
Late arrival information session

For M.Sc. AI students: winter semester 2026/27

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Agenda

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Important Contacts

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Your Questions

Late arrival is a complex topic. The provided information is based on FAU regulations and experience with MSc AI students. However, decisions regarding late arrival depend on the specific situation of applicants and are individual.

We can only provide helpful information, applicants have to make individual decisions themselves.

Important Contacts

Need study advice?

Contact me!



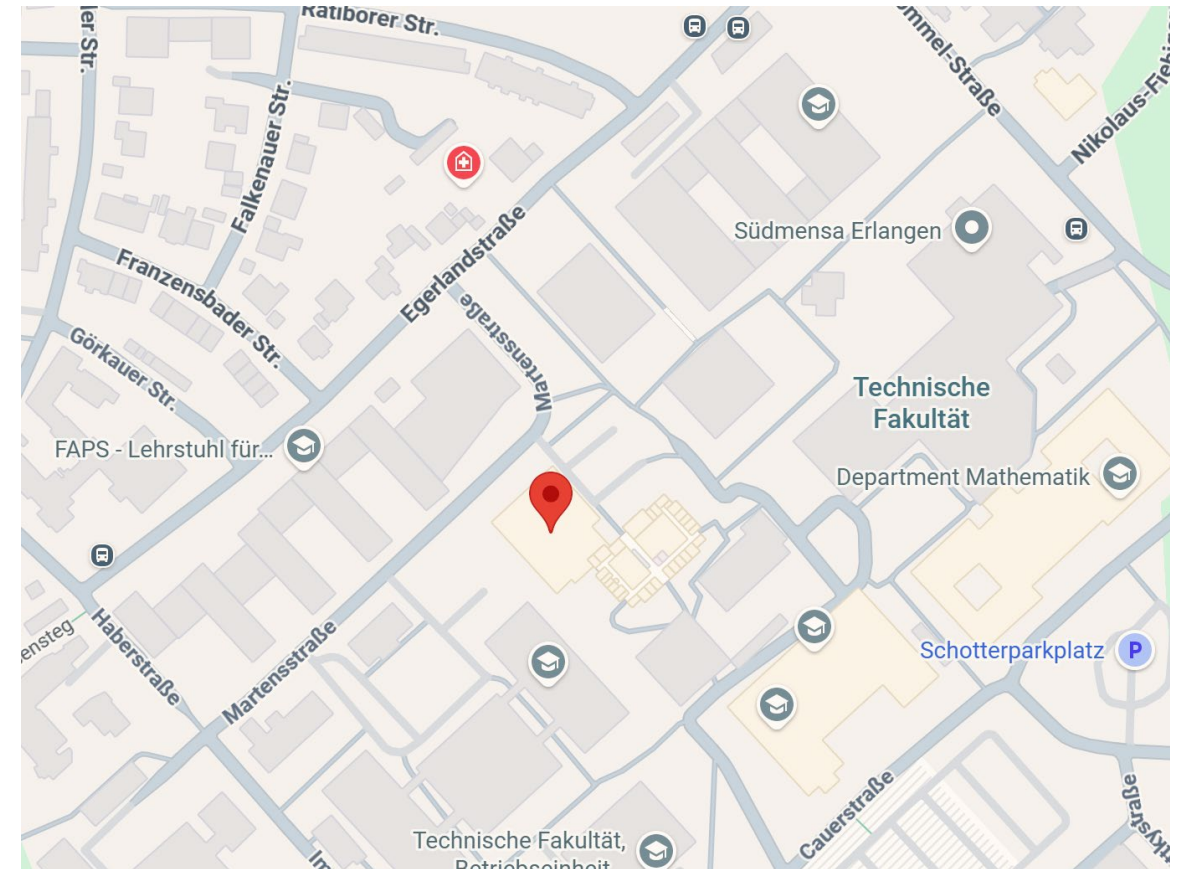
Study program coordinator

Study program advisor

Svenja Wübker, M.A.

study-ai-master@fau.de

- Person of contact for applicants/students regarding the MSc AI program
- Advice for your studies
- Managing organizational aspects of the study program
- Formal admission process in case of deferment



Martensstraße 3, 91058 Erlangen

Master's Office

Contact form on [website](#)

zuv-masterbuero@fau.de

- In charge of the formal application process

Student Records Office:

studentrecordsoffice@fau.de

- Responsible for all formalities surrounding your studies

(e.g. enrollment, deregistration and semester leave)

➤ [Address](#) for both

International Affairs Office

Contact form on [website](#)

→ Information on non-academic questions for international student (e.g. residence permit, health insurance)

→ [Orientation event for international students](#): October 5-11 and Late Arrival Day on November 3

→ [Address](#)



Option 1: Late arrival

Semester dates

Option 1: Late arrival



Preparation and arrival:

- Helpful **websites** to get an overview on the next steps:
 - [Studienstart](#) for German students:
 - [International Service Point for International students](#) (section "Before your arrive")
 - [Everything you need to know for international students](#) (section "Before you arrive")
- **Enrollment**: until September 30 (via postal mail)
- **Start of lectures** in winter semester 2026: October 12
- **Orientation week** for new students at FAU: October 5-9
 - Orientation for international students (in-person/online)
 - "Studying at FAU" and "Welcome Event" for [AI Master's students](#) (online/hybrid)

→ Please attend the orientation events to ensure a smooth start into your studies

Visa and late arrival

- Please note that FAU is not an online university, classes are mainly taught on-Campus.
- Late arrival for the MSc AI program accepted until **November 15, 2026**
- Letter of support for German embassy available with study program coordinator study-ai-master@fau.de

→ Requirement for letter of support: students have to confirm that they are aware of the regulations and consequences regarding late arrival in the MSc AI program.

Reason for limited late arrival period



Option 1: Late arrival

Facts about study duration in MSc AI

- Regular study duration Master's program (120 ECTS): 4 subject semesters
 - Maximum study duration at Faculty of Engineering: 6 subject semester
- regular workload of 20-30 ECTS per semester (including first semester)
- After 6th subject semester:
 - Students need to apply for a semester extension with justification with the Examination Office
 - Late arrival is not considered a sufficient justification for semester extension
 - Examination Office tends to be strict regarding semester extensions
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Reason for limited late arrival period



Option 1: Late arrival

International students face additional challenges and tend to require more time for their studies:

- Finding long-term, affordable accommodation
 - Adjusting to German University system, culture and new surrounding
 - Working a student job
 - Potential health issues
 - Potential personal issues: family issues, crisis in home country, culture shock...
- International students should plan with a “normal” study duration of 6 semesters
- **Loosing one or more semesters due to late arrival will seriously jeopardize your study success**
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Important

Option 1: Late arrival



Arriving in Erlangen means...

- You have reached your first goal: you got an admission for the MSc AI program, received a study visa and made it to Germany. Congratulations!
 - You are about to start a new fun and challenging adventure of living and studying in Germany. Starting this journey in Erlangen will take a lot of your emotional and mental capacities (formalities, adjusting to Uni and new surrounding). And it will take time.
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Option 2: Deferment

Deferment regulation in MSc AI WS 2026/27 onwards



Option 2: Deferment

- Admissions can be deferred for two consecutive semesters.
- Example: an applicant with admission for WS 2026/27 can receive an early admission for summer semester 2027 or winter semester 2027/28 (re-application required).
- Admission for summer semester 2027:
 - Only available for limited target groups including applicants with an admission for WS 2026/27
 - Contact study-ai-master@fau.de in December 2026 for information on the application period
- Please mind the application and tuition fees for non-EU applicants and students at FAU

- Application fees for non-EU applicants from the winter semester 2026/27 onwards
 - Exception from application fees: *“Applicants who are offered a place on a degree program but were unable to enroll in that semester [...] and who reapply for the identical degree program in the same year are exempt from paying the application fee. This only applies to reapplications within the same academic year, provided the degree program has not been changed significantly in a manner that affects the admissions procedure.”*
 - Further information:
 - [Website](#)
 - Contact bewerbungsgebuehren@fau.de
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- FAU introduced tuition fees for non-EU students who are newly enrolled from the summer semester 2027 onwards.
 - For the Master's program in AI the tuition fees amount to EUR 4.000 per semester.
 - Non-EU applicants who defer their admission and get enrolled in summer 2027 or winter 2027/28 will have to pay the tuition fees (if applicable).
 - Further information:
 - [Website](#)
 - In case of questions, please contact: tuition-fees@fau.de
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A photograph of three students in a modern, brightly lit building. A young man in a blue hoodie and a young man in a grey hoodie with glasses are leaning over a young woman who is sitting and looking at a laptop. They are all smiling and appear to be engaged in a collaborative activity. The background shows a large, open space with wooden beams and a staircase.

Overview: Late arrival scenarios

Option A

Overview: Late arrival scenarios



- Check information for international students in International Student Service Point
 - Apply for student housing asap and arrange for temporary housing at least for the first weeks.
 - Arrive in Erlangen by **November 15**, 2026
 - Attend all orientation events including the late arrival event offered by RIA on November 3 (in-person)
 - Register for classes that can be taken online, attend classes and study course material at home until arrival at FAU and continue classes in person at FAU after arrival
 - Take at least 20 ECTS in your first semester
 - Connect with the study program advisor in case of questions or concerns which cannot be solved by attending the Welcome Event and checking the information material.
 - Connect with fellow MSc AI students via Whatsapp group organized by FSI AI (Welcome Event)
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Option B

Overview: Late arrival scenarios



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- If arrival by November 15 is not possible, defer your admission. Mind the tuition fees for non-EU students (if applicable).
 - **De-register** shortly after start of lectures, so the winter semester 2026/27 does not count towards studies (contact Student Records Office for specific date)
 - **Re-apply** with a complete application:
 - Summer 2027: enquire with study-ai-master@fau.de in December 2026 regarding application period. Enrollment is possible via Campo from January 15, 2027 onwards.
 - Winter semester 2026/27: between February 15 and May 31, 2027. Inform study program advisor study-ai-master@fau.de regarding your re-application (!). Enrollment is possible via Campo from June 1, 2027 onwards.
 - The re-admission takes 7-14 days after submission of application.
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- Students who face health issues or become parents can apply for a semester leave, potentially even in their first semester
 - Enquire with the Student Records Office regarding the option of a semester leave
 - An [application for a semester leave](#) needs to be submitted before the start of lectures and requires proof (e.g. medical certificate)
 - A semester in which a student takes a semester leave does not count towards the subject semesters.
 - Please note: A semester leave is usually only an option in specific cases like health issues or paternity leave, not in case of late arrival.
 - Please be aware: The study program is NOT in charge of the semester leave, we cannot provide reliable information on this matter.
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Time for Questions!

Thank you for your attention
See you at the Welcome events!