PIASTA Welcome Week

Opening
starting 10:30
Who we are—PIASTA Welcome Team

Lisa Duczmal, MA in ethnology, coordinates get-to-know-each-other activities and moderates the opening.

Mira Grünwald, MA in multilingualism and education, coordinates information sessions and moderates the opening.

Sofia Lanetskaya, BSc in physics, coordinates campus tours and manages Zoom for the opening.
Technical features

**Technical questions:** Message in the chat.

**Comments or replies to all:** Message to *everyone* in chat.

**Questions about the talk:** Message in “Q&A/F&A” Please check, if someone has asked this question before.

Don’t worry—we’ll find time to answer your questions!
Opening

1. Introduction
2. Where can you find answers to your questions?
3. What do you need to know for Welcome Week?
4. What is PIASTA?
Introduction
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 BA or MA program or doing a doctorate?
  - TAKE THE SURVEY!

- What faculty are you in?
  - TAKE THE SURVEY!
Official welcome

• Courtney Peltzer-Hönicke
  — HEAD OF DEPARTMENT 5: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Welcome activities at Universität Hamburg

• 2 weeks before semester starts (27 September–1 October):
  – WELCOME WEEK HOSTED BY PIASTA AND WELCOME WEEK HOSTED BY ASTA (STUDENT COUNCIL)

• 1 week before semester starts (4–8 October):
  – DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES

• Studies begin: Monday, 11 October 2021
Welcome activities at Universität Hamburg

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You can’t find your OE at www.uni-hamburg.de/oe?

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

- Google the name of your subject plus “OE.”
- Email your academic office.
- Email your departmental student representative committee (FSR).
3. Where can you find answers to your most urgent questions?
How does STiNE work?

What do I need to know?

Where can I get a library card?

Where can I find information?

What are the first steps?

Whom can I contact if I have further questions?

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 coronavirus regulations

Info brochure: [https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/piasta-to-dos.pdf](https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/piasta-to-dos.pdf)
Information sessions (Register via UHH JOIN)

**Important Information for international students**
- Department of International Affairs information session:
  - Tuesday: 10 am (German)
  - Thursday: 1 pm (English)
- Hamburg Welcome Center information session:
  - Wednesday: 1 pm (English)
  - Thursday: 11:30 am (German)

**IT Support: STiNE, University Wi-Fi, and more**
- PIASTA information session:
  - Tuesday, 11:30 am (English)
  - Tuesday, 1 pm (German)

**To-dos for new students**
- PIASTA information session:
  - Today: 1 pm (English)
  - Today, 2:30 pm (German)
  - Wednesday: 1 pm (German)

Info brochure: [https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/piasta-to-dos.pdf](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

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

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 get psychological help? How do I launch a career?
• Campus Center, PIASTA, Writing Center, Career 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 (Studienbüro)

Information session: Who, Where, What? A Short Guide to the University
• Tuesday, 11:30 am (German)
• Tuesday, 2:30 pm (English)
• Register via UHH JOIN!
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.
3. What you need to know for Welcome Week
What does Welcome Week offer?

**Information sessions**
- everything you need to know
- explanation on how studying works
- University advising services
- IT services, libraries, and the Regional Computing Center (RRZ)

**Campus and city tours**
- campus tours on-site and online
- city tours of the Grindelviertel or St. Pauli

**Social events**
- daily Meet & Eat event
- get to know each other
- exciting workshops
- Game Night
- Pub Quiz @ Home
- Open Stage
How to find the ESA East:
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 is only include general information applicable to all disciplines. You will receive a subject-specific introduction to scheduling and registering for your courses 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.

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PIASTA Welcome Week | Opening
Music from Giorgia
How are you feeling at the start of your studies?

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 8017 3699
4. What is PIASTA?
PIASTA—Intercultural Living and Learning

• offers from the Department of International Affairs at Universität Hamburg
• platform for intercultural exchange and transcultural life
• for all students—regardless of nationality, (trans)cultural identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, social background, religion, or worldview
PIASTA—Intercultural Living and Learning

We offer all students at Universität Hamburg rooms and opportunities to
• get to know students from all over the world
• actively participate in the internationalization of degree programs and the campus
• view the world from different perspectives
• further develop your general study skills and transcultural sensitization.
Our goals

PIASTA helps international students succeed in their studies at Universität Hamburg and contributes to the internationalization of studying for all students at Universität Hamburg.

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

- intercultural PIASTA Evenings
- cultural events and leisure activities
- seminars and workshops
- language cafés and language tandem
- advice
- for new students
for new students

Welcome Week
• every semester
• digitally and on-site
• Information sessions
• campus and neighborhood tours
• interactive activities to get to know one another

Welcome Buddy Program
• transcultural exchange
• for new international students who would like support for the start of their studies from at Universität Hamburg
• for Universität Hamburg students who would like to help international students get off to a good start
Intercultural PIASTA Evenings

• one evening per week on a topic of your choice during the reading period, organized by two tutors from the intercultural tutors team
• get to know students from other departments and all over the world
• focus on transculturality:
• this semester: every Tuesday from 4 to 6 pm
Cultural events and leisure activities

- experience culture
- enjoy your free-time
- discover Hamburg and the whole world
- meet other participants
- live transcultural exchange
- have fun
Seminars and workshops

General study skills
• public speaking
• communication and presentation skills
• academic writing

Diversity skills
• transcultural experience
• anti-racist ways of thinking and acting

Most of the workshops and seminars in the area of diversity skills are recognized as Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence.
Language offers

Language Cafés
• led by native speakers
• Practice your language skills.
• Meet new people.
• this semester: German, English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Russian

Language Tandem
• always 2 students
• Teach each other your native languages.
• Deepen you language skills.
• Find out more about another country’s culture.

Successful participation counts as Building Block C for the CIC
Advice

- **Katja Grannis**: advice on residential, social, and personal matters
- **Björn Stehn (attorney)**: legal advice
- **Nicolai Pudimat**: advice on scholarships
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.
Additional services

weekly Newsletter

- 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 orientation
- current information on starting a career or doing a doctorate in Hamburg or abroad

Moin und Welcome—Universität Hamburg’s transcultural PIASTA podcast on the first of every month

- Universität Hamburg’s transcultural PIASTA podcast
- sharing experiences, awareness, empowerment
- different perspectives, transcultural encounters
- English and German-speaking guests (alternate episodes in EN/DE)
Feedback

• 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.
Music from Giorgia
Thank you for your time!

Time for questions😊