

Semester Information for AEL Incoming Students: Structure of the academic year, dates of exams and availability of marks

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Structure of the academic year: General description

NOTE: Two **preparatory online meetings** via Zoom will be held **in early May** (to create the Learning Agreements "Before the Mobility") **and in August** (to choose classes and create timetables). Attendance is compulsory!

An AEL orientation meeting will take place face-to-face at the ITMK in the week before the lectures start (= orientation week in late September).

- The THK has introduced EWP (Erasmus without paper)
- Deadline for online nomination: April 15
- Deadline for online registration: May 1st
- Deadline for completing the online application: June 1st (incl. Learning Agreement)
- Enrolment at THK is conducted completely online via Mobility Online (MobO)
- The academic year consists of two semesters: Winter (WiSe): September 1 to February 28/29 // Summer (SoSe): March 1 to August 31
- Lecture starts: WiSe late September/early October // SoSe mid-March/early April
- A so-called "Semesterbeitrag" of approx 300 EURO is due per semester (no tuition fees). For details see: https://www.th-koeln.de/en/academics/fees_5908.php
- Online registration for BA classes at the ITMK is required in September + February (dates will be defined)
- During the winter term, i.e. in the project week in November, students have to take the project module "Vortrags- und Präsentationstechniken mit Berufsfelderkundung" (2,5 ECTS). The project week of the summer term is free for individual studies.
- Each semester ends with an exam period (January/February + June/July)

- Lecture breaks/holidays (apart from occasional days off): one week for Christmas, some days at Easter and Whitsun, and the summer holidays (mid-July to early-October).
- Re-sits from the first semester (WiSe) can be taken at the end of the SoSe (June/July). Further re-sits will take place at the end of the following semester (exam period in January/February, i.e. next academic year).

Key Dates (subject to alterations)

April 15 by May 1 st , 2026	Nomination deadline (online via Mobility Online) Online registration on Mobility Online (MobO) <u>excl.</u> Learning Agreement
Tuesday May 5, 17:00 h via Zoom by May 10, 2026	Preparatory online meeting “How to create your Learning Agreement BTM” (attendance compulsory) Submission of Learning Agreement (BTM) to ael-incomings-itmk@th-koeln.de
by June 1 st , 2026	Online submission of approved BTM on MobO
August (date t.b.a.)	Preparatory online meeting “How to create your WiSe timetable” (attendance compulsory)
Early September (date t.b.a.)	Online registration for winter term classes
October 3, 2026	*Holiday* (German Unification Day)
October 5 – 9, 2026	Orientation week for new AEL/Exchange students (compulsory)
October 12, 2026	Lectures start
October 2026 (date t.b.a.)	Submission of Learning Agreement (DTM)
November 2026 (date t.b.a.)	Online registration for winter term exams
November 16 – 20, 2026	Project week (attendance compulsory)
December 23 – January 2, 2027	*Christmas Break* (re-start on Jan. 4 th)
January 20, 2027	End of lectures
January 21 + 22, 2027	*Study days*
January 25 – February 12, 2027	Exam period (+ re-sits from 2025/26)
Mid-February (date t.b.a.)	Online registration for summer term classes
March 31, 2027	Lectures start
April (date t.b.a.)	Submission of Learning Agreement (DTM)
May (date t.b.a.)	Online registration for summer term exams
May 10 – 14, 2027	Project week *study days for AEL incoming students*
May 15 – 18, 2027	*Whitsun Holidays*
July 1, 2027	Lectures end
July 2 – 6, 2027	*Study days*
July 7 – 23, 2027	Exam period + re-sits from the WiSe (+ re-sits from 2025/26)

Availability of marks

First semester exams	Mid-March
Second semester exams	Late August

Re-sits

1 st semester re-sits	July 7 – 23, 2027 + re-sits from 2025/26
2 nd semester re-sits	January/February, 2027