

International Welcome Programme



Degree-
Students
Summer
2026

Moin!*

Welcome to Hamburg! We, the International Office of HAW Hamburg, are so pleased to have you here!

Our programme of welcome and orientation events is there to get you off to a smooth start in Hamburg and on campus. Take time before your lectures begin to settle in, find friends, and discover our lovely city.

Some days might have busier schedules than others. Use your free time during your Welcome Weeks wisely! Here are some things we recommend you do before classes get underway:

- Register your address (obligatory for everyone).
- Open a German bank account (if you need one).
- Get a residence permit appointment (for those who need one).
- Complete your health insurance papers.
- Get to know your neighbourhood and fellow students.

* This is how we say hello in Hamburg.





Pre-Arrival

Info Session

19 February*

10:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Online

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We will discuss important bureaucratic procedures such as health insurance, city registration, legal issues, jobs and finances, finding accommodation, scholarships, campus life and many more. There will be enough time for your questions.

*Please note that this event is compulsory for all international first-year students.

Register
here!

Finding Housing

Finding Accommodation

5 March

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Online

The housing market in Hamburg is highly competitive. But cheer up! With a little patience, everyone will find accommodation sooner or later. In this info session, you'll get an overview of accommodation (student halls of residence) and common portals in Hamburg and find out how you can protect yourself from scams and prepare for a flat share casting.

**Register
here!**



Meet & Greet

16 March

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Berliner Tor 5, Room 215

Berliner Tor Campus (BT)

"I have never ever...", "Awesome Ann" and "The Blanket Game" are just a few of the ice-breaker games we will be playing at this fun event. Get to know your fellow degree-seeking and exchange students from all over the world and connect with people with similar interests.





Schnitzel Jagd

Scavenger Hunt

16 March

2:00 p.m. - approx. 6:00 p.m.

Berliner Tor 5

With a team you'll be walking round parts of the city and its landmarks and looking for clues. Find the right answers to the questions and take up the photo challenges and you will be the winning team of the Scavenger Hunt! After finishing the hunt, send your pictures to studyabroad@haw-hamburg.de via weTransfer to win the hunt!

weBuddy Events

* The spots for some events are limited and a registration is required.

The weBuddy events are fun activities to help you connect with other people and explore Hamburg and its surroundings. During the whole semester there will be trips, parties, BBQ and much more. Here is for a start...



Bowling
22 March
5:45 p.m.
Glinde Bowling
wandsbek
Register [here!](#)



**Bavarian
Night**
25 March
7:00 p.m.
Hofbräuhaus
Speersort 1
Register [here!](#)



Easter Fire
4 April
Blankenese
Beache
Register [here!](#)

Meet & Manage

Networking and Managing Formalities

24 March

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Berliner Tor 5, Room 2.12

On this morning, you will have the opportunity to get to know each other personally. We would like to welcome you to a warm atmosphere, provide you with important information about formalities, everyday student life, and life in Hamburg, and offer sufficient space for exchange and networking.

Register
here!

Let's have lunch
together after-
wards! (at the
Mensa BT7)





German Academia

How to study in Germany + Socializing

25 March

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Stiftstr. 69, Room 124

In international comparison, study practices at universities sometimes differ from one another. This information session will provide a brief overview of the intercultural characteristics of academic teaching and learning in Germany. From the basics (how do I communicate with my lecturers and fellow students) to tips for everyday life (what to consider when registering for exams) and the expectations placed on independent study in Germany, you will be equipped with intercultural tools to avoid pitfalls and make a successful start to your everyday study life.

**Register
here!**

International Welcome Dinner

1 April , 6:00 p.m.

Berliner Tor 7, cafeteria (Mensa)

Before the semester starts, we would like to get together and have an international welcome dinner. We kindly ask that each of you brings/prepares/cooks something to eat that is typical for your country. It can be sweet or savory. The winners of the Scavenger Hunt will be announced at the dinner!





Finding Jobs

How to find a working student position or an internship?

5 May

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Stiftstr. 69, Room 124 (BT)

When it comes to applying for internships or positions as a working student in Germany, questions will turn up that you haven't dealt with before: How do I apply correctly and where can I find relevant information? Within this info event, you will get hints and answers to your questions about the German application process.

**Register
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