

BIP: Assess Your Professional Soft Skills; October 2026

About the BIP: Assess Your Professional Soft Skills

The blended intensive program offers online learning opportunities for key qualifications for your academic career including time & learning management, creativity techniques, change & project management, presentation techniques, and self-reflection tools as a self-study offering combined with consultation and feedback options. It concludes with an intense week in presence including the visit of the career fair INOVA hosted at **TU Ilmenau**.

Outcomes:

Students are familiar with the theoretical principles of teamwork and project work (team development, project management, presentation techniques) and are able to apply them.

Students know that good learning and time management skills are helpful in achieving their study goals and are able to apply some of these methods.

Students are familiar with various creativity techniques and problem-solving methods and are able to apply some of them.

Methods:

The learning units are all designed to be application-oriented, so that students will already be solving quizzes and tasks in the theoretical online unit to test their knowledge. The in-person week is then used intensively to practice and consolidate the theoretical content from the online unit.

In a variety of settings, students experience small group work, but also individual work or work in plenary sessions. With small, didactically coordinated activation exercises, they are constantly on the move in the face-to-face units in order to promote concentration for the cognitively challenging exercises.

Dates:

- **Online preparatory session:** September 1 & October 6, 2026
- **On-site intensive week in Ilmenau:** October 26-30, 2026

The program includes:

- Self-study course: teaching soft skills during university studies
- visit of the career fair INOVA hosted at TU Ilmenau
- Company tour & cultural program in Erfurt (capital of Thuringia)

Target group, language and credits

- Target group: Master's students (preferred STEM study programs but not necessary)
- Teaching language: English
- Credits awarded: 3 ECTS