by bank transfer to the following bank account **within 3 days after registration**:

Account holder:	KIT Campus Süd Amtskasse (if necessary: Kaiserstr. 12, 76131 Karlsruhe)
	Bundesbank Karlsruhe (if necessary: Südendstr. 46, 76135 Karlsruhe)
IBAN	DE57 6600 0000 0066 0015 08
BIC/SWIFT	MARKDEF1660
ID for transfer: (Motif de l'opération / motivo de la transferencia)	XD02003600622 "your name" (NOT the name of your parents or your relatives)

Note: The "XD02003600622" and your name **MUST** appear in the remittance slip and **ALL BANK CHARGES MUST BE PAID** by the client!

Please send the remittance slip to info-daf@slk.kit.edu

ERASMUS

First Steps

As soon as you have arrived in Karlsruhe, in addition to the Orientation Phase and the pre-semester German course, there are also some organisational things to do. Read here what needs to be done at the beginning of your stay abroad.

Arrival and living in Karlsruhe:

How do I get my dormitory key? ▾

Participation in the O Phase: ▾

Participation Buddy Program: ▴

Please find more information about the ESN Buddy Program here [of](#).

Participation in the pre-semester German course: ▴

As a preparation of your stay here, ISO in cooperation with the KIT Studierendenkolleg organizes German courses on beginner and intermediate levels (A1-A2) three weeks before the lectures start. For the participation of at least 90% of the classes and the passing of an exam, 4 ECTS can be awarded.

If you have already transferred the participation fee and taken the placement test, you must receive an e-mail with further information on your pre-semester German class.

In addition to this, it is possible to take German classes during semester. You will have to register in time, if you are interested in participating in German class. Further information can be found on the webpage of the KIT Studierendenkolleg.

We offer beginners and intermediate **pre-semester German language courses (3 weeks, 4 ECTS)** to exchange students usually about 3-4 weeks before lectures begin. At the moment the tuition fee for this course is 75 €. Registration for the course is integrated into the online application.

This course is not a substitute for a certificate of German language required for the application. Admitted students will undergo an assessment to assign them to the appropriate class according to their German level. Further information will be sent by e-mail **as soon as the fee is transferred to KIT account.**

ECTS points will be awarded for at least **90% participation and after passing the written exam.**

ERASMUS students also have the possibility to participate in **German courses during the semester**. One German course per semester is free of charge. But they have to register online at the start of each semester and since there is a high demand, students can only take part if there are still places available ("first come, first served"). **Late registration cannot be considered.**

For more information check <https://www.slk.kit.edu/english/daf/erstmals-arriviere>

Overseas Exchange
at KIT

International Affairs
Portal > Incoming Students > Temporary Students > German Exchange at KIT > During Studies > Pre-Semester Offers

Pre-Semester Offers

Lectures in Karlsruhe usually start mid-October (winter term) and mid-April (summer term). The current dates can be found at dates and deadlines (internal link). Four weeks before that, the pre-semester offers start, which consist of the orientation week followed by the pre-semester German course of three weeks. **You can find the exact dates for the orientation week and the pre-semester German course on the dates and deadlines page.**

The orientation week

The O Phase, as the orientation week is usually called, is organized by the students group of ESN Karlsruhe in cooperation with the ISO and with the help of 60 to 80 local students volunteering to be your tutors for this week.

It consists of one week packed with activities to get to know the university, the town of Karlsruhe and its surroundings and is a great opportunity to meet other exchange students as well as locals.

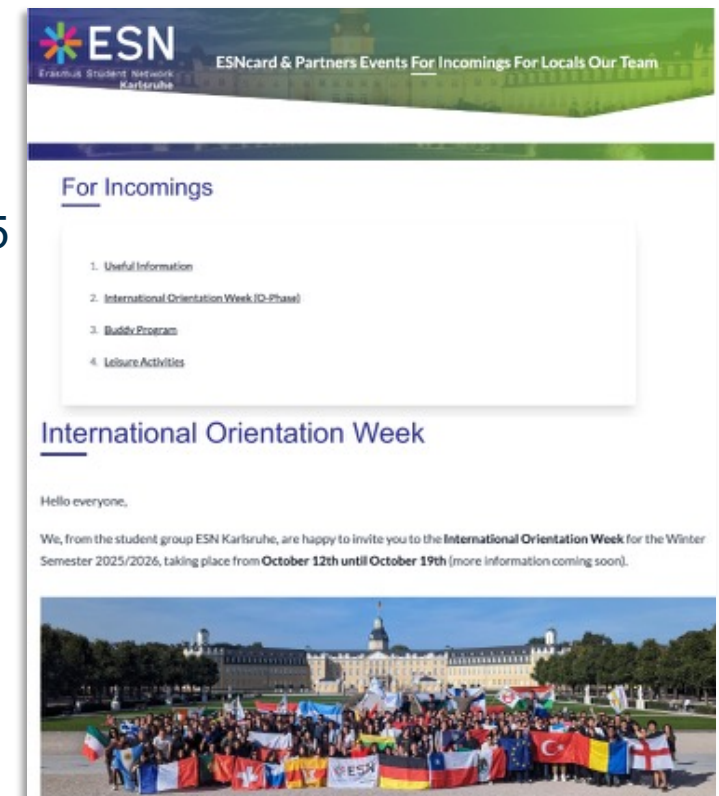
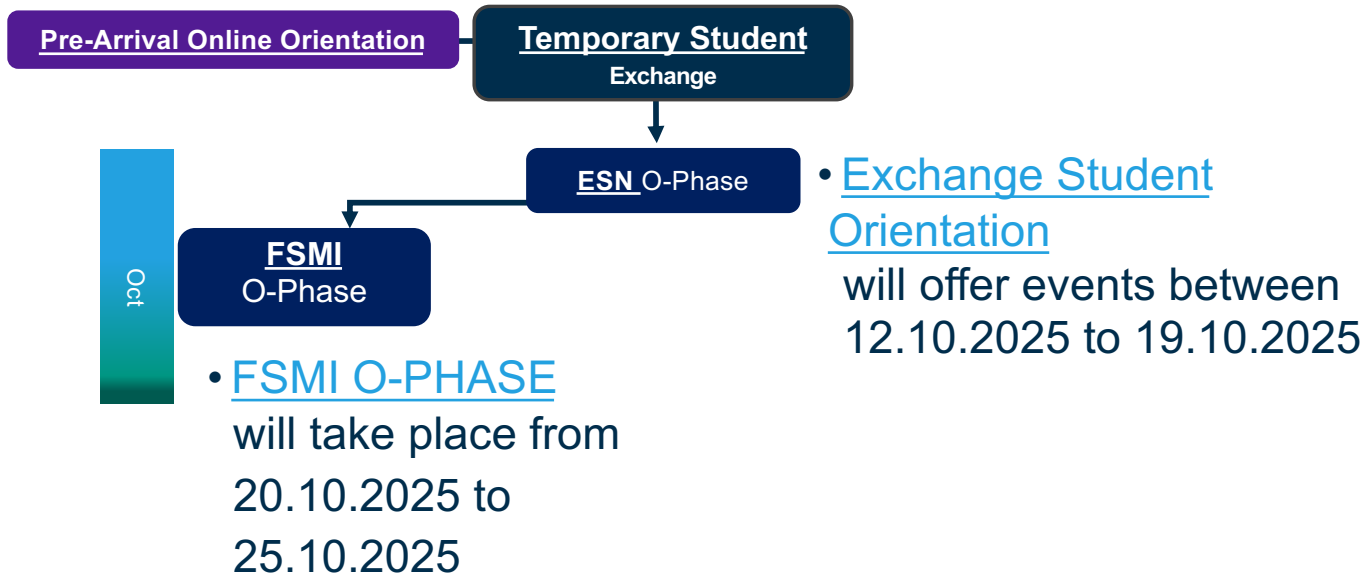
Further information on the O Phase can be found here [of](#). Registration usually starts about a month in advance, around this time you will also receive an E-Mail with your invitation to it.

Pre-semester language courses

As a preparation for your stay here, KIT offers courses to learn German on beginner and intermediate levels (A1-A2) before the semester starts. These courses take place three weeks before the start of lecture time. For the participation of at least 90% of the classes and the passing of an exam, 4 ECTS can be awarded.

You can enroll for the course directly during the online application process by ticking the box. If you decide to participate in the German language course to a later point of time, please contact overseas@slk.kit.edu.

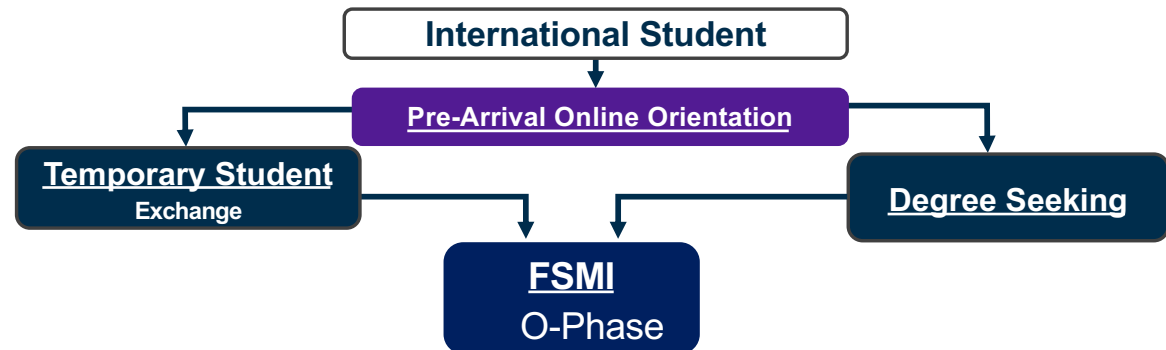
Before Semester Start – Orientations for Temporary Student (Exchange)



Fachschaft in Orientation



FSMI O-Phase



October

□ Participate Fachschaft's in Orientation

- **This is the primary academic orientation and very important to participate in!**
- ***FSMI** is the representative student body for all students majoring in of Mathematics and Informatics
- Talk with students in higher semesters, who can answer questions on individual basis
- Attend informative events on the topics of organizing and managing your major at KIT
- Have fun with games, parties and excursions while exploring the KIT campus and Karlsruhe in small groups

Fachschaft in Orientation



FSMI O-Phase

Welcome

We, the [Fachschaft Mathematik/Informatik](#) (student council of mathematics and computer science) at [Karlsruhe Institute of Technology](#) would like to welcome you on our website for the orientation period (O-Phase) in winter semester 2025 / 2026. Here you can get the most important information and news you will need as a new student.

In addition you'll get in touch with your fellow students – perhaps some friendships arise too!

The O-Phase will take place from the 20.10.2025 to the 25.10.2025, both start and end included.

While the whole O-Phase is voluntarily, we really recommend participating to ease up the first weeks of your first semester. It's not going to be boring, we promise!

Opening Event

The Opening Event will take place on Monday the 20th October at 09:00 AM in the [Audimax](#).

Livestream

There will be no livestream of the Opening Event.

Registration

You do **not** have to register to participate at the O-Phase. We will inform you about changes regarding the registration. Check the website regularly to acquire the newest information, if you want to be sure.

You will receive an official invitation, containing a more detailed plan of the O-Phase.

If you haven't heard anything until the 01.10.2025, feel free to look at the invitation [here](#). If any question arise, please get in touch via [mail](#) or if possible in [person](#).

Fachbereichsinformation

The most important event during the week is the "Fachbereichsinformation" (FBI) at 02:00 PM on Tuesday, October 15. Even if you cannot make it to the rest of the orientation week, please try to make it to the FBI. There you will learn the most important details of the program of your studies.

We provide an FBI for the following fields of study:

Bachelor of Science Mathematics (in Technology/Economics)

Bachelor of Science Computational and Data Science

Master of Science Mathematics (in Technology)/Economathematics

Bachelor of Education Mathematics (for Teaching)

Bachelor of Science Computer Science

Master of Science Computer Science

FSMI (Fachschaft Mathematik/ Informatik)



They are the informatics students representative body provides assistance and various services including [O-Phase](#), [advising](#) answer queries and advice regarding the major, [sells copies of old exams](#), and offers social activities chance to connect with other students in your major ect.



FSMI Int'l
Website

Location: [Building 50.34](#), Room -124 (cellar)

Website <https://www.fsmi.org/en/offers/international-students/>

E-Mail: international@fsmi.org

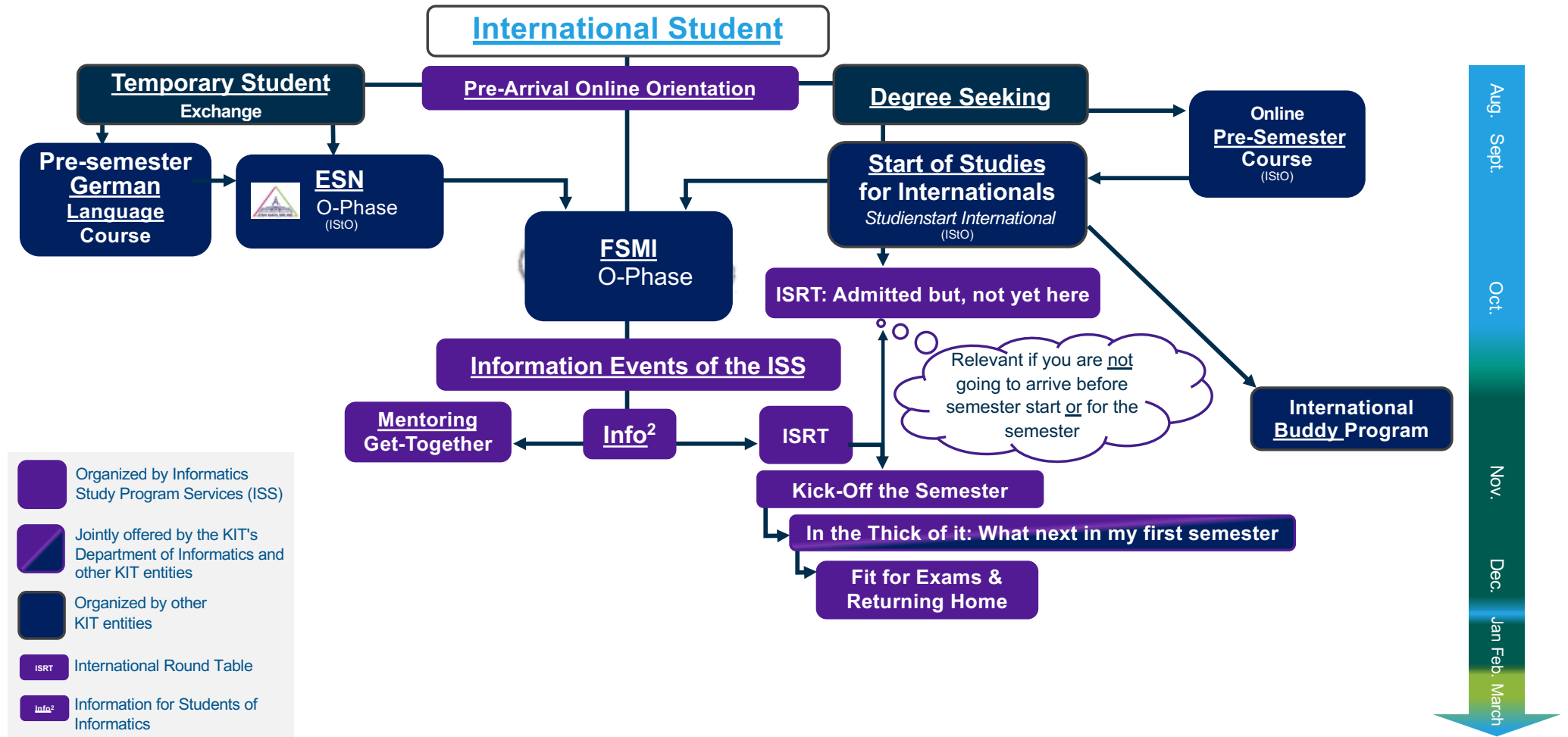
Check out FSMI useful information materials about studying here at KIT including: [Study Program Information Computer Science M.Sc.](#) , FAQs(<https://www.fsmi.org/en/offers/international-students/internationals-faq/> and <https://o-phase.com/en/ws2526/faq/>) as well as overview to academic structure of major and [IMAMA \(International Master Mathematics\) Handbook](#)

Are you enrolled in a Another Department /Faculty?

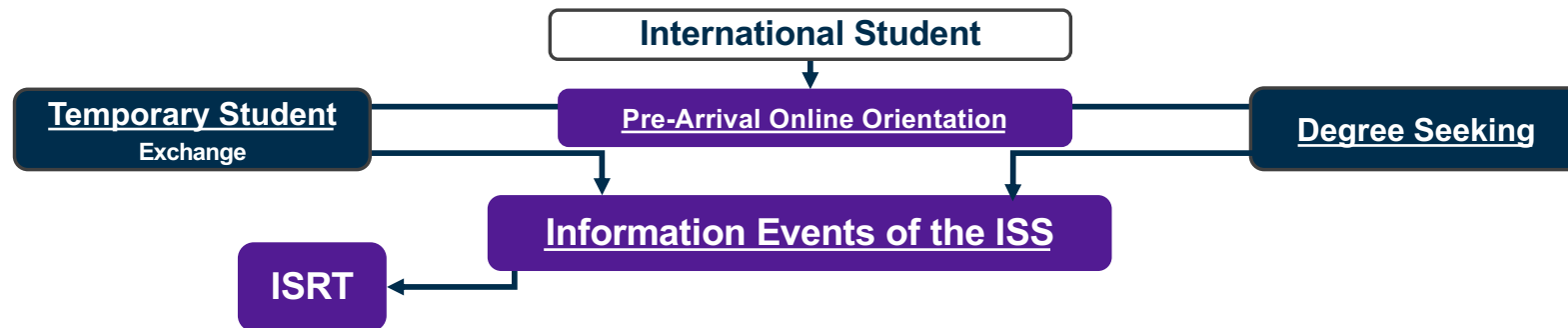
If you are in a different department then you should check out their information and participate in their orientation. Further information to your [Fachschaft on the AStA at KIT](#) website regarding O-Phase!

- **Participate in your KIT Departments/Faculties Orientations.** If you have questions or need more information, please contact your departmental coordinator at KIT or visit the webpage of the Department of:
 - ARCH at <https://www.arch.kit.edu/english/studium-und-lehre/4112.php>
 - BGU at <https://www.ifh.kit.edu/english/1843.php>
 - CIW at <https://www.ciw.kit.edu/english/2323.php>
 - ETIT at <https://www.etit.kit.edu/english/4153.php>
 - MACH at <https://www.mach.kit.edu/english/2580.php>
 - WIWI at <https://www.wiwi.kit.edu/english/IncomingFAQ.php>

First Semester Flow – WS 2025-26



International Student Roundtable



- **Participate in all ISRT** (International Student Roundtable) in your first semester
 - Vital information and tips navigating your first semester from enrollment to exams at KIT at the relevant points in the semester

Won't be able to arrive before the start of semester?

- **Participate in ISRT:** “[Admitted but, not yet here](#)” on 23 October 2025
 - This is relevant if you are not going to arrive before semester start or for the semester

Arrived in Karlsruhe

- **Participate ISRT:** “[Kick-Off to the Semester](#)” on 4 November 2025

Accommodations

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Accommodations - Websites

□ Find accommodations (as soon as you are admitted)

1. [Living and Learning in Karlsruhe](#)
2. Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe: [Possibilities of Finding accommodation](#) and [Support in finding accommodation](#):
3. [Studienstart am KIT](#) (only in German)

• Degree seeking Websites

- [IStO](#) and [Finding accommodation](#)

• Temporary Students (Exchange) Websites

- [IStO : Overseas Exchange](#), [Eucor](#) and [ERASMUS](#)

• Other Websites

- [Pamphlet provided by the Baden-Württemberg Police](#) about Scams offers when looking for an apartment
- IStO's [list of common abbreviations used in apartment advertisements](#)



Accommodations – A Student's Perspective

- **Residence Halls** (“Wohnheime”)
 - Mostly operated by a public student service called “[Studierendenwerk](#)”. The International Office has a contingent of rooms in these dormitories that are reserved for students coming from overseas and Nordic countries.
 - Also self-organised e.g. HaDiKo
- **Shared Flats** (“Wohngemeinschaften”, often shortened WG).
 - In many cases it is possible to Sublease a room for a limited time from students who temporarily left the town for an internship or to go abroad (Zwischenmiete*). One of the many platforms to find shared flats is [wg-gesucht.de](#).
 - “Zwischenmiete” is a German term used for the sub-renting an apartment, usually for a period of 5-6 months.
- **Tipps and Things to think about**