INFORMATION FOR INTERNSATIONAL STUDENTS
IN (EXCHANGE) PROGRAMMES
SUMMER SEMESTER 2018

Please read through the following information carefully. Attentiveness to 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

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www.hu-berlin.de/en/prospective-students/info/academic-calendars

2. Orientation Events

- **International Office**: Orientation event for all international students (in English)
  **Thursday, 5 April 2018, at 13:00**
  **Location**: Emil Fischer-Hörssaal, Hessische Straße 1-2, 10115 Berlin
  The lecture hall is directly next to the 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.
  **15:00** Campus tours of the various institutes, 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 programme exchange students in the **orientation week from 9.-13. April 2018**. Please check the black boards and the websites for up to date information.
  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!”** to help you with the start of studies (registration required): [hu.berlin/famos-interkulturell-en](http://hu.berlin/famos-interkulturell-en)

Take a day to accustom yourself to the unique features of studying in Germany, particularly at the Humboldt University. You will learn how to create a schedule through 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 the HU, as well as counselling services and possible sport and recreational activities.

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### 3. Registration for Courses through AGNES

AGNES is the online course directory of the HU. It contains general information, such as dates and deadlines, as well as all courses, the 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 Ⓞ before the directory of each respective institute or department. Courses will then be presented with information on their content, requirements and goals.

For many courses it is necessary to register online **before the start of the lecture period** in order to obtain a spot. 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 facilitates the making of your class schedule (Stundenplan), but is not an official course registration.

For the courses without online registration through AGNES, you must be present on the first day of class in order to register your participation 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:

- [http://agnes.hu-berlin.de](http://agnes.hu-berlin.de)
- **E-Mail**: agnes-support@hu-berlin.de
4. **German Language Courses at the Language Centre during the Semester**

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). In order to register, use your matriculation number (see ‘letter of confirmation for programme exchange students at HU’).

Students who have little or no German language skills can take a beginners course or so-called “bridging” course (*Brückenkurs*). Students can also apply for intermediate or advanced level courses. Please note the deadlines for registration online.

5. **International Club “Orbis Humboldtianus”**

The “Orbis” is full of useful information and opportunities, with daily office hours during matriculation and throughout the semester: [www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/an-der-hu/orbis-infothek](http://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/an-der-hu/orbis-infothek)

- We invite you to join the **Facebook group for the summer semester 2018**, moderated by the Orbis team of student assistants, where you can discuss and exchange information before your trip to Berlin: [www.facebook.com/groups/HU.Berlin.International.2018](http://www.facebook.com/groups/HU.Berlin.International.2018)

- We have also organized a **mentoring programme ‘studies4studies’** in which many student mentors are available to help you with your questions: [www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/an-der-hu/orbis-infothek/studies4studies](http://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/an-der-hu/orbis-infothek/studies4studies) (registration required)

- In the section titled “events@orbis” we invite you to join in on many cultural events, especially at the beginning but also throughout the semester: [www.international.hu-berlin.de/orbis/events](http://www.international.hu-berlin.de/orbis/events)

6. **Accommodation in Student Residence Halls**

If you have reserved a room in the student halls 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 takes some time to travel from the airport or train station to your student residence hall. Please check public transport schedules in advance: [www.fahrinfo-berlin.de](http://www.fahrinfo-berlin.de).

If you have arranged a room through the allotment of the HU, please communicate your time of arrival to the housing administration!