Welcome to Universität Hamburg!
How will we be using Zoom?

**Technical questions**: send message to cohost in chat.

**Comments or replies to all**: send message to everyone in chat.

**Questions about the session**: please use the “Q&A” function.

Don’t worry—we’ll have time for your questions at the end of the session.
The opening session will be in German and English 😊

- The slides and some parts of the presentation are in English.
- We will mainly speak German.
- But you are naturally also welcome to ask questions or make comments in English.
Opening

1. Introductions
2. Where can you find answers to your questions?
3. What do you need to know about Welcome Week?
4. What is PIASTA?
5. Time for questions
Introductions
Who we are—PIASTA Welcome Team

Margarita Ilieva, MA in Journalism and Mass Communication, coordinates social events and moderates the opening

Mira Grünwald, MA in Multilingual Educational Linguistics, coordinates information sessions and moderates the opening
Who are you?

• Where are you from?
  — **TELL US IN THE CHAT!**

• Where are you watching this opening?
  — **TELL US IN THE CHAT!**

• Are you starting a bachelor’s or master’s degree program? Or are you doing your doctorate?
  — **TAKE THE SURVEY!**

• What faculty are you in?
  — **TELL US IN THE CHAT!**
Official welcome

- Courtney Peltzer-Hönicke
  - HEAD OF DEPARTMENT 5: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
3. Where can you find answers to your questions?
Welcome activities at Universität Hamburg

• Two weeks before the start of the semester (21–24 March):
  – *PIASTA WELCOME WEEK*

• One week before the start of the semester (28 March –1 April):
  – *DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION MODULES (OES)*

• Semester begins: Monday, 4 April
Welcome activities at Universität Hamburg

Welcome Week

• General information for students
• Orientation at Universität Hamburg
• www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome

Orientation Modules (OEs)

• Information about your program
• Courses, course schedules, and classmates
• www.uni-hamburg.de/oe

21 March 2022
Orientation modules (OEs)

Socioeconomics OE
28 March–1 April

• Meet other students
• Learn about the structure of your program
• Take a Historical Campus Tour

Law OE
28 March–1 April

• OE groups
• Orientation module (OE): Law at Universität Hamburg (uni-hamburg.de).
• juraoeuhh
You can’t find your OE at www.uni-hamburg.de/oe?

Not all degree programs have their own orientation module (OE) (e.g., master’s degree programs or smaller degree programs).

• Google the name of your subject plus “OE.”
• Email your academic office.
• Email your departmental student representative committee.
How does STiNE work?

Where can I find information?

Whom can I contact if I have further questions?

What do I need to know?

What are the first steps?

Where can I get a library card?

What are OEs?
To-Dos for New Students

To-dos in Hamburg
• Find accommodation
• Register in Hamburg
• Opening a bank account
• Getting health insurance
• Applying for a residence permit

To-dos at the University
• Enroll
• Get your semester documents
• Have IDs and supporting documents ready to go
• Note key first-semester events and dates
• Inform yourself about COVID-19 regulations

Information brochure: https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/piasta-to-dos.pdf
Important info for international students (Register on UHH JOIN)

Important Information for International Students

- Department of International Affairs information session:
  - Wednesday, 10 am (English)

IT Support: STiNE, University Wi-Fi, and More

- Regional Computing Center (RRZ):
  - Tuesday, 11:30 am (English)
  - Tuesday, 2 pm (German)

To-Dos for New Students

- PIASTA information session:
  - Tuesday, 10 am (English)
  - Tuesday, 11:30 am (German)

Information brochure: https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/piasta-to-dos.pdf
Who can help me further?

IT questions:
- How can I log into my university email account? How can I get Wi-Fi on campus? Why doesn’t STiNE work?
- RRZ’s hotline and STiNE hotline

Non-subject-specific questions and help with your studies:
- Where can I learn how to better manage my time? How do I go about changing my subject? Where can I go for psychological help? How do I launch a career?
- Campus Center, PIASTA, Writing Center, and Career Center

Administrative questions:
- How do I pay the semester contribution? I lost my semester ID. What should I do? I have a new address. What should I do?
- Campus Center

Subject-related questions:
- How do I register for a module? What courses do I have to take? How do I register for a specific course in STiNE?
- Your faculty’s academic office

Information session: Who, Where, What? A Short Guide to the University
- Wednesday, 11:30 am (German)
- Wednesday, 11:30 am (English)
Questions at the start of your studies

• It’s normal to still have a lot of questions at this point—don’t worry.

• Welcome Week and OEs will answer many questions.

• We will have time to answer questions at the end of the opening.

• Go to the information sessions or contact the offices responsible—we are not experts on all matters.

• Read the To-Dos PDF: www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome.
Music by Giorgia

• Photo:
3. What do you need to know about Welcome Week?
What does Welcome Week offer?

**Information Sessions**
- Everything you need to know
- Information on how studying works
- University advising services
- IT services, libraries, and the Regional Computing Center

**Campus and City Tours**
- Campus tours (at the University and online)
- Hamburg by Night

**Social Events**
- Meet & Eat daily (at the University)
- Get to Know Each Other (at the University and online)
- Game Night (at the University)
- Pub Quiz @ home (online)
- Welcome to Hamburg (at the University)
How do I get to ESA West?
Registering and canceling via UHH JOIN

Starting your studies is an exciting time! Whether you are from abroad or from Germany, whether you are starting your studies directly after you finished school or have already worked, it is totally normal if you are not sure what will be expected of you. At the beginning of their first semester, most students don’t really know how a university works and they feel insecure.

You might ask yourself the following questions: What is expected of me in the first semester? Seminars, lectures, and tutorials – what are the differences here and what do I need to be aware of? How should I prepare for my first examinations? What types of examinations will I actually be taking at university? Who can I ask and who can help me if I need assistance?

To help you get your bearings, we will provide you with a general introduction to how studying works.

Please note: This information session will only include general information applicable to all disciplines. You will receive a subject-specific introduction to scheduling and registering for your courses for the first time at your orientation module, which will take place one week after the Welcome Week (see www.uni-hamburg.de/oe).

This event will take place via Zoom. We will send the Zoom link to your email address on the day of the event.
How are you feeling at the start of your studies?
4. What is PIASTA?
What is PIASTA?

https://lecture2go.uni-hamburg.de/l2go/-/get/v/20703
PIASTA—Intercultural Living and Learning

Contact with other students ➔ Discussion and transcultural life ➔ Additional skills development

For EVERYONE ➔ Active participation ➔ Change of perspective ➔ Intercultural sensitivity

Discussion and transcultural life

Additional skills development

For EVERYONE

Active participation

Change of perspective

Intercultural sensitivity
Our goals

Help

• international students at Universität Hamburg achieve success in their studies and
• internationalize studies for all students at Universität Hamburg.

We want to support you as you study with opportunities to shape your own experience actively and interculturally.
What we offer

- Intercultural PIASTA Evenings
- BEAT!
- Cultural events and leisure activities
- Seminars and workshops
- Language Cafés and Language Tandem
- Advising
- For new students

21 March 2022
Welcome Buddy Program

**Summer Semester 2022:**
70 Welcome Buddies
17 Incoming Buddies

-> to date **13 matches**

**Buddy Meetings:**

- **7 April 2022, 7–9 pm** (online via Zoom)
- **21 April 2022, 7–9 pm** (in person at PIASTA: Rentzelstraße 17)
- **19 May 2022, 7–9 pm** (in person, Picnic at Elbstrand)
- **23 June 2022, 5–8 pm** (in person, By Ferry to Finkenwerder)
Advising

- Katja Grannis: advice on residential, social, and personal matters
- Björn Stehn (attorney): legal advice
- Nicolai Pudimat: advice on scholarships
How can you stay in touch with us?

**Newsletter**

Sent weekly via email

- Tips on PIASTA events and activities
- Other providers’ events and activities related to intercultural living and studying in Hamburg
- Positions, jobs, and internships with an international focus
- Current information on starting a career or doing a doctorate in Hamburg or abroad

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https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/mitmachen/newsletter/newsletter/abonnement.html

PIASTA Website and UHH Join

www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta

www.uhh-join.uni-hamburg.de

PIASTA email

piasta@uni-hamburg.de
Subscribe to our Facebook and Instagram pages for a glance behind the scenes of PIASTA and keep up-to-date!

Find our campus and city tours in the highlights.
Your feedback—online survey about Welcome Week

- We work hard to plan events and activities and would love to hear your feedback.
- At the end of Welcome Week, we will send you an email with an online survey.
- Please take a few minutes to complete it.

Thank you!

https://evasys-online.uni-hamburg.de/evasys/online.php?pswd=3ECCA
Thank you for your time!

Time for questions 😊