

Time schedule for application, enrolment and student affairs

Student affairs

Topic	Summer semester 2026	Winter semester 2026
Re-registration	15.12.2025 - 15.01.2026	15.06.2026 – 15.07.2026
Leave of absence	15.12.2025 – 15.01.2026 (in justified exceptional cases: 31.05.2026)	15.06.2026 – 15.07.2026 (in justified exceptional cases: 30.11.2026)
Exemption of the payment of mobility contribution (request)	by 15.01.2026	by 15.07.2026
Reimbursement (request)	by 06.04.2026	by 28.09.2026
Enrolment cancellation (request)	by 06.04.2026	by 28.09.2026
De-registration / Removal from the students' register:		
a) On students request	possible at any time (but not before the date on which the application is received by Student Services)	possible at any time (but not before the date on which the application is received by Student Services)
b) Final exam passed	ex officio to the end of semester	ex officio to the end of semester
c) Missing re-registration	ex officio to the end of semester	ex officio to the end of semester

Application Bachelor's degree programmes

Bachelor's degree programmes	Summer semester 2026		Winter semester 2026 (Information subject to change)	
	Application	Enrolment	Application	Enrolment
Applied Biology (Applicants with international educational qualifications need to apply via uni-assist)	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2026 - 15.07.2026	online until 29.08.2026 late submission until 01.09.2026
Business Information Systems	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2026 - 15.07.2026	online until 29.08.2026 late submission until 01.09.2026

Business Management - Rheinbach	15.11.2025 - 15.01.2026	online until 01.03.2026 late submission until 04.03.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.07.2026	online until 29.08.2026 late submission until 01.09.2026
Business Management - Sankt Augustin	15.11.2025 - 15.01.2026	online until 01.03.2026 late submission until 04.03.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.07.2026	online until 29.08.2026 late submission until 01.09.2026
Business Psychology	15.11.2025 - 15.01.2026	online until 01.03.2026 late submission until 04.03.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.07.2026	online until 29.08.2026 late submission until 01.09.2026
Computer Science	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Computer Science (cooperative)	begins each winter semester only		only possible via the Federal Office of Personnel Management of the German Bundeswehr or DEVK	online from 15.06.2026 - 12.09.2026 late submissions until 15.09.2026
Cyber Security & Privacy	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Digital Journalism and Technology (formerly Technical Journalism)	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Electrical Engineering	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Electrical Engineering (cooperative)	begins each winter semester only		only possible through a training company	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Forensic Sciences	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2026 - 15.07.2026	online until 29.08.2026 late submission until 01.09.2026
International Business (Applicants with international educational qualifications need to apply via uni-assist)	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2026 - 15.07.2026	online until 29.08.2026 late submission until 01.09.2026
Mechanical Engineering	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026

Mechanical Engineering (cooperative)	begins each winter semester only		only possible through a training company	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Sustainable Chemistry and Materials	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Sustainable Engineering	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Sustainable Engineering (cooperative)	begins each winter semester only		only possible through a training company	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Sustainable Engineering and Management (in planning)	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Sustainable Social Policy	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026
Visual Technical Communication	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2026 - 01.10.2026 late submissions until 04.10.2026

Application Master's degree programmes

Master's degree programmes	Summer semester 2026		Winter semester 2026	
	Application	Enrolment	Application	Enrolment
Analytical Chemistry and Quality Assurance	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026
Autonomous Systems	15.05.2025 – 15.12.2025	see notice of admission	15.11.2025 – 15.06.2026	see notice of admission
Autonomous Systems (Applicants who need a visa ¹) - via uni-assist	15.05.2025 – 15.07.2025	see notice of admission	15.11.2025 – 15.02.2026	see notice of admission
Biomedical Sciences	begins each winter semester only		15.01.2026 – 01.07.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026

Biomedical Sciences (Applicants who need a visa ¹) - via uni-assist	begins each winter semester only		15.01.2026 – 01.03.2026	Online until 15.08.2026 (late submission until 18.08.2026)
Business Informatics, Sustainability and Digitalisation	15.11.2025 - 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026
Business Psychology	15.11.2025 – 15.01.2026	see notice of admission	begins each summer semester only	
Controlling & Management	15.11.2025 – 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	begins each summer semester only	
Computer Science	15.11.2025 - 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026
Cyber Security & Privacy	15.11.2025-15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026
Digital Communication and Media Innovation	15.11.2025 - 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	begins each summer semester only	
Electrical Engineering	15.11.2025 - 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026
Game Technologies	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2025 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026
Game Technologies (Applicants who need a visa ¹) - via uni-assist	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2025 - 15.02.2026	see notice of admission
IT- Management (formerly: Innovation and Information Management)	15.11.2025 – 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	begins each summer semester only	
International Media Studies (Applicants with international bachelor's degrees need to apply via uni-assist)	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2025 – 15.03.2026	Online until 15.08.2026 (submission deadline until 18.08.2026)
Marketing (German citizens and applicants treated as equivalent to German citizens ²)	begins each winter semester only		01.02.2026 – 15.07.2026	see notice of admission
Marketing (Applicants <u>not</u> treated as equivalent to German citizens ³) - via uni-assist	begins each winter semester only		01.02.2026 – 31.03.2026	see notice of admission
Materials Science and Sustainability Methods	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026
Public Policy and Transformation: Climate-Social-Policy	15.11.2025 - 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	begins each summer semester only	
Mechanical Engineering	15.11.2025 - 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026

Sustainable Engineering	15.11.2025 - 15.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026
Social Protection	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2025 – 31.05.2026	Online until 15.08.2026 (submission deadline until 18.08.2026)
Social Protection (Applicants who need a visa ¹) - via uni-assist	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2025 - 15.02.2026	Online until 15.08.2026 (submission deadline until 18.08.2026)
Visual Computing & Games Technology	15.11.2025 - 31.03.2026	Online until 18.04.2026 late submission until 21.04.2026	15.05.2026 - 15.09.2026	Online until 06.10.2026 late submissions until 09.10.2026

Application for a higher semester

Application for a higher semester (change of study programme or university)	Summer semester 2026		Winter semester 2026	
	Application	Enrolment	Application	Enrolment
All degree programmes	16.01.2026 - 15.03.2026	see notice of admission	16.07.2026 until 15.09.2026	see notice of admission

Application for the intensive German C1 preparatory course

Intensive German C1 preparatory course	Summer semester 2026		Winter semester 2026	
	Application	Enrolment	Application	Enrolment
Intensive German C1 preparatory course	15.11.2025 - 31.01.2026	see notice of admission	15.05.2026 until 31.07.2026	see notice of admission

Application for a PhD with Promotionskolleg PK-NRW

Promotionskolleg PK-NRW	Summer semester 2026		Wintersemester 2025	
	Application	Enrolment	Application	Enrolment

PhD programme with PK NRW	15.02. - 30.04. Application period - part 1	Online until 07.08.2026	15.08. - 30.10. Application period - part 1	Online until 06.02.2026
	01.05. - 13.05. Pause for semester data cleansing	late submission until 10.08.2026	01.11. - 13.11. Pause for semester data cleansing	late submission until 09.02.2026
	14.05. - 31.07. Application period - part 2		14.11. - 31.01. Application period - part 2	
	01.08. - 07.08. Late submission of missing documents		01.02. - 07.02. Late submission of missing documents	

Footnotes:

¹ Applicants with a visa obligation = Applicants who generally require a visa to enter Germany but do not yet have a valid visa at the time of their application.

² German citizens and applicants treated as equivalent to German citizens. The following applicants are treated as equivalent to German citizens:

- a. Citizens of another Member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area,
- b. Children residing in the Federal Republic of Germany of a citizen of another Member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, provided that these citizens are or have been employed in the Federal Republic of Germany,
- c. Other family members residing in the Federal Republic of Germany within the meaning of Article 2 (2) of Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 (...), as amended by Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 (...), of citizens of another Member State of the European Union or of States party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, provided that these citizens are employed in the Federal Republic of Germany,
- d. Other foreign citizens or stateless persons who hold a higher education entrance qualification acquired in the Federal Republic of Germany or at a German school abroad which was not acquired exclusively in accordance with foreign law (German higher education entrance qualification); the same applies to foreign citizens or stateless persons who hold the European Baccalaureate.

³ Applicants who do not belong to the applicant groups listed in footnote ² are not treated as equivalent to German citizens. Applicants who hold German citizenship in addition to a foreign citizenship will be considered for participation in the allocation procedure in accordance with the regulations applicable to German citizens.