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Dear Student,

You are receiving this letter because you have been admitted to a mathematics or computer science program at KIT. When you enrol, you will be part of the “Fachschaft Mathematik/Informatik” – that is the student body of the faculties of mathematics and computer science.

We would like to invite you to our orientation days – the so-called “O-Phase” – to prepare you for your first semester at KIT. During the O-Phase, you will get to know your fellow students, become familiar with the campus and receive important tips for your studies.

The O-Phase takes place from

Monday, April 11th until Wednesday, April 13th, 2022

on the campus of KIT. Unfortunately, there will still be some COVID restrictions in place which are yet to be announced. We will also check the vaccination or test certificates as needed. If you can, please come fully vaccinated as this provides the best protection for you and others.

What can you expect?

The O-Phase starts with the **opening event on Monday at 12 noon**. The most important event is probably the “**Fachbereichsinformation (FBI)**” which answers all questions regarding your course of studies. At the **presentation of institutes**, professors will present their research and answer your questions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	10:30 Breakfast ³	
12:00 Opening ¹	12:00 Campus tour ²	12:00 Brunch ³
13:00 Pizza ²	13:00 Lunch in the Mensa ⁵	
13:30 Games in the Schlossgarten		14:00 Group trip ⁷
16:00 Fachbereichsinformationen ³	15:00 Presentation of institutes ⁶	Turmberg or ZKM
ca. 18:00 BBQ ²	ca. 18:00 Dinner ⁷	
Then Evening at Z10 ⁴	Then Nightlife of Karlsruhe	20:00 (Board-) Games night ³

¹Hörsaal am Fasanengarten (50.35) <https://www.kit.edu/campusplan/?id=50.35>

²Infobau (50.34) <https://www.kit.edu/campusplan/?id=50.34>

³Infobau (50.34), Basement

⁴Zähringerstraße 10: <https://z10.info>

⁵Mensa am Adenauerring <https://www.kit.edu/campusplan/?id=01.13>

⁶Computer science: Infobau (50.34), Basement <https://www.kit.edu/campusplan/?id=50.34>

Mathematics: Mathebau (20.30), Room 0.001 <https://www.kit.edu/campusplan/?id=20.30>

⁷Starting point to be announced

Participation and information

In order to participate in the O-Phase, please **register** by filling out the following survey:

<https://o-phase.com/en/ss22/registration/>

In the survey, we would like to know what you are studying and what events you plan to attend. We ask you to fill out the survey as soon as possible so we can get an estimate for the expected attendance. We will also inform you via the email address you provide in case of any last-minute changes.

Eventual **changes and more detailed info** about the program items will be posted at our website

<https://o-phase.com/en>

You should check there occasionally for updates. If you have any questions, just **contact us** at contact@o-phase.com.

You can subscribe to useful mailing lists at <https://www.fsmi.uni-karlsruhe.de/Kontakt/Mailinglisten/>. There is also a **Telegram group chat** for the O-Phase, where we post short term information and which you can use for connecting with each other.

<https://t.me/MOPhase22>

You can find the relevant **COVID rules** and information for the state of Baden-Württemberg here: <https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/en/service/aktuelle-infos-zu-corona/corona-information-in-other-languages/> as well as the important COVID FAQ of KIT here: <https://www.kit.edu/kit/english/25911.php>

Checklist

- **KIT-Card:** If you haven't already done so, be sure to upload a picture for your KIT-Card **before** O-Phase and ideally pick up your KIT-Card before the orientation starts. You can read about how to do that here: <https://www.kit-card.kit.edu/english/54.php>. You can also upload your vaccination certificate to your KIT-Card, which will speed up the admission to lectures etc.
- **KVV-Bescheinigung:** If you have already received your login data for the student portal, you can print out the so called "KVV-Bescheinigung" or download it to your smartphone (<https://campus.studium.kit.edu/english/reports/index.php> - only valid with student ID!). It acts as a public transport ticket that allows you to travel for free with the KVV after 6 p.m.
- **Extracurricular:** If you want to take a language course, a sports course or a "Schlüsselqualifikation" course in the coming semester, you may have to register before the start of the O-Phase. You can find more information in our masters FAQ: <https://o-phase.com/en/ss22/faq>

International students

The **Erasmus Student Network-O-Phase**, which is offered in addition to our O-Phase especially for international students, can be found here: <https://karlsruhe.esn-germany.de/o-phase>, the INTL Erasmus Student Handbook at <https://www.intl.kit.edu/download/ERASMUS%20student%20handbook.pdf>.

We look forward to meeting you at KIT! Yours,

the student council of Mathematics/Computer Science