Academic calendar for incoming students Fall term 2023/24



1 May 2023	Deadline for nomination by home university	
15 Jun 2023	Application deadline for submission of admission document	
1 Aug 2023	German language course preferences deadline (online, via WEX)	
Aug 2023*	Digital placement test for pre-/in-semester German language course (compulsory for course participants)	
24 Aug – 20 Sep 2023	Course registration (online)	
24 Aug – 20 Sep 2023	Course guidance sessions (online)	
31 Aug 2023	Orientation session (hybrid, compulsory all students)	
1 Sep 2023	CEMS welcome	
1 – 4 Sep 2023	Welcome events (early Sep arrivals)	
1 Sep – 15 Dec 2023	CEMS term (CEMS long term: 1 Sep 2023 – Jan 2024)	
1 Sep 2023	CEMS core course begins	
4 – 29 Sep 2023*	Pre-semester German language course (online)	
22 - 27 Sep 2023	CEMS Block Seminar	
2 - 6 Oct 2023	Welcome week (all students)	
2 Oct 2023	Cultural event (compulsory all students)	
4 Oct 2023	Course placement results (online)	
6 Oct 2023	Add/drop phase begins (Restplatzvergabe)	
9 Oct 2023 – 2 Feb 2024	Lecture period	
9 Oct – 15 Dec 2023	Lecture period: Early leaver	
16 Oct 2023 – 2 Feb 2024*	Semester German language course	
November 2023	Exam Info session (online, compulsory all students)	
Until 15 Dec 2023	Early leaver exam period (earliest departure 16 Dec)	
Until end of Feb 2024*	Exam period (English-taught courses within the WiSo Faculty's course list for incoming students)	
Until end of Mar 2024*	Exam period (German-taught courses within the WiSo Faculty's course list for incoming students)	



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Public holidays (no classes):

3 Oct 2023	Day of German Unity
1 Nov 2023	All Saints' Day
23 Dec 2023 – 6 Jan 2024	Christmas Break
1 Jan 2024	New Year's Day
12 Feb 2024	Carnival Monday

Formal dates for fall term 2023/24 (relevant for formalities such as visa applications): 1 Oct 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

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*Changes possible.



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Academic calendar for incoming students Spring term 2024

1 Nov 2023	Deadline for nomination by home university	
1 Dec 2023	Application deadline for submission of admission document (online, via WEX)	
1 Feb 2024	German language course preferences deadline (online, via WEX)	
Feb 2024	Placement test for pre-/in-semester German course (online)	
Feb 2024	Pre-semester German language course (online)	
29 Feb – 21 Mar 2024*	Course registration (online)	
29 Feb – 21 Mar 2024	Course guidance sessions (online)	
1 Mar 2024	Orientation session (hybrid, compulsory all students)	
1 – 5 Mar 2024	Welcome events (early March arrivals)	
end Mar 2024*	CEMS Welcome (compulsory CEMS)	
3 Apr 2024*	Course placement results (online)	
3 Apr 2024*	Cultural event (compulsory all students)	
3 – 7 Apr 2024*	Welcome week (compulsory all students)	
5 Apr 2024*	Add/drop phase begins (Restplatzvergabe)	
end Mar – 31 Jul 2024	CEMS Term	
8 Apr – 19 Jul 2024*	Lectures	
8 Apr – 19 Jul 2024*	Semester German language courses	
Until 31 Jul 2024*	Exams (English-taught courses within the WiSo Faculty's course list for incoming students)	
Until end of Aug 2024*	Exams (German-taught courses within the WiSo Faculty's course list for incoming students)	
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Public holidays (no classes):

29 Mar - 1 Apr 2024	Easter
1 May 2024	Labour Day
9 May 2024	Ascension Day
20 - 24 May 2024	Whitsun
30 May 2024	Feast of Corpus Christi

Unless otherwise noted, events (course and exams) are in-person.

Formal dates for spring term 2024 (relevant for formalities such as visa applications): 1 April – 30 September 2024

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