Time schedule for application, enrolment and student affairs

Student affairs

Topic	Summer semester 2027	Winter semester 2027/28
Re-registration	15.12.2026 - 15.01.2027	15.06.2027 - 15.07.2027
Leave of absence	15.12.2026 - 15.01.2027 (in justified exceptional cases: 31.05.2027)	15.06.2027 - 15.07.2027 (in justified exceptional cases: 30.11.2027)
Exemption of the payment of mobility contribution (request)	by 15.01.2027	by 15.07.2027
Reimbursement (request)	by 29.03.2027	by 27.09.2027
Enrolment cancellation (request)	by 29.03.2027	by 27.09.2027
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 2027		Winter semester 2027/28 **(Information subject to change)**	
	Application	**Enrolment**	**Application**	**Enrolment**
Applied Biology (Applicants with international educational qualifications [1] need to apply via uni-assist)	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2027 - 15.07.2027	online until 29.08.2027 late submission until 01.09.2027
Business Information Systems	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2027 - 15.07.2027	online until 29.08.2027 late submission until 01.09.2027

Business Management - Rheinbach	15.11.2026 - 15.01.2027	online until 01.03.2027 late submission un til 04.03.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.07.2027	online until 29.08.2027 late submission until 01.09.2027
Business Management - Sankt Augustin	15.11.2026 - 15.01.2027	online until 01.03.2027 late submission until 04.03.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.07.2027	online until 29.08.2027 late submission until 01.09.2027
Business Psychology	15.11.2026 - 15.01.2027	online until 01.03.2027 late submission until 04.03.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.07.2027	online until 29.08.2027 late submission until 01.09.2027
Computer Science	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Computer Science (cooperative)	begins each winter semester only		only possible via the Federal Office of Personnel Management of the German Bundeswehr, DEVK or Telekom	online from 15.06.2027 - 12.09.2027 late submissions until 15.09.2027
Cyber Security & Privacy	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Digital Journalism and Technology (formerly Technical Journalism)	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Electrical Engineering	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Electrical Engineering (cooperative)	begins each winter semester only		only possible through a training company	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Forensic Sciences	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2027 - 15.07.2027	online until 29.08.2027 late submission until 01.09.2027
International Business (Applicants with international educational qualifications [1] need to apply via uni-assist)	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2027 - 15.07.2027	online until 29.08.2027 late submission until 01.09.2027

Mechanical Engineering	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Mechanical Engineering (cooperative)	begins each winter semester only		only possible through a training company	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Sustainable Chemistry and Materials	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Sustainable Engineering	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Sustainable Engineering (cooperative)	begins each winter semester only		only possible through a training company	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Sustainable Engineering and Management*	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Sustainable Social Policy	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027
Visual Technical Communication	begins each winter semester only		admission-free, direct enrolment	online from 15.06.2027 - 01.10.2027 late submissions until 04.10.2027

*Please note that the degree program has not yet been fully accredited. The process is expected to be completed in the first half of 2027.

Application Master's degree programmes

Master's degree programmes	**Summer semester 2027**		**Winter semester 2027 /28**	
	Application	**Enrolment**	**Application**	**Enrolment**

Analytical Chemistry and Quality Assurance	begins each winter semester only		15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Autonomous Systems	15.05.2026 - 15.12.2026	see notice of admission	15.11.2026 – 15.05.2027	see notice of admission
Autonomous Systems (Applicants who require a visa [2]) - via uni-assist	15.05.2026 - 15.08.2026	see notice of admission		
Autonomous Systems (Applicants with international bachelor's degrees [1]) - via uni-assist			15.11.2026 – 15.02.2027	see notice of admission
Biomedical Sciences	begins each winter semester only		15.12.2026 – 01.07.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Biomedical Sciences (Applicants with international bachelor's degrees [1]) - via uni-assist	begins each winter semester only		15.12.2026 – 01.03.2027	Online until 15.08.2027 (late submission until 18.08.2027)
Business Informatics, Sustainability and Digitalisation	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Business Psychology	15.11.2026 – 15.01.2027	see notice of admission	begins each summer semester only	
Controlling & Management	15.11.2026 – 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	begins each summer semester only	
Computer Science	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Cyber Security & Privacy	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Digital Communication and Media Innovation	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	begins each summer semester only	
Electrical Engineering	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Game Technologies	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2026 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Game Technologies (Applicants with international bachelor's degrees [1]) - via uni-assist	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2026 - 15.02.2027	see notice of admission
IT- Management (formerly: Innovation and Information Management)	15.11.2026 – 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	begins each summer semester only	
International Media Studies (Applicants with international bachelor's degrees [1] need to apply via uni-assist)	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2026 - 15.02.2027	Online until 15.08.2027 (submission deadline until 18.08.2027)
Marketing **(German citizens and applicants treated as equivalent to German citizens [3])**	begins each winter semester only		01.02.2027 - 15.07.2027	see notice of admission

Marketing (Applicants not treated as equivalent to German citizens [4]) - via uni-assist	begins each winter semester only		01.02.2027 - 31.03.2027	see notice of admission
Materials Science and Sustainability Methods	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Mechanical Engineering	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Public Policy and Transformation: Climate-Social-Polica	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	begins each summer semester only	
Sustainable Engineering	15.11.2026 - 15.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027
Social Protection	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2026 - 31.05.2027	Online until 15.08.2027 (submission deadline until 18.08.2027)
Social Protection (Applicants who require a visa [2]) - via uni-assist	begins each winter semester only		15.11.2026 - 15.02.2027	Online until 15.08.2027 (submission deadline until 18.08.2027)
Visual Computing & Games Technology	15.11.2026 - 31.03.2027	Online until 18.04.2027 late submission until 21.04.2027	15.05.2027 - 15.09.2027	Online until 06.10.2027 late submissions until 09.10.2027

Application for a higher semester

Application for a higher semester (change of study programme or university)	**Summer semester 2027**		**Winter semester 2027/28**	
	Application	**Enrolment**	**Application**	**Enrolment**
All degree programmes	16.01.2027 - 15.03.2027	see notice of admission	16.07.2027 - 15.09.2027	see notice of admission

Application for the intensive German C1 preparatory course

Intensive German C1 preparatory course	**Summer semester 2027**		**Winter semester 2027 /28**	
	Application	**Enrolment**	**Application**	**Enrolment**

Intensive German C1 preparatory course	15.11.2026 - 31.01.2027	see notice of admission	15.05.2027 - 31.07.2027	see notice of admission

Application for a PhD with Promotionskolleg PK-NRW

Promotionskolleg PK-NRW	**Summer semester 2027**		**Wintersemester 2027/28**	
	Application	**Enrolment**	**Application**	**Enrolment**
PhD programme with PK NRW	15.02. - 30.04. Application period - part 1 01.05. - 13.05. Pause for semester data cleansing 14.05. - 31.07. Application period - part 2 01.08. - 07.08. Late submission of missing documents	Online until 07.08.2027 late submission until 10.08.2027	15.08. - 30.10. Application period - part 1 01.11. - 13.11. Pause for semester data cleansing 14.11. - 31.01. Application period - part 2 01.02. - 07.02. Late submission of missing documents	Online until 06.02.2027 late submission until 09.02.2027

Footnotes:
[1] Applicants with international bachelor's degrees or international educational qualifications may apply exclusively via uni-assist. This also applies to 'Feststellungsprüfung' from German 'Studienkolleg' or International Baccalaureate (IB) diplomas from German schools.

[2] Applicants who require a visa and international bachelor's degrees, and who do not yet have a visa for Germany, may apply exclusively via uni-assist. Inf ormation on visa requirements can be found in the overview from the Federal Foreign Office.

[3] Non-EU/non-EEA nationals with non-EU/non-EEA bachelor's degrees may apply exclusively via uni-assist. International applicants with equal legal status to German applicants are:

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.

[4] Applicants who do not belong to the applicant groups listed in footnote [3] 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.