

Living and Studying in Passau



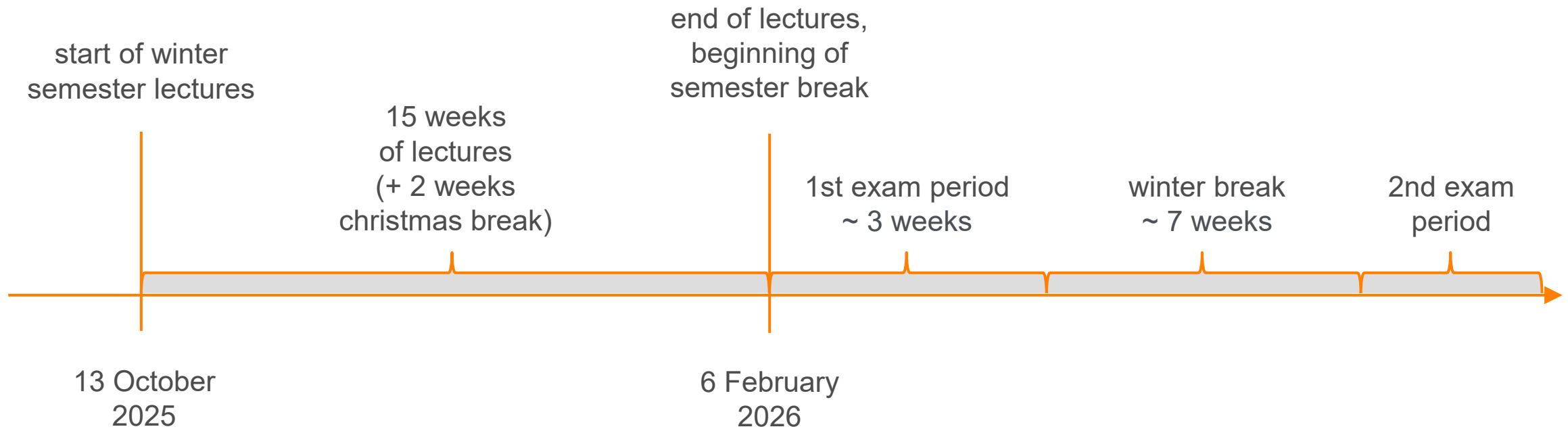
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Part 1 – Studying in Passau

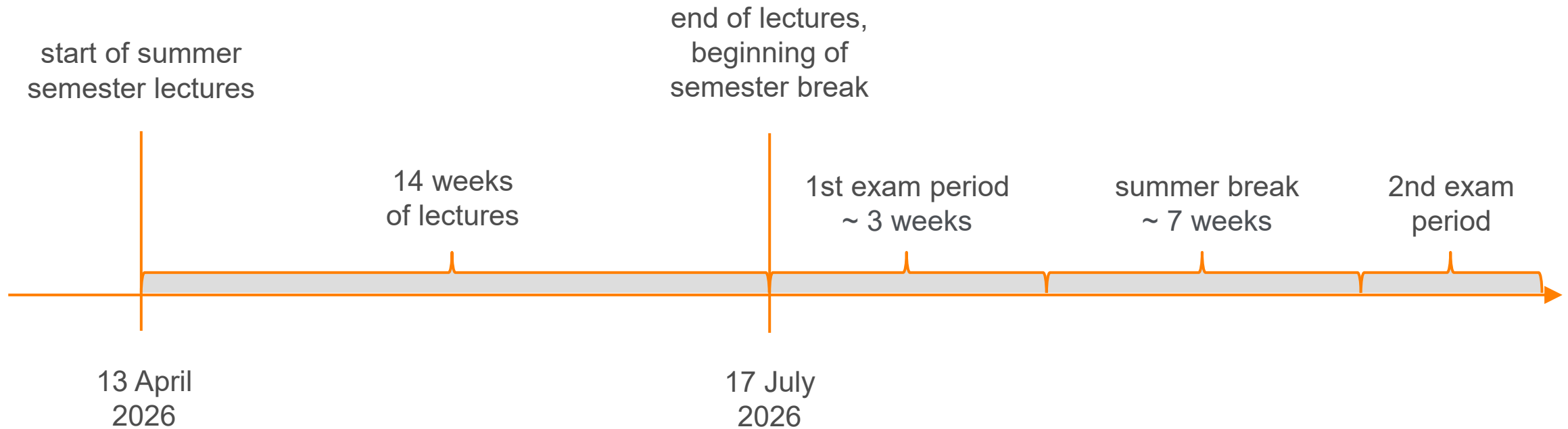


Semester Overview – Winter Semester



Days without lectures
23 December 2025 to 4 January 2026 + public holidays in Bavaria

Semester Overview – Summer Semester



Days without lectures
5 June 2026 + public holidays in Bavaria

ECTS Requirement:

- **30 ECTS** after your second semester **OR**
- **40 ECTS** after your third semester

This requirement is mandatory. If you do not reach the minimum number of ECTS points, you will be **exmatriculated!**

- **VL: „Vorlesung“ = Lecture**

- 2V -> 90 mins; 1V -> 45 mins
- CT = cum tempore -> e.g. 08:15 – 09:45
- ST = sine tempore -> e.g. 08:00 – 09:30
- Each lecture has a corresponding exercise (Ü/UE)

Vorlesung	ECTS	SWS
Cryptography	9	4V + 2Ü
Wireless Security	5	2V + 1Ü

- **Ü/UE: „Übung“ = Exercise**

- Often multiple slots per week
- Exercise sheets every week
- **Very** important for exam preparation!

- **Seminar**

- Research, Paper, Presentation
- Different styles:
 - Conference style
 - Lecture style
- Most available topics are presented at the end of the previous semester (Stud.IP Course: 6030)
- Not recommended in your first or second semesters

- Exercise sheets are a very good practice for exam prep!
- **Written Exams:** 60-90 mins; **Oral Exams:** 15-20 mins
- Enrolment via **Campusportal** (pay attention to enrolment periods)
- Two exam periods for the same exam:
 - 1) Right after the lecture period
 - 2) Before the next semester's lecture period

If you **fail**:

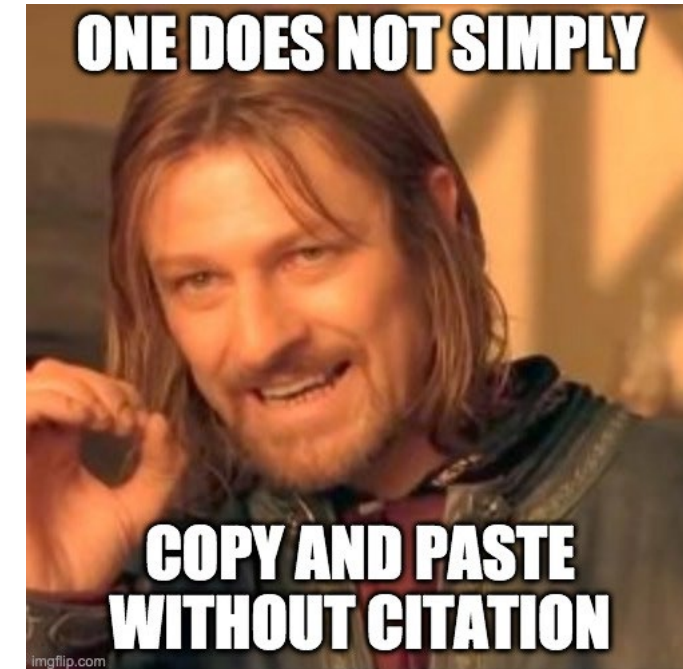
- Try again!
- 3 attempts in total
- Failed attempts do not appear on your transcript of records

If you **pass**:

- Get ECTS Credits
- You cannot take the exam again to improve your grade

Grade	Percent		English Grade
1.0	100-95%	Excellent	A
1.3	94-90%	Excellent	A-
1.7	89-85%	Good	B+
2.0	84-80%	Good	B
2.3	79-75%	Good	B-
2.7	74-70%	Satisfactory	C+
3.0	69-65%	Satisfactory	C
3.3	64-60%	Satisfactory	C-
3.7	59-55%	Sufficient	D+
4.0	54-50%	Sufficient	D
5.0	<50%	Fail	F

- What is plagiarism?
 - Taking someone else's intellectual property and claiming it as one's own
- **Zero tolerance** for copying in exams, not using proper citations in papers, presentations, master theses etc.
- Violations will result in failing the module or exmatriculation from the programme



source: <https://mdmassey.com/plagiarism-indie-author/>



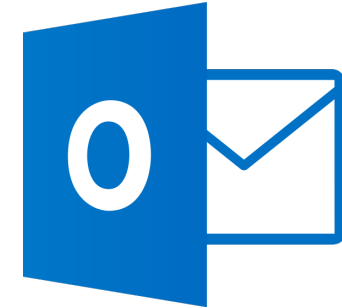
Stud.IP

- Register for classes, class management, access course materials
- Send messages to fellow students, view lecturers' contact information
- Forum to ask questions



Campusportal

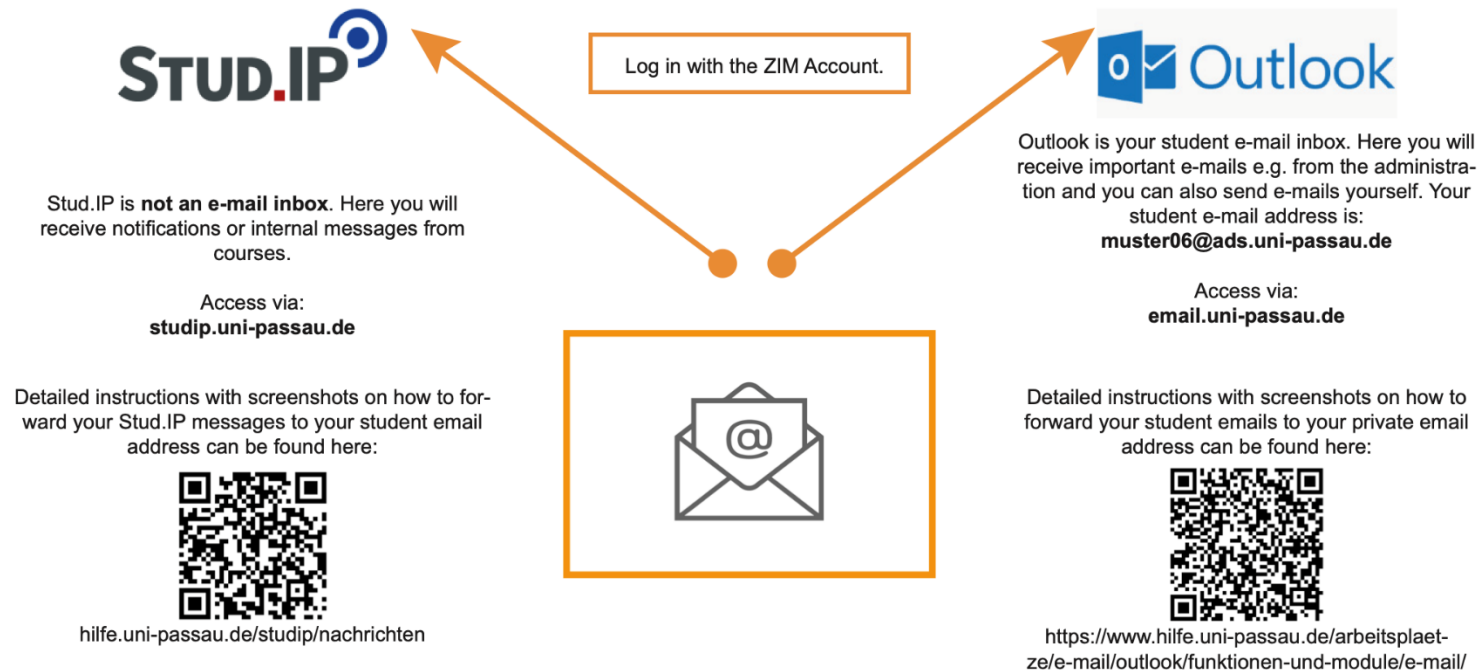
- Download certificates (transcript of records, enrolment certificate etc.)
- Register for exams!
- View academic records



Outlook

- University e-mail

WHERE ARE MY E-MAILS? WHY ARE THEY NOT IN STUD.IP?



- **Free software licenses**

- Microsoft Office 365
- JetBrains (Pycharm, IntelliJ Idea)
- IBM Rational Architect
- Visual Paradigm (UML)
- Yatta UML-Lab
- PlagScan (to check for plagiarism in papers)

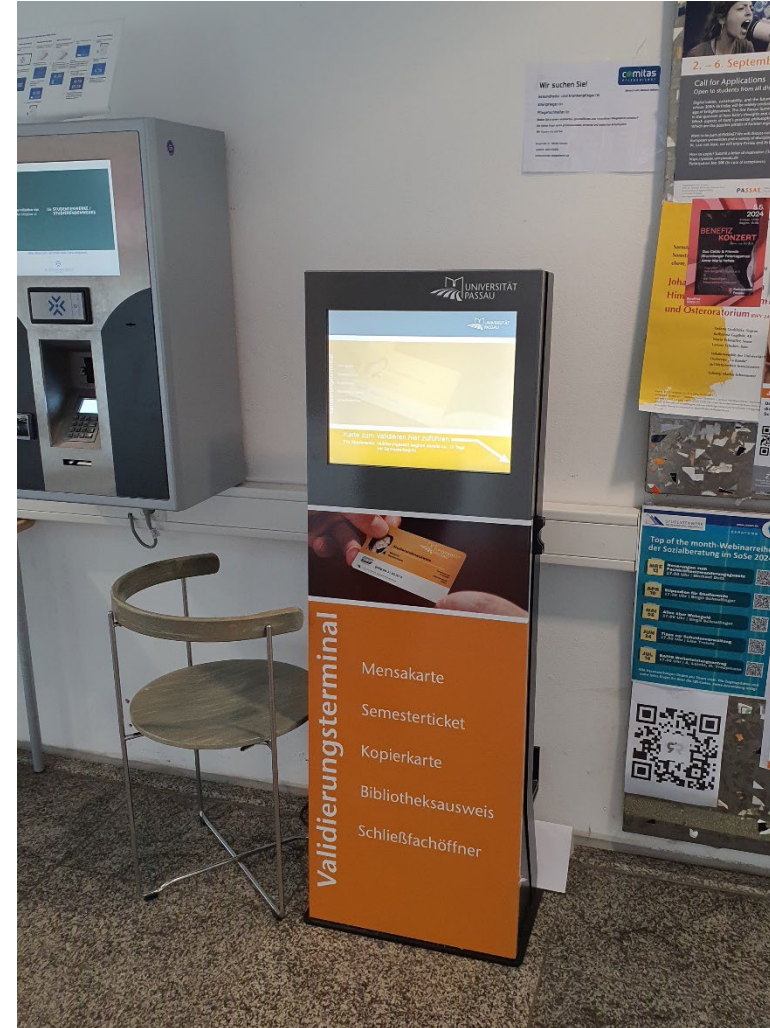
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- **FIM Credentials**

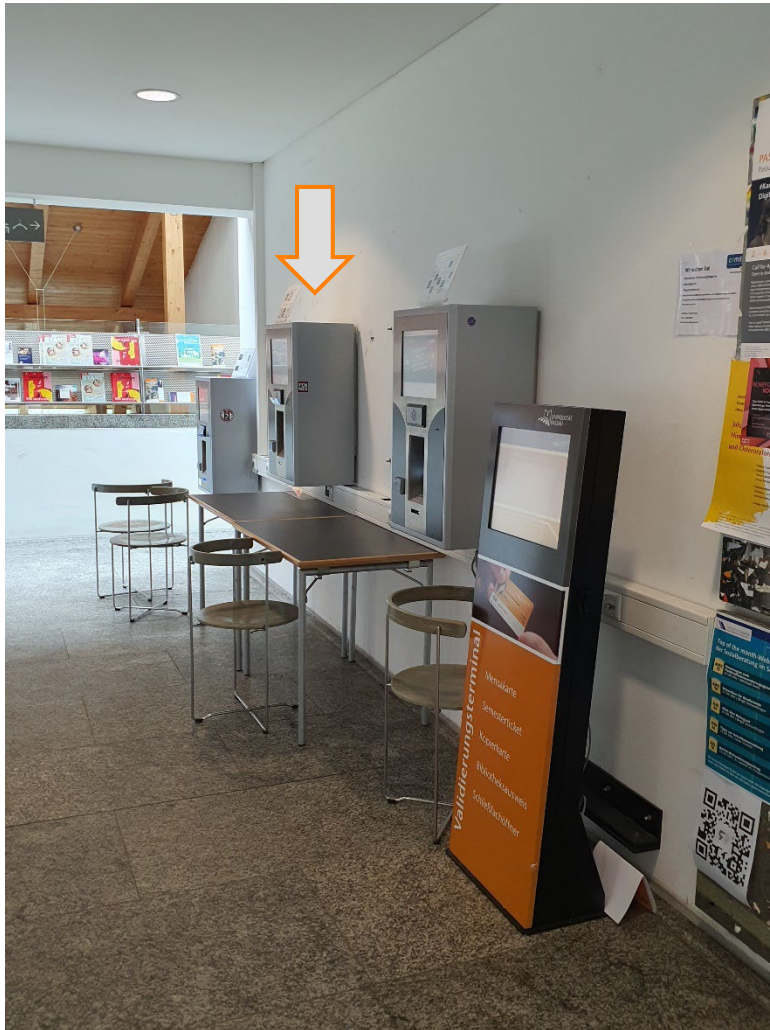
- Different from your ZIM credentials. FIM credentials are required to get access to FIM computers/servers.

<https://www.fim.uni-passau.de/en/it-services/login-and-account/fim-accounts>

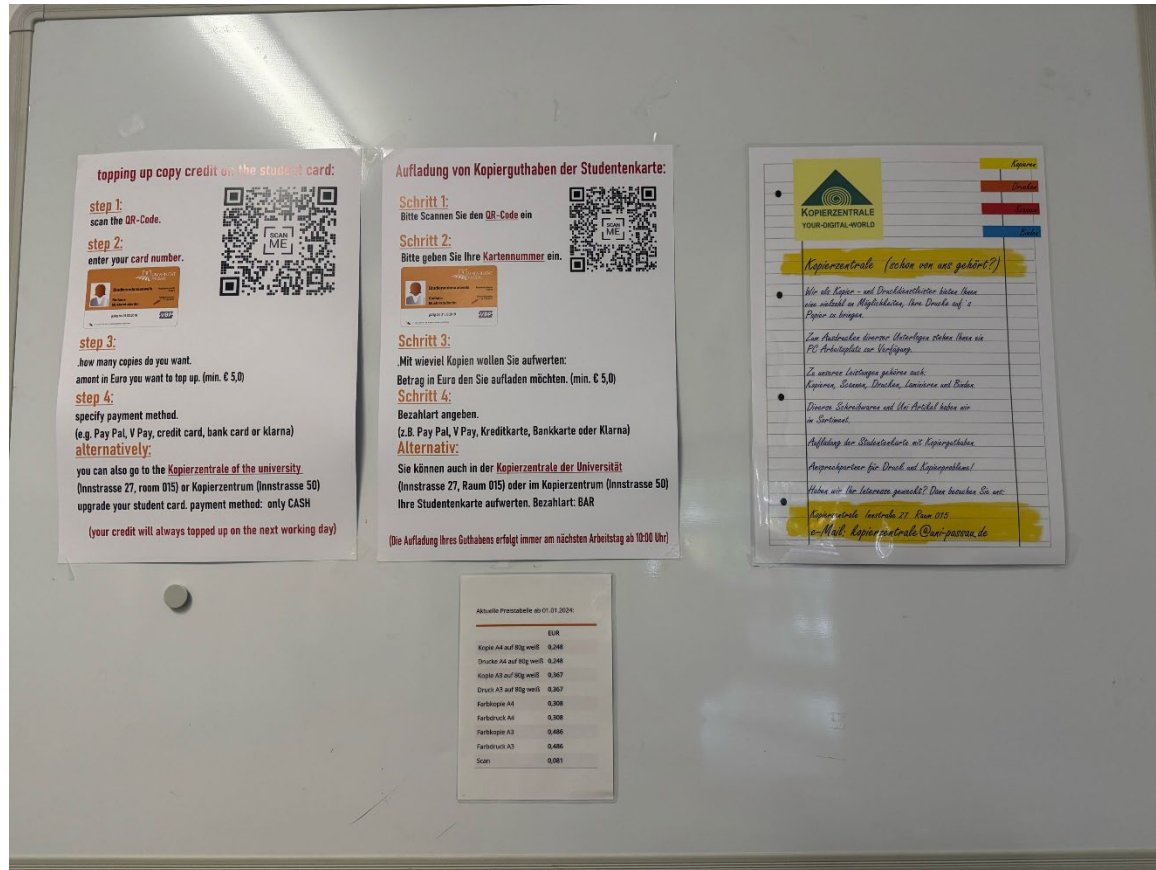
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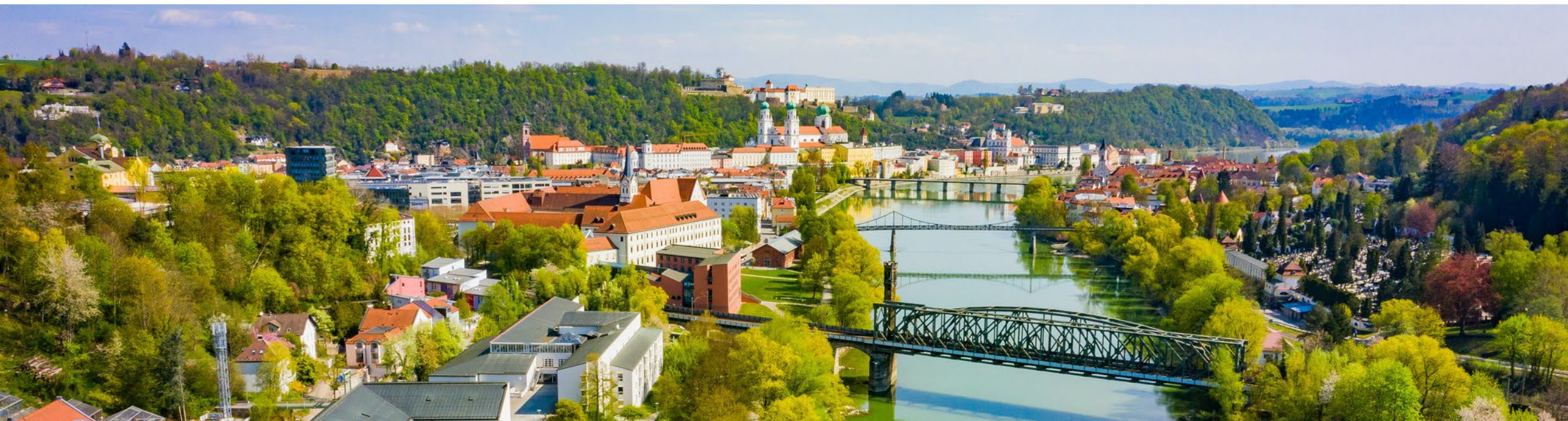
Charging CampusCard – Mensa Money



Printing At The University



Part 2 – How to Survive in Germany



- Downloads via **BitTorrent** (and similar entities) of copyrighted items **are illegal** (movies, music, games, software...)
- IP addresses are tracked, and internet service providers disclose names/addresses to the authorities
- In case of misconduct: commonly more than **800 € penalty per file!**

„**Pfand**“: deposit on glass, plastic bottles, cans (you get refunded when bringing them back)

- additionally to the normal beverage price you pay a deposit on the bottle/can which is 25 cents for normal plastic bottles and cans, 8 cent for glass bottles (like for beer)
- bring them back to the supermarket (machines) and get back your money



<https://www.smarticular.net/pfandflaschen-einwegpfand-mehrweg-verwirrung/>

- Different bins for different types of trash:
 - Blue: paper and cardboard
 - Brown: organic biodegradables
 - Black or Gray: everything else



[source](#)

- Glass bottles without a deposit („Pfand“) and tin cans go into special containers you can find in every neighbourhood



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- Tax for public media, like television and radio
 - Everyone that lives in Germany has to pay it, even if they don't own a TV or a radio device!
- **18,36 € per month per flat**, you can share the fees with your flatmates (if you live in a 'WG')
- As soon as you register in Passau, you will receive a letter with your payment details
- Unfortunately unavoidable!



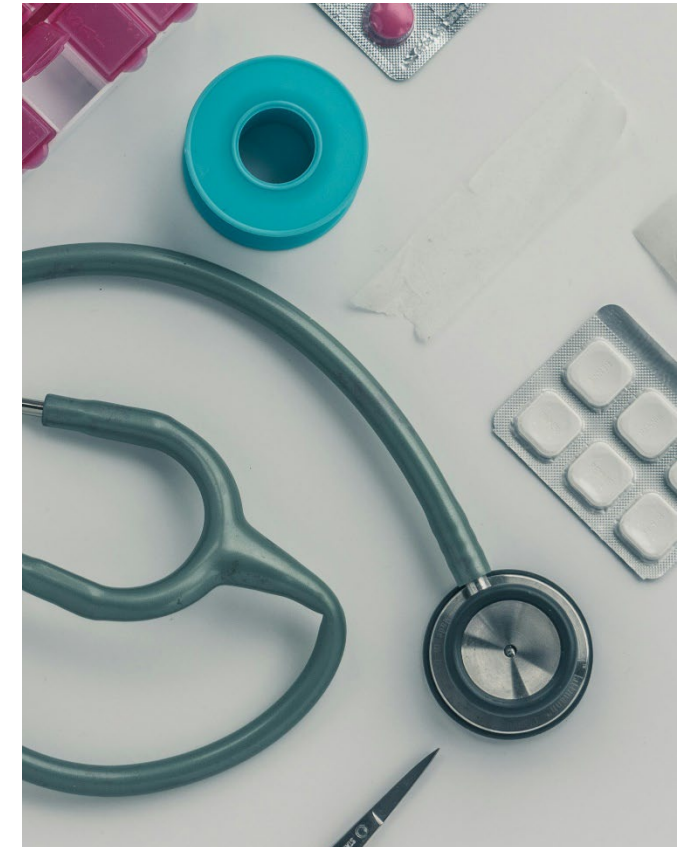
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- **Administrative process:** If you are facing issues regarding enrolment, please contact the Student Registration Office
(e-mail: registry@uni-passau.de)
- **Misinformation:** If you just hear something from your fellow students, don't blindly trust that it's true if you haven't read the information from a reliable source yourself!

- **Mental Health Issues:** if you are facing any mental health issues, extreme stress or anything similar, there is counselling available at the University that you can go to.
<https://www.uni-passau.de/en/psychological-counselling>
- **Physical Health Issues:** go to a 'Hausarzt', a general doctor, google 'Passau Hausarzt' to find them (If it's very urgent and/or life-threatening, please go to the Emergency Room)
- Information on how to find a General Practitioner and more:
expatrio: „Finding a General Practitioner/Hausarzt in Germany [Guide]”



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- Do not send the same e-mail to multiple departments of the University at the same time. If you sent it to a department that is not in charge of that issue, they will forward it to the right person
- Do not send a second e-mail quickly after the first one because you have not received an answer yet, please be patient (it can take up to a week)
- Use the proper form of address at the beginning of the email! (e.g. 'Dear Professor XYZ')
- Sign off with your name!
- If you have an urgent issue, you can say so in the e-mail and we will try to reply to you as quickly as possible. If it's very urgent, do not e-mail but call

Dear Professor XYZ,

I had some questions and was wondering if you could answer them for me. / I had an enquiry and I was wondering if you could help me with it.

(insert questions you may have or a problem you are facing regarding their class, etc.)

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions / help me with my inquiry.

Best regards,
(Your name)

1. Check the **Student Handbook** (which was attached to the welcome e-mail you received), it has a lot of compiled information and may answer your questions.
 2. Read the **module catalogue** for your study programme details.
 3. Check the [Info Sheet](#) for more details.
 4. Visit the [O-Woche](#) (Orientation Week) page.
 5. Try to **Google your problem** but always make sure to verify the information with legit sources like official university websites.
 6. If you still haven't found an answer to your question, you can e-mail us at mahelp@uni-passau.de and we will help you with the problems you may face.
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- **Next Q&A session: 07.10.2025 (Tuesday)**

Thank You

Thank you for listening to our presentation.
We wish you good luck with the start of your studies!

