# Welcome to TU Ilmenau

## Preparing and starting your studies

### Online Late Arrival Session, October 21, 2026

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## Late Arrival - What does it mean?

### Regular study start:

- You should be present at Introduction week
  -> get to know everything at the university
  -> join the study program's introduction session
  -> get to know your fellow students
- You should be present at the start of classes (October 12, 2026)
  -> get the professor's ideas and expectations for lecture + exam

### Late Arrival:

- Any arrival later than October 12



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## Late Arrival - Options and conditions

- Condition: you need to be enrolled for the relevant semester! (deadline for enrollment request: Oct. 30, 2026 for winter semester)
- Information via „late arrival letter" -> download via arrival website www.tu-ilmenau.de/arrival
- No time limit. Arrival will be possible any time, during semester, end of semester, following semester.
- Late Arrival option does not apply to language preparation course in Ilmenau (APC).

**Late arrival is not recommended by the university from the academic view. It will be better to shift to next semester (if possible).**

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## Your studies in Germany – How does it run in general?

- You are free to manage your own schedule in your own responsibility.
- The given schedule (your module list per semester) is the recommendation to be able to study in time.
- Students can control their workload individually.
- You can shift modules, you can study additional modules, you can study faster, you can study slower …

You can use this for your own study management.
But, be aware of risks.



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## What problems arise on Late Arrival?

- **Start of studies and orientation events**
  - You will miss relevant information and dates for courses / exams
- **Academic Organization and Attendance**
  - Enrollment marks the irrevocable start of studies, even in the absence of attendance. Semesters are counted.
  - Studies are on-site studies. No (good) options for remote studies.
- **Duration of Study**
  - in standard usually 4 semesters for master's program
  - max. duration 8 semesters by regulation
  - Late Arrival will probably extend your study duration.



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- **Academic Aspects**
  - some master's programs start in winter semester only
  - some classes have registration deadlines for 1st and 2nd semesters
  - in extreme cases, one or two full semesters may be missed
  - some programs have first entry exam deadlines in in semester 1+2
- **Special case: Conditional Admission**
  - APC language courses (Eng./Ger.) have last entrance date approx. 10 days after start. Ask for! No later intake possible. Course needs to be postponed for 1semester.



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## What problems arise on Late Arrival?

- **Insurance and Financing Your Studies**
  - Semester contribution fee applies
  - Health insurance fee applies
    special student insurance | runs from semester start | runs even you are not in Germany | premiums must be paid retroactively
- **Housing in Ilmenau**
  - On signed contract: rent must be paid during absence periods also
  - No contract in advance: finding housing will be difficult

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## See later arrival with a positive perspective!

- Manage your study start actively on late arrival!
- Use the guidance of your examination office and study advisory.
- Extension of study duration is covered by regulation, there will be given time from academic perspective.
  Limits: max. study duration = twice the standard period of study
- Use the “leave of absence” semester to re-synchronize the counting of subject semesters.
- Focus to possible advantages:
  More time for settling | Take it as trial semester | Test the lectures and learn about structures and expectations | Softer start into your studies possible | Grade improvement option for low graded exams.



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## Manage later arrival by your study organization

- It is possible to manage your study program individually.
- You decide which exams you apply for at the end of semester.
- You can shift lectures and exams to a later semester.
- Not good but possible: Not doing any exam in the semester.
- Your Option: Focus to less lectures and exams in the semester of later arrival.



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## What should you do or have to study successfully?

- You have high self motivation.
- You actively manage your studies, your schedule, your examinations …. and your success.
- You demonstrate a high standard of independence and self-management, you take responsibility for your studies.
- You are aware of all study and examination regulations and follow it to manage your studies.
- You take part in the lectures and play an active role in academic life.
- Your studies are your priority.
- Don't just memorize facts. Seek to expand your knowledge and develop your personality.