Welcome to Universität Hamburg!
Opening

1. Introductions
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Eröffnung

1. Vorstellung
2. Wo findest du Antworten auf deine dringlichsten Fragen?
3. Was ist wichtig zu wissen für die Welcome Week?
4. Was ist PIASTA?
5. Zeit für Fragen
The opening session will be in German and English.😊

- We would like to welcome all of you—students from Hamburg, other parts of Germany, and all over the world—at a single event.
- We will speak German and show the slides in English, kind of like subtitles 😊—we will not repeat everything in English.
- Naturally, you can ask questions or comment in English!
How will we be using Zoom?

To comment or reply to all, send a message to everyone in chat.
To ask questions about the session, use the “Q&A” function.

Do not worry—we will have time for your questions at the end of the session.
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

Dr. Torsten Szobries

- Department of International Affairs
- Head of Section 52: International Student Services and Mobility
2. Where can you find answers to your most urgent questions?
Welcome activities at Universität Hamburg

- Two weeks before the semester starts (4–7 October):
  - **PISTA WELCOME WEEK**

- One week before the semester starts (10–14 October):
  - **DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION MODULES (OES)**

- Start of semester: 1 October 2022
- Start of lecture period: 17 October 2022
Welcome activities at Universität Hamburg

**Welcome Week**
- General information for students
- Orientation at Universität Hamburg
- Everything students need to know (e.g., the main library)
- [www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome)

**Orientation modules (OEs)**
- Information about your program
- Courses, course schedules, classmates
- Everything you need to know for your degree program (e.g., specialist and departmental libraries)
- [www.uni-hamburg.de/oe](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/oe)

*Note: AStA also hosts a welcome week!*
# Orientation modules (OEs)

**Example: Law OE**

- Activating uni username (e.g., explained at the “To-Dos für neue Studierende” and “IT-Dienste und WLAN” sessions)
- Registering at Open OLAT

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Orientation modules (OEs)

Example: Informatics OE

• Registration is optional but helpful.
• Information may change at short notice. Check the OE / departmental student representative committee website.
Orientation modules (OEs)

Procedure:

• This varies depending on the degree program—inform yourself!
• You might have to register (especially if a module is conducted digitally).
• Alternatively, attend the welcome event on the first day of the OE—you will be assigned to an OE group.
• Usually, there is a fixed weekly program led by two OE tutors that you can attend with a group of other first-semester students.
You cannot 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 (your degree program’s website).
• Email your academic departmental student representative committee (your degree program’s website).

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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?
Important information (PDF download)

To-dos in Hamburg:
- Find accommodation
- Register in Hamburg
- Open a bank account
- Get health insurance
- Apply for a residence permit

To-dos at the University:
- Enroll
- Get your semester documents
- Have IDs and supporting documents on hand
- Note key first-semester events and dates
- Inform yourself about COVID-19 regulations

Information brochure: [https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/piasta-todos.pdf](https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/piasta-todos.pdf)
Key information events (registration via UHH Join)

- **Important information for international students**
  - Department of International Affairs information session:
    - Wednesday, 4 pm (English)
    - Friday, 10 am (German)

- **IT support: STiNE, University Wi-Fi, and more**
  - Regional Computing Center (RRZ):
    - Wednesday, 10 am (German)
    - Wednesday, 11:30 am (English)

- **To-dos for new students**
  - PIASTA information session:
    - Tuesday, 1 pm (English)
    - Tuesday, 2:30 pm (German)
    - Friday, 10 am (German)
**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 does STiNE not 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 get 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

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**Information session: Who, where, what? A short guide to the University**
- Wednesday, 11:30 am (German)
- Thursday: 10 am (English)
- Register via UHH Join!
Questions at the start of your studies

• It is normal to still have a lot of questions at this point, so do not worry.
• Welcome Week and the 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.
Musik from Giorgia

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Spotify:

https://open.spotify.com/artist/43XBZ5j6fCcldEp3f0nwWo?si=Zgj5fjeQQnSwuqIA7P8ccA
3. What do you need to know about Welcome Week?
What does Welcome Week offer?

**Information events online**
- Everything you need to know about starting your studies
- 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 one time online)
- Hamburg by night (in person)
- Cultural tours (in person)

**Social events**
- Daily meet-and-eat get-together (at the University)
- Getting to know each other (at the University)
- Game night (at the University)
- Welcome to Hamburg (at the University)
How do I get to ESA East?
Registering and canceling via UHH Join

**How Does Studying Work? EN**
- **Date:** Mon, 27.09.2021, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Details:** We will email you the Zoom invitation link on the day of the event.

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.

**Booked**

**Cancel**
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/20702

4 October 2022
PIASTA—Intercultural Living and Learning

- Contact with other students
- Discussions and transcultural life
- Additional skills development
- Change of perspective
- Active participation
- Intercultural sensitivity

For EVERYONE
Our goals

We aim to 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

- Cultural events and leisure activities
- Seminars and workshops
- Language cafés and language tandems
- Advising
- International nights
- For new students
Welcome Buddy Program

Summer Semester 2022:
155 welcome buddies
226 incoming buddies

-> to date **172 matches**

**Buddy meet-ups:**

- **27 October 2022, 7–9 pm** (in person, Speicherstadt tour with a visit to a coffee roasting house)
- **17 November 2022, time tba** (in person, cookie baking)
- **15 December 2022, 7–9 pm** (in person, Christmas market)
- **19 January 2023, 7–9 pm** (in person, pub quiz with PIASTA, Rentzelstraße 17)

**Note:**
- It is for international students only.
- You may have to wait until enough students from the University have been found as buddies—we ask for your understanding.
- Thus, there are also group appointments on Zoom (“Time for questions”).
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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PIASTA Website and UHH Join

www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta

www.uhh-join.uni-hamburg.de

PIASTA email

piasta@uni-hamburg.de
How can you stay in touch with us? And with other new students?

PIASTA on Instagram
- Impressions from our events
- PIASTA news
- Information about available slots and events

PIASTA Facebook group for new students
- Network with other new students
- Ask questions
- Meet other people at PIASTA events

instagram.com/piastauhh

https://www.facebook.com/groups/piastafornewstudents
What are you most looking forward to at Welcome Week?
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Online survey about Welcome Week

• We work hard to plan events and activities and would love to get your feedback.

• Our team will hand out a QR code for a questionnaire at in-person events. After you have taken part in your last event of the week, let us know how the week went for you.

• No QR code? No problem. At the end of Welcome Week, we can also give you an email link for the online questionnaire.

• After your last event at the end of the week, take a few minutes to answer the questions.

Thank you!
Thank you for your time!

Time for questions ☺