

## For an Easier Start: Online Preparation for Studies

**Students-to-be All Over Germany Can Take Part in Courses of the Distance Studies Center – New: “Energy” and “Basic Knowledge in Business Administration”**



*Flexible: The courses take place as online seminars on an internet platform.  
(Photo: Harry Marx)*

**Which basic knowledge is required for taking up the desired studies? The online preparation courses for studies offered by the Distance Studies Center of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) provide help in the choice of programs and facilitate the start. They are addressed to students-to-be, who have not yet enrolled at a university and want to refresh their secondary school knowledge or close knowledge gaps. The next courses, including the new course on “Energy”, will start in May. Registration is possible now.**

Motivation, own initiative, and preliminary knowledge may increase the chances of getting a place at a university and help master the first semesters successfully. The preparation offers made by the Distance Studies Center (FSZ) cover courses conveying important basic knowledge in the subjects of mathematics, informatics, natural sciences, and engineering. The preparation course on “Energy” is new and provides orientation with respect to the many study pro-

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grams and areas relating to energy. For many years, the FSZ has been offering the introductory seminar “Basic knowledge in political economics”. For the first time, a preparation course on “Basic knowledge in business administration” is offered now to give insight into the basic principles and tasks of successful enterprise management. Strengthening of various key qualifications also plays an important role in the program of the FSZ. These qualifications include self-management, learning organization during studies or work with the program LyX/LaTeX.

As a rule, the courses are organized as online seminars on an internet platform. Participants can concentrate on the subjects from their desk at home and control their learning phases autonomously. At the same time, they are given individual scientific assistance and instruction. For 15 years now, the FSZ has been successful with its didactic concept for the preparation of studies. It is focused on the needs and framework conditions of students. Students-to-be all over Germany can prepare specifically irrespective of the location and time. Moreover, the preparation program can be adapted easily to professional and private obligations of the participants. Consequently, the courses are particularly suited for persons in a transition or waiting phase, such as vocational training, voluntary or similar services. The FSZ also supports voluntary social commitment. Against submission of the service contract, persons doing voluntary social services are granted a discount of up to EUR 50 per preparation course. Depending on the course, regular fees in the amount of EUR 150 or EUR 200 are charged.

The achievements reached by participants in the field of key qualifications will be accepted later on when studies are started at KIT. The next preparation courses will be offered in May/June and August/September 2012. Registration is possible anytime via the homepage of FSZ.

**More information on courses and registration:**

<http://www.fsz.kit.edu/Studienvorbereitung.php>

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