Welcome to Universität Hamburg!
Opening

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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?
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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, please send your questions in the end of the presentation to everyone in the chat.

Do not worry—we will have time for your questions at the end of the session.
Introductions
Who we are—PIASTA Welcome Team

Nils Land de Souza Rego, MA in Latin American Studies, Welcome Week coordination

Mira Grünwald, MA in Multilingual Educational Linguistics, Welcome Week coordination
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 (20\textsuperscript{th} – 23\textsuperscript{rd} of March):
  - \textit{PIASTA Welcome Week}

- One week before the semester starts (27\textsuperscript{th} – 31\textsuperscript{st} of March):
  - \textit{Departmental Orientation Modules (OES)}

- Start of semester: 1\textsuperscript{st} of April 2023
- Start of lecture period: 03\textsuperscript{rd} of April 2023
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

Note: AStA also hosts a welcome week!

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
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.
### Example OE - Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft

**Orientierungseinheit B.A. Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ASW)**  
10. – 14. Oktober 2022, Überseering 35 Raum 01043 (Hörsaal E)

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ASW: Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft  •  IFUU: Institut für Finnougristik/Uralistik  •  SLM: Fachbereich Sprache, Literatur, Medien  •  Stabi: Universitäts- und Staatsbibliothek  •  STiNE: Studien-Infonetz  •  Ü35: Überseering 35

STiNE Anmeldephase 1. Semester: Mo, 10.10.22, 09:00 Uhr - Do, 13.10.22, 16:00 Uhr

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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).
Where can I find information?

Where can I get a library card?

Where do I need to know?

What are the first steps?

What are OEs?

How does STiNE work?

Whom can I contact if I have further questions?
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

https://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/piasta-to-dos.pdf
Key information events (registration via UHH Join)

**Important information for international students**
- Dep. of International Affairs: Monday, 1 pm (English)
- Hamburg Welcome Center: Thursday, 10 am (English)

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

**To-dos for new students**
- PIASTA information session:
  - Tuesday, 10 am (English)
  - Tuesday, 11:30 am (German)
Who can help me further?

**IT questions**
- I cannot log into my University email account.
- How can I get Wi-Fi on campus?
- STiNE problems

**Administrative questions**
- How do I pay the semester contribution?
- I need a new semester ID
- I have a new address. What should I do?

**Subject-related questions**
- How do I register for a module?
- What courses do I have to take?
- Transcript of records

**Non-subject-specific questions and help with your studies**
- I want to change subjects
- Psychological support
- Workshops and writing consultations
- How do I launch a career?

**Regional Computing Center (RRZ)**

**Campus Center**

**Your faculty's academic office, departmental student rep committee (FSR), and teaching staff**

**Campus Center, PIASTA, Writing Center, and Career Center**

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Information session: Who, where, what? A short guide to the University
- Wednesday, 10:00 am (German)
- Wednesday, 11:30 am (English)
- Register via UHH Join!

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Communication

- Not an email system—an internal news portal run by the University
- Linking to Surfmail: STiNE portal → Account → Forward messages to uni-mail-account → Change

- All students have their own University email address
  - Instructional video to set up your student email address (DE/EN)
- Communicating with teaching staff and classmates; messages from online learning platforms; University newsletter, etc.
- Linking to your private email address:
  - Surfmail → Filters → Forward → enter desired email address → Save
Microsoft Office is free for Universität Hamburg students!

- All information on setting up and using Office 365 A1 Plus package free
- If you have questions about registering, contact the Regional Computing Center (RRZ)

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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.
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 (RRZ)

Campus and city tours
- Campuses tours (Main Campus and Überseering) — in person and online (1x)
- 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)

Event language:
Our events are offered in either German (DE), Englisch (EN) or both (DE/EN). You can find information about this on UHH-Join under the title in the overview and in the event description.
How do I get to ESA East?
Registering and canceling via UHH Join

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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.

BOOK

UHH JOIN

How Does Studying Work? EN

Mon, 27.09.2021, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We will email you the Zoom invitation link on the day of the event.

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Booked Cancel
4. What is PIASTA?
What is PIASTA?

https://lecture2go.uni-hamburg.de/l2go/-/get/v/20702
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 cafes and language tandems
- Advising for new students

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Welcome Buddy Program

Support and exchange for new international students from experienced students at Universität Hamburg

**Winter Semester 2022/23:**
260 welcome buddies and 369 incoming buddies

-> **363 buddy pairs**

**Buddy meet-up Summer Semester 2023:**

30 March 2023, 7–9 pm (via Zoom)

13 April 2023, 7–9 pm — tour of the popular Altona district (in person)

11 May 2023, 6–9 pm — cooking together (in person)

1 June 2023, 7–9 pm — games night in Planten un Blomen (in person)

29 June 2023, 7–9 pm — picnic at the Elbstrand (in person)

**Important:**
- It is for international students only.
- We ask for your understanding that there may be longer waiting periods at the start of the semester.
- More Zoom events (question time)
PIASTA language offers

**Language cafés**
- Once a week
- Small groups
- Different languages
- Sign up via [UHH-Join](#)

**Language tandems**
- Individually organized
- More than one tandem possible (depending on availability)
- **Sign up** via the PIASTA web page

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Advising

- **Department of International Affairs**: advice on residential, social, and personal matters
- **Björn Stehn (attorney)**: legal advice
- **Nicolai Pudimat**: advice on scholarships

An overview of the consulting services with contact details can be found [here](#).
How can you stay in touch with us?
And with other new students?

PIASTA on Instagram
- Impressions from our events
- PIASTA news

instagram.com/piastauhh

PIASTA Facebook group for new students
- Network with other new students

https://www.facebook.com/groups/piastafornewstudents

PIASTA website
- Overview of events and advising offers
- Sign up for our events via UHH-Join

Newsletter
- Information about intercultural living and learning
- Student job offers
- Information about vacancies for PIASTA events

Sign up now
What are you most looking forward to at Welcome Week?

Go to www.mentimeter.com and use the code 1753 0095
Impressions of the last Welcome Week
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 😊