

YOUR SPOT JOURNEY - IMPORTANT STEPS	Date & Duration	Location
Welcome to SPOT 1: "Kick-Off" & Introduction	15.05.2025	Online
Pre-departure Orientation 1: Program administration, Visas	20.05.2025	Online
Pre-departure Orientation 2: Housing	11.06.2025	Online
Pre-departure Orientation 3: Insurances	16.06.2025	Online
Pre-departure Orientation 4: Finances	16.07.2025	Online
Welcome to SPOT 2: "Your SPOT Virtual Campus"	31.07.2025	Online
Pre-departure Orientation 6: Preparing for Berlin	19.08.2025	Online
Pre-departure Orientation 7: Ready to Start	22.09-26.09.2025	Online
Transfer to Berlin	individual	individual
SPOT Welcome Days	29.09 - 30.09.2025	on-site IPU Berlin
Fall Semester (1) starts	01.10.2025	IPU Berlin
Classes Start	01.10.2025	on-site IPU Berlin
Get to Know IPU Students	06.10.–10.10.2025	on-site IPU Berlin
Feedback Round: "How are you doing?"	23.10.2025	Online
Pre-departure Berlin-Lisbon	05.11.2025	Hybrid
Feedback Round: "Almost there"	11.12.2025	Online
Classes End	19.12.2025	on-site IPU Berlin
Winter Break	20.12.2025–04.01.2026	individual
Semester 1 examination period 1	05.01.–15.01.2026	on-site IPU Berlin
Semester 1 examination period 2 (re-takes)	16.01.–31.01.2026	on-site IPU Berlin
Feedback Round: "My Semester at IPU"	22.01.2026	Online
Transfer to Lisbon	individual	individual
Fall Semester (1) ends	31.01.2026	IPU Berlin
Spring Semester (2) starts	01.02.2026	ISCTE Lisbon
Classes Start	02.02.2026	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Orientation Days Lisbon	02.02.–06.02.2026	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Semester 1 special examination period 3 (re-takes)	09.02 -13.02.2026	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Grades due for Semester 1 (Period 1 and 2)	15.02.2026	individual
Carnival Break	16.02-20.02.2026	individual
Grades due for Semester 1 (Period 3)	15.03.2026	individual
Feedback Round: "How are you doing?"	25.03.2026	Online
Spring Break	30.03.–11.04.2026	individual
Pre-departure Lisbon-Padua	beginning of May 2026	Hybrid
Feedback Round: "Almost there"	20.05.2026	Online
Classes End	30.05.2026	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Semester 2 examination period 1	01.06.–15.06.2026	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Semester 2 examination period 2 (re-takes)	16.06.–30.06.2026	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Feedback Round: "My Semester at ISCTE"	22.06.2026	Online
Internship Orientation 1	06.07-10.07.2026	Online
Grades due for Semester 2 (Period 1 and 2)	15.07.2026	individual
Summer break	16.07–30.09.2026	individual
Semester 2 special examination period 3 (re-takes)	20.07-24.07.2026	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Grades due for Semester 2 (Period 3)	21.08.2026	individual
Transfer Padua	individual	individual
Summer School	middle of September 2026	Hybrid
Spring Semester (2) ends	30.09.2026	ISCTE Lisbon
Fall Semester (3) starts	01.10.2026	UNIPD Padua
Orientation Days Padua	16.09–30.09.2026	on-site UNIPD Padua
Classes start	01.10.2026	on-site UNIPD Padua
Internship Orientation 2	19.10-30.10.2026	Hybrid
Feedback Round: "How are you doing?"	04.11.2026	Online
Thesis Orientation	09.11.-13.11.2026	Hybrid
Internships Placement	16.11-27.11.2026	Hybrid
Orientation: Visa for Banja Luka, Sarajevo, Nis	30.11.2026	Online
Pre-departure Padua-Banja Luka	01.12.2026	Online
Pre-departure Padua-Sarajevo	02.12.2026	Online
Pre-departure Padua-Nis	03.12.2026	Online
Feedback Round: "Almost there"	17.12.2026	Online
Winter Break	21.12.2026–03.01.2027	individual
Semester 3 examination period 1	07.01.–19.01.2027	on-site UNIPD Padua
Semester 3 examination period 2 (re-takes)	20.01.2027-31.01.2027	on-site UNIPD Padua
Feedback Round: "My Semester at UNIPD"	21.01.2027	Online
Transfer to internship placements, e.g. Western Balkans	individual	individual
Fall Semester (3) ends	31.01.2027	UNIPD Padua
Spring Semester (4) starts	01.02.2027	individual
On-Site Workplacement, e.g. Western Balkans	individual	individual
Semester 3 special examination period 3 (re-takes)	15.02.–29.02.2027	on-site IPU/ISCTE/UNIPD/TLU/UNIBL/UNSA/UniNis
Grades due for Semester 3 (Period 1 and 2)	15.03.2027	individual
Feedback Round: "How are you doing?"	16.03.2027	Online
Grades due for Semester 3 (Period 3)	19.03.2027	individual
Thesis writing	throughout the semester	Hybrid
Thesis research stay 1	individual	on-site IPU/ISCTE/UNIPD/TLU/UNIBL/UNSA/UniNis
Thesis research stay 2	individual	on-site IPU/ISCTE/UNIPD/TLU/UNIBL/UNSA/UniNis
Thesis due	30.06.2027	Hybrid
Thesis Defense due	23./24./25.09.2027	Hybrid
Confirmation of grade acceptance for graduation due	26.09.2027	Hybrid
Contesting the grade due	29.09.2027	Hybrid
Alumni Meets New Cohort	15.09.–30.09.2027	Hybrid
Graduation (confirmed grades only)	29.09.2027	on-site IPU Berlin
Spring Term (Semester 4) ends	30.09.2027	IPU Berlin

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