

YOUR SPOT JOURNEY - IMPORTANT STEPS	Date & Duration	Location
Welcome to SPOT 1: "Kick-Off" & Introduction	18.05.2026	Online
Transfer to Berlin	individual by 27.09.2026	individual
Visa, Finances and Housing Advising	Beginning of June 2026	online
Pre-Departure Orientation	second half of August 2026	online
SPOT Welcome Days	28.09.–02.10.2026	on-site IPU Berlin
Fall Semester (1) starts	01.10.2026	IPU Berlin
Classes Start	05.10.2026	on-site IPU Berlin
Get to Know IPU Students	Beginning of October 2026	on-site IPU Berlin
Pre-departure Berlin-Lisbon	Beginning of November 2026	Hybrid
Winter Break	21.12.2026–03.01.2027	individual
Classes End	22.01.2027	on-site IPU Berlin
Semester 1 examination period 1	25.01.2027–03.02.2027	on-site IPU Berlin
Semester 1 examination period 2 (re-takes)	04.02.2027–14.02.2027	on-site IPU Berlin
Feedback Round: "My Semester at IPU"	04.02.2027	Online
Transfer to Lisbon	individual by 14.02.2027	individual
Fall Semester (1) ends	14.02.2027	IPU Berlin
Spring Semester (2) starts	15.02.2027	ISCTE Lisbon
Carnival Break	08.02.2027–13.02.2027	individual
Classes Start	15.02.2027	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Orientation Days Lisbon	15.02.2027–19.02.2027	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Grades due for Semester 1 (Period 1 and 2)	28.02.2027	Online
Semester 1 special examination period 3 (re-takes)	01.03.2027–05.03.2027	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Grades due for Semester 1 (Period 3)	14.03.2027	individual
Spring Break	22.03.2027–03.04.2027	individual
Pre-departure Lisbon-Padua	beginning of May 2027	Hybrid
Internship Orientation I	10.05.2027–14.05.2027	Online
Classes End	30.05.2027	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Semester 2 examination period 1	01.06.2027–15.06.2027	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Semester 2 examination period 2 (re-takes)	16.06.2027–30.06.2027	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Internship Placement I	14.06.2027–18.06.2027	online
Feedback Round: "My Semester at ISCTE"	24.06.2027	Online
Grades due for Semester 2 (Period 1 and 2)	15.07.2027	individual
Semester 2 special examination period 3 (re-takes)	19.07.2027–23.07.2027	on-site ISCTE Lisbon
Grades due for Semester 2 (Period 3)	31.07.2027	individual
Summer break	01.07.2027–15.09.2027	individual
Summer School	second half of September 2027	Online or hybrid
Transfer Padua	individual by 15.09.2027	individual
Spring Semester (2) ends	30.09.2027	ISCTE Lisbon
Fall Semester (3) starts	01.10.2027	UNIPD Padua
Orientation Days Padua	16.09.2027–30.09.2027	on-site UNIPD Padua
Classes start	28.09.2027	on-site UNIPD Padua
Internship Orientation 2	18.10.2027–22.10.2027	Online
Thesis Orientation	08.11.2027–12.11.2027	Hybrid
Internships Placement II	15.11.2027–19.11.2027	Online
Orientation: Visa for Banja Luka, Sarajevo, Nis	30.11.2027	Online
Pre-departure Padua-Banja Luka	01.12.2027	Online
Pre-departure Padua-Sarajevo	02.12.2027	Online
Pre-departure Padua-Nis	03.12.2027	Online
Winter Break	20.12.2027–02.01.2028	individual
Semester 3 examination period 1	17.01.2028–28.01.2028	on-site UNIPD Padua
Semester 3 examination period 2 (re-takes)	31.01.2028–11.02.2028	on-site UNIPD Padua
Feedback Round: "My Semester at UNIPD"	27.01.2028	Online
Transfer to internship placements, e.g. Western Balkans	individual by 14.02.2028	individual
Fall Semester (3) ends	14.02.2028	UNIPD Padua
Spring Semester (4) starts	15.02.2028	individual
On-Site Workplacement, e.g. Western Balkans	individual	individual
Grades due for Semester 3 (Period 1 and 2)	27.02.2028	individual
Semester 3 special examination period 3 (re-takes)	28.02.2028–03.03.2028	on-site IPU/ISCTE/UNIPD/TLU/UNIBL/UNSA/UniNis
Grades due for Semester 3 (Period 3)	12.03.2028	individual
Thesis writing	throughout 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	30.06.2028	Hybrid
Thesis Defense due	21./22./23.09.2028	Hybrid
Confirmation of grade acceptance for graduation due	24.09.2028	Hybrid
Contesting the grade due	27.09.2028	Hybrid
Alumni Meets New Cohort	15.09.2028–30.09.2028	Hybrid
Graduation (Governing Board)	30.09.2028	on-site IPU Berlin
Spring Term (Semester 4) ends	30.09.2028	IPU Berlin

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