

ISRT: Kick-Off to the Semester

Winter Semester 25-26

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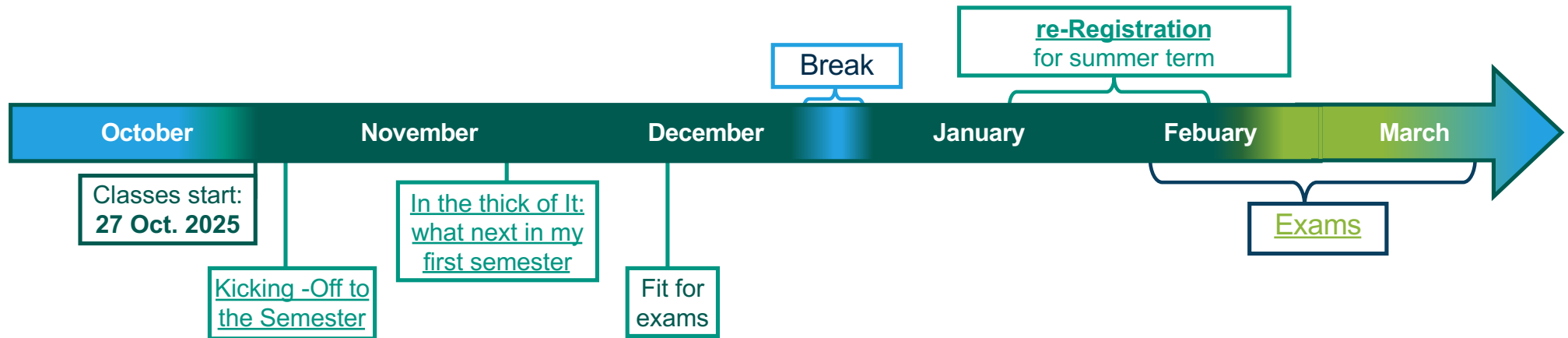
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Dates and Deadlines

	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



▪ Info² and Mentoring Events including:

- **Mentoring Get-Together**, on [12 November 2025](#) , and on [16 December 2025](#)
- **ISRT: [In the thick of It : what next in my first semester](#)**, on 18. November 2025, at 17:45, in Building 50.34, Rm -102
- **ISRT: ["Fit for exams and returning home"](#)**, on 9. December 2025, at 17:45, in Building 50.34, Rm -102 & Zoom

▪ **Break: Winter break** – is lecture-free from 24 December to 6 January

▪ **re-Registration for Summer semester** 15 January to 15 February

▪ **Exams:** Many exams take place during the lecture free period from February to the end of March



Start of semester checklist

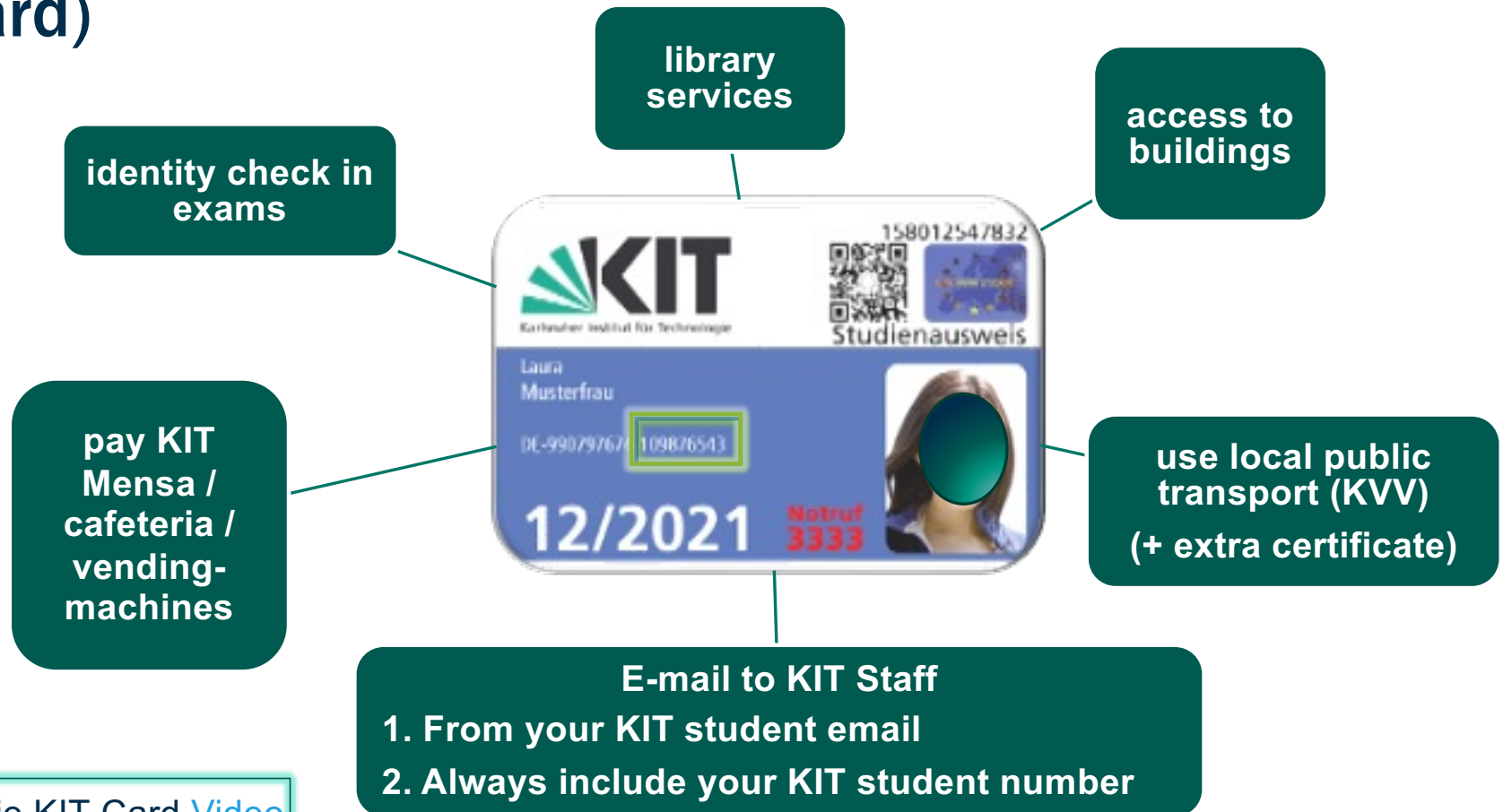
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Start of semester checklist

Check list for enrolment and academic and organization

- Read thru [Starting Your Studies at KIT](#)
- View: [How to Ersti](#) ,KIT youtube playlist for students:
 - Kit card student portal, etc...
 - in German but you can select English subtitles
- [First steps and Enrollment](#):  The page describes what you need to do in sequence for online enrollment (matriculation)
- Updating Your Data and [Account setup](#) with Scientific Computing Center ([SCC](#))
 - 
 - u-account
 - set-up your Email
 - [KIT card](#) student card
 - [MS Teams and Zoom](#)
 - [WiFi & VPN at the KIT](#)
 - Set-up autoload money for cafeteria and campus cafes, etc..
- Updating Your Data in the [Campus Management \(Student\) Portal](#) 

KIT card (Student card)



- How to Ersti #1: die KIT-Card [Video](#)

Start of semester checklist

Check list for enrolment and academic and organization

- Plan your studies, course selection and first semester
- For degree seeking, review Academic requirements to complete your degree
 - in the Module Handbook [English version](#) / [German Version](#)
 - and read and review FSMI [slides from O-Phase FBI](#) , videos and [Ersti-Info-Heft](#)
- Register for seminars/labs /worksheets (Übungen)
- CMS calendar linking
- [Ilias Learning Platform](#) for most modules vital information, script, worksheets, communication, etc
- Review FAQs from Informatics Study Program Services ([ISS](#))
and [FSMI](#) + [FSMI O-PHASE](#)



Planning your Studies and Selecting Modules

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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)

- Registration later in Semester (*only need to register for the exam, most of the time not for attending)
- **Übung**: Sometimes a lecture also includes an **Übung** (which is a type lecture that builds on the material of the primary lecture by providing further explanations of the lecture content, examples, ect.)
- **Tutorial**: register in first week of the semester. Tutorials review lecture material, answers questions, provides basic examples, reviews worksheet, etc.
- **Worksheets**: note that some lectures also include exercises, which must be successfully completed in order to complete the overall module. Therefore, you need to know if the module has compulsory or non-compulsory worksheets

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](#)

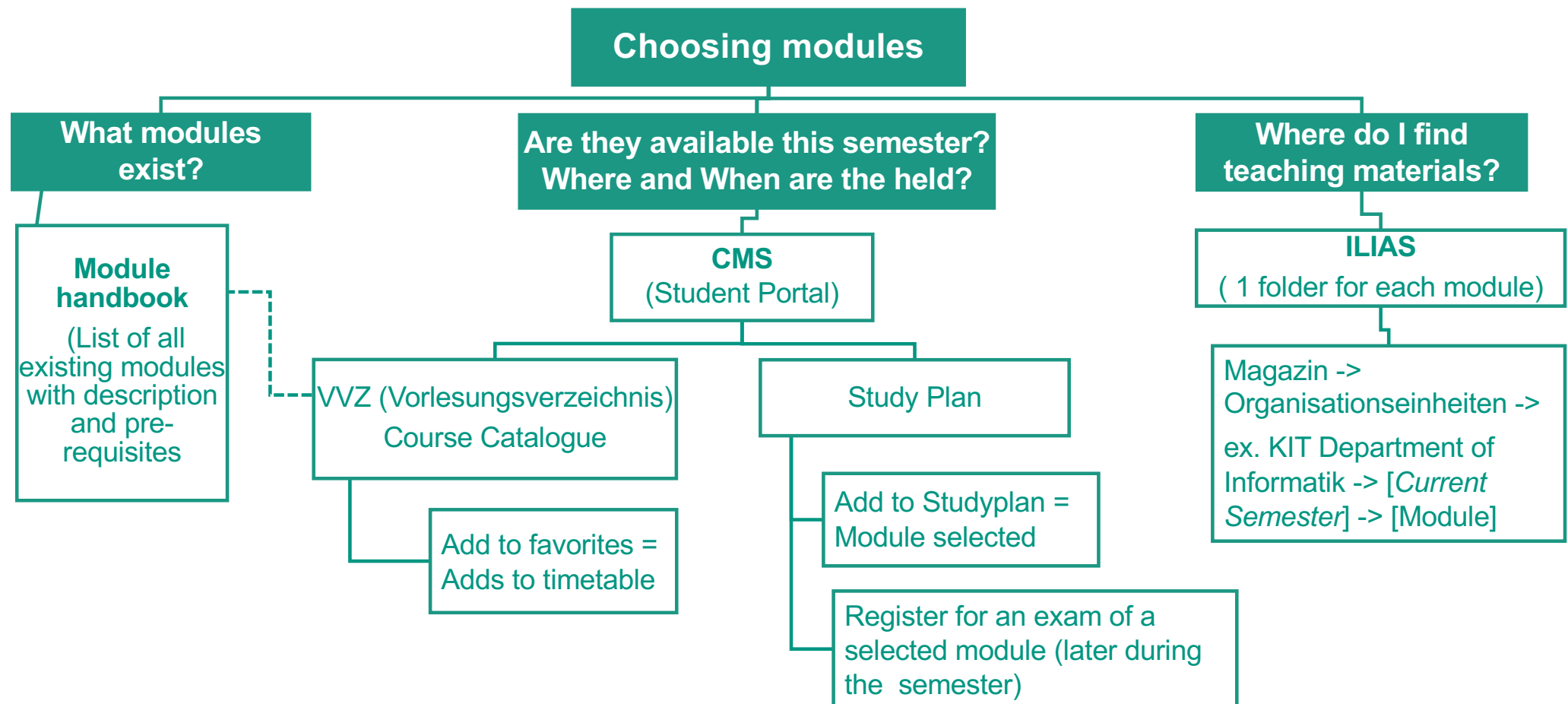


Remember to register early for next semester!

- Did you take a **Pre-semester German Course?** (*Exchange Students*)



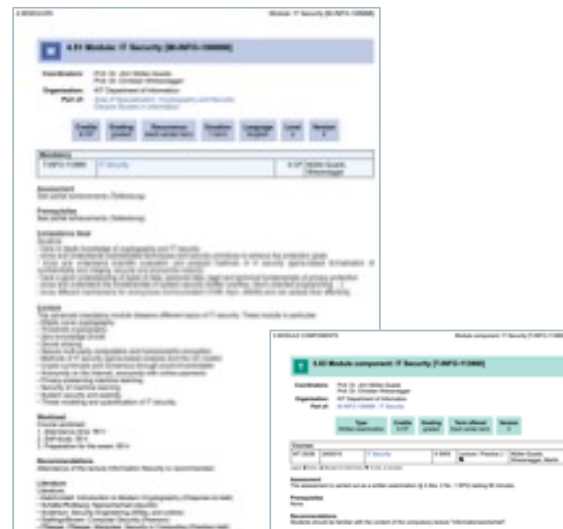
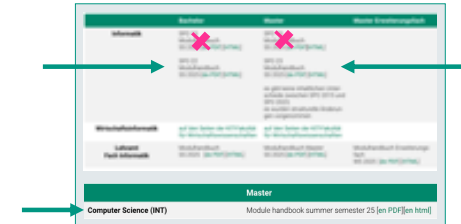
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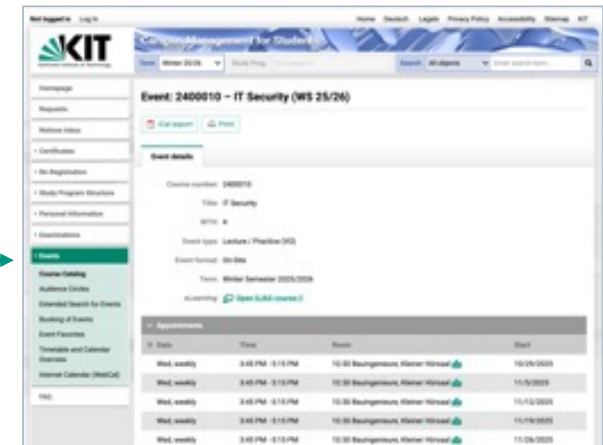
Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

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: Algorithm Engineering	15 (3 CP)
Area of Specialization: Cryptography and Security	15 (3 CP)
Area of Specialization: Data Science	15 (3 CP)
Area of Specialization: Design of Embedded Systems and Computer Architectures	15 (3 CP)
Area of Specialization: Human-centred Machine Intelligence	15 (3 CP)
Area of Specialization: Robotics and Automation	15 (3 CP)
Area of Specialization: Software Engineering and Compiler Construction	15 (3 CP)
Area of Specialization: Telematics	15 (3 CP)
Area of Specialization: Theoretical Foundations	15 (3 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. Jan-Michael Quast Prof. Dr. Christian Weisberger
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	
1-INFO-11395	IT Security
	6 CP Müller-Quast, Weisberger

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 Mombaur
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	3 CP
Grading	graded
Recurrence	Each term
Duration	1 term
Language	English
Level	4
Version	1
Mandatory	
1-INFO-11395	Practical Course: Human-Centred Robotics
	3 CP Mombaur

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	
1-INFO-114258	Software Engineering I
	6 CP Kuchta, Mombaur, 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:	TT-Prof. Dr. Frederike Zühlke
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	
1-INFO-114094	Seminar: Law and Legal Studies
	3 CP Dr. Gessels, Pythia

Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Do you know what modules you are interested in enrolling in this semester?

Do you know about, have access to, and know how to use:

- Module Hand book?
- CMS?
- Ilias?
- SignMeUp?
- WiWi Portal?

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- **Module Handbook** contains mostly Department specific modules
- **Course Catalogue** – part of CMS also know as “VVZ” (Vorlesungsverzeichnis)
- **Campus Management for Students** (CMS) is for managing your personal data, module selection exams, certificates, etc
- **Ilias** is a learning Platform
- **Campus Plus Portal** (SignMeUp) and **WiWi-Portal** are platforms for choosing and signing in for labs and seminars, signing up for appointments, etc.

Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Module Handbook

- [Use Module Handbook in combination with Campus Management Course Catalogue](#) when selecting Modules
- Read through the Module handbook (MH)
 - [M.Sc. Computer Science](#) students - this semester get an overview by thoroughly reading the introduction thru Master Thesis and reviewing FSMI Slides from O-Phase FBI info-session

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- Module Handbook is Department specific modules
- Links to CMS – VVZ (Course Catalogue)
- Specific ones for Faculty, Major, Degree level and SPO
- Is updated each semester and released about a month before the start of the semester
- Modules may be changed, deleted, replaced, expanded, or otherwise modified at any time

	Bachelor	Master	Master Erweiterungsfach
Informatik	SPO 15 Modulhandbuch SS 2025 [de PDF] [HTML]	SPO 15 Modulhandbuch SS 2025 [de PDF] [HTML]	
	SPO 22 Modulhandbuch SS 2025 [de PDF] [HTML]	SPO 23 Modulhandbuch SS 2025 [de PDF] [HTML] es gibt keine inhaltlichen Unterschiede zwischen SPO 2015 und SPO 2023; es wurden strukturelle Änderungen vorgenommen	
Wirtschaftsinformatik	auf den Seiten der KIT-Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaften	auf den Seiten der KIT-Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaften	
Lehramt Fach Informatik	Modulhandbuch SS 2025 [de PDF] [HTML]	Modulhandbuch Master SS 2025 [de PDF] [HTML]	Modulhandbuch Erweiterungsfach WS 2025 [de PDF] [HTML]

Master	
Computer Science (INT)	Module handbook summer semester 25 [en PDF] [en html]

Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Module Handbook

- Are you familiar with :
 - Modulnummer / Module number (MN)
 - Teilleistungen / Number (TL)

Module Handbooks

Campus Management for Students

Learn

- There is a unique Study code (number) for modules, course, units, etc...
 - **Modulnummer** / Module number is assigned to each module
 - A Module may have one or more **“Teilleistungen”** ((Brick (assessment component))) which can be selected
 - The student's knowledge is assessed in the Module's various TL
 - Some of the TL are tied together and it is compulsory to select more than one TL in order to receive credit for the Module if you pass the exam, please read Module handbook carefully to see if it is the case
 - If you are an exchange student you need to also include in your [Learning Agreement both the MN & TL](#)

M

4.17 Module: Computational Geometry [M-INFO-107228]

Responsible:

TT-Prof. Dr. Thomas Bläsius

Organisation:

KIT Department of Informatics

Part of:

Area of Specialization: Theoretical Foundations

Area of Specialization: Algorithm Engineering

Elective Studies in Informatics

Credits

6

Grading scale

Grade to a tenth

Recurrence

Irregular

Duration

1 term

Language

German

Level

4

Version

1

Mandatory

T-INFO-114251	Computational Geometry	6 CR	Bläsius
T-INFO-114252	Computational Geometry - Pass	0 CR	Bläsius

Competence Certificate

See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

Prerequisites

See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

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Module Handbook

Module Handbooks

- “Teilleistungen” pass
- Completion certificate
- Prerequisites
- Recommendations

M

4.17 Module: Computational Geometry [M-INFO-107228]

Responsible: TT-Prof. Dr. Thomas Bläsius
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: Area of Specialization: Theoretical Foundations
Area of Specialization: Algorithm Engineering
Elective Studies in Informatics

Credits	Grading scale	Recurrence	Duration	Language	Level	Version
6	Grade to a tenth	Irregular	1 term	German	4	1

Mandatory

T-INFO-114251	Computational Geometry
T-INFO-114252	Computational Geometry - Pass

Competence Certificate
See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

Prerequisites
See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

T 5.20 Course: Computational Geometry - Pass [T-INFO-114252]

Responsible: TT-Prof. Dr. Thomas Bläsius
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: M-INFO-107228 - Computational Geometry

Type	Credits	Grading scale	Recurrence	Version
Completed coursework	0	pass/fail	Irregular	1

Events					
ST 2025	2400119	Computational Geometry	4 SWS	Lecture / Practice (/	Bläsius, Yi, Wilhelm, von der Heydt

Legend: Online, Blended (On-Site/Online), On-Site, Cancelled

Competence Certificate
The assessment is carried out in form of course work (German Studienleistung, § 4 Abs. 3 SPO). A total of two repetitions are possible.

Prerequisites
None.

Recommendation
Basic knowledge of algorithms and data structures (e.g., from the courses Algorithms 1 + 2) is expected.

Module Handbook - Module number & Teilleistungen Number

M 4.52 Module: Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences [M-INFO-106470]

Responsible: TT-Prof. Dr. Peer Nowack
 Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
 Part of: Area of Specialization: Human-centred Machine Intelligence
 Area of Specialization: Data Science
 Elective Studies in Informatics

Credits	Grading scale	Recurrence	Duration	Language	Level	Version
6	Grade to a tenth	Each winter term	1 term	English	4	1

Mandatory			
T-INFO-113083	Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences	6 CR	Nowack
T-INFO-113085	Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences - Pass	0 CR	Nowack

Competence Certificate
 See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

Prerequisites
 See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

- M-INFO-106470
- T-INFO-113083 & T-INFO-113085

In this case you will see you need to successfully complete both TN in order to complete the Module

5.66 Course: Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences - Pass [T-INFO-113085]

Responsible: TT-Prof. Dr. Peer Nowack
 Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
 Part of: M-INFO-106470 - Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences

Type	Credits	Grading scale	Recurrence	Version
Completed coursework	6	Grade to a tenth	Each winter term	2

Events
WT 24/25 2402/01 Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences 4 SWS Lecture / Practice 1/2 Nowack

Exams
WT 24/25 700080 Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences - Pass Nowack

Competence Certificate
 The assessment is carried out in form of course work (German: Studienleistung, § 4 Abs. 3 SPO). Students must regularly submit exercise sheets. The number of exercise sheets and the scale for passing will be announced at the beginning of the course. The assessment is only for repeated cases.

Prerequisites
 No prerequisites but several strong recommendations (see below).

5.65 Course: Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences [T-INFO-113083]

Responsible: TT-Prof. Dr. Peer Nowack
 Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
 Part of: M-INFO-106470 - Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences

Type	Credits	Grading scale	Recurrence	Version
Written examination	6	Grade to a tenth	Each winter term	2

Events
WT 24/25 2402/01 Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences 4 SWS Lecture / Practice 1/2 Nowack

Exams
WT 24/25 700083 Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences Nowack

Competence Certificate
 The assessment of the lecture is fully carried out as a written examination (§ 4 Abs. 2 No. 1 SPO) lasting 90-120 minutes (exact duration to be confirmed). Depending on the class size, this might be changed to an oral examination (lasting around 20 minutes, § 4 Abs. 2 No. 2 SPO). The exact type of assessment will be confirmed at least six weeks prior to the assessment.

Prerequisites
 No strict prerequisites but several strong recommendations (see below).

Recommended Conditions
 The following conditions have to be fulfilled:
 1. The course T-INFO-113085 - Machine Learning in Climate and Environmental Sciences - Pass must have been started.

Recommendation
 • Previous programming experience, e.g. in scientific contexts or in computer science, is required.
 • Knowledge of fundamentals about machine learning is an advantage.
 • Knowledge of the Python programming language is an advantage.
 • Good knowledge of mathematical concepts such as linear algebra is an advantage.
 • An interest in scientific questions important for the climate- and environmental sciences.

“Teilleistungen“ (TL):

- A student's knowledge is assessed in the Module's various TL
- A Module may have one or more Teilleistungen (which can be selected or must be selected)
- Some of the TL are tied together and compulsory to select more than one TL in order to receive credit for the Module
- A module may have exercise/work -sheets that must be completed/passed in order to pass the entire module (*note sometime before you can register for the exam*)

Read Through the Module description and Requirements

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Please remember to
update your residence address
as soon as you log in!



Module Handbooks

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- **Access to KIT online services** : Use for Selection, Registration, withdrawal from modules and exams, following semester [re-Registration](#)
- **Download of documents**: e.g. enrollment certificate , Free KVV warrant, transcript of record
- Log in with your KIT account : KIT account (u****) | password
- Ensure you select the correct semester

Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

The screenshot shows the 'Campus Management for Students' website. The header includes the KIT logo (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology) and a navigation bar with 'Term' set to 'Summer 2025' and 'Study Prog.' set to 'Not logged in'. The left sidebar contains links to 'Homepage', 'FAQ', 'Events', 'Course Catalog', 'Audience Circles', 'Extended Search for Events', 'Booking of Events', 'Event Favorites', 'Timetable and Calendar Overview', 'Internet Calendar (WebCal)', and 'Examinations'. The 'Course Catalog' link is highlighted with a green box. The main content area is titled 'Course Catalog (SS 2025)' and lists various departments under the 'Summer Semester 2025' section. The 'KIT Department of Informatics' is highlighted with a green box.

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- Search for module information in **Course Catalogue** ([VVZ](#)) and by **academic department**

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The screenshot displays the 'Campus Management for Students' web application. The top navigation bar includes the KIT logo, the title 'Campus Management for Students', and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, a sidebar on the left lists various menu items: Homepage, FAQ, Events (highlighted), Course Catalog, Audience Circles, Extended Search for Events (highlighted), Booking of Events, Event Favorites, Timetable and Calendar Overview, Internet Calendar (WebCal), Examinations, Study Program Structure, Re-Registration, Certificates, and Requests. The main content area is titled 'Extended search for events' and contains a search button and a detailed search form. The search form includes fields for Course number, Title, Event type, Event format, Language, Appointment, Date, Time, and eLearning options (ILIAS course, Lecture Recording, Lecture Translator). On the right side of the search form, there are several search filters: Degree Programs, Modules, Bricks, Audience circles, Course Catalog Headlines, Organisational units, Rooms, and Lecturers.

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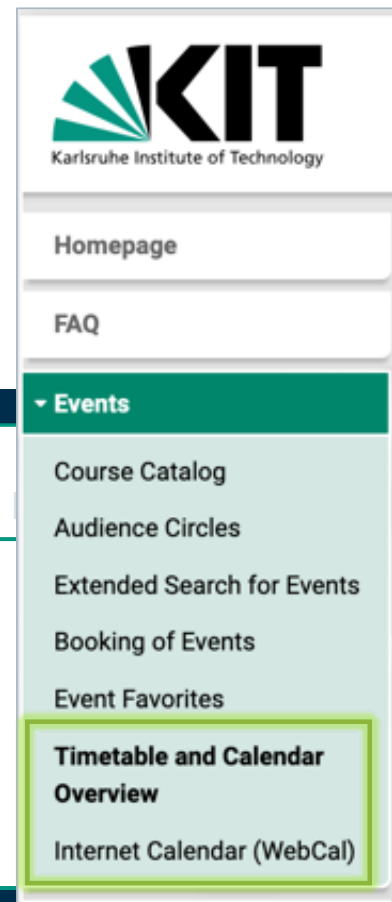
With the extended search for events you can search more precisely for events in the currently selected Summer Semester 2025. Please specify the desired search parameters in the following fields and click on "Search". Please note that no more than 200 events could be shown as the result of the search.

Course number:
Title:
Event type:
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Language:
Appointment:
Date: MM/DD/YYYY
Time: hh:mm - hh:mm
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 - Language
 - Appointment time
 - Etc..

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- Put together semester courses (calendar)

Campus Management for Students

- Pro-Tip: You need time to get to know CAS, because it has so many layers (therefore take your time and try things out)

Module Handbooks

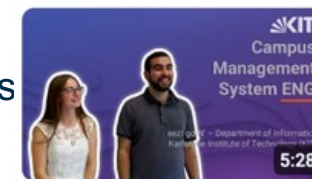
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- When do I have to register for Modules and exams?
 - This will be addresses in the ISRT [International Student Round Table: "Fit for exams and returning home"](#) on 9 December 2025
- **Videos**
 - Info-Bite: [CMS -English](#) (Campus Management for students)
 - FSMI- Video [Quick Start Guide Video](#)
 - How to Ersti – [Studierendenportal](#)



ILIAS Learning Platform

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](#)

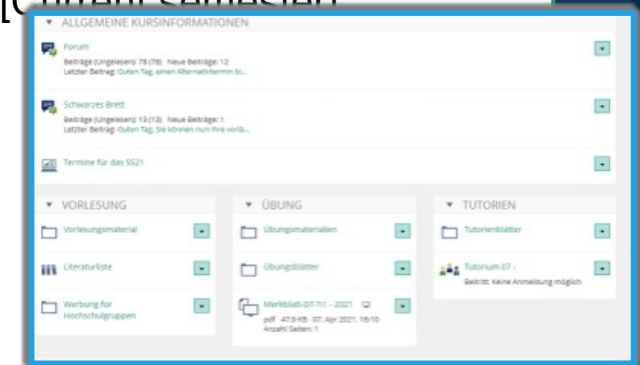
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- ILIAS: Magazin -> Organisationseinheiten -> KIT-Fakultät für Informatik -> [Current semester]
- [ILIAS system](#)
 - Is one of the learning platform used by KIT
 - It is where most lecture materials are stored for modules
 - Usually one folder for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



ILIAS Learning Platform

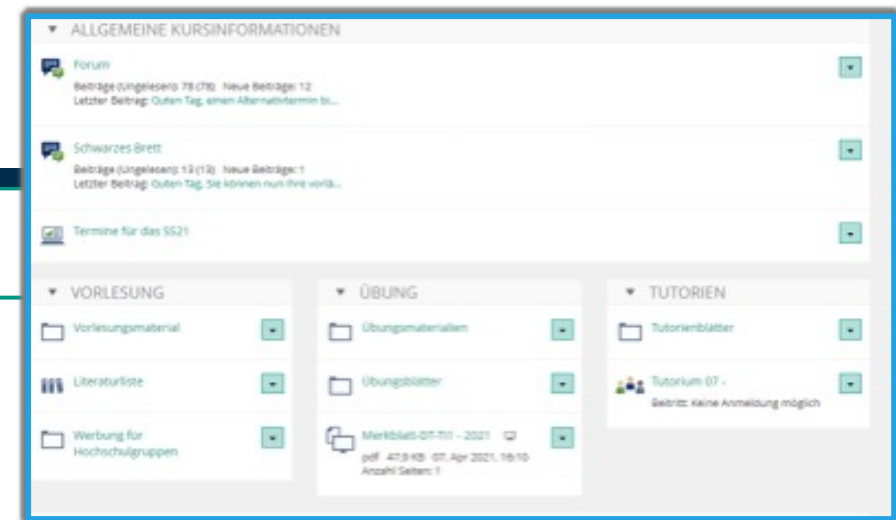
Pro Tipps

[Module Handbooks](#)

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- Calendar download/ import (iCal)
- More information at FSMI and Kick-Off to the semester



Module Handbooks

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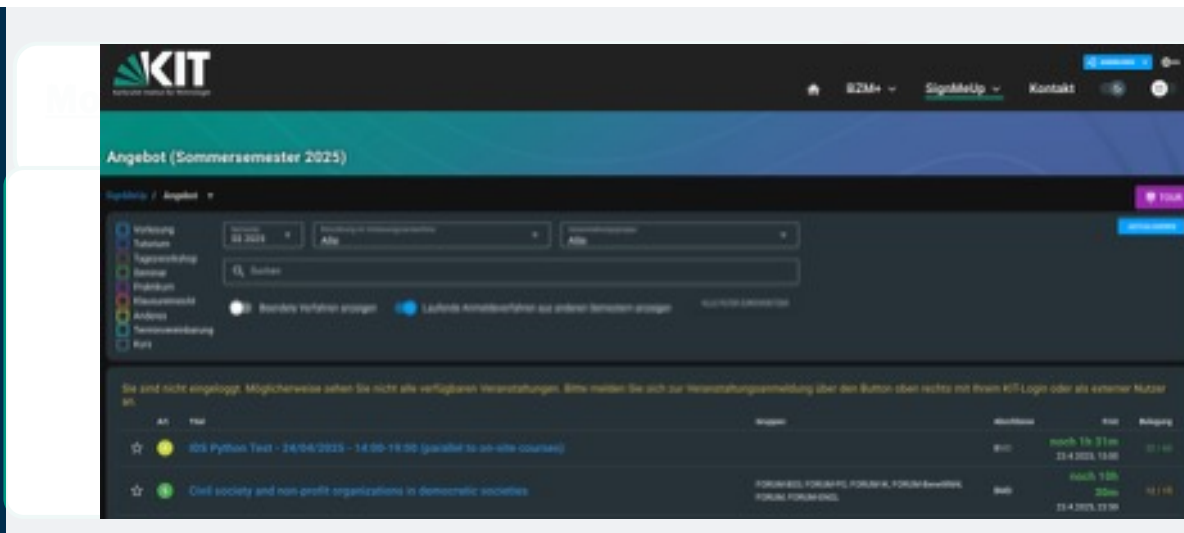
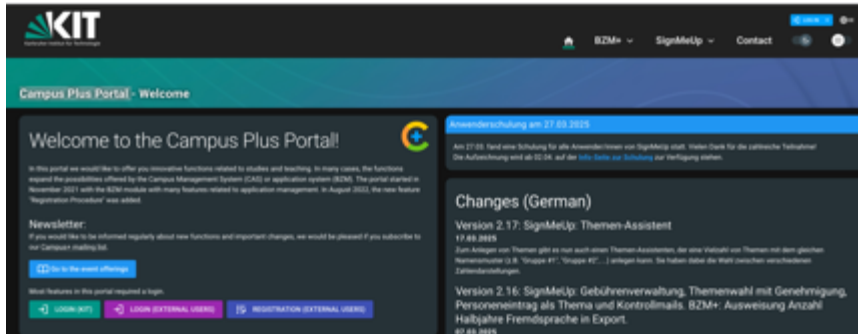
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Wlwl-portal

- **Campus Plus Portal** (SignMeUp) is a platform for choosing and signing in for labs and seminars, signing up for appointments, etc.

Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Campus Plus Portal / SignMeUp?



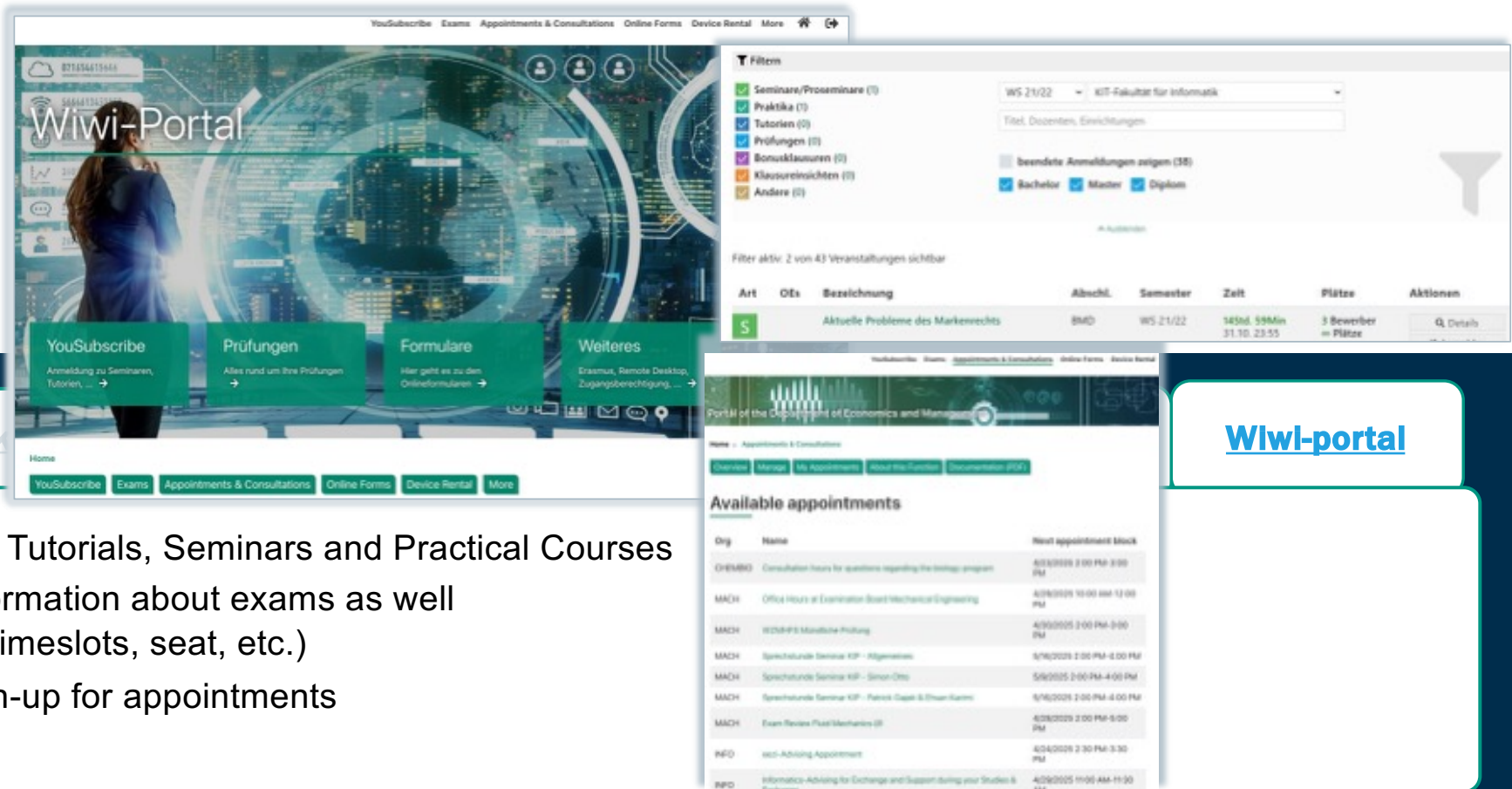
SignMeUp

Wiwi-portal

- Registration for Tutorials, Seminars and Practical Courses
- Sometimes sign-up for appointments
 - Ex. ISS
- More information at FSMI and Kick-Off to the semester

Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

WIWI Portal



The image displays two screenshots of the Wiwi-Portal. The top screenshot shows the main portal interface with a navigation bar at the top containing links like 'YouSubscribe', 'Exams', 'Appointments & Consultations', 'Online Forms', 'Device Rental', and 'More'. The main content area features a large graphic with the text 'Wiwi-Portal' and a list of course categories on the right, including 'Seminare/Proseminare (1)', 'Praktika (1)', 'Tutorien (0)', 'Prüfungen (1)', 'Bonusklausuren (0)', 'Klausureinsichten (1)', and 'Andere (0)'. Below this, there are filters for 'WS 21/22' and 'KIT-Fakultät für Informatik'. The bottom screenshot shows a detailed view of the 'Appointments & Consultations' section, listing available appointments with columns for 'Org.', 'Name', and 'Next appointment block'. The table includes entries for 'Consultation hours for questions regarding the Informatik program', 'Office Hours of Examination Board Mechanical Engineering', 'WiWi-FS Monatsche Prüfung', 'Sprechstunde Seminar KIP - Allgemeines', 'Sprechstunde Seminar KIP - Simon Otto', 'Sprechstunde Seminar KIP - Patrick Gagli & Brian Karm', 'Exam Review Fluid Mechanics II', 'Academic Advising Appointment', and 'Informatics Advising for Exchange and Support during your Studies & Exchanges'.

Module Handbook

- Registration for Tutorials, Seminars and Practical Courses
- Sometimes information about exams as well (for example: timeslots, seat, etc.)
- Sometimes sign-up for appointments

Wiwi-portal

Points of contact an overview



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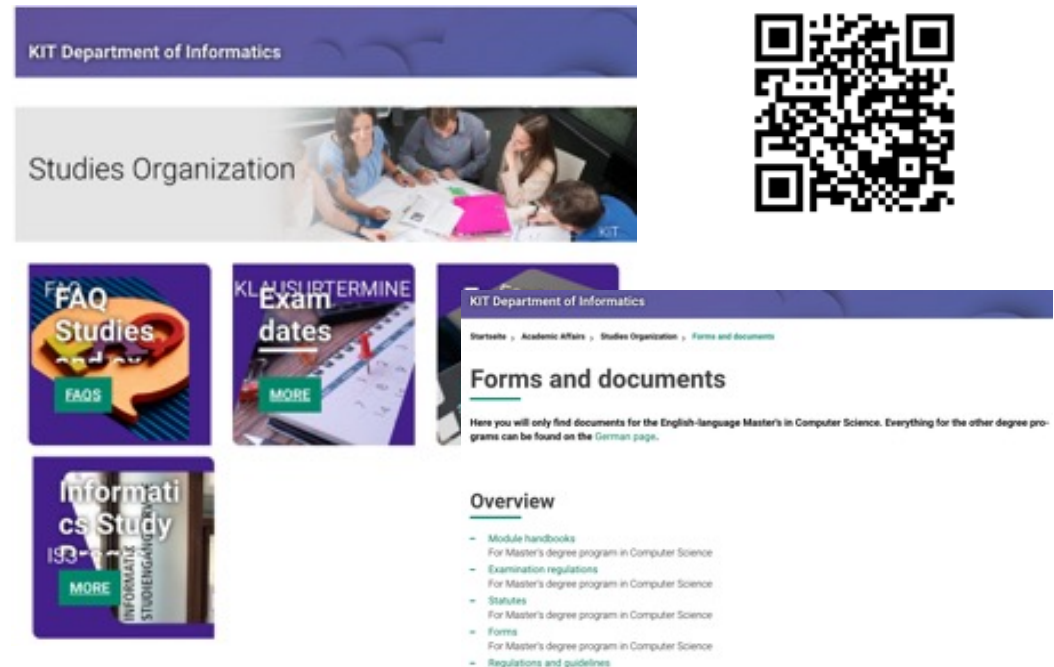
Studies Organization

▪ 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

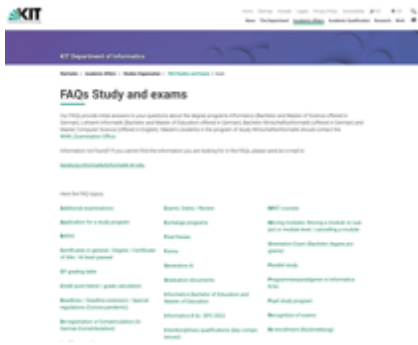
▪ Forms and documents

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



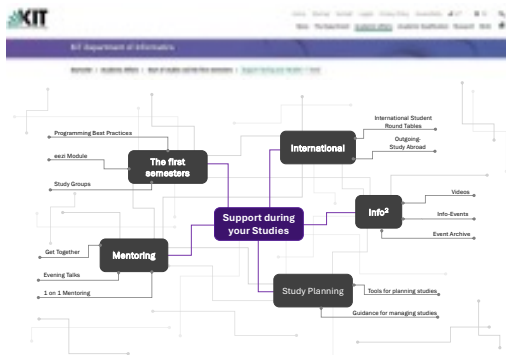
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Studies Organization & Support during your Studies



▪ 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



▪ Support during your Studies

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

Video Information...

- **YouTube channel of the KIT Faculty of Informatics**



- **Support during your studies video playlist**
 - the first six weeks of your studies
 - CMS (Campus Management for students)



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

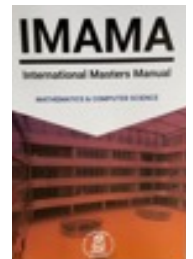
- Location: [Building 50.34](#), Room -124 (cellar)
- Website <https://www.fsmi.org/en/offers/international-students/>
- E-Mail: international@fsmi.org

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 (6-9 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)				



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>

Additional Points of Contact

Department	Services & Resources	Student type	QR Code
<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	
<u>Student Advisory Services</u> (ZSB) - Zentrale Studienberatung	Advising for students who are thinking about switching majors or withdrawing, need support due to unexpected circumstances <u>Clearing-Sprechstunde</u> , etc.	all	

Points of Contact International

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	

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

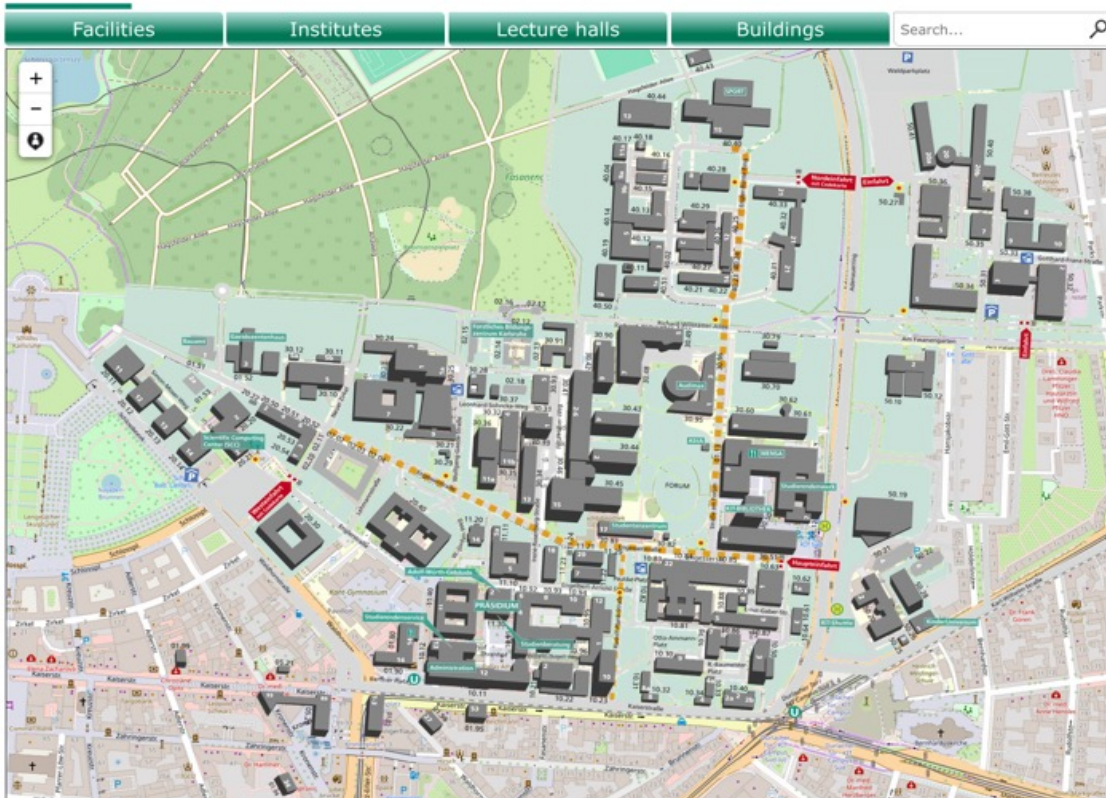
Living in Karlsruhe & Student Life at KIT



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Finding your way and Getting around

□ KIT Campus Map



□ Karlsruhe



□ Bike

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- Nextbike



Finding your way and Getting around

□ Transportation

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology > Studies > Living and Learning in Karlsruhe > Transportation

Transportation

Getting around in Karlsruhe and the surrounding area or from campus to campus



Semester Ticket

The "Stadtkarte" is a personalized ticket for the entire railway network of the Karlsruhe Transport Authority (Karlsruher Verkehrsverbund - KVV). Upon presentation of the KIT Card and the KVV warrant it is available at KVV service centers and at train stations.

In combination with the KVV warrant, the KIT Card can also be used as a ticket in the entire KVV network. Unlike the Stadtkarte, it is only valid between Monday and Friday from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on weekends and holidays around the clock.

KIT-Shuttle

The KIT hydrogen buses provide a fast connection between Campus South, Campus East, and Campus North.

- Stops
 - Campus South: at Adenauer Ring/Outlooker Tor
 - Campus North: several stops between main entrance and building K08 (Langloshofener Allee)
 - Campus East: main entrance (Nordweimer Querallee 2)
 - Current timetable

Lift-sharing Benches at KIT

Missed the KIT shuttle and looking for a ride to the other campus? There are a total of three lift-sharing benches at the Campus South and the Campus North, which can be found at the following locations:

- on Engesserstraße opposite the KIT library
- at the west entrance at the end of Neuer Zirkel street next to the bus stop at the main entrance of Campus North

Bike Repair Stations

There are two pump and repair stations on Campuses North and South and an additional mobile bike repair service at Campus South. Employees and students can carry out minor bike repairs or have tires inflated free of charge.

Bicycle and E-bike Sharing

The KVV nextbike service of the Karlsruher Verkehrsverbund (KVV) offers short-term rentals of bicycles and e-bikes. After registration, the bikes can be rented and returned flexibly at several stations. Students benefit from special tariffs.

□ 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

□ Public transport ticket

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

Theses fees were current as of April 2025

*The website is in German

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

Start of semester checklist

□ Looking for accommodations?

- [Living and Learning in Karlsruhe](#)
- [Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe](#)
- [Where can I find an apartment or a room to rent? \(fsmi\)](#)
- Additional Information:
 - Degree seeking: [IStO](#) and [Finding accommodation](#)
 - Temporary Students (Exchange): [IStO](#) : [Overseas Exchange](#), [Eucor](#) and [ERASMUS](#)
 - [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](#)

□ Review IStO information including:

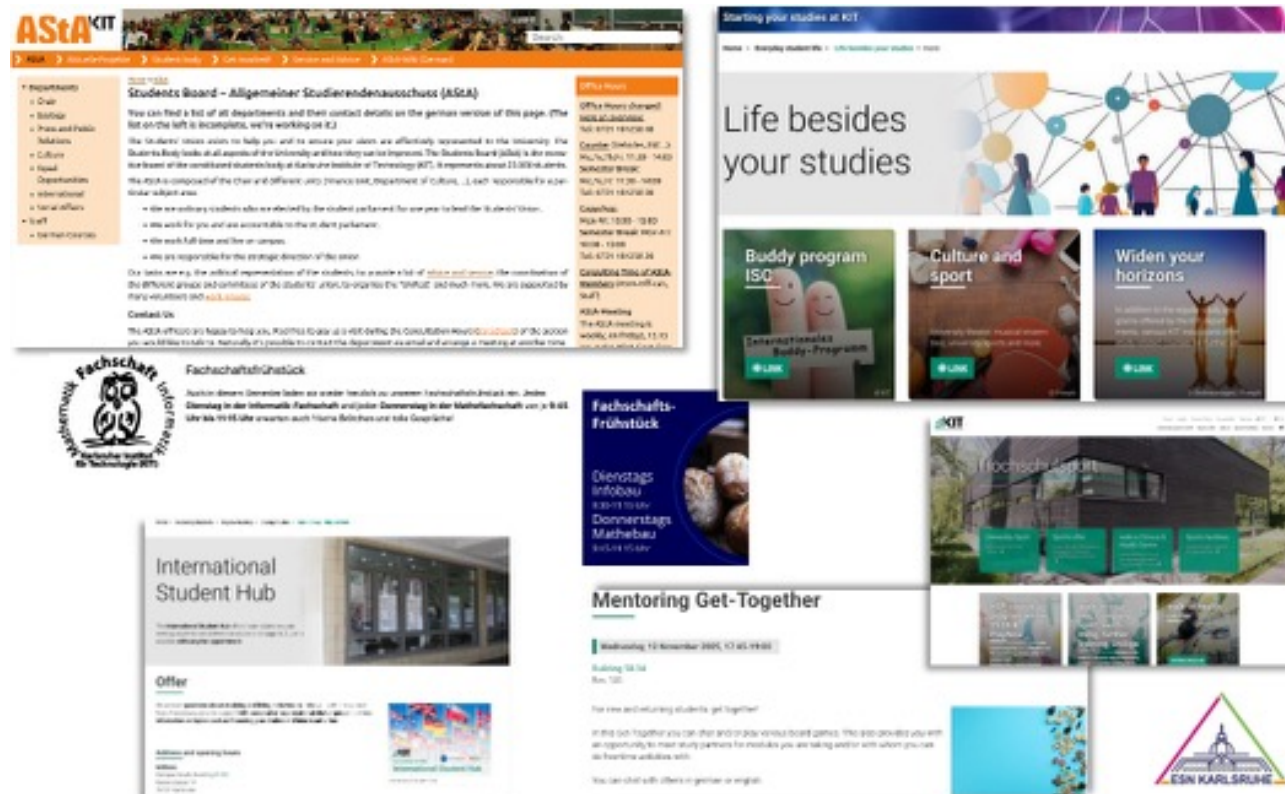
- [Health insurance](#)
- [Entry Visa and Residence Title](#)
- [Registration of Your Residence](#) (at Bürgerbüro)
- [Registered at Auslandsbehörde](#)
- [Opening A Bank Account](#)
- Registered for Rundfunkgebühr (radio, television, ...)

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**

Settling into a new life

- Connect with other students and be social



- Karlsruhe



Christine Glaubitz – Kick Off to the Semester (Winter semester 2025-26)
<https://www.informatik.kit.edu/english/10509.php>

Points of Contact Student Life

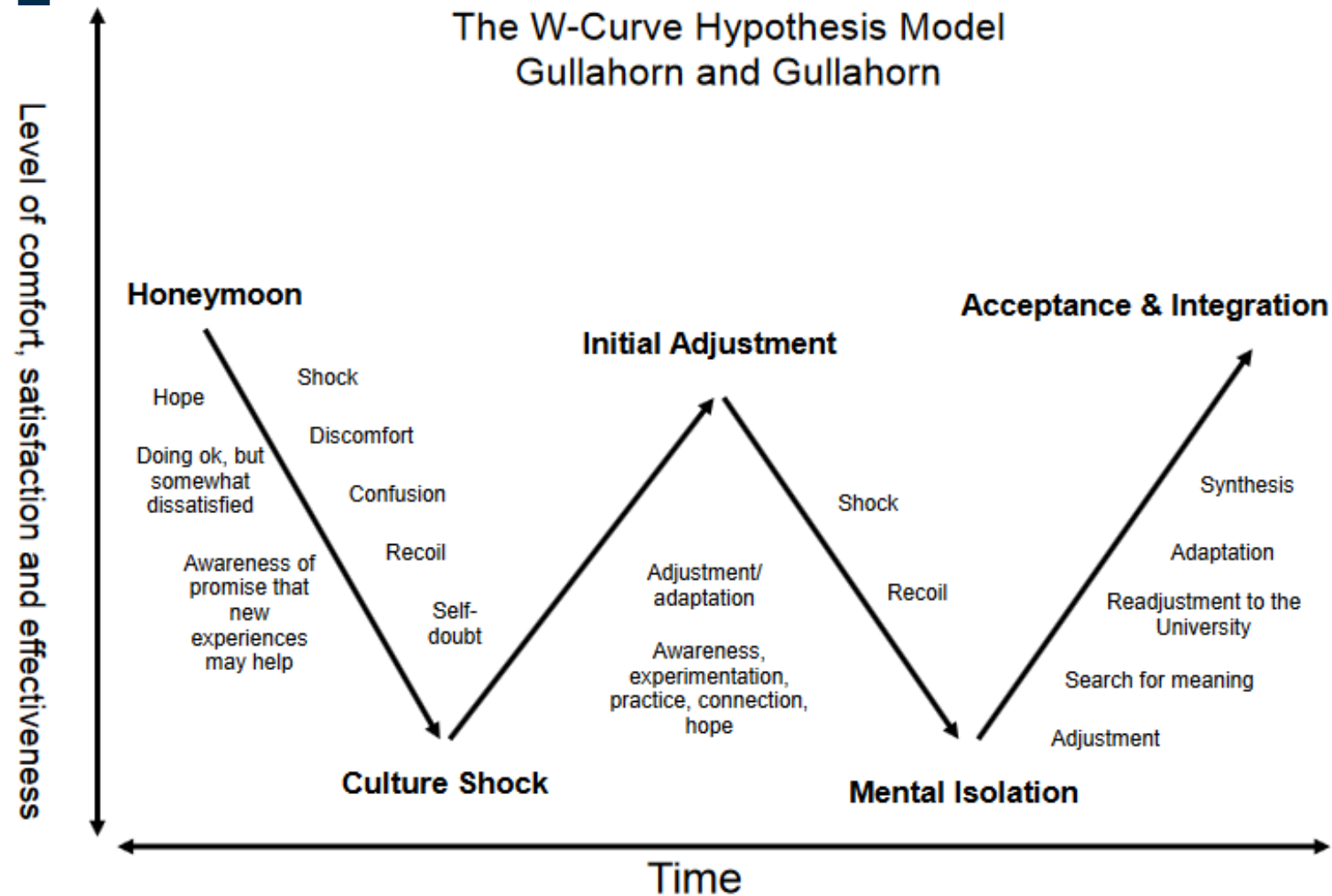
Department	Services & Resources	Student type	QR Code
AStA KIT (Students' Union)	German courses, international student advising and a, equal opportunities, queer counselling, etc..	all	
Fachschaften (Student Councils)	Student to student advising, O-Phase, exam preparation resources, represent student interests at university and departmental level, etc.	all	
Sports	<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	



Cultural Adjustment and German Language

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W CURVE



Source: Hoffmeyer, K., Moore, P., & Stebbins, B. (1999). Transition experiences. In J.H. Schub (Ed.), Educational programming and student learning in college and university residence halls. Columbia, OH: ACUHO-I

W CURVE

Honeymoon	Culture Shock	Initial Adjustment	Mental Isolation	Acceptance & Integration
Feelings of excitement, optimism, camaraderie, & confidence. New campus is welcoming and intriguing; a fresh start.	Newness wears off & reality sets in. Feeling lost as others withdraw. Relationships change. Expectations don't match experiences & changes are overwhelming.	Find balance, routine, and resources. Recognize differences between "old" and "new", but gap persists. Start to feel connected.	Differences between "old" and "new" remain unreconciled. Feeling lonely and stuck between two worlds. "How do I fit in?"	Feeling well-adjusted, genuinely connected, and "at home" in the university community.

Tips for Surviving the Adjustment Process

- **Get Connected:**

- It's important to avoid isolation and have social support
- Connect with people from your home country and in the local community

- **Be open to new experiences and try to understand this new culture**

- Just by choosing to live and study in a new country, you are already open to new experiences and cultures
- Suspend judgement on things that are new — they may be different than you are used to, but they are not necessarily “good” or “bad”.

- **Allow your curiosity to flourish**

Tips for Surviving the Adjustment Process

- **Look for a cultural informant**
 - someone who can help you understand this new culture . This cultural informant could be an German, immigrant or it could be a fellow international student
- **Speak German as much as possible**, if it's not your native language
 - Don't be afraid to make mistakes — your English doesn't have to be perfect!
- **If you are in the Computer Science M.Sc., then also speak English as much as possible**



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Q&A

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Learning Agreements

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Learning Agreements

Learning agreement (LA) is by some of the incoming exchange students including by [ERASMUS](#), EUCORE, DAAD, Freemover students

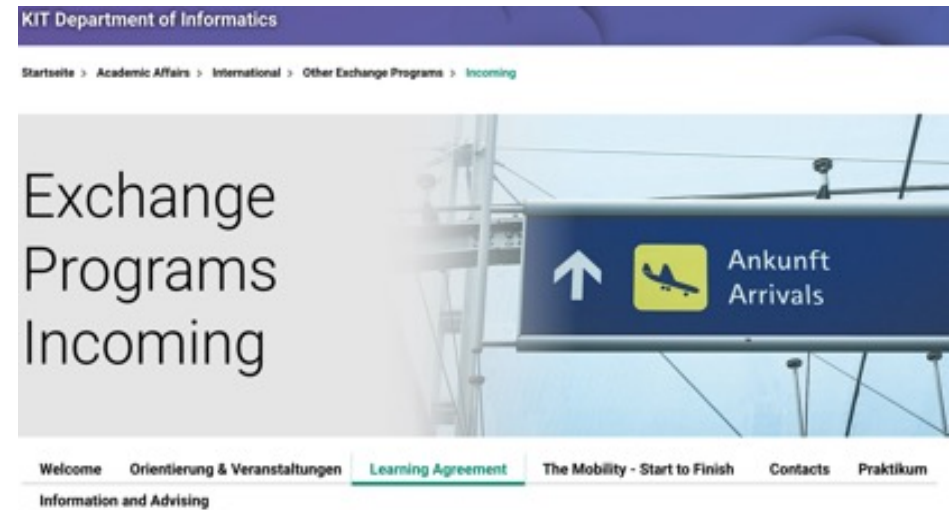
The LA is a contract between you, your home university and host university regarding your studies

- LA must always be signed by all 3 parties:
 - by **you** (student)
 - the subject coordinator (**FK**) of **your home university** and
 - the subject coordinator (**FK**) at the **partner university** ([KIT departmental coordinator](#))

It is important to comply with your LA.

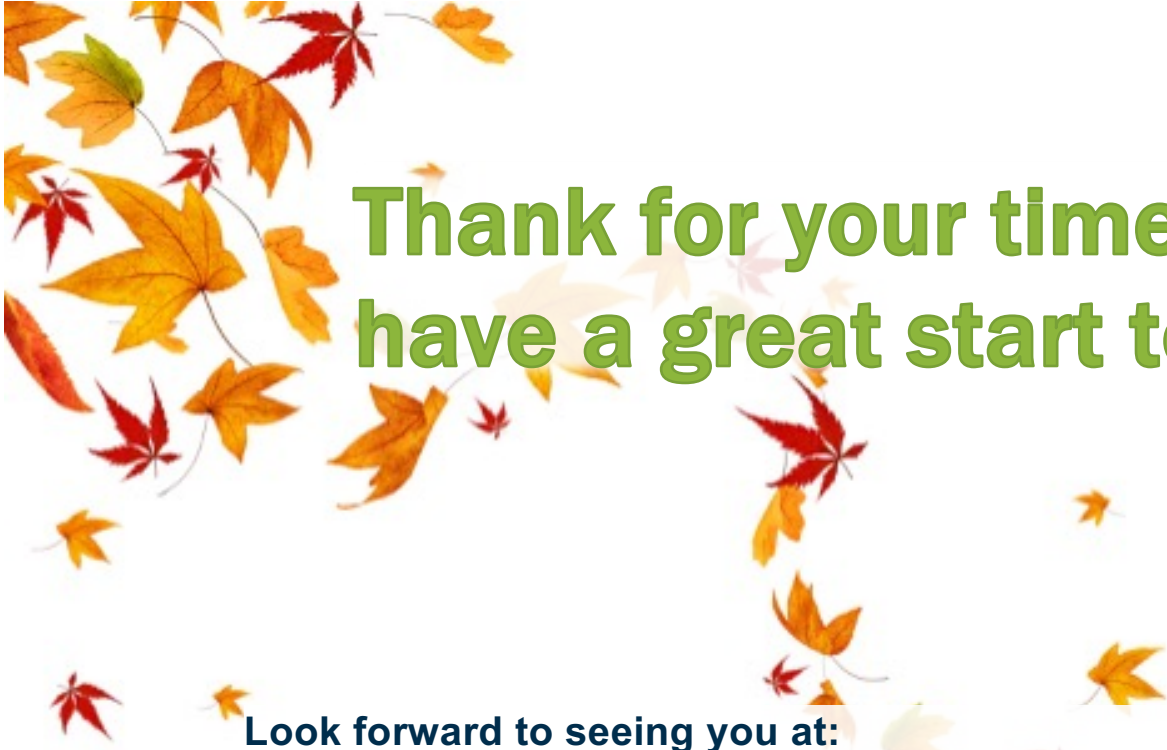
Please upload and update your LA in Mobility Online

Processing time is around 14 days



Learning Agreements

- When completing your LA include:
 - Name of the module in English and when applicable also in German too
 - Modulnummer / Module number and the Teilleistungen / Number
 - Please ensure that you enroll at least **70-80%** Informatic Modules/course(s)
 - Please ensure that you enroll and complete at least the minimum of required ECTS required by your home university.
 - Processing your LA may take up to 14 days
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- Changes to the LA “**during the mobility**”
 - You may adjust your LA during your time at KIT
 - due to time conflicts or other study interests
 - Consult and seek approval from your home university when updating your LA
 - Update it in Mobility Online
 - For any changes please make them by **25 November 2025**



Thank for your time & have a great start to your studies at KIT!

Look forward to seeing you at:

- **Mentoring Get-Together**, on [12 November 2025](#) , and on [16 December 2025](#)
- **ISRT: [In the thick of It : what next in my first semester](#)**, on 18. November 2025, at 17:45
- **ISRT: ["Fit for exams and returning home"](#)**, on 9. December 2025, at 17:45