



HAW
HAMBURG

International Welcome Programme



Degree-
Students
Winter
2025

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

Online Info Session
4 September*
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Berliner Tor Campus (BT)

We will discuss important bureaucratic procedures such as health insurance, city registration, legal issues, jobs and finances, 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!**

Meet & Greet

16 September*

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

Stiftstr., Room 124

Berliner Tor Campus (BT)

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.

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**Register
here!**

On 15th September at 10:00 a.m. Stiftstr. 69, Building 2, room 303 there will be a Meet&Greet for the international exchange students. Feel free to join it as well!



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...



Wargames
18 September
7:00p.m.
Big Lake at
Planten &
Blumen



**Oktober-
fest**
23 September
7:00 p.m.
Hofbräuhaus
Speersort 1
[Register here!](#)



**German
Night**
Life Culture
26 September
Sternschanze
[Register here!](#)



**Trip to
Lübeck**
4 October
10:00 a.m.
HBf
[Register here!](#)

**BBQ &
Games**
28 September
2:00 p.m.
StadtPark

German - Spanisch Café
every Tuesday,
starting 16 September
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Stiftstr. 69, Room 124 (BT)

For those of you, who want to meet German students and help them practice Spanish. Our lovely team of peer tutors bring new ideas each week for fun discussions and activities.



Come to the Kulturcafé and enjoy lively discussions, play games and make new friends. Many of the events will be in German, which is a great opportunity for you to practice the language. Check out our Instagram posts [@kulturcafe_hawhamburg](https://www.instagram.com/kulturcafe_hawhamburg) for updates and the semester programme.



Schnitzel Jagd

Scavenger Hunt

20 September

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dammtor (back entrance)

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!



Register
[here!](#)

Canoeing through Hamburg's Channels

21 September

12:45 p.m. (about 2,5 hours)

Isekai 1a

Cost: 5€

Finding Housing

Finding Accommodation + Socializing

23 September

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

Stiftstr. 69, Room 124 (BT)

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!

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



Explore Hamburg

Hamburg Tour

24 September

10:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m.
(plan about 2,5 hours)

Rathaus

Cost: 2€

Register
[here!](#)

An experienced guide (and former Buddy) will show you Hamburg's most famous landmarks and tell you all about their history but also the funniest and scariest stories about them.

Insider's Guide to Hamburg

29 September

3:00 p.m.

(plan about 3 hours)

Register
[here!](#)

Our BuddyGuards will be offering you tours through some of Hamburg's nicest places that are not on top of the tourist guidebook. Select one of these:

Altona

Meeting in front of Mercado
(Ottenser Hauptstr. 10)

Blankense

Meeting at S-Bahn Station
Blankenese



German Academia

How to study in Germany + Socializing

30 September

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

Stiftstr. 69, Room 124 (BT)

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

2 October, 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?

7 October

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
here!**

Markt der Möglichkeiten

Market of Opportunities

14 October

10:30 a.m. - 13:00 p.m.

Berliner Tor 5, foyer

We would like to introduce you to a few organizations on campus that offer advice and initiatives where you can get involved and spend your free time. By getting involved, you can make new contacts - also outside the university - improve your language skills and get to know people in the city of Hamburg. Come to our Market of Opportunities.



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