



Hello dear first-year students!

Congratulations on your admission and welcome to the University of Mannheim! To ensure that starting your studies doesn't feel like being thrown in at the deep end, we, the Departmental Student Committee Informatics and Mathematics, have prepared a variety of things to help ease your transition:

We offer orientation events aimed at first-year students in the Bachelor's programs in Business Mathematics and Business Informatics, as well as in the teaching degree programs for Mathematics and Computer Science. We also support the Dean's Office with the introductions for Master's students.

Wishing you a great start to your studies! Your Departmental Student Committee Informatics and Mathematics

Introductory Events

During the introductory events on Monday of Orientation Week, students from our committee will give you a first overview of your studies and explain the key things you need to know for a successful start to your first semester. In the following week, the Dean's Office will introduce itself and go over examination regulations, study plans, and other important information.

Who We Are and What We Do

We're a group of students from various academic backgrounds committed to representing the interests of all students in our faculty. Together with the AStA at the university level, we act as your representation. For example, through our participation in the Faculty Council, we help ensure that examination regulations are fair and that student fees and university funds are allocated responsibly. We also organize social events like the Schneckenhof parties and, of course, the first-year activities. Moreover, we offer support in case of problems, for example, through academic advice or by acting as a communication bridge between you and your professors.

Where Are the Rooms?

Our events mainly take place in the A5 and B6 building complexes. These are part of the grid system that structures Mannheim's city center. Rooms A5 C013 and C014 are on the ground floor of section C in building A5. Some events, like the general introduction, will be held in lecture hall B6 A0.01, located on the ground floor of the building opposite the glass-fronted building.

Room details and exact times for Orientation Week events are always available on our website: <https://fim.uni-mannheim.de/studienanfaenger/erstsemester/erstwoche/>.

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Buddy Program

This program connects you with fellow and more experienced students, preferably from your study program. You can exchange experiences, ask questions and receive support, especially before the start of the semester and during the first few weeks. Events such as the pub crawl during Orientation Week will also be organized within these buddy groups. More details are available on our website.

WhatsApp & Instagram

You can find the QR code for the
FIM Master WhatsApp group here:



There is also an Instagram account
specifically for new students:





Orientation Events:

General Introduction:

For All Programs

Monday, August 25

11:30-13:00

This event includes general information for all Bachelor's and teaching degree programs of our faculty, a welcome from the Dean's Office and the Departmental Student Committee, and an overview of the Orientation Week. Master's students are also encouraged to attend, as it includes useful general information.

Room A001 – Large Lecture Hall (B6, 23-25 Section A)

Master-Specific Introductions:

Business Informatics, MMDS, MMSDS, Computer Science (Teaching Degree)

Monday, August 25

14:00-15:30

Introduction session with general information for all Master's degree programs in our faculty. Includes a welcome by the Departmental Student Committee Informatics and Mathematics, as well as subject-specific information for the respective programs.

Room C014 – Lecture Hall (A5, 6 Section C)

Business Mathematics / Mathematics (Teaching Degree)

Monday, August 25

14:00-15:30

Introduction session with general information for all Master's degree programs in our faculty. Includes a welcome by the Departmental Student Committee Informatics and Mathematics, as well as subject-specific information for the respective programs.

Room C013 – Lecture Hall (A5, 6 Section C)

Introduction and Welcome by the Dean's Office

The Dean's Office of the Faculty of Business Informatics and Business Mathematics will introduce itself and share additional useful information. The time and location will be announced through WhatsApp, Instagram and the FIM website.

Department Introduction

Professors from the fields of Computer Science and Information Systems will give short presentations about their research and teaching. This will help you make informed decisions when choosing your courses.



Additional Events:

Campus Rally & Get Together

During the campus rally on Monday, you will get to know both key and less obvious places on and around campus, and meet your future classmates. Afterwards, there will be a casual get-together on the lawn in front of the cafeteria.

→ *When and Where:*

Monday, August 25 in front of Café Sammo at A3, following the program-specific introductions.

Library Tour

The university library offers guided tours during Orientation Week. These tours introduce central services and how to use them. All relevant information and times can be found on the [library's website](#).

AStA Day

On Tuesday, August 26 the Asta Day takes place, ending in the evening with the AStA pub crawl. More information can be found on the [AStA website](#).

Master-Only Get-Together

This is your opportunity to get to know other new Master's students. We will meet up before the pub crawl and then join the others.

→ *When and Where:*

Thursday afternoon, before the pub crawl. The exact time and meeting point will be shared via WhatsApp and Instagram.

Pub Crawl and Club Night

Just like every year, we will show you the Mannheim bar scene in your buddy groups and give you the chance to get to know your classmates. Afterwards, we will have an afterparty in the club "Zimmer," which we have rented for this evening.

→ *When and Where:*

Wednesday, August 27, 18:30 in front of A5, 6



First Year Party

All first-year students are invited to the annual freshers' party. It is a great chance to meet students from other programs.

→ *When and Where:*

Thursday, August 28 at Schneckenhof (inner courtyard of the Schloss). Ticket presale will take place during Orientation Week.

First-Semester Pizza Night

On Friday, we are organizing a joint pizza evening, where in addition to food and drinks, there will also be the opportunity to play volleyball or soccer. We will explain how to register during the first-semester events.

→ *When and Where:*

Friday, August 29, starting at 4:00 pm at the [Alfred-Delp Sports Complex](#)