



Dear first-year students!

Congratulations on your admission and welcome to the University of Mannheim. To make sure that starting university does not feel like being thrown in at the deep end, we, the Mathematics and Computer Science Student Council, have prepared a number of things to help you get off to a smooth start:

We offer orientation events for first-year students in the Master' programs in Business Mathematics, Business Informatics, Mannheim Master of Data Science (MMDS) and Mannheim Master of Social Data Science (MMSDS), as well as for students in the teacher education programs in Mathematics and Computer Science.

The Mathematics and Computer Science Student Council wishes you a great start to your studies!

First-Year Orientation and Preparatory Courses

During the **orientation events**, we will give you a general overview of your degree program. We will explain the examination regulations, study plans, and everything else you need to know. We also offer preparatory courses, which are primarily designed for first-year Bachelor's students. However, if you would like to refresh your basic math skills before the semester starts, you are more than welcome to join the Bachelor's preparatory course ("Vorkurs"). Please note that the course will be taught in German, as it is mainly intended for Bachelor's students.

For more information, please have a look [here](#).

Who we are and what we do for you

We are a group of students from various disciplines who represent the interests of all students in our faculty. Together with the AStA, which represents students at the university level, we are your student representatives. Through our involvement in the Student Council, for example, we help ensure that the examination regulations for the degree programs remain fair and oversee the appropriate allocation of your semester contributions and, more generally, the funds available to the faculty. Other important activities include organizing parties such as the Schneckenhof parties and, of course, events for first-year students. We are also here to help you with any problems that may arise, for example by providing academic advice or acting as a connection between students and professors.

Where are the rooms?

Our events mainly take place in the A5 and B6 building complexes. These are part of the "squares" into which Mannheim's city center is divided. Room A5 B144 is located on the first floor of section B of A5. Rooms A5 C013, C014 and C015 are located on the ground floor of section C of A5. Some events, including the general introduction and welcome session, take place in lecture hall B6 A0.01, which is located on the ground floor of the building opposite A5, recognizable by its glass exterior.

We will publish the rooms and times for all events during orientation week on our website. You can always find the latest information at <https://fim-uni-mannheim.de/en/first-years/for-first-year-students/orientation-week/>.



Buddy-Program

Our Buddy Program connects you with fellow first-year students as well as students from higher semesters, preferably from your own degree program. It gives you the opportunity to get to know each other, exchange experiences, and ask any questions you may have. Your buddies are there to support you, especially before the semester begins and during your first few weeks at university, whether you have questions about your studies or simply need some help finding your way around. The buddy groups also get together for activities during orientation week, such as the pub crawl. You can find more information about the Buddy Program on our website.

WhatsApp & Instagram

Here you can find the link to our official Masters WhatsApp group:



Here you can find the link to our official first semester Instagram account:



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Event Schedule Orientation Week:

General Introduction:

For Bachelor and Master (in german)

11:30-13:00

Montag, 31. August

The faculty will hold a **general welcome event** in lecture hall B6 A001. Here you will learn about important university committees and get a first insight into the inner workings of the faculty. You will also receive general information about studying in Mannheim, such as semester dates, exams, rooms, etc. The welcome is primarily aimed at first-semester bachelor's students but also may contain information relevant to you. Since our bachelor's programs are taught in German, the general welcome will be held in German.

B6, 26 Room A001 – Big Lecture Hall (B6, 23-25 Bauteil A)

Program Specific Introduction:

Wirtschaftsmathematik/ Mathematik

Thursday, 03. September

10:00-11:30

Introduction with general information for your specific program including a welcome from the FIM, as well as subject-specific information about your program

B6, 26 Room A101

Business Informatics

Thursday, 03. September

11:00-12:30

Introduction with general information for your specific program including a welcome from the FIM, as well as subject-specific information about your program.

A5 Room C013

Mannheim Master of Data Science (MMDS)

Thursday, 03. September

11:00-12:30

Introduction with general information for your specific program including a welcome from the FIM, as well as subject-specific information about your program.

A5 Room C013

Mannheim Master of Social Data Science

Thursday, 03. September

11:00-12:30

Introduction with general information for your specific program including a welcome from the FIM, as well as subject-specific information about your program.

A5 Room C013



Further Events:

Campus Rally &-Get Together

Monday, August 31: During Monday's Campus Rally, you'll explore all the important – and not-so-important – places on and around campus while getting to know your fellow students along the way. Afterwards, we'll wrap up the day with a get-together on „Mensawiese“ with some drinks and pizza.

When and Where: 3:30 p.m. at Schillerplatz

Library Tours

As part of the orientation week, the University Library offers guided tours introducing you to its key services, facilities, and resources. If you're interested in joining a tour, you can find all the relevant information and dates on the [Website of University Library](#).

AStA-Tag

On Tuesday, September 1st, the VS Day takes place. On this day, you can attend various events to learn more about studying in Mannheim, discover different offers at the initiative market, and meet students from other faculties during the VS pub crawl in the evening. Information about VS Day can be found on the [AStA homepage](#) of the University of Mannheim or on [Instagram](#).

Master-only Get-together and Pubcrawl

On Wednesday, September 02 we have organized a **get-together exclusively for first-year master's students**. Here, you can get to know each other better through casual icebreaker games.

When and Where: 4 p.m. in the backyard of B6, 26.

After the Get-Together, we will join the bachelor students for a pub crawl. During this pub crawl, we will show you the Mannheim pub scene in buddy groups and give you the opportunity to get to know your future fellow students even better. Afterwards, there will be an after-party at King Kong, a club we have rented for the evening.

When and Where: 6:30 p.m. in front of A5.

First Semester Party

Thursday, September 03: As every year, the first semester party will take place at the Schneckenhof party, which is the party location of the University of Mannheim. The **Ersti-Schneckenhof** takes place on Thursday during the welcome week and is a party for students (especially first-year students, of course) from all faculties. Advance ticket sales will take place during the welcome week.

When and Where: 10:00 pm at Schneckenhof.



Pizza Get-Together

On **Friday, September 04**, we will be hosting a **pizza get-together**, where you can enjoy food and drinks and also play volleyball or soccer. The event will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the [Alfred Delp Sports Facility](#). We will explain how to register for the get-together on Friday during the orientation events.

When and Where: from 4 p.m. at the [Alfred Delp Sports Facility](#).

First Semester Weekend

From September 11–13, we'll be heading off together for a **First Semester Weekend**. It's the perfect opportunity to spend more time with your new fellow students, get to know each other better, and simply have a great weekend together. The registration link and further details will be shared in the WhatsApp groups.

When and Where: September 11-13 at [Verein Landheim des Helmholtz-Gymnasiums e.V.](#)