SCHEDULE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27 AT THE GMPU

Start of the academic year: Thu 01.10.2026, end of the academic year: Thu 30.09.2027

WINTER SEMESTER 2026/27:	Start of the winter semester: Thu 01.10.2026 Start of courses: Thu 01.10.2026 End of courses: Sat 30.01.2027 End of the winter semester: Sun 28.02.2027
LECTURE-FREE PERIOD [1]: All Sundays and public holidays, as well as: National holiday: Sat 10.10.2026 All Souls' Day: Mon 02.11.2026 Christmas vacation: Thu 24.12.2026 to Wed 06.01.2027 Semester break: Mon 01.02.2027 to Sun 28.02.2027	

SUMMER SEMESTER 2027:	Start of the summer semester: Mon 01.03.2027 Start of courses: Mon 01.03.2027 End of courses: Wed 30.06.2027 End of the summer semester: Thu 30.09.2027
LECTURE-FREE PERIOD [1]: All Sundays and public holidays, as well as: Day of the patron saint of the country (St. Joseph's Day): Fri 19.03.2027 Easter vacation: Mon 22.03. to Sat 03.04.2027 Tuesday after Pentecost: Tue 18.05.2027 Summer vacation: Tue 01.07.2027 to Thu 30.09.2027	

[1] *Dear students! Teachers may schedule examination dates or individual supervision appointments (e.g. for writing a thesis) during course-free periods, as long as these do not fall on a Sunday or public holiday.*

Dates and deadlines:

From the winter semester 2025/26, many applications/forms will be available via the menu item "Anträge" for direct completion in the ACF and will no longer be available in paper form or as PDF files. The existing applications will gradually be added and replaced. As soon as they appear in the "Anträge" menu item, they will no longer be accepted by e-mail or in printed form.

Enrolment deadline - (registration for semester-related courses, payment of tuition fees):
for the winter semester 01.09. to 30.09.
for the summer semester 01.02. to 28.02.
(Online in the student portal ACF)

Electives (not subject to approval) and cross-semester subjects - registration deadline:
for the winter semester 15.09. to 30.09.
for the summer semester 15.02. to 28.02.
(Online in the student portal ACF)

Electives in individual lessons (subject to approval) - registration deadline:
for the winter semester 01.09. to 30.09.
for the summer semester 01.02. to 28.02.
(Submission of the form - in person at the Student Service or by e-mail to studienservice@gmpu.ac.at)

Exemption examinations - registration deadline:
for the winter semester 15.11.
for the summer semester 15.04.
(By e-mail to studiendekanate@gmpu.ac.at)

Leave of absence - submission deadline:
for the winter semester 15.09.
for the summer semester 15.02.
(Submission of the form - in person at Student Services or by e-mail to studienservice@gmpu.ac.at)

Reduction of study time - **Deadline for submission:**
for the winter semester 15.09.
for the summer semester 15.02.
(Submission of the form - in person at the Student Services or by e-mail to studienservice@gmpu.ac.at)

Deregistration from studies - deadline:
for the winter semester 01.09.
for the summer semester 01.02.
(online in the ACF student portal via "Anträge")

Final examinations (all types*) - registration deadline:
for the winter semester 25.10.
for the summer semester 15.02.
(online in the ACF student portal via "Anträge")

Extension of study period - submission deadline:
for the summer semester 15.12.
for the winter semester 15.05.
(Submission of the form - in person at the Student Administration Office or by e-mail to studienservice@gmpu.ac.at)

Interne Lehrpraxis (course) in the summer semester - registration deadline: 15.12.
Interne Lehrpraxis (course) in the winter semester - registration deadline: 15.06.
(Online in the student portal ACF)

Externe Lehrpraxis - registration online in the ACF student portal (see enrolment deadline)!
Pre-registration for the course "External Teaching Practice I" (MA IGP): by 15.11. by email to julian.schunter@gmu.ac.at

Orchestra project - registration deadline:
for the winter semester: 01.10.
for the summer semester: 31.01.

Focal area (Schwerpunkt) - Application deadline for admission to a **Focal area** for the following academic year: 15.03.
(Submission of the form - in person at the Student Service or by e-mail to studienservice@gmpu.ac.at)

Tuition fee reduction for the academic year 2026/27 - Deadline for applications: 31.01. (Submission of the form - in person at the Student Service or by email to studienservice@gmpu.ac.at)

Proof of German language skills for non-native speakers (Bachelor B1, Master B2) by the start of the 3rd semester: 15.09.

Bachelor`s substitute theses (for students without a Bachelor's degree in the MA program) - submission by the beginning of the 3rd semester: 15.09.
(Submission of the thesis including assessment form in person at the Student Services)

Bachelor's and Master's theses
Registration deadline for final theses:
BA: in the 6th semester by 15.01. or 15.06.
MA: in the 2nd semester by 15.01 or 15.06.
(online in the ACF student portal via "Anträge")

Time until the grade is entered after submission of the thesis (including any attachments):
BA thesis without lecture recital: 1 month
BA thesis with lecture recital: 2 months
MA thesis: 3 months

For further details, see the registration form for BA/MA theses in the ACF!

Time frame for final examinations of the winter semester: Mon 01.02. to Sat 06.02.2027

Time frame for final examinations of the winter semester of the jazz department: Mon 01.02. to Wed 03.02.2027

Time frame for final examinations of the summer semester: Thu 01.07. to Sat 10.07.2027
Time frame for final examinations of the summer semester of the jazz department: Mon 28.06. to Wed 30.06.2027

Time frame for admission examinations for the focal area (Schwerpunkt)**:** Tue 18.05. to Mon 31.05.2027

NEW STUDENT ADMISSIONS:

Application deadline for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes and special university courses for the 2027/28 academic year:
Fri 01.01. to Mon 15.03.2027
Time frame for the entrance examinations for the 2027/28 academic year:
Tue 18.05. to Mon 31.05.2027

*Note: If places are still available, there may be a second application phase from Thu 01.07. to Sat 31.07.2027 (**Time frame** for admission examinations Wed 01.09. bis Sat 04.09.2027)*

Online application deadline for new admissions to the preparatory course:

- for the start of the winter semester 2026/27: Mon 30.08.2026 (time frame for admission examinations on Tue 15.09. to Thu 17.09.2026)
- for the start of the summer semester 2027: Sun 01.11.2026 to Fri 15.01.2027 (time frame for admission examinations: Mon 01.02. to Sat 06.02.2027)

Welcome DAY: Wed 30.09.2026

Academic ceremony (awarding of certificates): Tue 10.11.2026 (11.00 am), Neuer Saal
Registration deadline: 15.10.2026 (informally by e-mail to studienservice@gmpu.ac.at)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- For all deadlines mentioned, 11.59 pm is the last submission deadline. If you submit your form in person, please note the opening hours (of the Student Services).
- All forms and further information can be downloaded from the university administration system (ACF).
- Electives approved for the winter semester are automatically approved for the following summer semester.
- Cancellations of examinations are accepted no later than 7 days before the examination date, unless force majeure can be proven.
- Subject to change: any necessary changes will be announced in the ACF. We therefore recommend that you regularly check the "News" section of the ACF.