



Information for International Students in (Exchange) Programmes Summer Semester 2021

INFORMATION FOR THE BEGINNING OF STUDIES

In view of the corona-related restrictions, there will be many resources offered online, which you can find on the HU websites. As the summer semester moves along, we hope to gradually return to in-person events. Please read the following information carefully. The tips and details listed here will allow for a smooth start to your studies in Berlin.

Info Desk – Contact Point for International Students

The Info Desk (*Infothek*) Team offers a variety of information and advice for you. Due to corona regulations, contactless consultation hours are held via Zoom. Emails are answered regularly. Please take a look at the websites:

<https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/welcomecentre/infothek>

We invite you to join the **Facebook group for the summer semester 2021**, moderated by the Info Desk Team, where you can discuss and exchange information both before your trip to Berlin and during your studies here:

www.facebook.com/groups/HU.Berlin.International.2021

Matriculation

The International Department is happy to support you with your matriculation. Please contact exchange-students@hu-berlin.de if you have any questions.

Semester Dates

Semester period:	01.04.2021 – 30.09.2021
Orientation week:	05.04.2021 – 09.04.2021
Lecture period:	12.04.2021 – 17.07.2021
Academic holidays:	02.04., 05.04., 01.05., 13.05. und 24.05.2021

www.hu-berlin.de/de/studium/bewerbung/fristen

Accommodation in Student Halls of Residence

If you have reserved a room in a student hall of residence, please be aware that you can only move into your room at certain times of the day and must arrive in Berlin in good time. Please consider that it may take some time to travel from the airport or train station to your student residence hall. You can check public transportation schedules in advance at:

www.fahrinfo-berlin.de. If you booked a dorm room through Humboldt-Universität directly, please communicate your time of arrival to the housing administration.

Orientation Resources

Offers for the beginning of your studies in German and English

Kickoff Zoom sessions about all questions relevant to your studies (How do I draw up my timetable? How do I create my HU student account? What is AGNES? How does Moodle work?), Welcome Events, Introductory Sessions and Intercultural Trainings

<https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/welcomecentre/studienstart>

Central orientation events for all first-semester students at Humboldt-Universität (Compass Online)

For information about all questions relevant to your studies (AGNES course catalogue, Moodle e-Learning platform and more), please see

<https://www.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/veranstaltungen>

Orientation events in the faculties

Many faculties and institutes offer online orientation events to new students and incoming program students during the **orientation week from April 5th until April 9th, 2021**. Because digital offers can be made available at any time, you can find out as much information as possible via the e-mails of the Erasmus coordinators and on the website of the faculties:

www.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/veranstaltungen/orientierungsveranstaltungen-der-fakultaeten-und-institute

Guide for International Students

Here you will find plenty of helpful information concerning your studies at HU as well as a range of services, sports and recreational activities:

<https://hu.berlin/io-guide>

Mentoring, Networking, Wellbeing

Mentoring

The International Department organizes a mentoring programme called 'studis4studis' through which many student mentors are available to help with your questions at the beginning of your studies:

<https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/welcomecentre/mentoring>

(registration required)

Cultural events and networking

Making friends and exploring Berlin! Excursions, quiz nights, Berlin online tours and much more
<https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/welcomecentre/kulturveranstaltungen-networking>

Workshops and wellbeing

Studying with success, ease and comfort! Proper preparation and support for your studies at HU! Know How on academic writing and preparing presentations, time management, application training, yoga and much more!
<https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/welcomecentre/qualifizierung-wellbeing>

German Language Offers

Language Exchange Market

The International Department organizes a **Language Exchange Market** (*Sprachbörse*) making language tandems happen. We establish contact with German language partners to support the exchange and German learning. Of course, other language pairs can also be found. Registration: <https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/welcomecentre/sprachangebote>

German Language Courses at the HU Language Centre

Students wishing to take German language courses during the semester can register online via the website of the Language Centre (*Sprachenzentrum*): www.sprachenzentrum.hu-berlin.de/en.

Use your matriculation number to register (see “Letter of confirmation for programme exchange students at HU” or Campus Card). Before you register, you will be requested to complete an online assessment test, in order to find the appropriate course for your current language level. Students who have little or no German language skills can take preparatory courses for university studies (A1 or A2). All other students will find a wide array of course offerings, from B1 to C2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Please note the deadlines for registration.

Registration for Courses through AGNES

AGNES is the online course directory of HU. It contains general information, such as dates and deadlines, as well as all courses, contact information of the departments and institutes and information on the study advisory boards and examination committees. You can find the **annotated course catalogue** by clicking on the ⓘ symbol next to the directory of each respective institute or department. Courses will then be presented with information on their content, requirements and aims.

For most **courses** it is necessary to register *online before the start of the lecture period* to obtain a place. In order to register, you need your **HU account**, which you will be able to activate after successful matriculation (see the info sheet “Steps to matriculation”). Even if your HU account is not yet activated, you can still go to the complete online version of the course catalogue and mark courses that you would like to take. This will help you draw up your timetable (*Stundenplan*) later but is not an official course registration. For first semester students, more courses are planned to be given in person.

Please note that some faculties have a separate course and exam registration process for international exchange students. Please consult your respective faculty and note the following deadlines online:

<https://agnes.hu-berlin.de>

E-Mail: agnes-support@hu-berlin.de