

Welcome to TU Ilmenau

Preparing and starting your studies



- Online Onboarding Session, March 4, 2026



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Intro

Today's schedule:

- Welcome and warm up
- Introductory presentation
- Questions & Answers

Hosts:

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Welcome and warm up

- Get to know us.
- What about you? Please communicate shortly via chat.
- Let's start!

It's our idea, to make the introductory presentation in block to remain in the time line.

Q&A session follows afterwards. However, you can write connected questions in the chat.

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Introductory presentation

Topics:

administrative

1. Semester dates
recommended arrival
2. Admission status -
Kinds of admissions
3. Enrollment
Dates and procedures

socialize

4. Travel and reach Ilmenau
5. After arrival
6. What is your expectation?
Does it match?
7. Master introduction days
8. Late arrival

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Semester dates / recommended arrival

- Enrollment possible: until April 30th
- Administrative start of the semester: April 1st, 2026
- Introduction days: April 1st and 2nd
- Start of the Lectures: April 7th
- Lecture period: April 7th – July 17th
- Examination period: July 27th – August 22nd

Beware:

Right at the start of the semester, we celebrate Easter in Germany – the university will be closed from April 3rd to April 6th.

Only on April 4th will shops be open – plan accordingly!

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Semester dates / recommended arrival

Arrival:

Highly recommended - have your arrival completed before April 1st

Else you will miss:

- Information study organization
- intro to the department
- Intro to the course
- mentoring students
- first lectures
- necessary information about subject

As a rule of thumb: Later arrival will make your study start much harder!

(We'll get back to "later arrival" at the end of the presentation.)

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Admission status – What does it mean?

Admission: direct or conditional?

1. Direct:

- enrollment directly into your subject studies
- possible before arrival online (recommended)

2. **Conditional:** Language condition to fulfill before starting the subjects

- provide C1 level certificate -> then equal to direct admission
- join language course in Germany, e.g. in Ilmenau

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Admission status – Language courses

Language conditions

1. German Language Course in Ilmenau:

- Apply until March 26th, don't use mobile devices
- Placement test on-site(!) on March 30th
- Course starts March 7th
- late entry to be managed with course provider in advance

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Admission status – Language courses

Language conditions

2. English Language Course in Ilmenau:

- Apply until April 7th, don't use mobile devices
- Placement test on-site(!) on April 7th
- Course starts April 7th
- late entry to be managed with course provider in advance

3. Add on to Language preparation:

- accepted language certificates
- Links to Ilmenau course provider
 - German course
 - English course
- Courses run for one semester

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Enrollment

Enrollment options

1. on direct admit: possible any time up to April 30
2. with condition: any time up to April 30 with C1 level certificate
3. with condition + taking part in Ilmenau language course:
after arrival, after placement test

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Enrollment

Enrollment completed

after proof of health insurance and payment of semester fee only ->you get email confirming your completed enrollment

1. E-Mail information about how to activate your university accounts
2. Access to student campus portal by your new TU Ilmenau account
3. Get your student ID-Card in person at the ASC (Academic Service Center) / Base Camp after arrival

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Travel and reach Ilmenau

- From the airports by train
- Travel via Erfurt, the capital of Federal State of Thuringia
- Switch the train in Erfurt to “Ilmenau” (check times, no night train!)
Attention: Train can have to sections. It will be separated in “Arnstadt Hauptbahnhof”. One part goes to Ilmenau, other to “Saalfeld”. Check Ilmenau section!
- Ilmenau has different train stations
-> take Main Station, 15 minutes to walk to Campus

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Travel and reach Ilmenau

- Check access to your accommodation in advance!
 - Might not be possible in the evening, at night, at weekends or public holidays
 - Keep Easter holidays in mind and, if necessary, arrange short-term accommodation
- Request support by your dorm administrator in good time in advance
 - Pay attention to public holidays and availability
 - Arrange a key handover early
 - Check your emails and, if applicable, the lease agreement; use the contact details provided

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After arrival

What to do after arrival?

1. Arrive, Settle and get familiar with the surrounding
 - e.g. housing department, Mensa, BaseCamp in EAZ on Campus
 - e.g. supermarkets, drugstores, city-administration in the City
2. See our information and check lists at www.tu-ilmenau.de/arrival
3. Don't miss our further online onboarding session next Wednesday
4. take part in Introductory days for Master's students

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Starting your studies.

What is your expectation? Does it match?

- Studying abroad is a challenge - everything will be different
- Studying = full time job - expect to do it around 40 hours/week
- Sounds hard, but ...
we expect you to arrive in time, take part in introduction events, join all lectures, get every information about lecture content, prof's expectations for study work and exams and dates and deadlines for everything
- You are in charge to manage your studies and your success!
This requires high level of motivation, self-responsibility, self-discipline, good time management

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Starting your studies.

What is your expectation? Does it match?

Of course we will guide you with supporting offers. Use it!

- Don't miss our online arrival session in March
 - German courses and language acquisition – March 11th
 - Learning and teaching culture in Germany – March 18th
 - Financing your studies and student employment – March 25th
- A later arrival is possible, but not recommended.
It needs to be managed actively and you should expect difficulties.
 - How to manage your Late Arrival – April 22nd

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Introduction days

April 1st and 2nd - join, if any how possible!!

- **Week program for Master's students**
General information. University Services, Library, Computer Center, Sports, Get to know our advisory teams and your tutors (mentoring students)
- **Special program**
Information of your department, especially related to your course work and schedule
- See the [program](#)

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Late arrival

- Late arrival is possible once you are enrolled for the semester (enrollment deadline April 30, 2026 for summer semester)
- You do not need any permit. You can download late arrival letter from applicant portal, start page, section “useful documents”
- Your studies start at the beginning of the semester, independent of whether you are at the university or not
- You are in charge to re-capture missed information and lectures

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Next online onboarding session of we4you

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 3 p.m.

“German courses and language acquisition”

- Always check

www.tu-ilmenau.de/arrival



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