ISRT: Pre-Arrival Orientation

for KIT Department of Informatics

19 February 2026

Informatics Study Program Service (ISS)

Agenda

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10. Q & A
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International Student Roundtable:
Pre-Arrival Online Orientation
(Winter Semester 2025-26)

Support during your Studies

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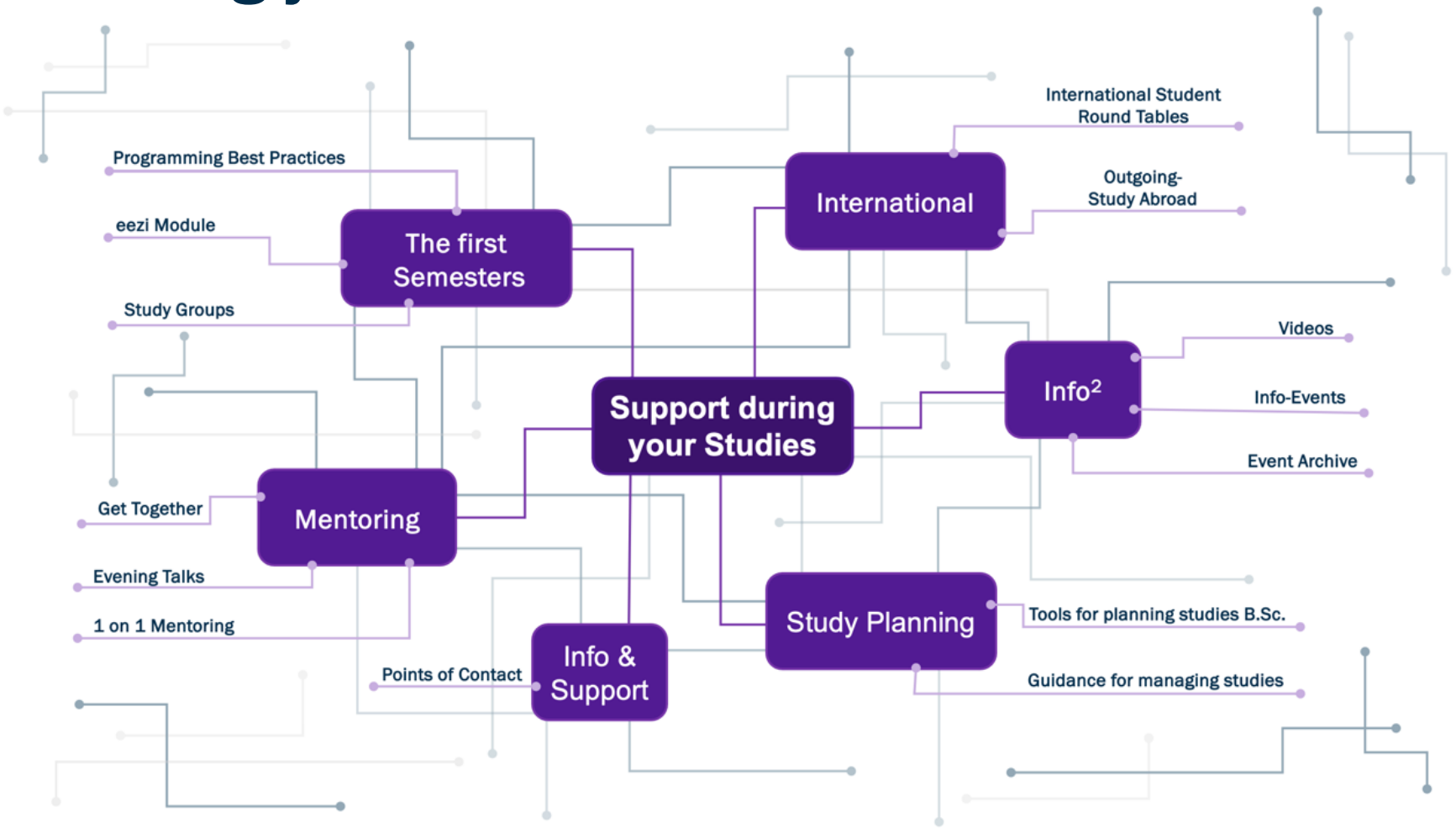

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Degree Seeking –Path

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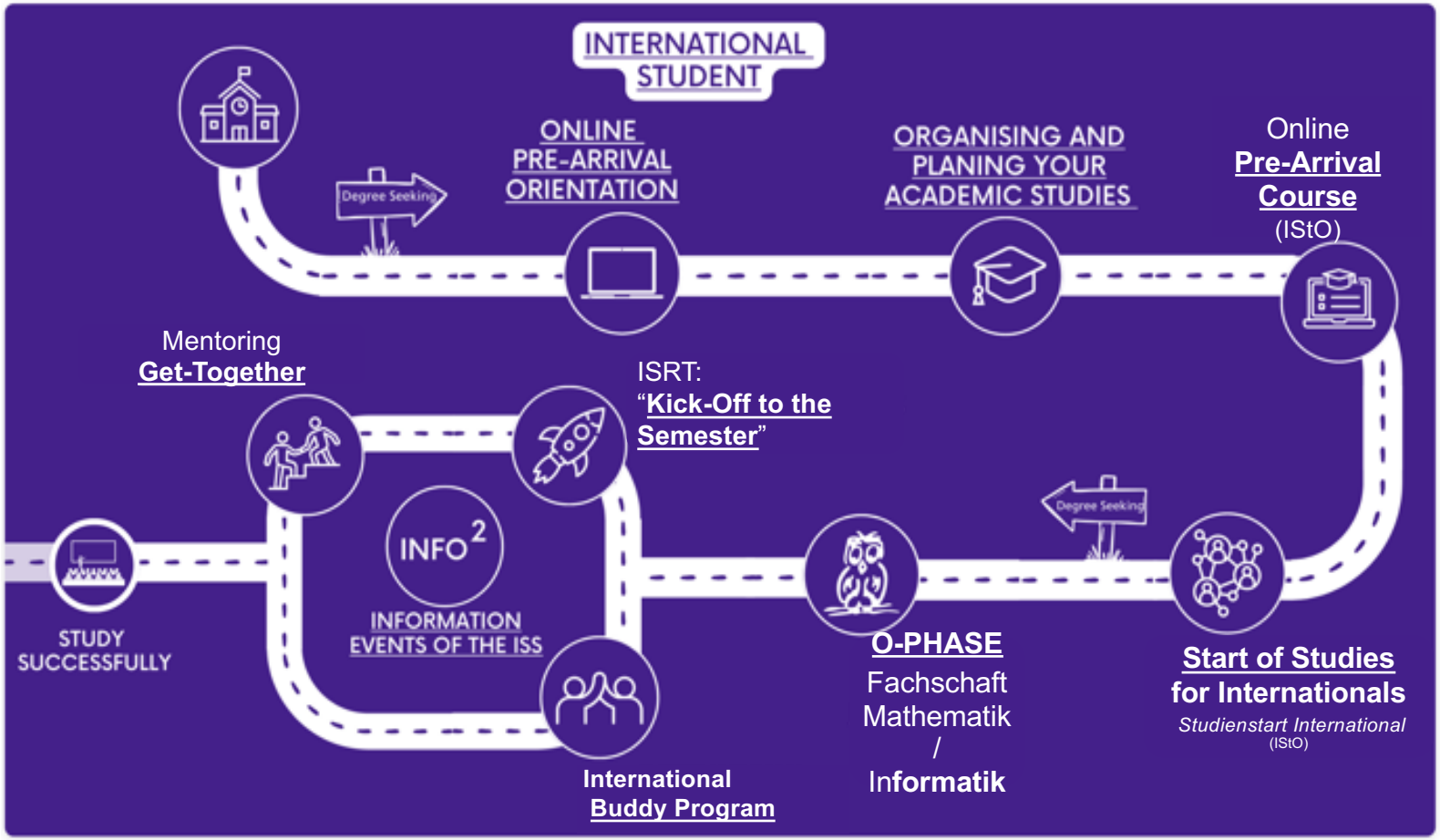

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Degree Seeking

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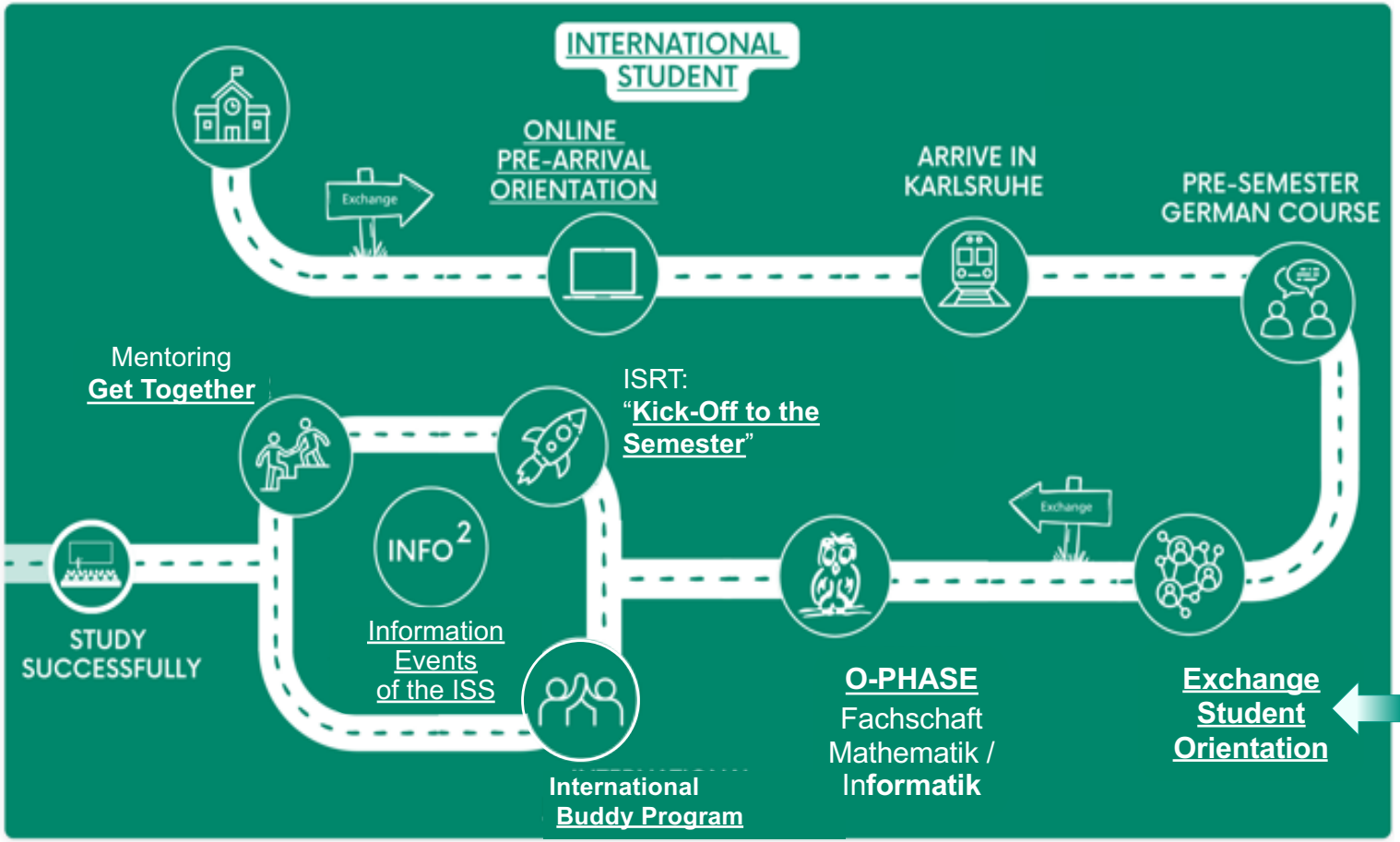
Exchange Students - Path

KIT Department of Informatics Exchange



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Getting started-
Checklists

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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 get your bearings and adjust to life in KA before lectures start for the semester. In addition you need time to manage the bureaucratic aspects too

Checklists - **Participate in all Orientations** (Yes they are important 😉)

Before Semester Start

- ☐ **Degree Seeking Students**
  - Online
    - ☐ Pre-Semester Course (IStO)
  - In person
    - ☐ Orientations (Yes they are important)
      - ☐ Start of Studies for Internationals Studienstart International (IStO)
      - ☐ **FSMI** “Fachschaft” FSMI Master O-Phase (academic department)

Before Semester Start

- ☐ **Exchange / Tempory Students**
  - In person
    - ☐ Pre-Arrival German Language Course
    - ☐ Orientations
      - ☐ ESN with IStO orientation
      - ☐ FSMI “Fachschaft” FSMI Master O-Phase (academic department)

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)

Overview of Academic Calendar

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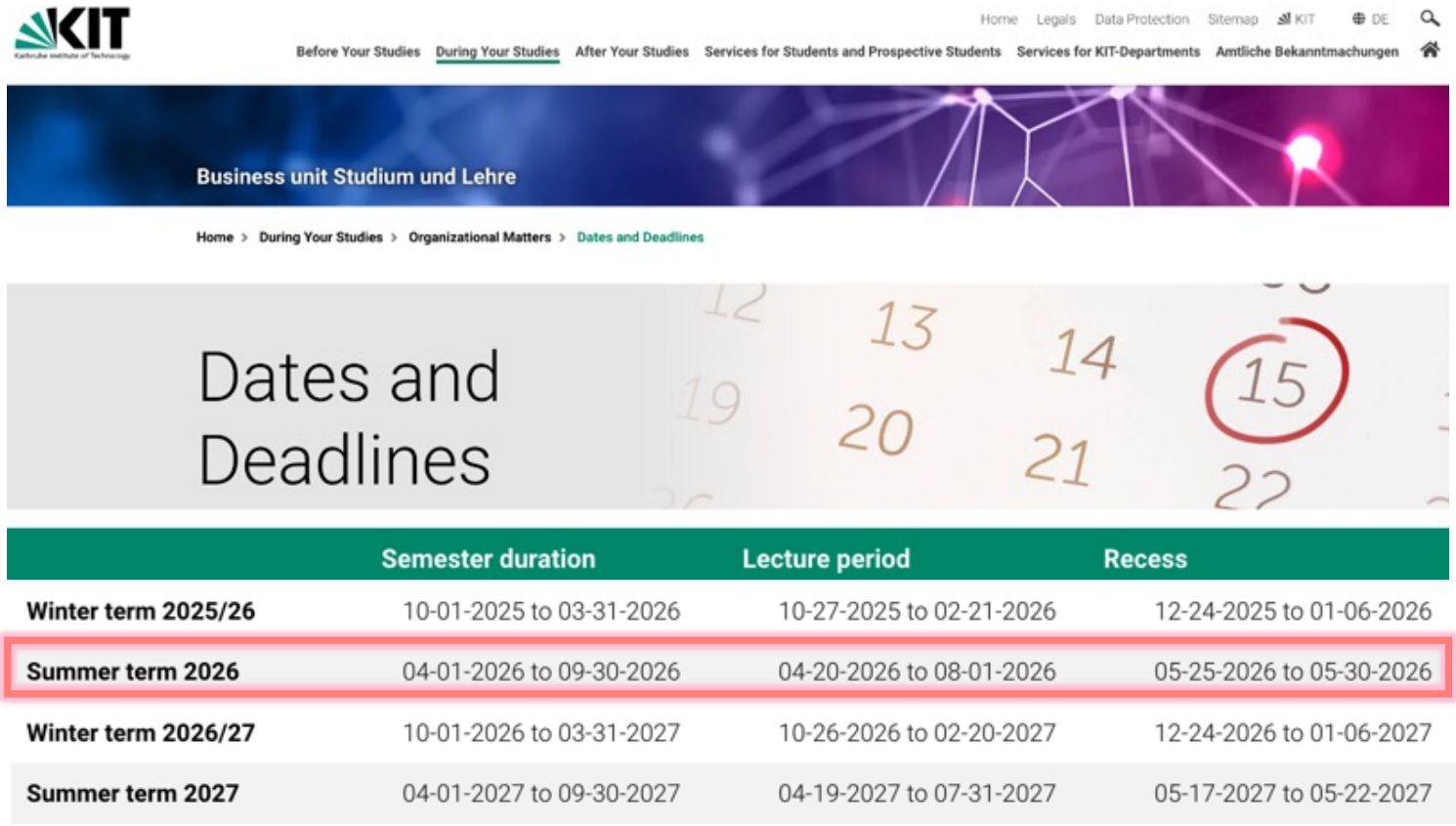
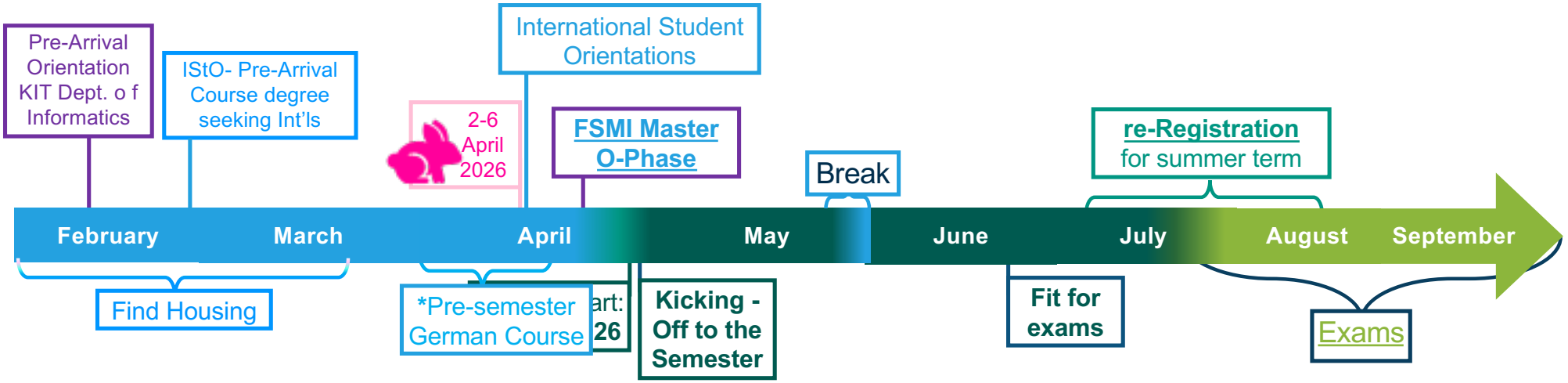
KIT- Academic Calendar



	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 (Not planned yet)**
- **FSMI Master O-PHASE: Date not fixed yet**
- **Info²** Events including: ex. **Kicking -Off to the Semester, Fit for exams, Mentoring Get-Togethers**, etc…
- **Break: Pentecost Break 25 -30 May 2026**
- **Exams – Many exams take place during the lecture free period (August through end of September)**

Orientation and Other Events

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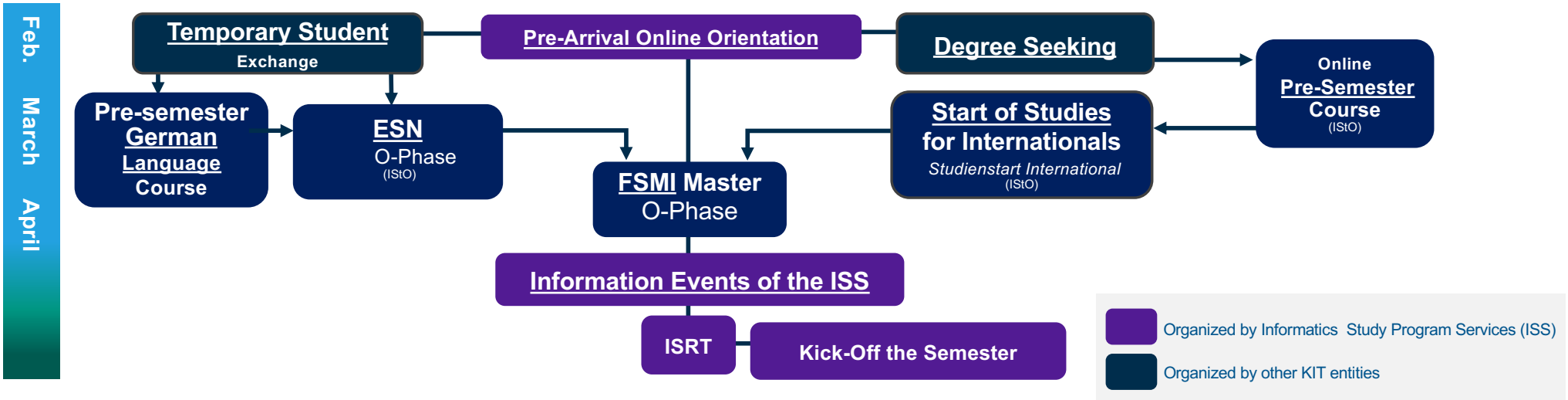
Overview to Orientations

- **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 , get information regarding your major and find study partners



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Before Semester Start – Orientations for Degree Seeking Students

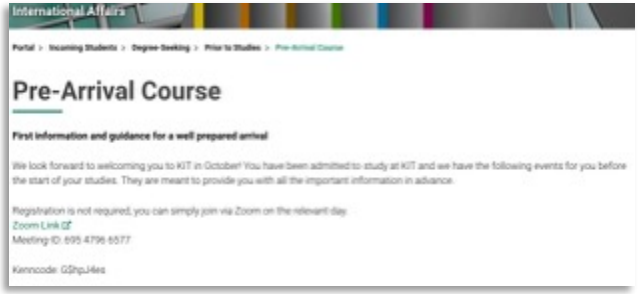
Feb. March April

Pre-Arrival Online Orientation

Degree Seeking

Online Pre-Semester Course (IStO)

- IStO's Online Pre-Semester Course
  - 24 and 25 Feb. 2026



Start of Studies for Internationals
Studienstart International
(IStO)

- Studienstart International
  - 7 -17 April 2026

FSMI Master O-Phase

- FSMI Master O-PHASE
  - 13 -17 April 2026

Before Semester Start – Orientations for Exchange Students

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Exchange Student

Pre-semester German language courses

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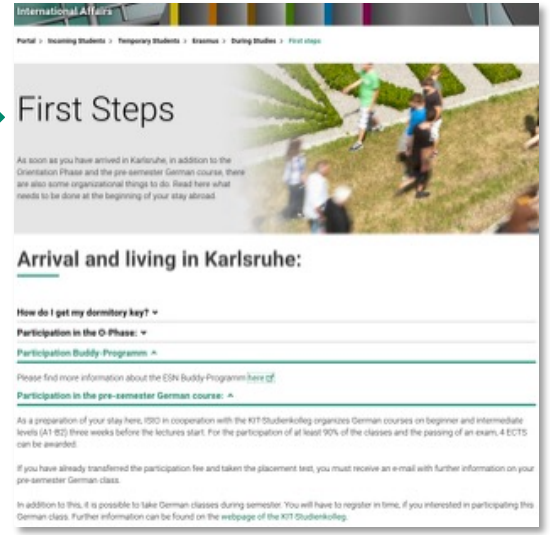

Exchange Student Orientation

ESN & IStO

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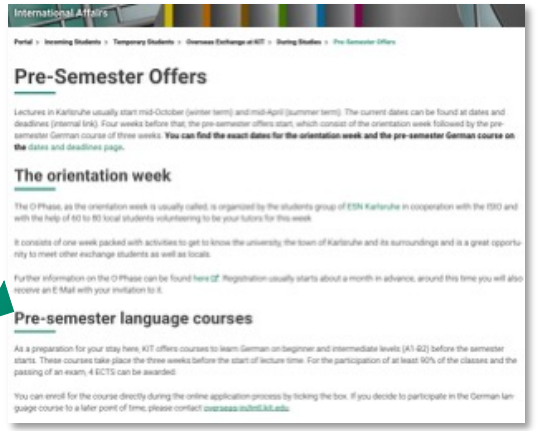
Overseas Exchange at KIT



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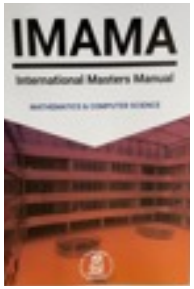
FSMI (Fachschaft Mathematik/ Informatik)

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

FSMI Int'l Website



- FSMI they have lots of helpful information on their website to help you get off to a good start! 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/)
  - Overview to academic structure of major and IMAMA (International Master Mathematics) Handbook

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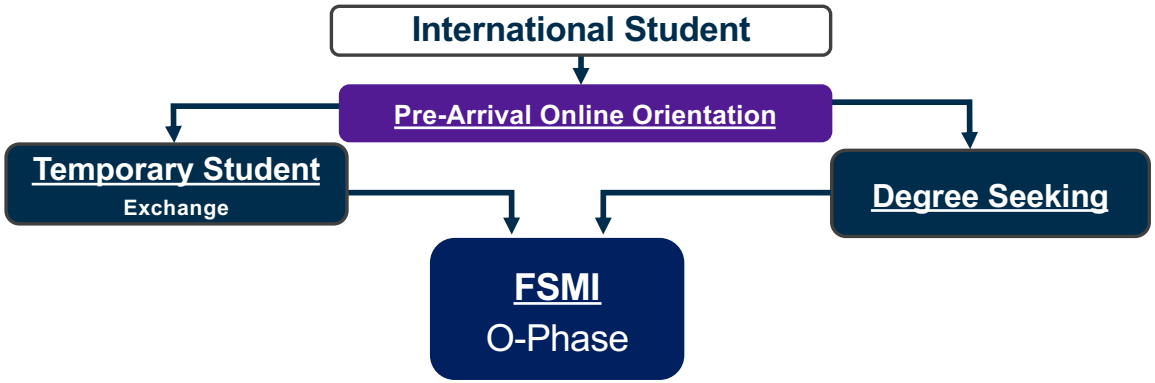
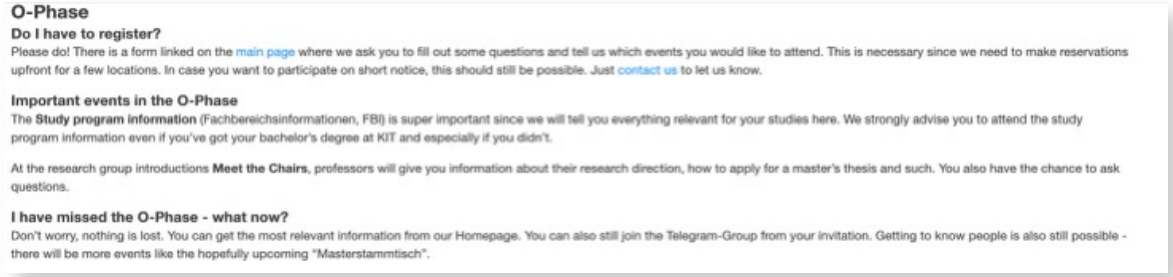


FSMI O-Phase

□ Participate Fachschaft's in Orientation

- This is the primary academic orientation for the informatic major 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 : 13 -17 April 2026



O-Phase

Do I have to register?

Please do! There is a form linked on the main page where we ask you to fill out some questions and tell us which events you would like to attend. This is necessary since we need to make reservations upfront for a few locations. In case you want to participate on short notice, this should still be possible. Just contact us to let us know.

Important events in the O-Phase

The **Study program information** (Fachbereichsinformationen, FBI) is super important since we will tell you everything relevant for your studies here. We strongly advise you to attend the study program information even if you've got your bachelor's degree at KIT and especially if you didn't.

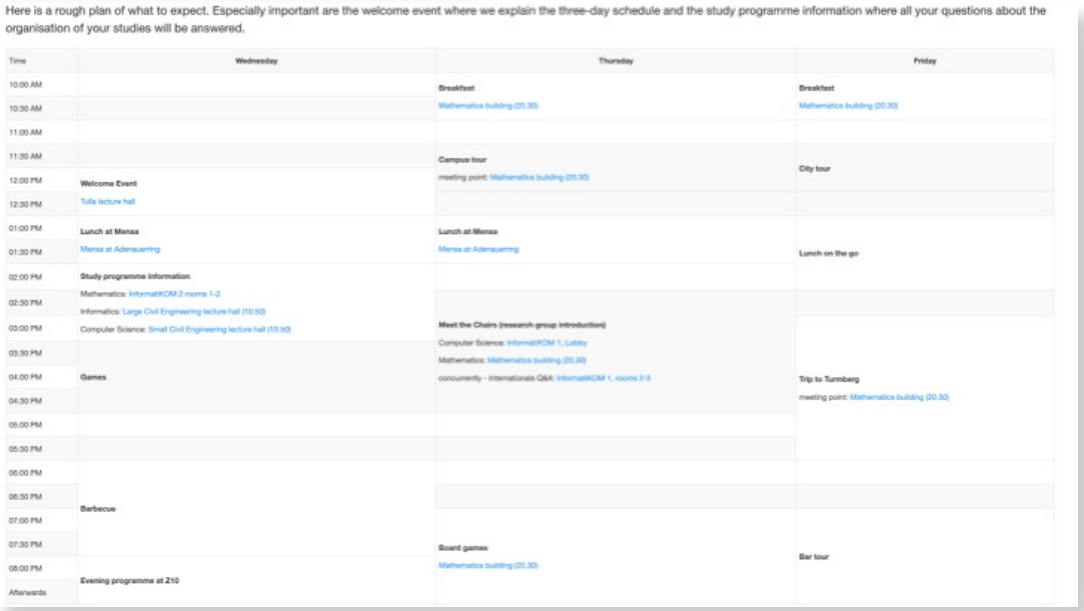
At the research group introductions **Meet the Chairs**, professors will give you information about their research direction, how to apply for a master's thesis and such. You also have the chance to ask questions.

I have missed the O-Phase - what now?

Don't worry, nothing is lost. You can get the most relevant information from our Homepage. You can also still join the Telegram-Group from your invitation. Getting to know people is also still possible - there will be more events like the hopefully upcoming "Masterstammtisch".

Weekly schedule

Here is a rough plan of what to expect. Especially important are the welcome



Here is a rough plan of what to expect. Especially important are the welcome event where we explain the three-day schedule and the study programme information where all your questions about the organisation of your studies will be answered.

Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 AM		Breakfast Mathematics building (20.30)	Breakfast Mathematics building (20.30)
10:30 AM			
11:00 AM			
11:30 AM		Campus tour meeting point: Mathematics building (20.30)	City tour
12:00 PM	Welcome Event Tulla lecture hall		
12:30 PM			
01:00 PM	Lunch at Mensa Mensa at Adenauerring	Lunch at Mensa Mensa at Adenauerring	Lunch on the go
01:30 PM			
02:00 PM	Study programme information Mathematics: InformatiKOM 2 rooms 1-2 Informatics: Large Civil Engineering lecture hall (10.50)		
02:30 PM			
03:00 PM	Computer Science: Small Civil Engineering lecture hall (10.50)	Meet the Chairs (research group introduction) Computer Science: InformatiKOM 1, Lobby Mathematics: Mathematics building (20.30)	
03:30 PM			
04:00 PM	Games	concurrently - Internationals Q&A: InformatiKOM 1, rooms 2-3	Trip to Turmberg meeting point: Mathematics building (20.30)
04:30 PM			
05:00 PM			
05:30 PM			
06:00 PM			
06:30 PM	Barbecue		
07:00 PM			
07:30 PM		Board games Mathematics building (20.30)	Bar tour
08:00 PM	Evening programme at Z10		
Afterwards			

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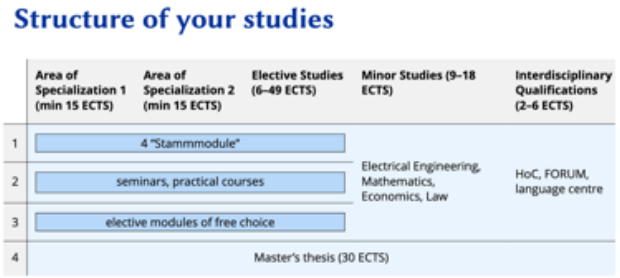
- Quick Start Guide Video about:
  - Planning the semester:
    - Campus Management (CMS) Course Catalogue selecting and removing modules, calendar
    - ILIAS
    - Extra curricular activities and groups, language , soft skill, interdispensary, key qualifications or additional courses and credits, ect.
  - Everyday Life
    - Day and week structure, where to study, hangout and eat
    - What is Fachschaft

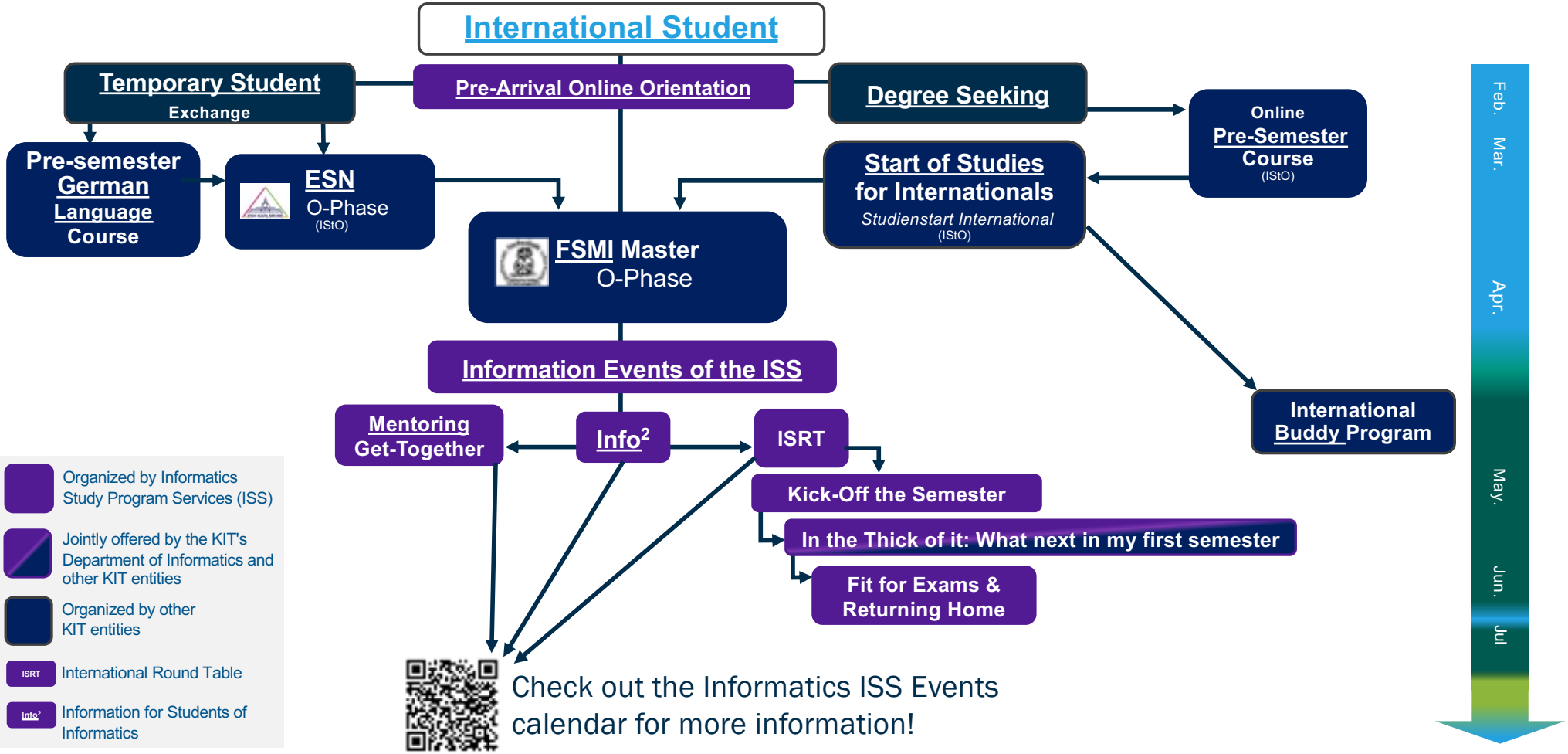


Are you enrolled in a Another Department /Faculty?

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 – SS26



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Checklists - **Participate in Events and Activities**

Participate in Events and Activities in First Semester

- ☐ **Department of Informatics events calendar**
  - ☐ **ISRT** (International Student Round Table)
    - ☐ "Kicking Your studies off - Answers and Advise from Adisors and Mentors: What you need to do in the first few weeks": 22 April 2026, 5:45pm
      - Won't be able to arrive before the start of semester? Join via Zoom link in event calendar!
    - ☐ "**In the Thick of it** - What next in my first semester": 7 May 2026, 5:45pm
    - ☐ "**Fit for exams and returning home**": 17 June 2026, 5:45pm
  - ☐ **Mentoring Get-Togethers**
    - ☐ 28 April 2026, 5:45pm
    - ☐ 30 June 2026, 5:45pm
  - ☐ FSMI Events
  - ☐ IStO and Buddy Program, and ESN , etc.

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) om the Form and Document side German & English

- **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) om the Form and Document side German & English
  - No mater if you are a bachelor or a master student you can choose module in bachelor or a master 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 …)

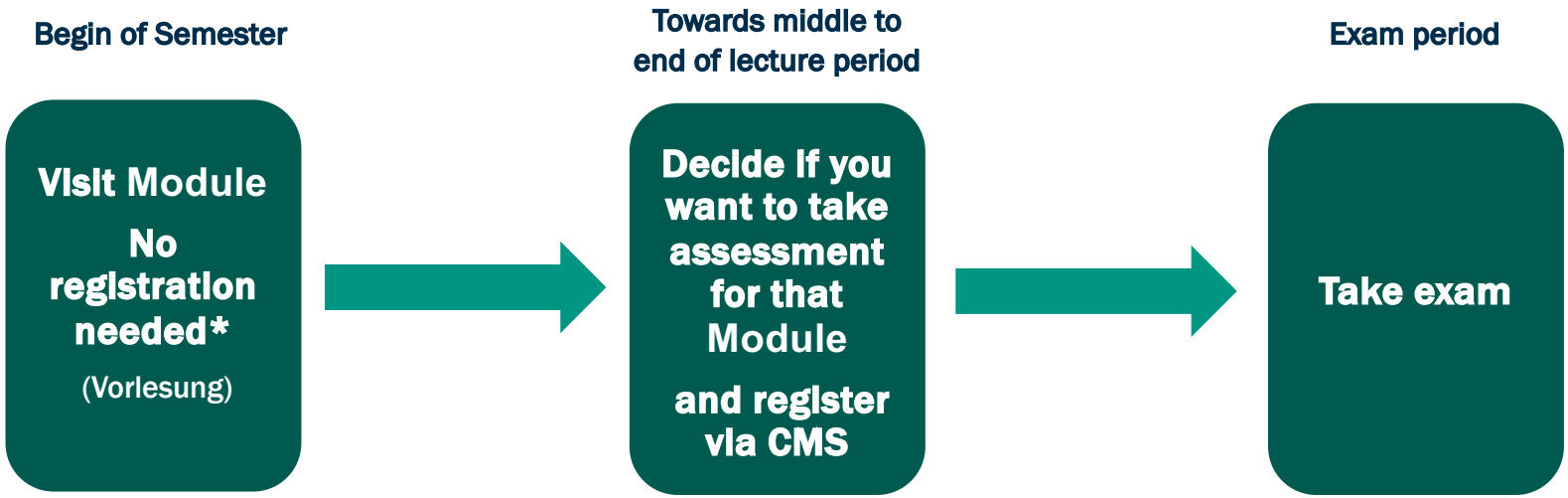
Lab
(Praktikum)

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

Thesis
Bachelor- / Master

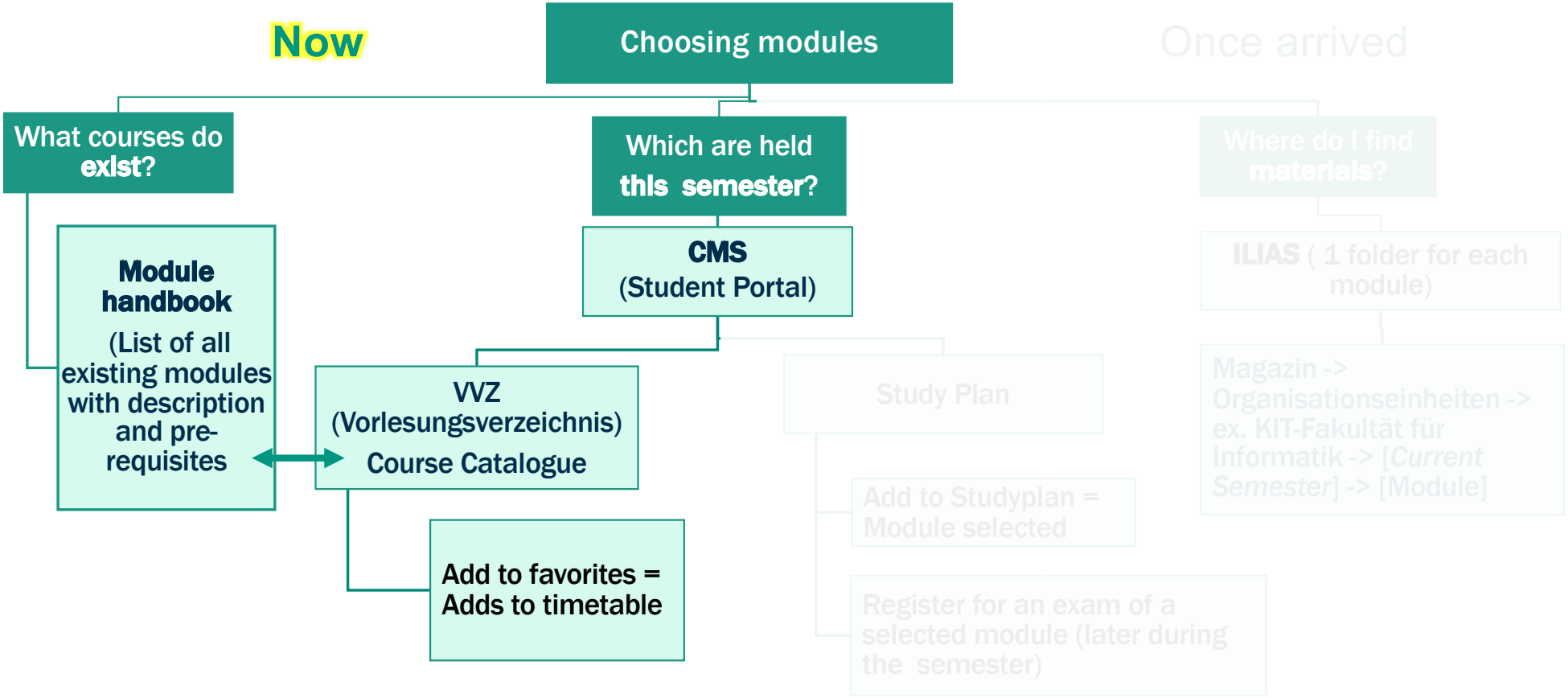
- Find advisor and topic (Visit the various Institute homepages to assist you in this process and e-mail potential advisors)
- Advisor will help to register the thesis
- Write and defend thesis

How registration for lectures/exams at KIT work



- You can visit multiple Modules in the first weeks and later decide which ones you want to continue
- In CMS (Campus Management for Students) you can see when you will be able to register for the exam (Usually 1-2 months before the exam period)
- This is just the case for Module with lectures
  - *For seminars, labs and thesis you ay need registered for earlier

Course Selection – Flow chart



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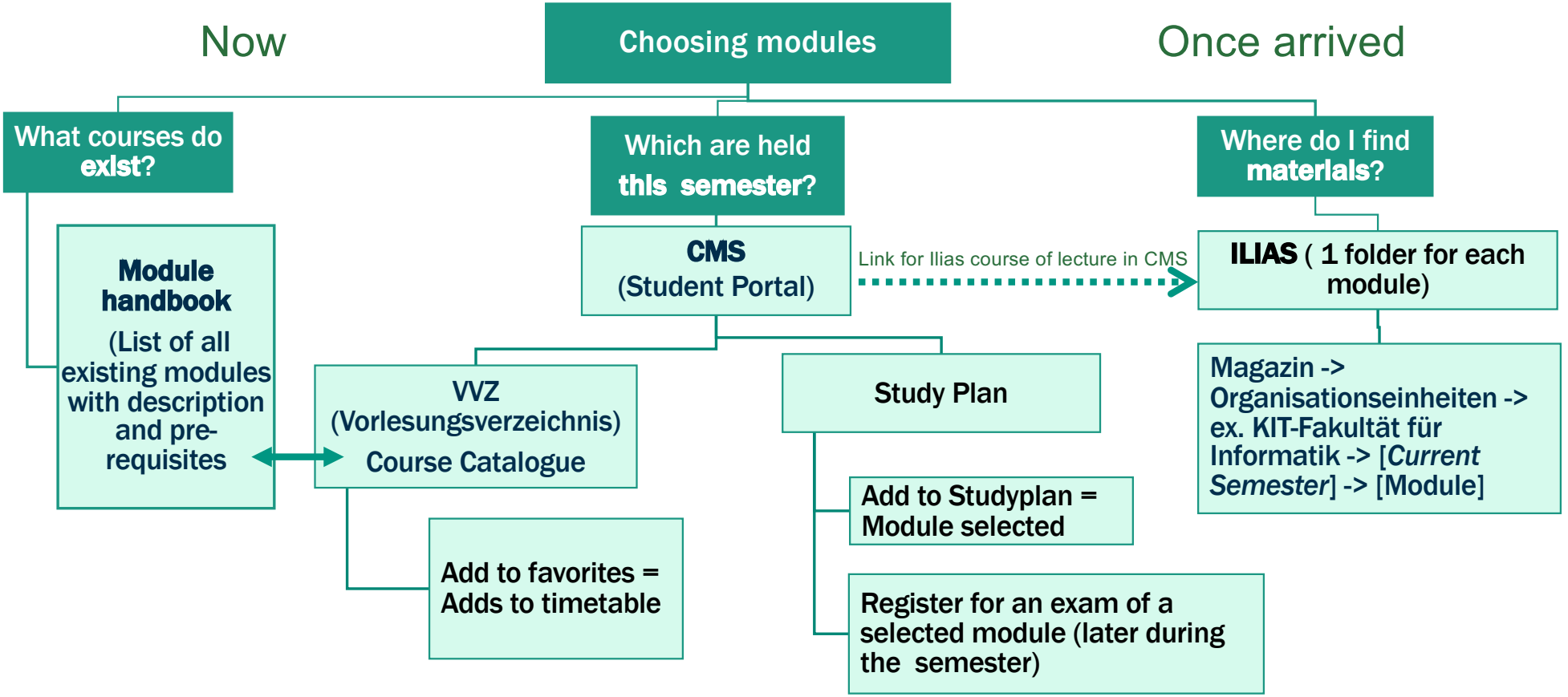
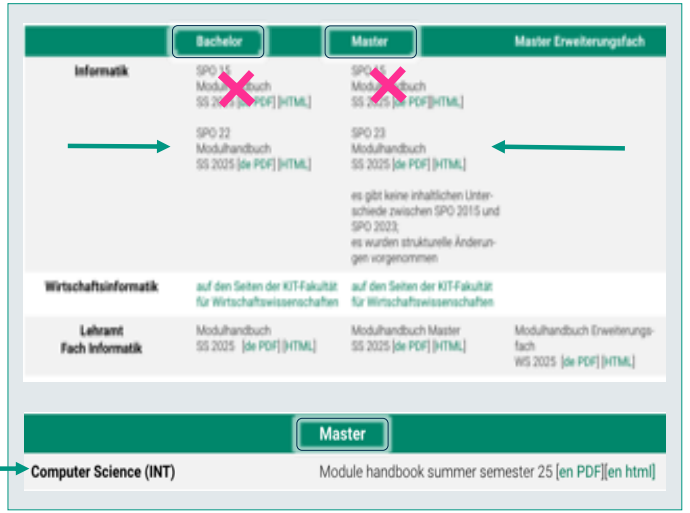


Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

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 the link that will take you to VVZ

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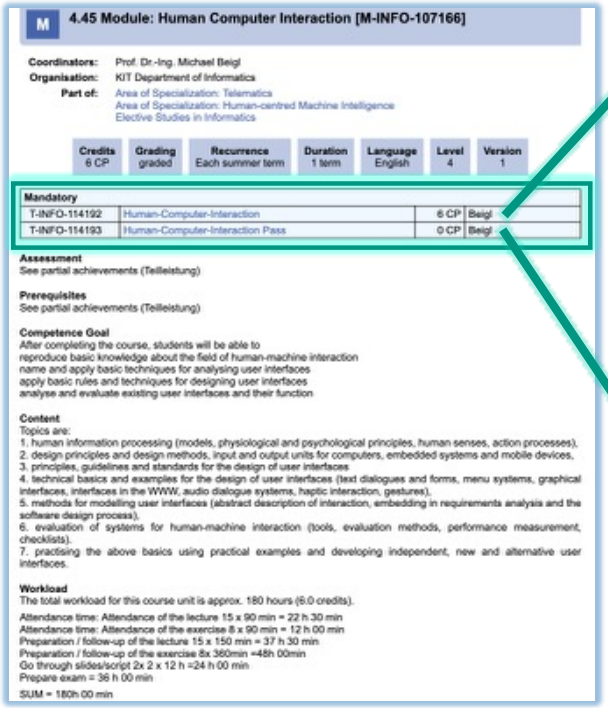
Module Handbook and "VVZ" (Course Catalogue)

- Ex.= Human Computer Interaction
  - Module Handbook



M 4.45 Module: Human Computer Interaction [M-INFO-107166]

Coordinators: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Beigl
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: Area of Specialization: Telematics
Area of Specialization: Human-centred Machine Intelligence
Elective Studies in Informatics

Credits	Grading	Recurrence	Duration	Language	Level	Version
6 CP	graded	Each summer term	1 term	English	4	1

Mandatory			
T-INFO-114192	Human-Computer-Interaction	6 CP	Beigl
T-INFO-114193	Human-Computer-Interaction Pass	0 CP	Beigl

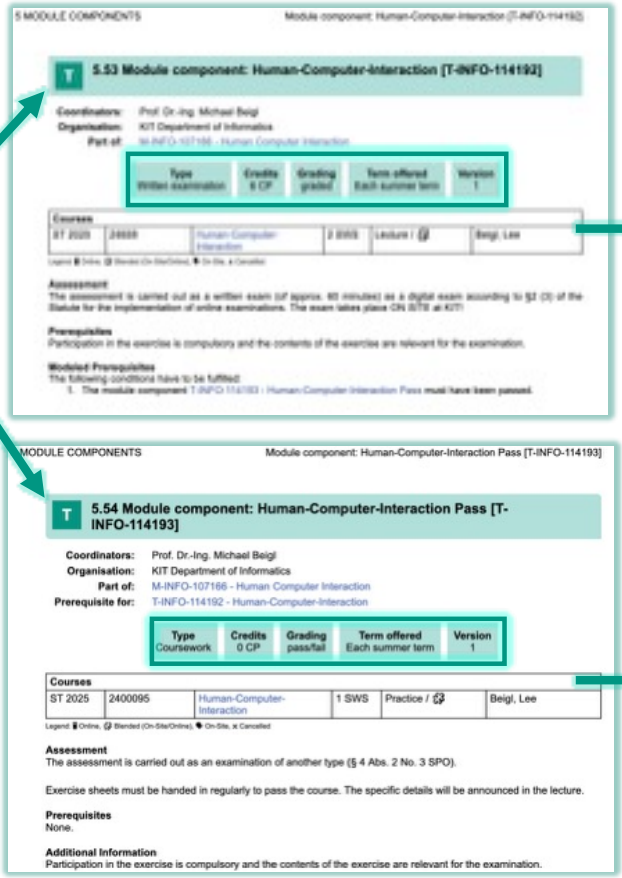
Assessment
See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

Prerequisites
See partial achievements (Teilleistung)

Competence Goal
After completing the course, students will be able to
reproduce basic knowledge about the field of human-machine interaction
name and apply basic techniques for analysing user interfaces
apply basic rules and techniques for designing user interfaces
analyse and evaluate existing user interfaces and their function

Content
Topics are:
1. human information processing (models, physiological and psychological principles, human senses, action processes),
2. design principles and design methods, input and output units for computers, embedded systems and mobile devices,
3. principles, guidelines and standards for the design of user interfaces
4. technical basics and examples for the design of user interfaces (text dialogues and forms, menu systems, graphical interfaces, interfaces in the WWW, audio dialogue systems, haptic interaction, gestures),
5. methods for modelling user interfaces (abstract description of interaction, embedding in requirements analysis and the software design process),
6. evaluation of systems for human-machine interaction (tools, evaluation methods, performance measurement, checklists).
7. practising the above basics using practical examples and developing independent, new and alternative user interfaces.

Workload
The total workload for this course unit is approx. 180 hours (6.0 credits).
Attendance time: Attendance of the lecture 15 x 90 min = 22 h 30 min
Attendance time: Attendance of the exercise 8 x 90 min = 12 h 00 min
Preparation / follow-up of the lecture 15 x 150 min = 37 h 30 min
Preparation / follow-up of the exercise 8x 360min =48h 00min
Go through slides/script 2x 2 x 12 h =24 h 00 min
Prepare exam = 36 h 00 min
SUM = 180h 00 min



5 MODULE COMPONENTS — Module component: Human-Computer-Interaction (T-INFO-114192)

T 5.53 Module component: Human-Computer-Interaction [T-INFO-114192]

Coordinators: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Beigl
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: M-INFO-107166 - Human Computer Interaction

Type	Credits	Grading	Term offered	Version
Written examination	6 CP	graded	Each summer term	1

Courses

ST 2025	24000	Human-Computer-Interaction	2 SWS	Lecture /	Beigl, Lee

Assessment
The assessment is carried out as a written exam (of approx. 60 minutes) as a digital exam according to §2 (3) of the Statute for the implementation of online examinations. The exam takes place ON SITE at KIT!

Prerequisites
Participation in the exercise is compulsory and the contents of the exercise are relevant for the examination.

Modelled Prerequisites
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:
1. The module component T-INFO-114193 - Human-Computer-Interaction Pass must have been passed.

MODULE COMPONENTS — Module component: Human-Computer-Interaction Pass [T-INFO-114193]

T 5.54 Module component: Human-Computer-Interaction Pass [T-INFO-114193]

Coordinators: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Beigl
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: M-INFO-107166 - Human Computer Interaction
Prerequisite for: T-INFO-114192 - Human-Computer-Interaction

Type	Credits	Grading	Term offered	Version
Coursework	0 CP	pass/fail	Each summer term	1

Courses

ST 2025	2400095	Human-Computer-Interaction	1 SWS	Practice /	Beigl, Lee

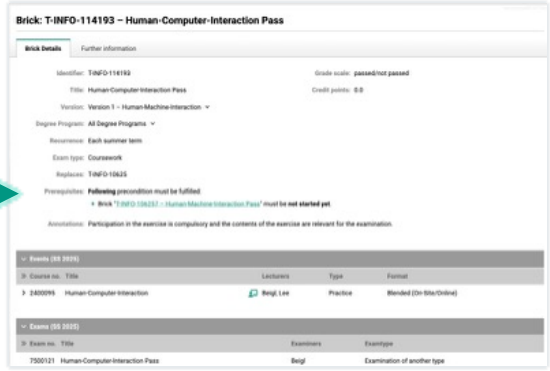
Assessment
The assessment is carried out as an examination of another type (§ 4 Abs. 2 No. 3 SPO).

Exercise sheets must be handed in regularly to pass the course. The specific details will be announced in the lecture.

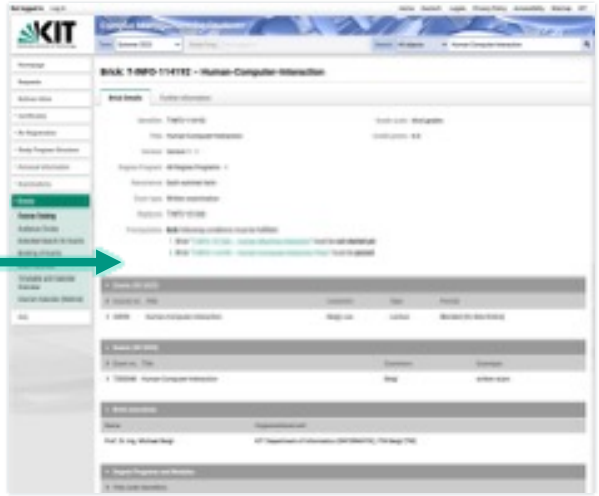
Prerequisites
None.

Additional Information
Participation in the exercise is compulsory and the contents of the exercise are relevant for the examination.

- VVZ (Vorlesungsverzeichnis) Course Catalogue



Brick: T-INFO-114193 – Human-Computer-Interaction Pass



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!

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's – Course catalogue**
- **WiWi Portal?**

Module Handbooks	Campus Management for Students	ILIAS Learning Platform	SignMeUp	Wiwi-portal

- Module Handbook is Department specific modules
- CMS you can look up information about module in informatic and other departments at KIT
- Ilias is a learning Platform
- Campus Plus Portal / SignMeUp WiWi-Portal Module Handbook is Department specific modules

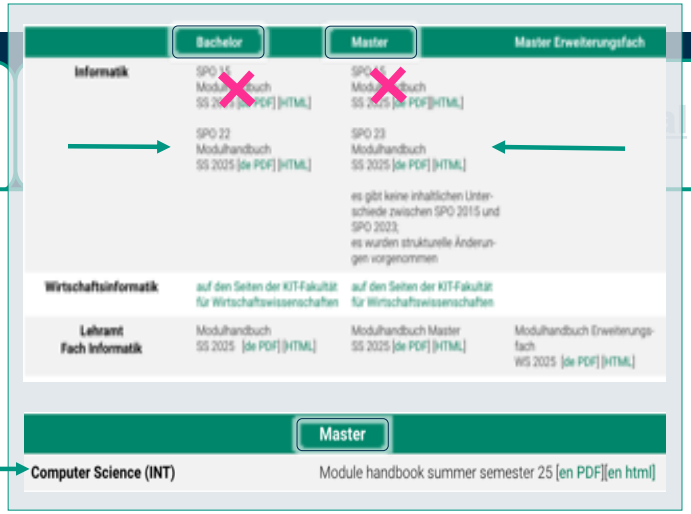
Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Module Handbook

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

Module Handbooks | Campus Management for Students | ILIAS Learning Platform

- 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



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Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Module Handbook

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

M **4.45 Module: Human Computer Interaction [M-INFO-107166]**

Coordinators:	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Beigl
Organisation:	KIT Department of Informatics
Part of:	Area of Specialization: Telematics Area of Specialization: Human-centred Machine Intelligence Elective Studies in Informatics

Credits	Grading	Recurrence	Duration	Language	Level	Version
6 CP	graded	Each summer term	1 term	English	4	1

Mandatory

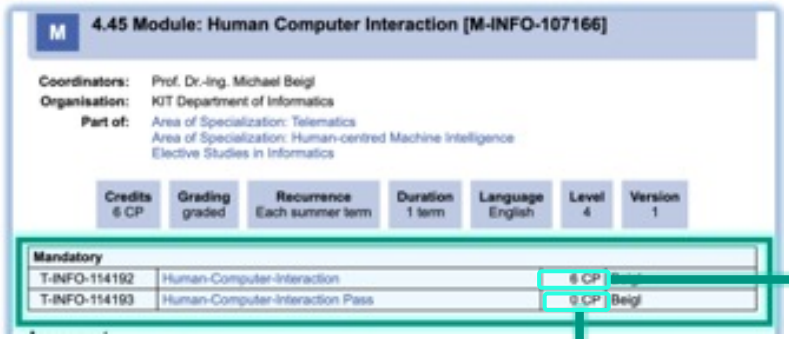
T-INFO-114192	Human-Computer-Interaction	6 CP	Beigl
T-INFO-114193	Human-Computer-Interaction Pass	0 CP	Beigl

Module Handbooks | Campus Management for Students

- There is is an unique Study code (number) for modules, course, units, etc…
  - **Modulnummer** / Module number is assigned to each module
  - A Module may have one or more brick "**Teilleistungen**" (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

Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Module Handbook

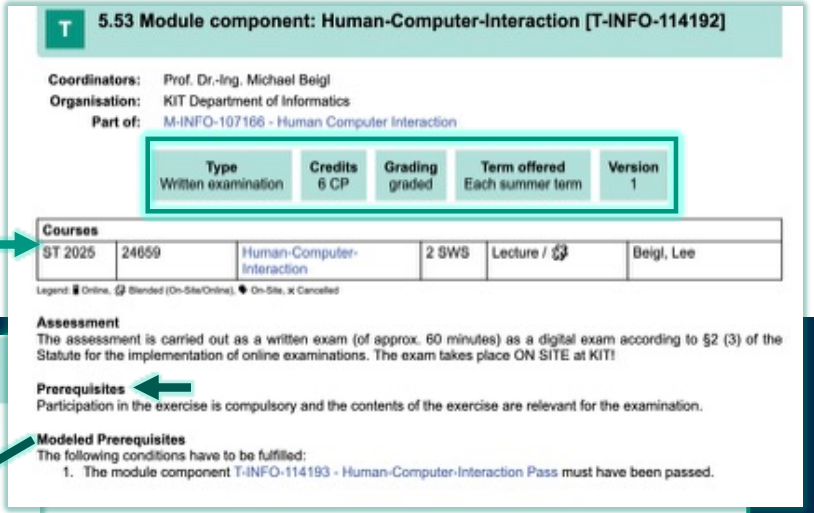


M 4.45 Module: Human Computer Interaction [M-INFO-107166]

Coordinators: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Beigl
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: Area of Specialization: Telematics
Area of Specialization: Human-centred Machine Intelligence
Elective Studies in Informatics

Credits	Grading	Recurrence	Duration	Language	Level	Version
6 CP	graded	Each summer term	1 term	English	4	1

Mandatory			
T-INFO-114192	Human-Computer-Interaction	6 CP	Beigl
T-INFO-114193	Human-Computer-Interaction Pass	0 CP	Beigl



T 5.53 Module component: Human-Computer-Interaction [T-INFO-114192]

Coordinators: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Beigl
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: M-INFO-107166 - Human Computer Interaction

Type	Credits	Grading	Term offered	Version
Written examination	6 CP	graded	Each summer term	1

Courses					
ST 2025	24659	Human-Computer-Interaction	2 SWS	Lecture /	Beigl, Lee

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

Assessment
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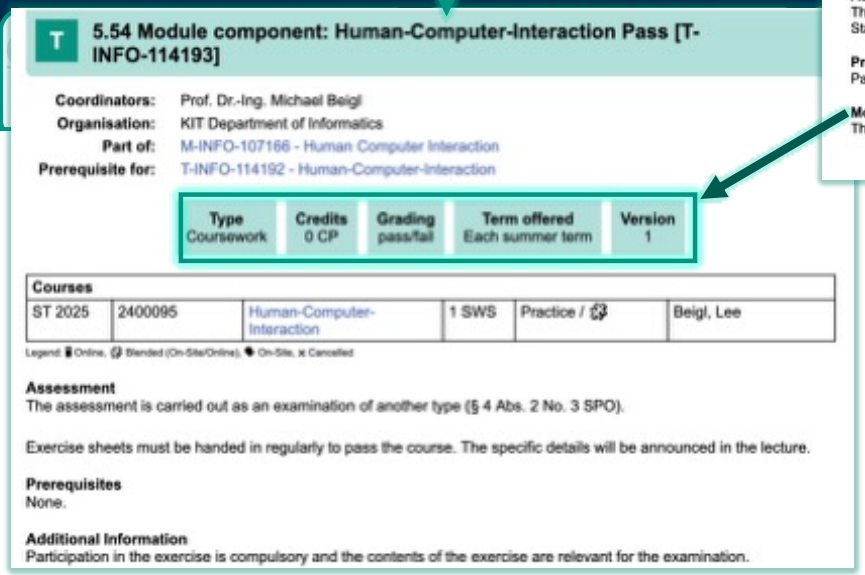
Prerequisites
Participation in the exercise is compulsory and the contents of the exercise are relevant for the examination.

Modeled Prerequisites
The following conditions have to be fulfilled:
1. The module component T-INFO-114193 - Human-Computer-Interaction Pass must have been passed.

Module Handbooks

- "**Teilleistungen**" pass
- Completion certificate
- Prerequsites
- Recommendations



T 5.54 Module component: Human-Computer-Interaction Pass [T-INFO-114193]

Coordinators: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Beigl
Organisation: KIT Department of Informatics
Part of: M-INFO-107166 - Human Computer Interaction
Prerequisite for: T-INFO-114192 - Human-Computer-Interaction

Type	Credits	Grading	Term offered	Version
Coursework	0 CP	pass/fail	Each summer term	1

Courses					
ST 2025	2400095	Human-Computer-Interaction	1 SWS	Practice /	Beigl, Lee

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

Assessment
The assessment is carried out as an examination of another type (§ 4 Abs. 2 No. 3 SPO).

Exercise sheets must be handed in regularly to pass the course. The specific details will be announced in the lecture.

Prerequisites
None.

Additional Information
Participation in the exercise is compulsory and the contents of the exercise are relevant for the examination.

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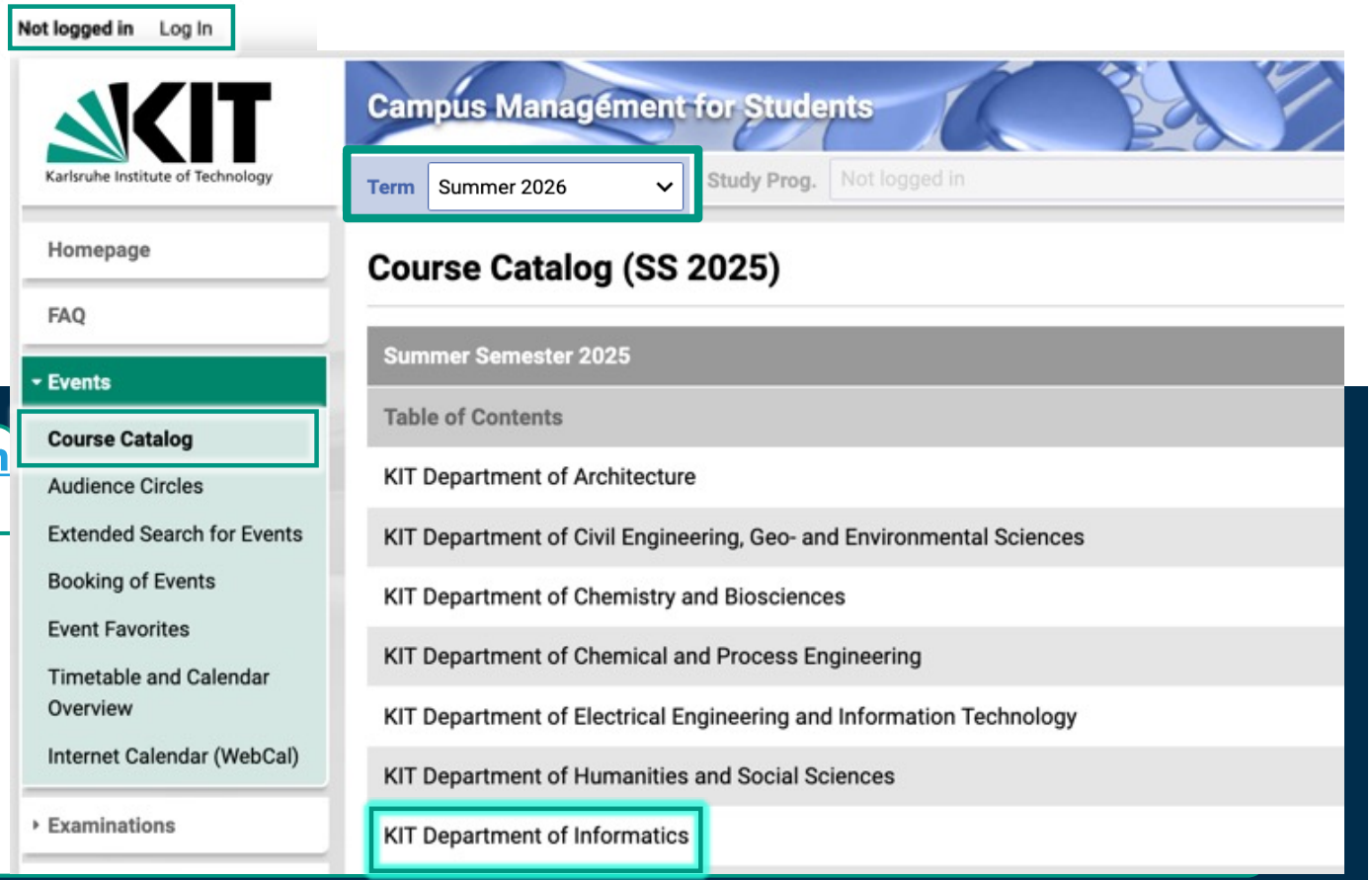
Campus Management for Students



Module Handbooks | **Campus Management for Students**

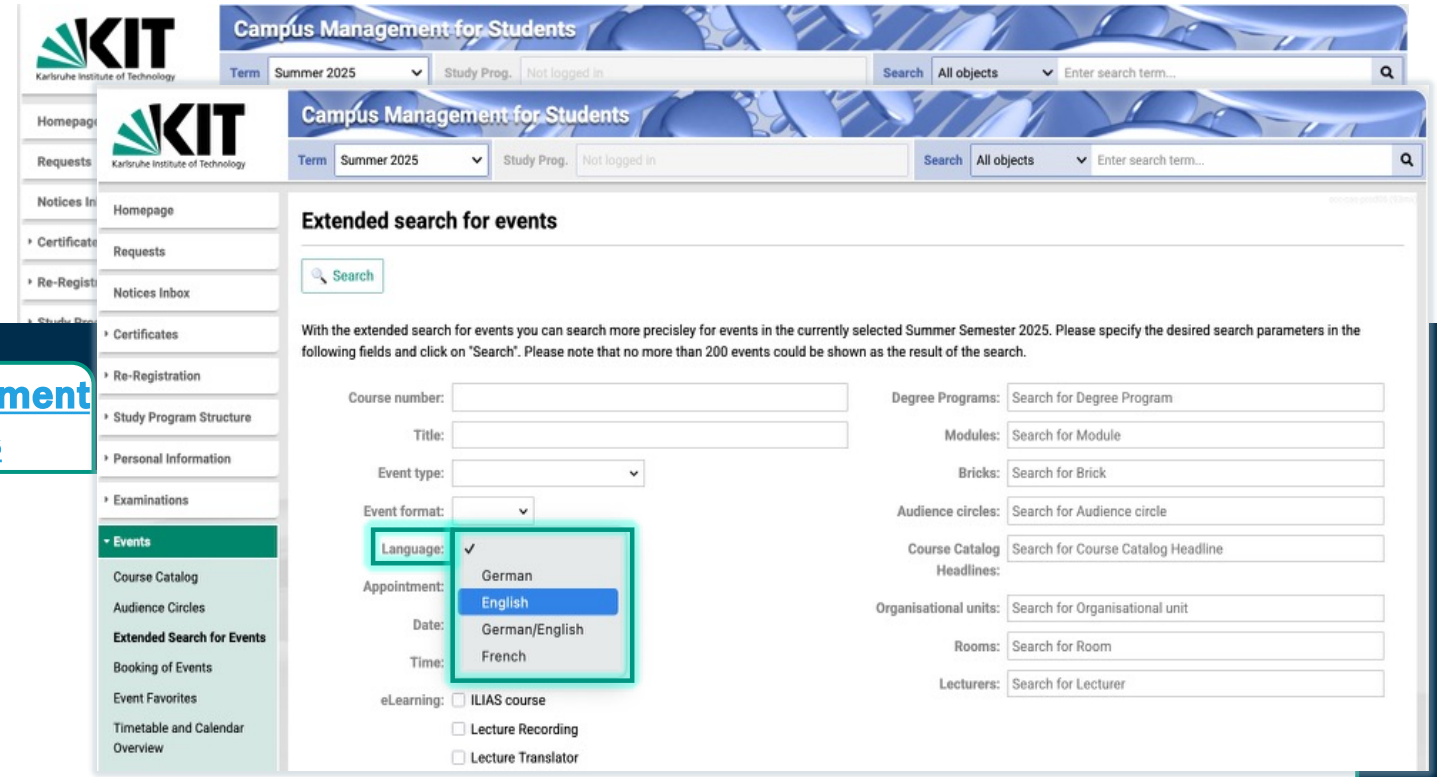
- Search for module information in **Course Catalogue** (VVZ)
  - academic department
  - Make sure you select the correct *"Term"*
    - Ex. **Summer 2026** and not 2025

Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Campus Management for Students

Module Handbooks | Campus Management for Students

- Extended Search for Events
  - Select search term(s)
    - Language
    - Appointment time
    - Etc..



Your Studies and Course Selection at KIT

Campus Management for Students

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

Module Handbooks

Campus Management for Students

- **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

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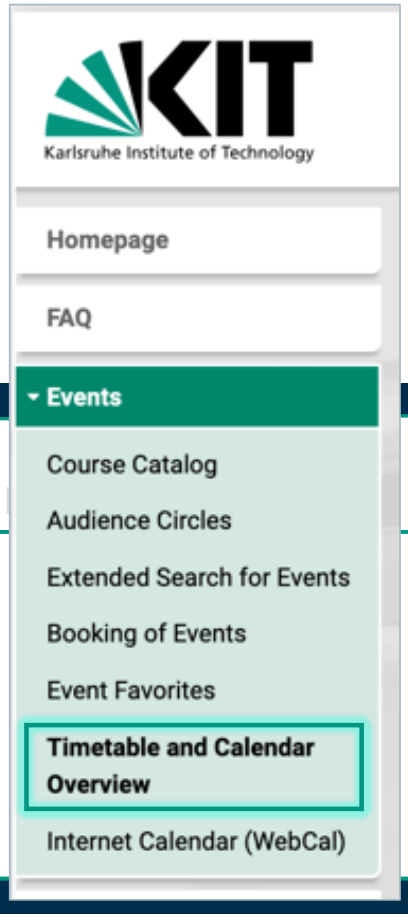
Campus Management for Students



Module Handbooks | **Campus Management for Students** | SignMeUp | Wiwi-portal

- 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 | **Campus Management for Students** | ILIAS Learning Platform | SIgnMeUp | Wiwi-portal

- **When do I have to register for Modules and exams?**
  - **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

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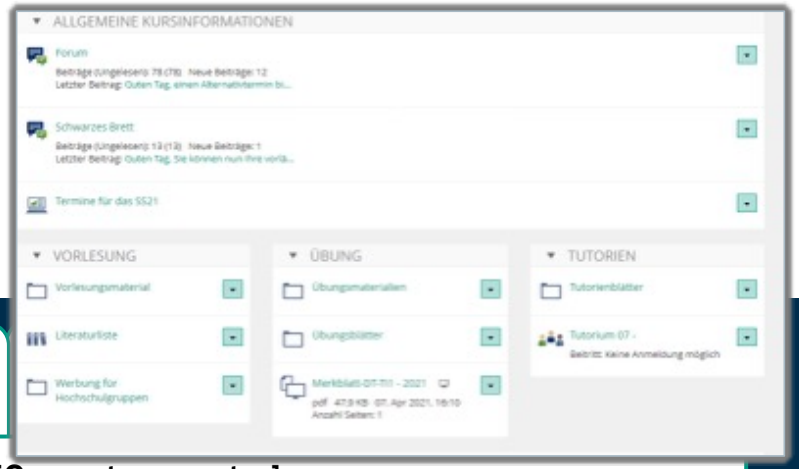
ILIAS

- **Best Tips**



Module Handbooks	Campus Management for Students	ILIAS Learning Platform

- **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 FSMI and Kick-Off to the semester

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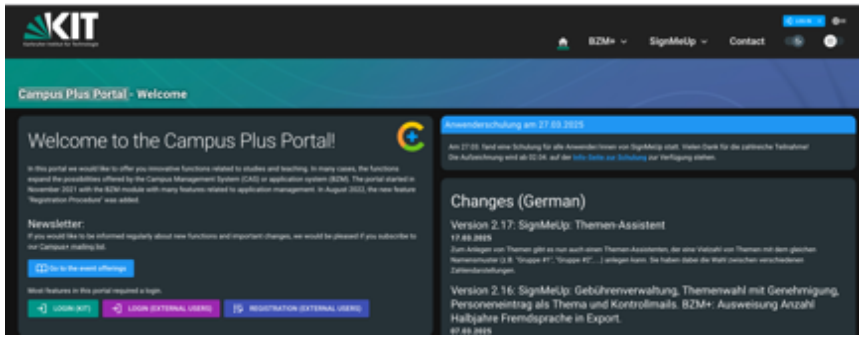
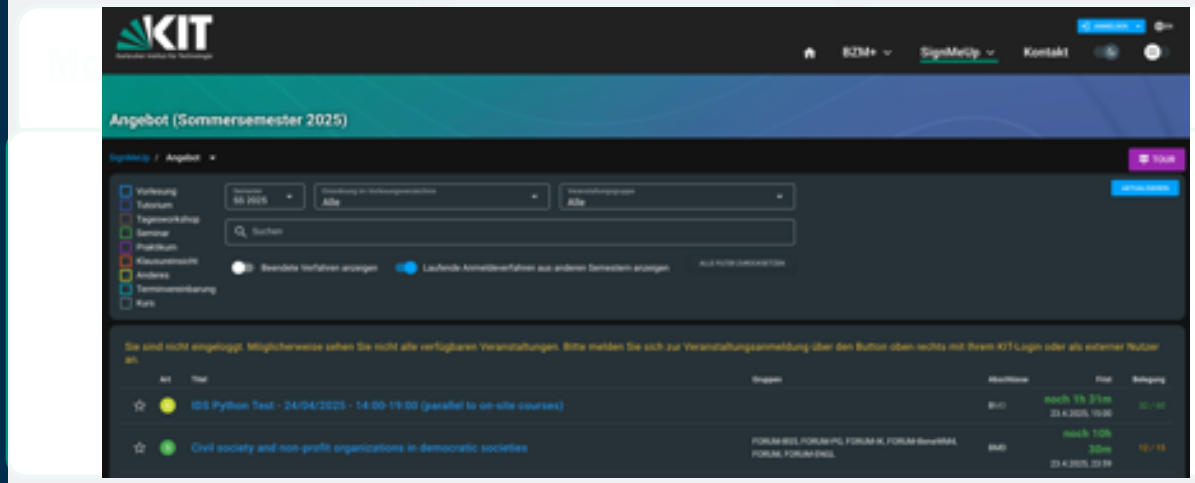
Campus Plus Portal / SIgnMeUp?





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

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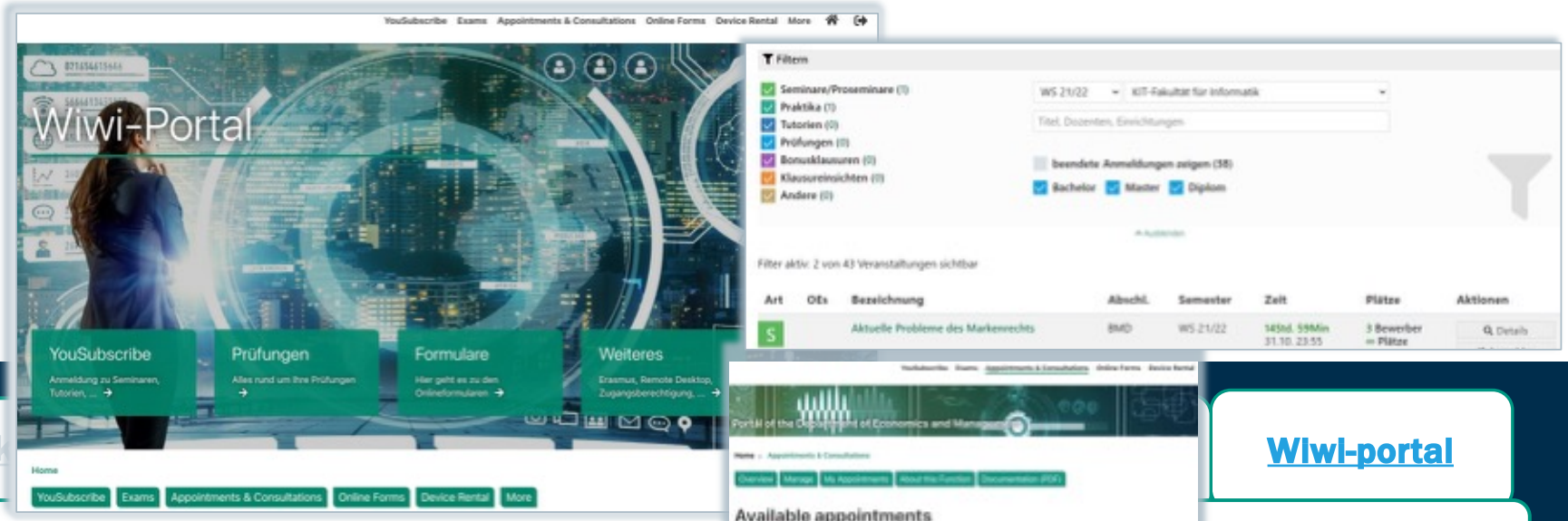
WIWI Portal



Module Handbook

Wiwi-portal

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

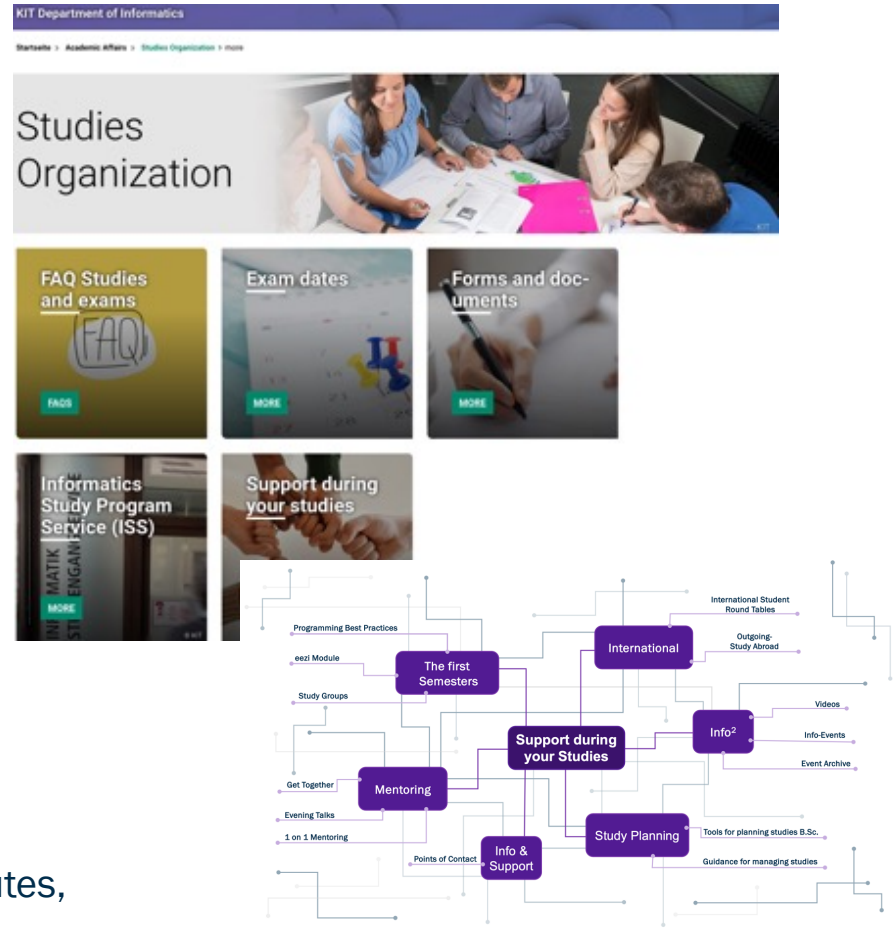
KIT Department of Informatics

Studies Organization

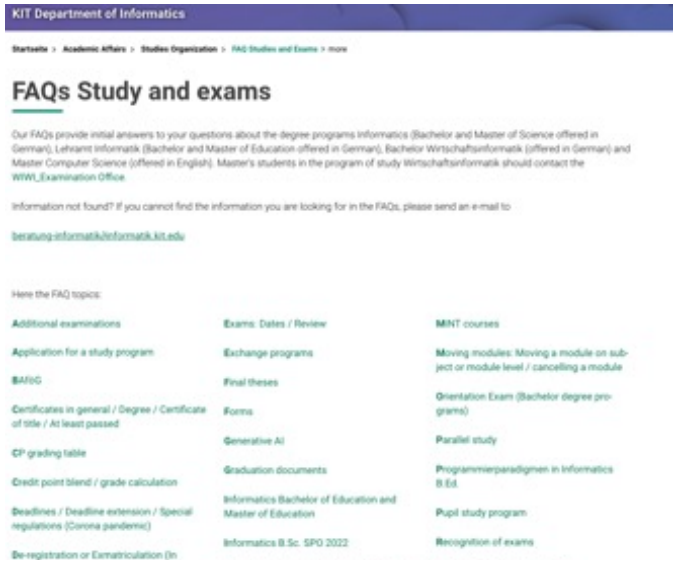
- Informatics Study Program Service (ISS)
  - Provides “official” information on your program of study
  - Student Support, including Central study and examination counselling
  - Administrative tasks in connection with the study programs offered including updating of Module Handbooks , lecture schedule, exam timetabling, processing of applications and certificates, etc

- FAQs - FAQs Study and exams - KIT Department of Informatics
  - 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



Examination schedule agreements & recognitions



- Bachelor's degree in informatics, Informatics Teacher Education, and Information Systems

  as well as

  Master's degree in informatics and computer science
  - Read the FAQs on studying and exams at the KIT Department of Informatics regarding the recognition of exam credits
  - Exam schedule agreement for the recognition of exam credits

Living in Karlsruhe & Student Life at KIT

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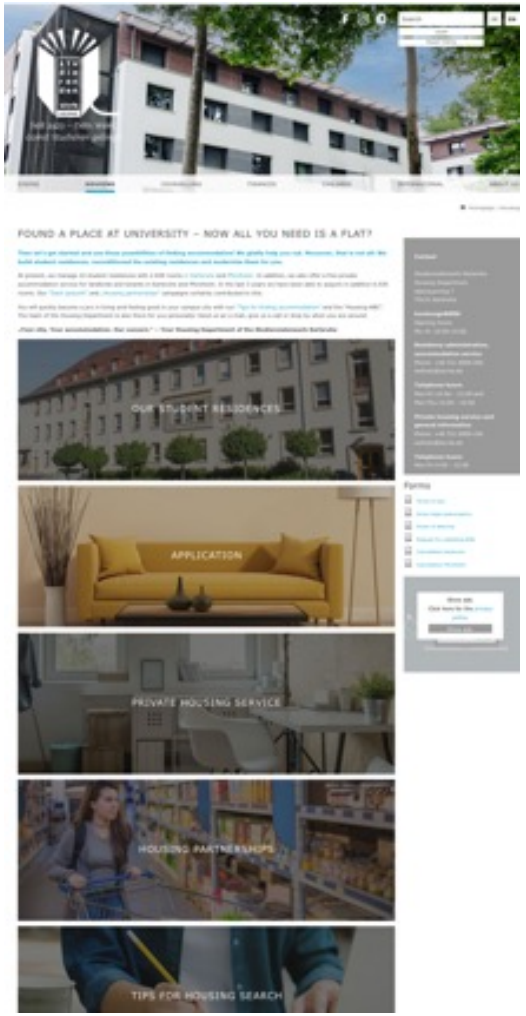
Accommodations

Accommodations - Websites

- **Find accommodations** (*as soon as you are admitted*)
  - Living and Learning in Karlsruhe
  - Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe: Possibilities of Finding accommodation and Support in finding accommodation:
  - Studienstart am KIT

  - **Degree seeking Websites**
    - IStO and Finding accommodation
  - **Exchange /Temporary Students 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**

Living in Karlsruhe & Student Life at KIT

Finding your way and Getting around

- Bike
  - own
  - Nextbike

- Walk

Karlsruhe City Map

- Public transit and Trains (KVV network, …)
  - Public transport ticket
    - Download KVV -certificate in CMS – for free public transportation in Karlsruhe on Monday – Friday 6pm – 6am, weekend and holidays (student id required)
  - Deutschland Ticket

*"Deutschland-Ticket"
- for regional transportation in all of Germany is about **63€ per month & 756€ 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 540 € per year

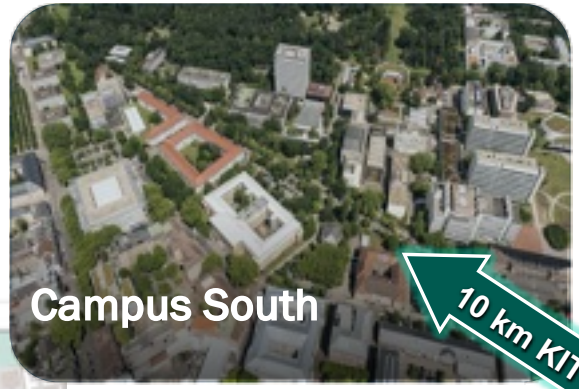
Theses fees were current as of Jan 2026

*The website is in German

*Please note fees for the various tickets may change.

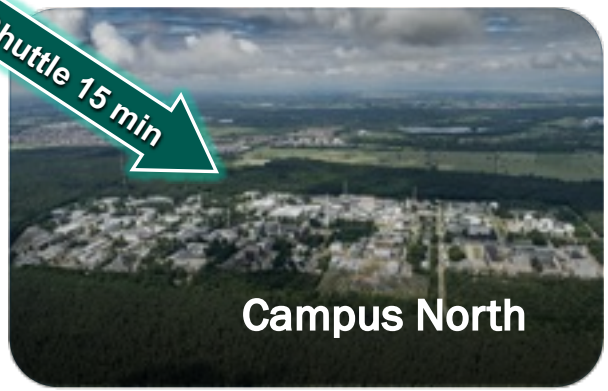
One KIT – Multiple Locations

Campus Map



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

10 km KIT-Shuttle 15 min



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

KIT Fees

As of
13 Feb 2026

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!

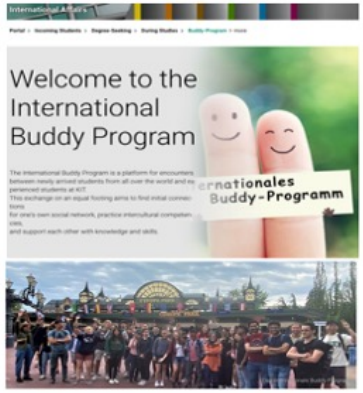
Per Month		Total	Total
Rent (Kalt vs. Warm)	Approximately - 350 - 700	450	
Transport (such as Deutschland-Ticket)	Between - 40 -60	63	
Internet & Telephone	Between - 20 -60	40	
House keeping	Between - 20 -60	40	**593**
Per week			**Total per month**
Mensa / Cafeteria	Between - 20 - 40	30	
Food	Between - 30 -70	50	**320**
		Estimate Total	**870**

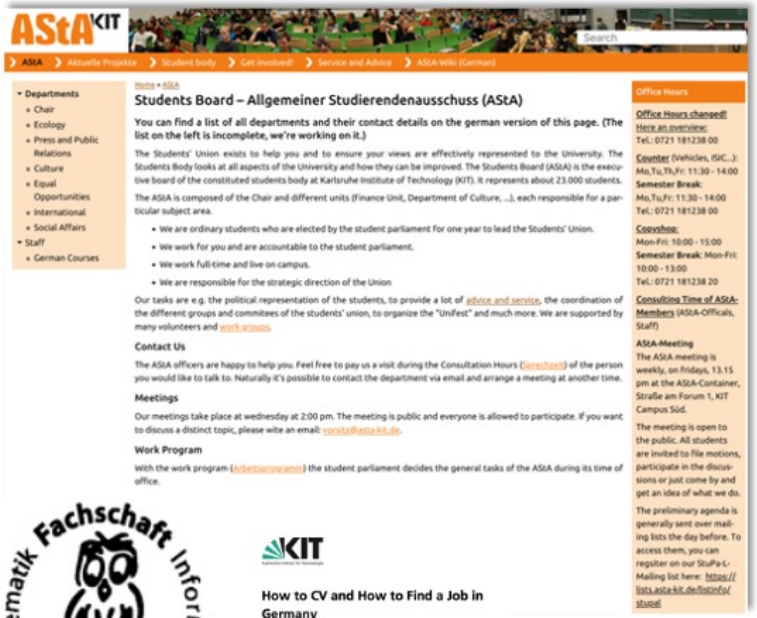
Heath Insurance (Krankenverseicherung) 140-160		**Total**	**150**
Other regular Expenses you might have		**Total**	**50**

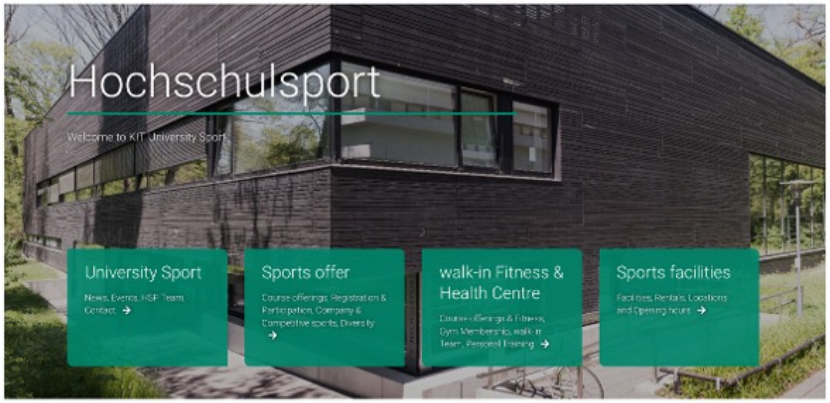
KIT Fees – see actual fees on Website and add it in to total below

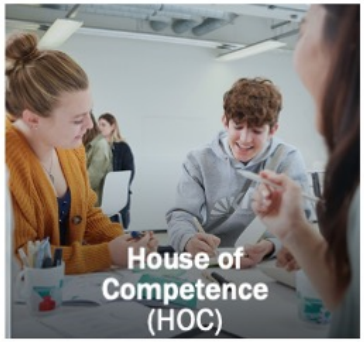
Charge for the Studierendenwerk*	109	Charge for the Students Union*	0-12	Administrative charge*	0-80	Tuition fees	0-1500	*This could be between 110 and 1701,50 per semester
							KIT Fees- Total	
							Over all Total Estimate per month	

Student Life







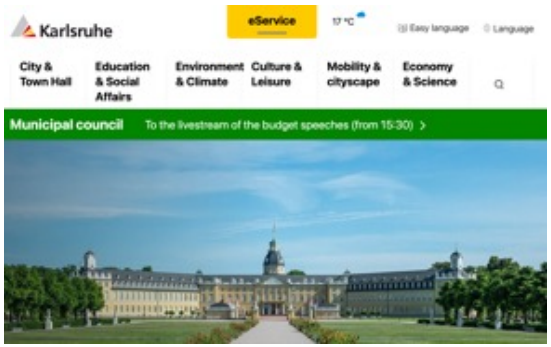


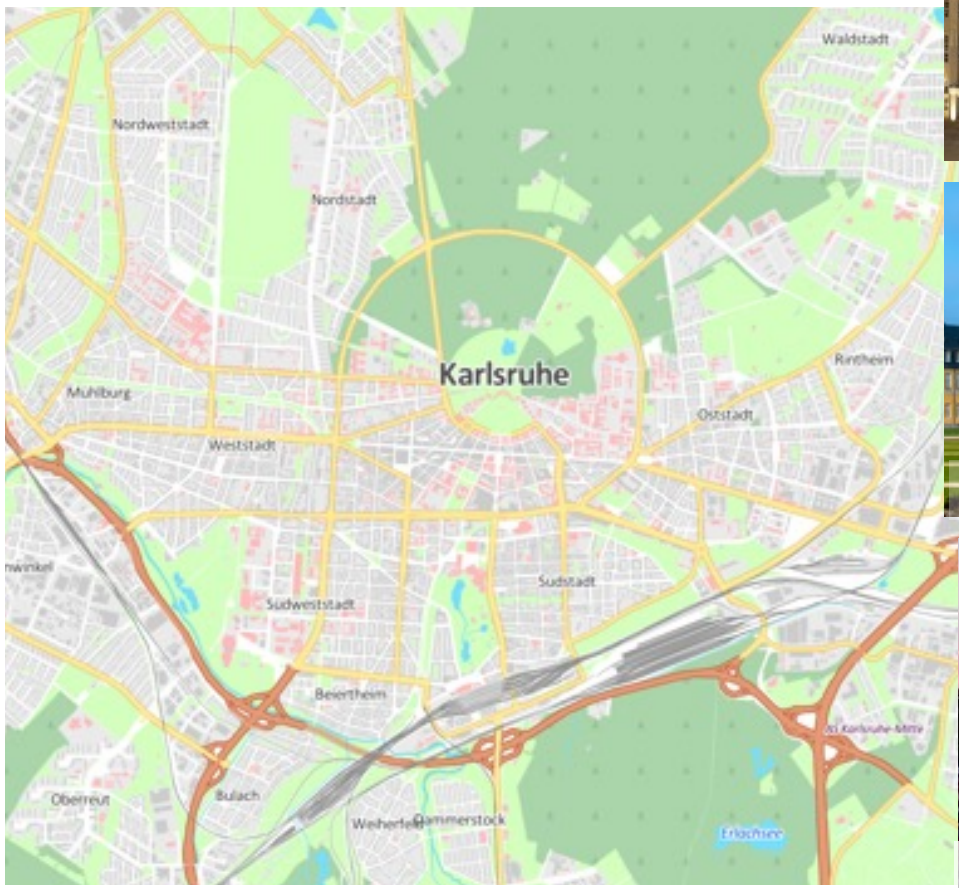
Student Life

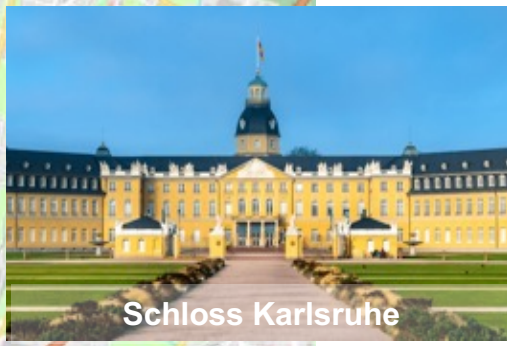
Department	Services & Resources	Student type	QR Code
AStA KIT (Students' Union)	German courses, international student advising and a, equal opportunities, queer counselling, etc..	all	
Fachschaften (Student Councils)	Student to student advising, O-Phase, exam preparation resources, represent student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

Karlsruhe

Karlsruhe City Website

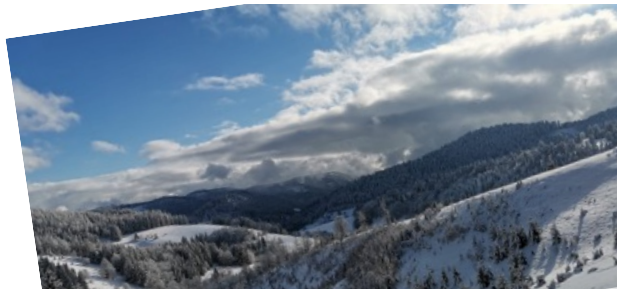






Out and About

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.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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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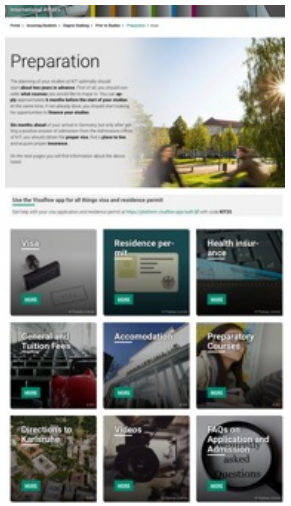
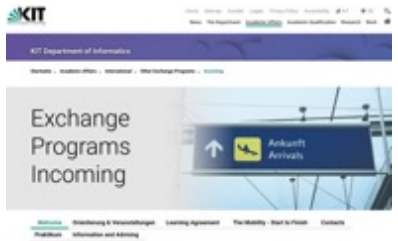
Checklist for prior to arrival and start at KIT

- □ Read thoroughly information on websites
  - Starting Your Studies at KIT
  - Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe
  - Studienstart am KIT
  - Uni Glossar (only in German)
  - 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



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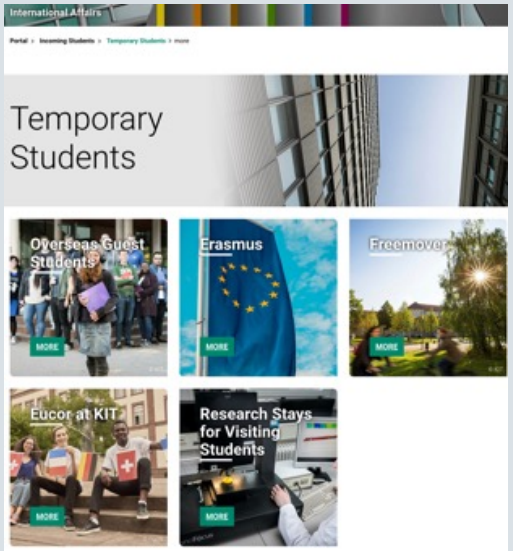
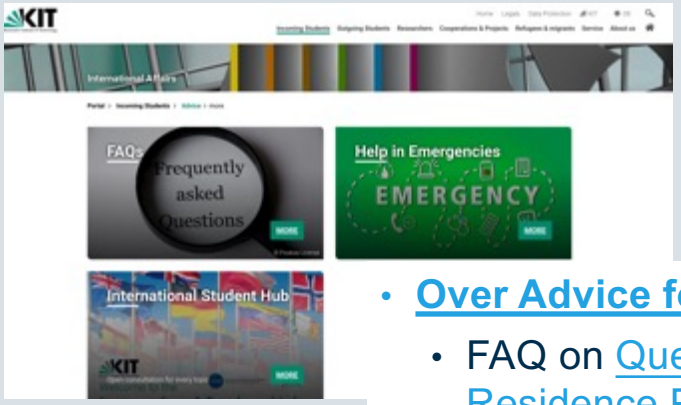
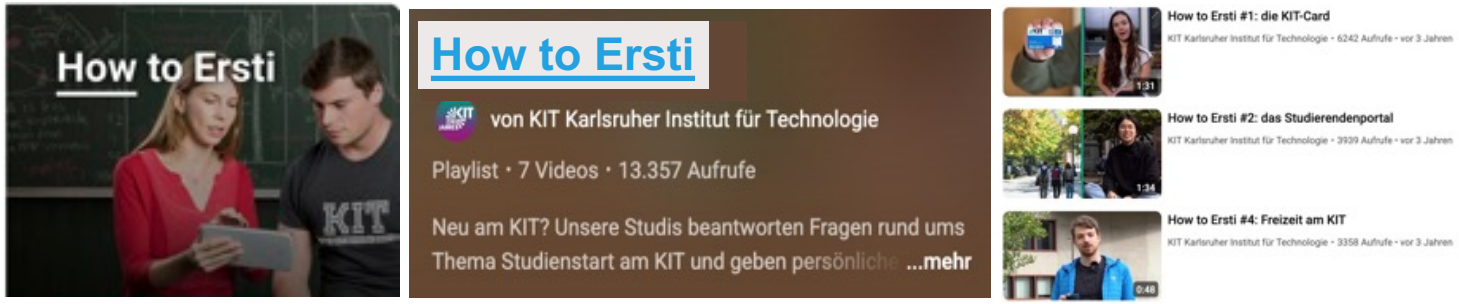


- **Exchange at KIT brochure**



- **Over Advice for Internationals**
  - FAQ on Questions regarding Visa and Residence Permit , Housing ,etc.
  - International Student Hub

Video Information...



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.

KIT Department of Informatics - Info² (Events and Videos)

Info²

Assists all students at the KIT Department of Informatics and it is divided into an informative video series and a selection of information events

- Information events include International Student Roundtables, Programming Best Practices, How 2 CV and to find a job in Germany, How 2 Thesis, etc...

- International Student Round Table (ISRT)
  - "Kicking Your studies off " Adivisors Answers & Advise: What you need to do in the first few weeks": 22 April 2026
  - "In the Thick of it "- What next in my first semester": 7 May 2026
  - "Fit for exams and returning home": 17 June 2026

Mentoring

- Mentoring Get-Togethers
  - 28 April 2026 & 30 June 2026
  - new & returning students "get-to-know-each-other" during a relaxed evening, often centered around board games & chat
  - Great way to find people to study with and build your social circle

Youtube Channel

- Bites: videos deal with general tips and tricks for coping with the studies, including The first six weeks, Studienstart: Zugelassen... Was nun? Campus Management System, ISRTs, ect ...

Points of contact an overview

KIT Department of Informatics - Support during your Studies

	Informatics Study Program Services (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
	KIT Department of Informatics International Exchange	Provides information and support for Incoming & Outgoing exchange students • Learning Agreements, advising for exchange students regarding studies • Incoming selection process for short term exchange programs • Selection process for ERASMUS & SEMP Outgoing program
	FSMI Fachschaft Mathematik/ Informatik	Represent informatic student interests at university and departmental and provide direct support of students enrolled in the major of informatics • O-Phase, student to student advising, exam preparation resources, social activities etc.. sells copies of old exams, and offers social activities, etc... • Pro Tip: For a good explanation and overview to academic structure of major read IMAMA (International Master Mathematics) Handbook
	KIT-Informatics-Library	• Study places, literature, etc.

Who and What: Overview to Points of Contact

Department	Services & Resources	Student type	QR Code
IStO *International Students Office*	Supports KIT international student community from start to finish	all	
IStO Welcome & Integration - Degree Seeking	Pre-semester course, Start of Studies for Internationals, Buddy Program, Student Support, Refugee advising services, volunteering, etc.	degree seeking	
IStO **Exchange** (ERASMUS-Eucor, Freemover, etc.)	Mobility-Online, exchange student Orientation, Pre-semester German course, certificate of arrival and departure documents, finances, …	exchange	
International Student Center at Studierendenwerk	Social & Refugee counseling, events, mentoring, accommodation, etc..	all	
International Student Hub	Advising services for international students	all	
Studienstart International - Information offer on ILIAS	Resource materials, videos, …	all	

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KIT Studierenden-service (SLE)	Central Office for Student Fees (Gebühren), Certificated, Organization including: KVV – Bescheinigung / Warrant, renewal of matriculation & De-registration / Withdraw, Transcript of Records (ToR), Campus Management Portal (Student portal)	all	
ZSB - Zentrale Studienberatung	general academic advising services regarding studies and major, *doubts about your program of study/change of major / university, withdrawing, etc*	all	
House of Competences (HoC)	Workshops for studying, presenting, methods *Learning/Writing Advice, helpdesk*	all	
FORUM	Events, social research, campus radio, courses, etc.	all	
Career Service and Alumni	Job market, internship search, prospects, career entry and preperation recources, advising, event, etc..	all	

Q&A

Thank you for your participation!

- On the Info2 the Event Archive Website, you will find links to the Slides and Youtube Video

- We look forward to meeting you in person at International Student Round Table: Kicking Your studies off : Adivisors Answers & Advise: What you need to do in the first few weeks" on 22 April 2026

Learning Agreements

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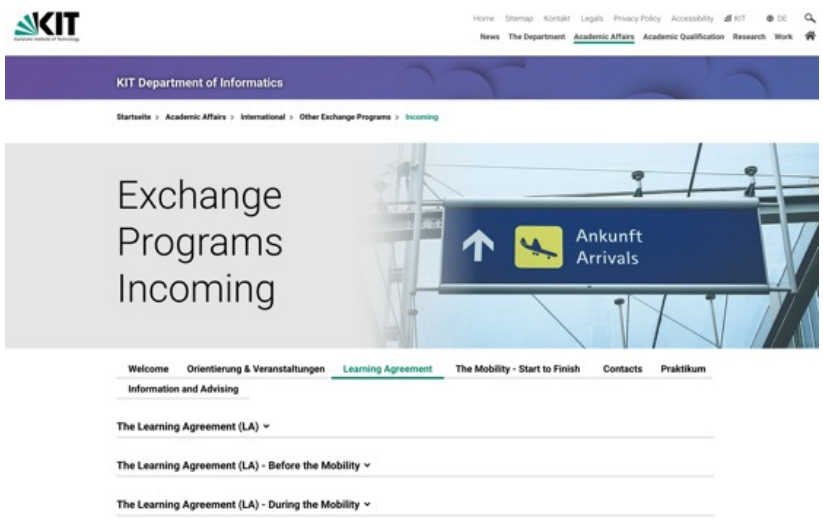

- Learning agreement (LA)is by some of the incoming exchange students including by ERASMUS, EUCORE, DAAD, Freemover students
- **The LA is a contract between you, your home university and host university regarding your studies**
  - **Your LA must always be signed by all 3 parties:**
    - by you (student)
    - the subject coordinator (FK) of your home university
    - 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

- **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
  - Deadline for changes by: 18 May 2026