Academic calendar for incoming students



Fall term 2024/25

1 May 2024	Deadline for nomination by home university			
15 Jun 2024	Application deadline for submission of admission document			
1 Aug 2024	German language course preferences deadline (online, via WEX)			
Aug 2024*	Digital placement test for pre-/in-semester German language course (compulsory for course participants)			
27 Aug -18 Sep 2024	Course registration (online)			
27 Aug -18 Sep 2024	Course guidance sessions (online)			
28 Aug 2024	Orientation session (hybrid, compulsory all students)			
2 Sep 2024	CEMS welcome			
Sep 2024	Welcome programme: Part I (events throughout the month that can be joined as students arrive)			
Sep 2024	Pre-semester German language course (online)			
1 Sep – 15 Dec 2024	CEMS term (CEMS long term: 1 Sep 2024 – Jan 2025)			
3 - 8 Sep 2024	CEMS Block Seminar			
9 Sep 2024	CEMS core course begins			
1 - 6 Oct 2024	Welcome programme: Part II (all students)			
1 Oct 2024	Cultural event (compulsory all students, recommended latest date of arrival)			
1 Oct 2024	Course placement results (online)			
4 Oct 2024	Add/drop phase begins (Restplatzvergabe)			
7 Oct 2024 – 31 Jan 2025	Lecture period			
7 Oct – 15 Dec 2024	Lecture period: Early leaver			
Oct 2024 – Feb 2025*	Semester German language course			
November 2024	Exam Info session (online, compulsory all students)			
Until 15 Dec 2024	Early leaver exam period (earliest departure 16 Dec)			
Until end of Feb 2025*	Exam period (English-taught courses within the WiSo Faculty's course list for incoming students)			
Until end of Mar 2025*	Exam period (German-taught courses within the WiSo Faculty's course list for incoming students)			

Public holidays (no classes):

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3 Oct 2024	Day of German Unity		23 Dec 2024 – 6 Jan 2025	Christmas Break	Last update: Mar 2024
1 Nov 2024	All Saints' Day		1 Jan 2025	New Year's Day	*Changes possible.
	All Saints Day	3 Mar 2025	Carnival Monday	Changes possible.	



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Spring term 2025

1 Nov 2024	Deadline for nomination by home university			
1 Dec 2024	Application deadline for submission of admission document (online, via WEX)			
1 Feb 2025	German language course preferences deadline (online, via WEX)			
Feb 2025	Placement test for pre-/in-semester German course (online)			
Mar 2025	Pre-semester German language course (online)			
Mar 2025	Welcome programme: Part I (events throughout the month that can be joined as students arrive)			
6 – 20 Mar 2025*	Course registration (online)			
6 – 20 Mar 2025	Course guidance sessions (online)			
5 Mar 2025	Orientation session (hybrid, compulsory all students)			
end Mar 2025*	CEMS Welcome (compulsory CEMS)			
1 Apr 2025*	Cultural event (compulsory all students, recommended latest date of arrival)			
1 – 6 Apr 2025*	Welcome programme: Part II (compulsory all students)			
2 Apr 2025*	Course placement results (online)			
4 Apr 2025*	Add/drop phase begins (Restplatzvergabe)			
end Mar – 31 Jul 2025	CEMS Term			
7 Apr – 18 Jul 2025*	Lectures			
Apr – Jul 2025*	Semester German language courses			
Until early Aug 2025*	Exams (English-taught courses within the WiSo Faculty's course list for incoming students)			
Until end of Aug 2025*	Exams (German-taught courses within the WiSo Faculty's course list for incoming students)			

Public holidays (no classes):

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18 - 21 Apr 2025	Easter
1 May 2025	Labour Day
29 May 2025	Ascension Day
9 – 13 Jun 2025	Whitsun
19 Jun 2025	Feast of Corpus Christi

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