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WISO MASTER WELCOME DAY

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by the Vice Dean of Studies: Prof. Dr. Michael Overesch

Today‘s ideas. Tomorrow‘s impact.

Our Claim

WiSo Teaching and Learning Approach

- *Teaching and learning should encourage open-mindedness, empower students to solve relevant problems and take responsibility in their future roles.*

- Our study programms should, therefore, focus on skills to

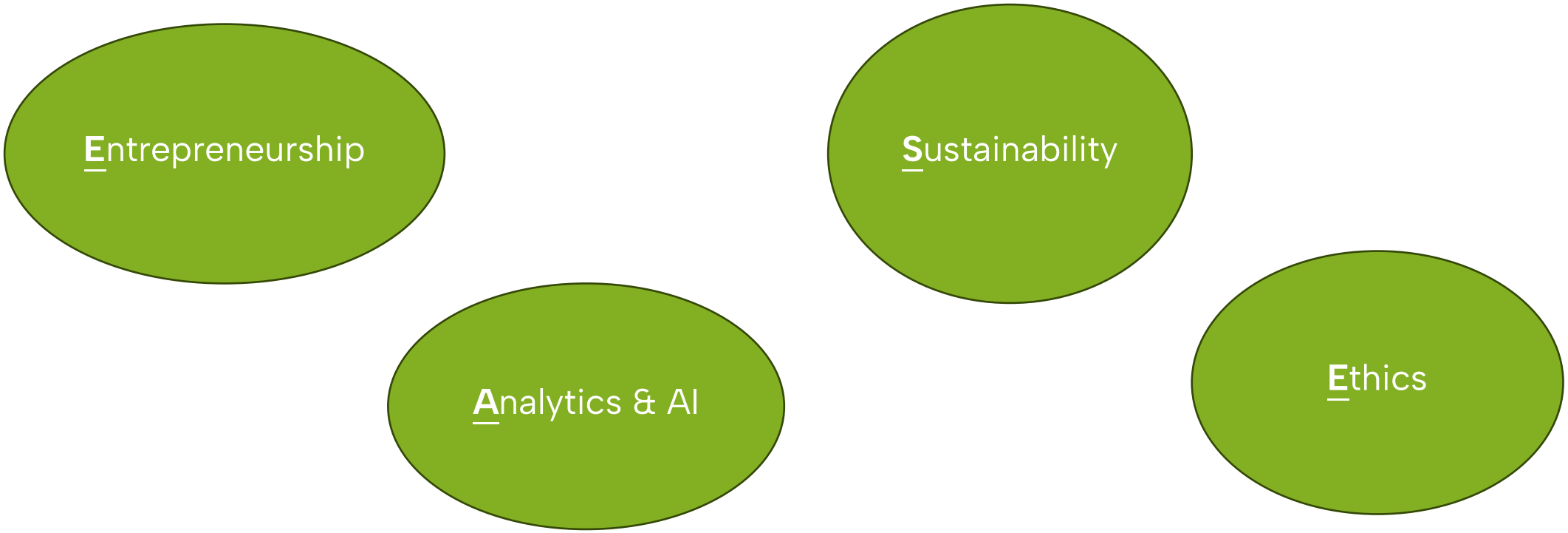
1. encourage open-mindedness and consider diverse and international perspectives.
2. solve relevant problems and challenges.
3. act responsibly towards oneself, employers, customers, colleagues, shareholders, stakeholders and society.

WiSo Teaching Approach – 4 Core Elements

- The WiSo teaching approach comprises mainly four core elements:
  1. Research-based learning of professional and methodical knowledge
  2. Special focus on EASE competences,
  3. Commitment to understanding as an active learning process, and
  4. Applying skills to new problems and taking responsibility.

EASE

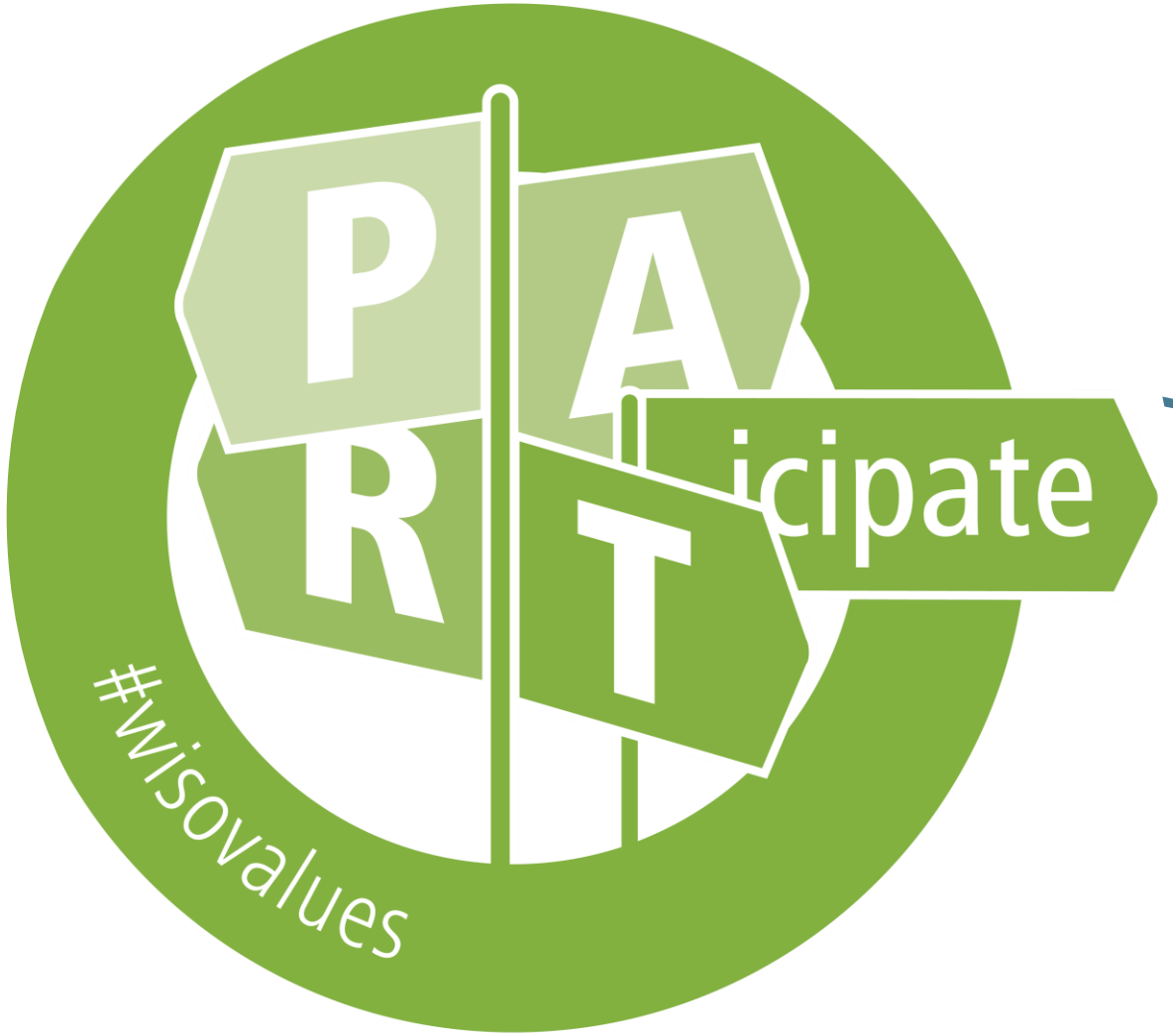
- Teaching content is addressed in the WiSo Teaching Approach with a particular focus on the topics that we deem particularly relevant:



Our WiSo values

PARTICIPATE!

- **P**lurality
- **A**uthenticity
- **R**esponsibility
- **T**ogetherness



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My idea – My impact

Some WiSo voices & values

What will be YOUR idea?

Your studies here will show you…

- We want you to develop your own ideas here as part of your Master's degree programme.

- Ideas that will have an impact on the world’s tomorrow.

- We as WiSo Faculty would like to support you in this right from the start of your studies and are looking forward to guiding you to success.

Fachschaft WiSo

WiSo Student Council

WHO ARE WE?

- **Student representation** across all WiSo study programs
- **Events:** orientation days, WiSo-Party, graduation party, ...
- **Services:** Soft Skill Courses, Company Visits, Old Exams, …
- **Committee work:** representing your opinions

UPCOMING EVENTS

19.10. **Fachschaftskennenlernabend**
(Get to know the student council)

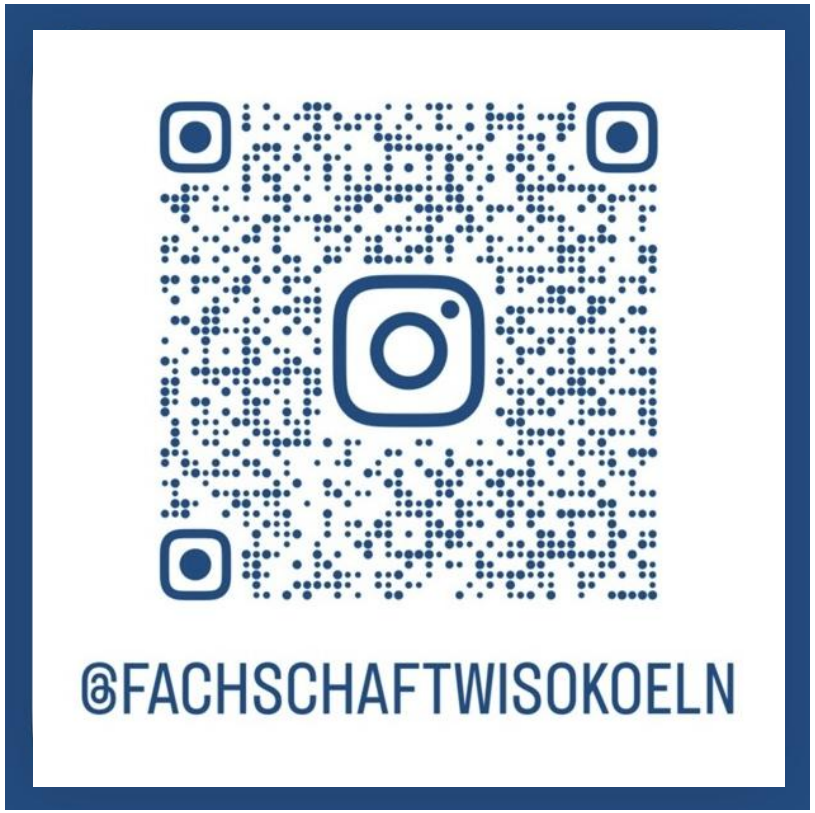
27.10. **Pub Crawl**

30.10. - 01.11. **E-Fahrt** (weekend trip for first-semester Master‘s students)

Stay updated on these and all our events on Instagram!

Pub Crawl Registration

ANY QUESTIONS?



- Find us at the **Info Fair** from **12:15 to 4:00** p.m.
- Contact us: kontakt@wiso-fachschaft.de
- Come visit us at our Büro (Gyrhofstr. 15)

For general information:

- Website: www.wiso-buero.uni-koeln.de
- Instagram: @fachschaftwisokoeln

BECOME A WiSo BUDDY

Stay connected during your studies – while getting recognition from the faculty.

Chat with a Student

Advise prospective students about your degree program and life here at the faculty.

International Degree BUDDY

Help international Master's students successfully start their studies and integrate into the WiSo Community.

International Exchange BUDDY

Help exchange students make the most of their semester abroad and connect with local student life.

Fairs and Events

Represent the WiSo Faculty at recruiting fairs, webinars and welcome events.

Content Creation

Create video and photo content for WiSo BUDDY and social media to provide insights into studying and student life at the WiSo Faculty.

WiSo Master's Connect Community

Share study-related content and exchange experiences with Master's applicants who may start their studies at the WiSo Faculty.

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wisobuddy@wiso.uni-koeln.de

Today‘s agenda

- Meet the WiSo services
  - WiSo Student Service Point (WiSSPo)
  - KLIPS
  - Library & Campus Service (LiCa)
  - International Relations Center (ZIB WiSo)
  - WiSo Career Service
  - WiSoAlumni
- Study Essentials
- Further services

Presentations will be published on our Welcome website „first semster students“

QR code at the end of the presentation

WiSo Student Service Point

Always your first point of contact

Questions about…

- Transcript of Records, certificates
- Information material
- Examination matters
- Study organisation
- New orientation
- Study abroad options
- Internships & CV check
- Transfer of credits
- The right contact person at UoC

Pictures: Alexander Conrads

Contact options:

- Reception in person during office hours without appointment
- Telephone hotline
- Contact form via email
- Advisory appointments with study advisors via booking tool *Anny*

Course Registration

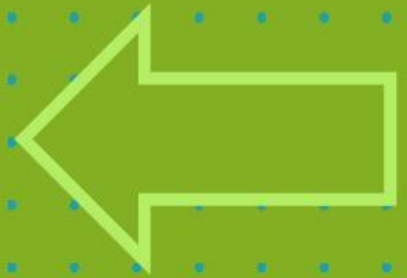
KLIPS

Note the registration periods:

- 1st registration period (deadline passed)
- 2nd registration period (deadline passed)

Allocation of remaining places:

- from 9th October for WiSo courses
- first come, first served → no prioritization necessary
- usually no problem for entering students



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Examination Registration

Note two types of exam registration:

- 1. Course examination → for courses **with** participation restriction
- 2. Module examination → for courses **without** participation restriction

- no registration or deregistration after the deadline
- fixed place in course ≠ exam registration
- each examination must be registered for individually and independently
- passed examinations cannot be repeated
- no repeat dates, only alternative dates

Questions? Contact us!

KLIPS

Take a look at our website and image click guides

Use the WiSSPo contact form:

- reason for enquiry → KLIPS
- use S-Mail account
- detailed description of the problem
- screenshots welcome as PDF files

WiSo Library & Campus Service (LiCa)

- **WiSo Library**
  - Central lending point & access to important databases
  - Teaching Library provides support, e.g. with research courses for term papers and theses
  - **Campus Service**
  - Quality and equipment of teaching and learning rooms
  - Loan of all kinds of equipment, lost and found, general campus assistance
  - Care and support with booking a study space via anny

Kontakt

- WiSo Library – SSC (102), 4. OG
- Campus Service – Learning Centre (101), BaseRoom nearby coffee bar

International Relations Center (ZIB WiSo)

The ZIB coordinates international activities of the WiSo Faculty

Our offer for studying abroad

- Term Abroad: Study Abroad Programme (STAP)
- Academic Short Programmes (WiSo@)

Support for additional international projects

- Term abroad outside of WiSo partner schools
- Summer & Winter Schools
- Internship abroad (organisation and funding)

Info sessions coming up in Oct/Nov – see WiSo welcome website

Click on our pictures or find us on ANNY!

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WiSo Career Service

We are

The **WiSo Career Service** connects students with employers, career opportunities, and personal development resources.

We offer

- Networking events with professionals
- Career development workshops
- WiSo Career Portal for Internship and more
- CV and interview coaching
- International career opportunities

Contact us

- www.wiso-career.uni-koeln.de
- careerservice@wiso.uni-koeln.de

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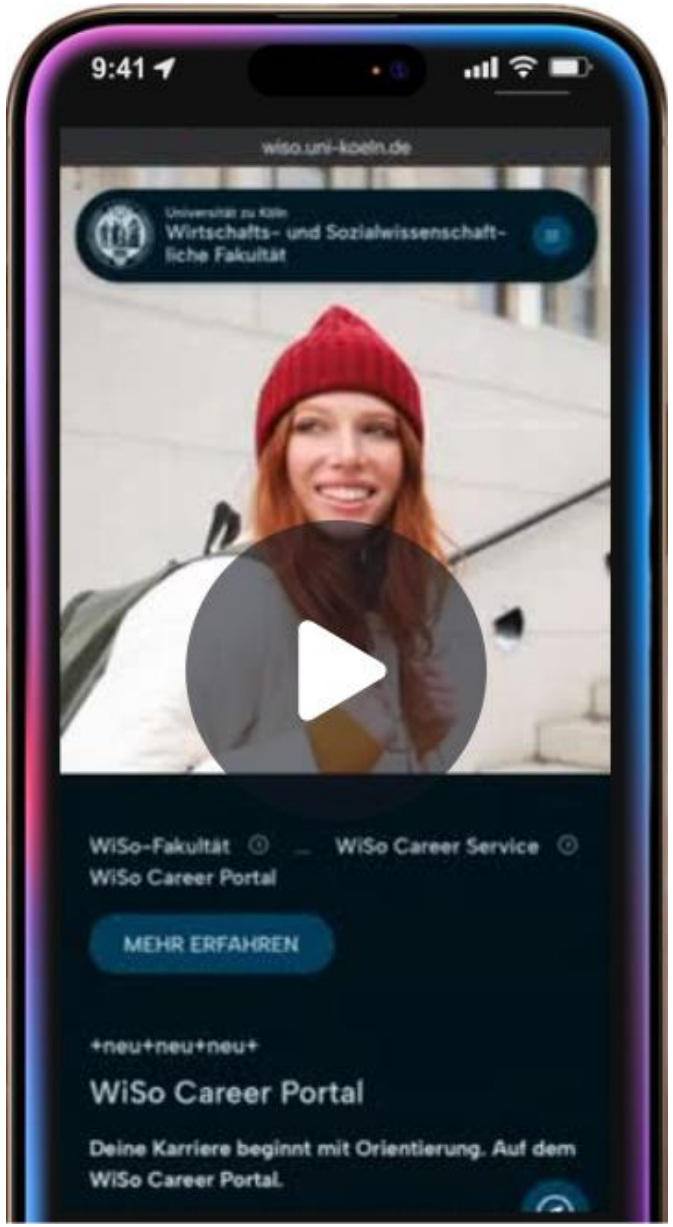
Programme Highlights Winter term 2026/26

- Career Tuesdays with Metro & Kienbaum
- WiSo meets BOSCH on Campus
- Workshops with Deichmann & Roland Berger
- Meet and Greet Consulting
- Economics Alumni on campus
- Company Visit REWE
- How to LinkedIn and WiSo Career Portal

NEW: WiSo Career Portal

- Internships in Germany and abroad
- Career Events on campus and online
- CV-Check appointments
- Career Newsletter

REGISTER NOW!



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JOIN OUR WISO ALUMNI COMMUNITY...

ACCESS TO A CONTINUOUSLY GROWING CAREER NETWORK

EXCLUSIVE INVITATIONS TO EVENTS AND REGULARS TABLES IN YOUR CITY

YOUR LIFELONG ALUMNI EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

PERIODIC ALUMNI NEWSLETTERS

FREE MEMBERSHIP

... A FEW SIMPLE STEPS THAT WILL PAY OFF FOR YEARS TO COME!

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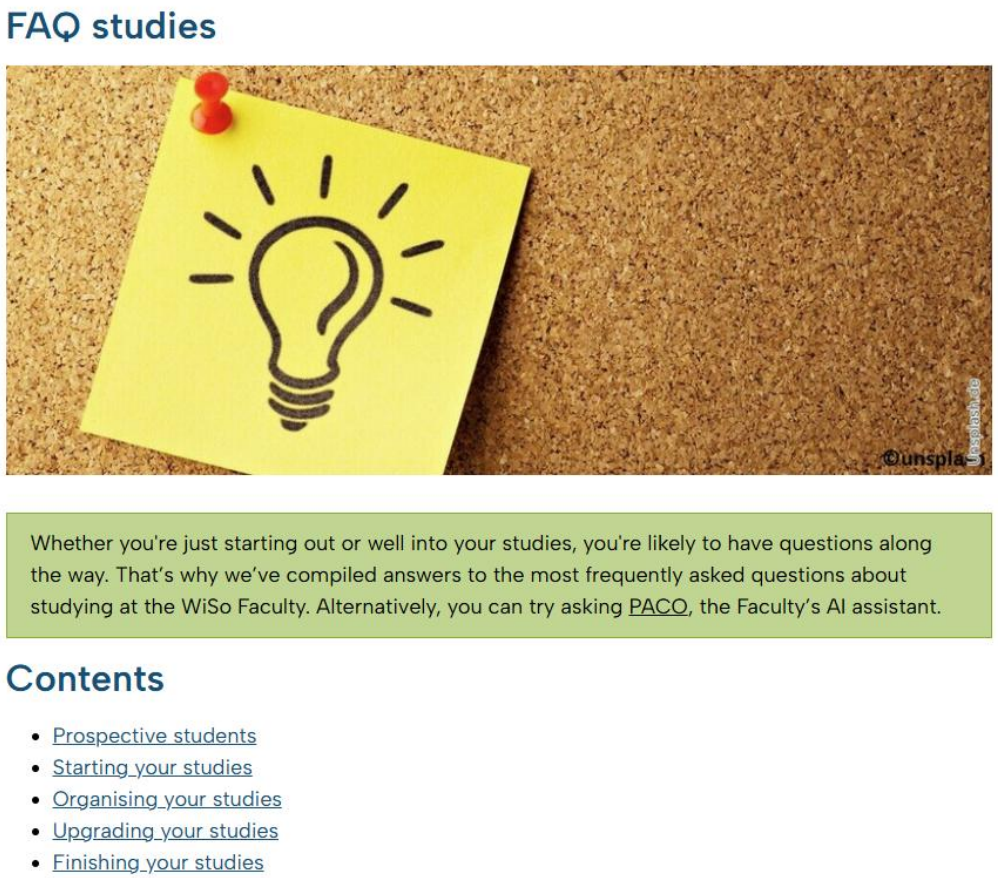
WiSo KÖLN ALUMNI

Today‘s agenda

- Meet the WiSo services
  - WiSo Student Service Point (WiSSPo)
  - KLIPS
  - Library & Campus Service
  - International Relations Centre (ZIB WiSo)
  - WiSo Career Service
  - WiSoAlumni
- **Study essentials – Let’s test your knowledge**
- Further services

FAQs studies | Link:

https://wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/wiso-student-service-point/faq-studies



1. Stay on top of your university emails

How should you keep up with important university emails?

- **A**: Use your personal email address and check for university messages when you expect something important.
- **B**: Use your S-Mail address and check your messages in Sogo at least once a week.
- **A or B?**

1. Stay on top of your university emails

Correct answer: B

- Use your S-Mail address for university communication and check your messages in Sogo at least once a week.

- **Remember:**

  S-Mail + Sogo = stay informed

https://sogo.uni-koeln

2. Where can you find the rules?

Which two documents contain the key information about your study programme?

- **A**: The Examination Regulations + the programme-specific module catalogue
- **B**: The Examination Regulations + the WiSo website
- **A or B?**

2. Your two key documents

Correct answer: A

- Examination Regulations: Rules for examinations, attempts, deadlines, and other formal requirements
- Programme-specific module catalogue: Information about modules, courses, and your programme structure

- **Remember:**

📖 These are your two key documents during your studies.

3. Examination attempts

How many examination attempts do you have per module?

- **A**: Three attempts
- **B**: Two attempts
- **A or B?**

3. Examination attempts

Correct answer: A

- You have three examination attempts per module. But two additional attempts for your whole degree programme after failing a module for the third time.

- **Remember:**
  🔄 Keep track of your examination attempts and read the rule in the Examination Regulation.

4. Sick on exam day?

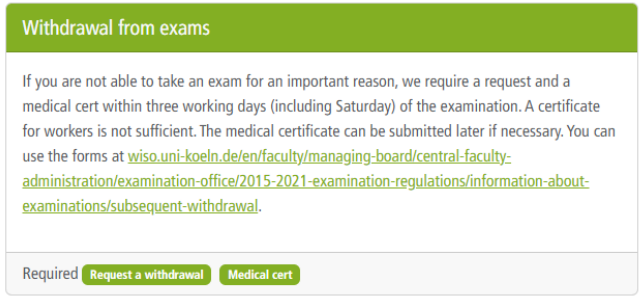
How long do you have to submit your withdrawal and medical certificate?

- **A**: Seven calendar days after the examination date.
- **B**: Three working days after the examination date.
- **A or B?**

4. Sick on exam day?

Correct answer: B

- You have three working days from the examination date to upload your withdrawal and medical certificate to the WiSo inbox.
- ⚠️ **Important:** Saturday counts as a working day.



- **Remember:**

🩺 If you are ill, go to the doctor immediately and upload the documents to the WiSo inbox in time.

https://wisoinbox.uni-koeln.de/login

5. Can I take a passed module again?

You passed a module. Next semester, a different course is offered within the same module. Can you take the module again?

- **A**: Yes. The course is different, so you can take it again.
- **B**: No. Once the module is passed, it is completed.
- **A or B?**

5. Can I take a passed module again?

Correct answer: B

- Once you have passed a module, you cannot take it again.
- This also applies if a different course is offered within the same module.
- **Remember:**

  ✅ **Passed module = Repeating with another course is not permitted.**

6. Can I improve my grade?

You passed a module with a grade of 3.7. Can you repeat the module to improve your grade?

- **A**: No. A passed module cannot be repeated to improve the grade.
- **B**: Yes. You can repeat a passed module in the next semester if you want a better grade.
- **A or B?**

6. Passed means passed

Correct answer: A

- A grade from 1.0 to 4.0 means that the module is passed.

- **Remember:**
  - **Passed = passed. No grade improvement by repeating the module.**

7. Changing modules

You took a module but did not pass it. Can you simply change the module and select another one instead?

- **A** Yes. You can change modules whenever you want.

- **B** Yes, but specific rules apply, depending on your programme and study section.

- **A or B?**

7. Changing modules

Correct answer: B

- Module changes are possible, but specific rules apply.
- You cannot change modules as often as you want. The rules depend on your programme and study area.

- **Remember:**

  🔎 **Check the relevant Examination Regulations before changing a module.**

Your four things to remember!

📧 1. Use your S-Mail and check Sogo regularly

- Use your S-Mail address for university communication and check your S-Mails in Sogo at least once a week.

📖 2. Know your two key documents

- **Examination Regulations + programme-specific module catalogue.**

⏰ 3. Know your deadlines

- Especially examination registration and illness-related withdrawal.

🔎 4. Check before you act

- Module changes and examinations are subject to specific rules.

Today‘s agenda

- Overview of WiSo Master Welcome Week
- Meet the WiSo services
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  - KLIPS
  - Library & Campus Service
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- Study Essentials via quiz
- **Further services**

Inclusion Service Centre – their offer

Personal counselling | www.inklusion.uni-koeln.de/beratung

- Inclusion counselling (disadvantage compensation, accessibility & technical aids, stress situations, etc.)
- Psychological counselling (dealing with mental illness during studies, etc.)

Group counselling & service | www.inklusion.uni-koeln.de/service

- Workshops & exchange meetings, e.g. by students for students
- Assistance desk, accessible workplaces & quiet rooms, etc.

Compensation for disadvantages in academic performance and examinations | inklusion.uni-koeln.de/nachteilsausgleich

- Adjustment of general conditions: e.g. extension of writing time and deadlines, alternative rooms, breaks, modification of attendance requirements, technical aids, compensation services, etc.

Well-Being Lounge

Meeting room for students

https://euniwell.uni-koeln.de/en/well-being-lounge

Goals

- Support students, especially freshmen and international students
- Exchange, orientation an Well-Being

Offers

- Open meeting room (seating, games, bulletin board with information about UoC offers related to Well-Being)
- Peer Support: trained students as contact persons
- Events: student led activities such as speed-friending, creative events, game nights, workshops
- Information & cooperation formats with UoC institutions

Place & Time

- Daily opening hours (= Peer support is on site)
- Weekly/monthly events

Everything at a glance

WiSo welcome website for first semester students

https://wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/wiso-student-service-point/information-for-entering-students

Master Welcome Day – Today‘s schedule

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

WiSo Lecture hall I

Vice Dean of Studies: Prof Dr. Michael Overesch

WiSo Student Council

WiSo Buddy

completed

11.00 a.m.– 12.15 p.m.

WiSo Lecture hall I

Meet the WiSo Services

Important information about starting your studies

WiSoAlumni insights with Mathias Lievenbrück, Managing Director at Fond of

12:15 -1:15 p.m.
lunch break

1:15 – 2.15 p.m.

Meet your Academic Director I

- BA - Accounting & Taxation
- BA - Corporate Development
- BA - Marketing
- Economics
- Economic Research
- Health Economics

2:30 – 3.30 p.m.

Meet your Academic Director II

- BA – Finance
- BA - Supply Chain Management
- Economic Education
- International Management (CEMS MIM)
- Information Systems
- Sociology: Social and Economic Psychology
- Sociology: Social Research

12:15 – 4.00 p.m.

WiSo Foyer

WiSo Info fair:

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Lunch break until 1:15 p.m.

We wish you a good start to your Master´s studies!

Picture: WiSo Marketing

Meet your Academic Director – Rooms

Info fair:
12:15 – 4:00 p.m.
WiSo Lobby

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Accounting & Taxation Seminar room 5.14	**Economic Education (Wipäd)** Lecture hall XVIII (main building)
Corporate Development Seminar room 6.13	**Finance** Lecture hall VI (main building)
Marketing Lecture hall XVIII (main building)	**Information Systems** Lecture hall XII (main building)
Economics Aula 2 (main building)	**International Management** Lecture hall I (WiSo high rise)
Economic Research Seminar room 243 (WiSo extension building)	**Sociology: Social & Economic Psychology** Seminar room S241
Health Economics Lecture hall XIa (main building)	**Sociology: Social Research** Lecture hall XIa (main building)
	Supply Chain Management Aula 2 (main building)