FU/BEST

SEMESTER SCHEDULE SPRING 2028

Date	Description
30.1.2028 (Sunday)	Check-in at program-affiliated homestays
31.1.2028 (Monday)	Check-in at program-affiliated apartments
1.2.2028 (Tuesday)	Official starting date. Program check-in.
1.2. – 4.2.2028 (Tuesday-Friday)	Orientation Days
7.2. – 10.2.2028	First week of classes
8.3.2028 (Wednesday)	Berlin holiday (International Women's Day): no classes
10.3.2028 (Friday)	Classes scheduled for March 8 (Women's Day) are held on Friday, March 10!
13.3. – 16.3.2028	Midterm exams (language and subject courses)
17.3. (Friday) **– 26.3.2028** (Sunday)	Mid-semester break
7.4. (Friday) **– 13.4.2028** (Thursday)	Multiday excursions
17.4.2028 (Monday)	National holiday (Easter Monday): no classes
21.4.2028 (Friday)	Classes scheduled for Easter Monday (April 17) are held on Friday, April 21!
18.4. – 21.4.2028	Courses at **1.30 p.m.** have a **double session**; courses at 4.30 p.m. do not meet
24.4. – 27.4.2028	Courses at **4.30 p.m.** have a **double session**; courses at 1.30 p.m. do not meet
1.5.2028 (Monday)	National holiday (Labor Day): no classes
5.5.2028 (Friday)	Classes scheduled for May 1 (Labor Day) are held on Friday, May 5!
8.5. – 11.5.2028	Last week of German language courses incl. exams
15.5. – 18.5.2028	Last week of subject courses incl. exams (**adjusted class times**)
18.5.2028 (Thursday)	Farewell Event
19.5.2028 (Friday)	Official ending date

Please note the following additional dates carefully:

1. **Apartments** booked through the program are not available before January 31 and must be vacated by May 19 (10 a.m.).
2. **Homestays** are not available before January 30 and end on May 21 at the latest.
3. You will **not** have access to your **passports** Feb. 1 – 7 (first weekend) and March 15 – 18 (week after the weeklong excursion) for the process of registering Berlin as your current place of residence as well as applying for your student permit, respectively. (The latter does not apply to participants with an EU passport or participants who have already acquired a visa/permit that covers the entire semester.). **Please note:** these dates might be subject to change at the discretion of Berlin authorities.
4. **Midterm and Final Exam dates and times** for FU-BEST courses are formally scheduled and cannot be moved to other days and/or times.

Please plan any personal travels during the semester accordingly and with care.