



INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
IN (EXCHANGE) PROGRAMMES  
SUMMER SEMESTER 2020

Please read the following information carefully. The tips and details listed here will allow for a smooth start to your studies in Berlin.

INFORMATION FOR THE BEGINNING OF STUDIES

1. Semester dates

Semester period:	01.04.2020 – 30.09.2020
Orientation week:	06.04.2020 – 09.04.2020
Easter Holidays (university is closed):	10.04.2020 – 13.04.2020
Lecture period:	14.04.2020 – 18.07.2020

Academic holidays: 01.05., 08.05., 21.05., und 01.06.2020  
[www.hu-berlin.de/en/prospective-students/info/academic-calendars](http://www.hu-berlin.de/en/prospective-students/info/academic-calendars)

2. Orientation events and services

- **Central orientation event for all international students (in English), International Department**  
**Tuesday, 7 April 2020, at 13:00**

Location: Emil Fischer-Hörsaal, Hessische Straße 1-2, 10115 Berlin

The lecture hall is next to the cafeteria Mensa Nord, 25 minutes by foot from the university main building, or two stops on the U6 to 'Naturkundemuseum'.

We highly recommend that you take part in this event.

*Alternatively, you can attend the orientation event in German:  
Tuesday, 7 April 2020, at 10:00 in Emil Fischer-Hörsaal.*

**15:00** Campus tours by the various institutes and faculties, meeting point is in front of the lecture hall.

- **Orientation events and introductory lectures in the faculties**

Many institutes and faculties offer orientation events to new students and incoming ERASMUS+ and other exchange students during the **orientation week from 6–9 April 2020**. Please check the university notice boards and website for up-to-date information.

[www.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/veranstaltungen/orientierungsveranstaltungen-der-fakultaeten-und-institute](http://www.hu-berlin.de/de/studierende/veranstaltungen/orientierungsveranstaltungen-der-fakultaeten-und-institute)

- **FAMOS Interkulturell: Intercultural training and study orientation “Get ready for studying in Germany!”**

These trainings are designed to help you with the start of studies (registration required): <https://hu.berlin/famos-interkulturell-en>

During this one-day training you will discover the unique features of studying in Germany, particularly at Humboldt-Universität. You will learn how to create your timetable on AGNES, find your contact persons, explore the many opportunities available to you at the university, use the library facilities and much more.

- **Guide for International Students**

Here you will find plenty of helpful information concerning your studies at HU, as well as a range of services and sports and recreational activities: <https://hu.berlin/io-guide>

### 3. 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 many **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 courses without online registration through AGNES, you must be present on the first day of class in order to register with the instructor.

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](mailto:agnes-support@hu-berlin.de)

#### 4. German Language Courses at the HU Language Centre

Those 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](http://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.

#### 5. International Club "Orbis Humboldtianus"

At "Orbis" and through the Orbis team, you can get advice and useful information, with daily opening hours during matriculation and throughout the semester. Come on by and take a look: <https://hu.berlin/orbis-en>

- We invite you to join the **Facebook group for the summer semester 2020**, moderated by the Orbis team of student assistants, 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.2020](http://www.facebook.com/groups/HU.Berlin.International.2020)
- We also organise a **mentoring programme called 'studis4studis'**, through which many student mentors are available to help with your questions at the beginning of your studies:  
<https://hu.berlin/studis4studis-en> (registration required)
- Make sure to check out "events@orbis" on our website, where we invite you to join in on many cultural events, especially at the beginning but also throughout the semester: <https://hu.berlin/orbis-events>

#### 6. 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 transport schedules in advance at: [www.fahrinfo-berlin.de](http://www.fahrinfo-berlin.de).

If you have been allocated a room through Humboldt-Universität directly, please communicate your time of arrival to the housing administration!