



Welcome to the University of Mannheim!

Dear new Economics Master's students,

first of all: **congratulations on your admission and welcome to Mannheim!** You've definitely made a great choice with the University of Mannheim - and with Mannheim as your new home city. Mannheim is a great place to study, with plenty of student initiatives, opportunities to get involved, and a lively nightlife.

We are the **Students' Association of Economics** (in German: **Fachschaft VWL**), a student-run and voluntary organisation representing Economics students. We want to make your start in Mannheim as easy and fun as possible.

We would like to invite you to join our official [WhatsApp Group](https://chat.whatsapp.com/LfNhVs8hFxfL8U9wkiKzH4?s=qt&p=i&ilr=4&amv=0):
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You can also follow us on [Instagram](#) @fsvwl.unimannheim

Before the semester officially starts, the university is offering a **Maths Preparatory Course via Zoom**, starting on **August 26**. The course is a good opportunity to refresh your maths skills and make sure that everyone starts the Master's with a similar mathematical foundation.

To help you get started, we've planned some **social events** from Tuesday, **September 1st**, to **Friday, September 4th**. The events are organized together with the bachelor's students and are a great opportunity to get to know your new fellow students, meet new people and make new connections before the semester starts.

Here's what we have planned for you:

On Tuesday, September 1st, you can check out the **Initiative Fair (10:00–14:00)** in the **Ehrenhof** and discover the many student initiatives Mannheim has to offer. Of course, you can also come by our stand and get to know us!

This will be followed by a **pub crawl** in the evening (**19:00**), which will be the perfect opportunity to socialize. The pub crawl is organised by the "Student's Union" (in German: Verfasste Studierendenschaft) and for all new first-year students, regardless of their field of study. The meeting point is in the **Ehrenhof**.

On Wednesday (September 2) we are heading to **Club King Kong at 23:00** – feel free to join us! Tickets can be bought on site.



On Thursday (September 3) at **19:00**, we're having our traditional **pre-drinking** on the "**Mensawiese**", and afterwards, we're heading to the **legendary Schneckenhof**. Schneckenhof is a famous student party in the courtyard of Mannheim's Baroque Palace, and after just one visit, we promise you, you'll love it just as much as we do.

The tickets cost €4. As a Student Association, we usually receive a limited number of tickets that we are allowed to sell separately from the regular ticket sale. At the moment, we don't know how large our ticket allocation will be. Therefore, we may be able to offer a separate sale, allowing you to skip the long queue. If not, you will need to attend the official ticket sale on Tuesday at the Mensawiese. We'll share all the details in the WhatsApp Group on Sunday evening.

On Friday (September 4) at **18:00**, we've rented a boat together with the law students for a legendary **boat party** on the Neckar. Tickets are subject to availability. More Information's will follow in the WhatsApp-Group chat.

On Monday (September 7), the **Department of Economics** will welcome all new Master students with an **official welcome** event from **8:30 to 10:00** in L7, 3-5, Room 001

We will send a reminder in the WhatsApp-Group shortly before each event!

If you have any questions, you can contact us under info@fsvwl-mannheim.de or simply ask in the WhatsApp-Group!

For questions specifically related to your degree programme, you can also contact your programme manager, Mr Herdtweck, at econgrad@uni-mannheim.de.

And one more date to save in your calendar: September 15th – our **Fachschaft Kick-Off!** We'll introduce ourselves, give you some useful information for the semester ahead and, of course, have some drinks together. The Kick-Off will be held in **German**, but everyone is very welcome to join!

After the Kick-Off, you're also welcome to join our weekly Fachschaft meetings. They take place in **German** every Tuesday at 19:00 during the lecture period in L7, 3–5, Room S031.

We're really happy to have you here and wish you a great start to your Master's!

Welcome to Mannheim — we're looking forward to meeting you!

Best wishes,
Your Fachschaft VWL