



HAW  
HAMBURG

Exchange  
Students  
Winter 2025

# International Welcome Weeks

# Moin!\*

Welcome to Hamburg! We're so pleased you're here!

Our programme of welcome and orientation events is there to get you off to a smooth start in Hamburg and on campus. We can help you with accommodation, run language courses, all sorts of and leisure activities. Take time before your lectures begin to settle in, find friends, develop your interpersonal and language skills 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).
- Start with your residence permit application (if you need one).
- Complete your health insurance papers (for those who are registered with AOK).

\* This is how we say hello in Hamburg.



# Meet & Greet

**15 September**

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

**Stiftstr. 69, Room 303**

**Berliner Tor Campus (BT)**

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“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 students from all over the world and connect with people with similar interests.



# Workshop

## Managing Formalities

15 & 22 September

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Stiftstr. 69, Room 303 (BT)

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How to register your address, how to separate garbage without getting a fine, what is GEZ – we will give you these and many other survival tips for your exchange semester at HAW Hamburg.



# Learning German

## German Course

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In the welcome program we will be offering these intensive courses:

### **Beginners German (A1.2)**

16 - 26 September, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Berliner Tor Campus, Stiftstr. 69, Room 305

### **Complete Beginners German (A1.1)**

16 - 26 September, 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Berliner Tor Campus, Stiftstr. 69, Room 305

Special  
Registration  
required!

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

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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.



**every Wednesday,  
starting 17 September  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Stiftstr. 69, Room 124**

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.

# 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...



**Watergames**  
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



# Schnitzel Jagd

**Scavenger Hunt**

**20 September**

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

**Dammtor (back entrance)**

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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](mailto: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€

# Explore Hamburg

## Hamburg Tour

24 September

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

Rathaus

Cost: 2€

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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.

Register  
[here!](#)

## Insider's Guide to Hamburg

29 September

3:00 p.m.

(plan about 3 hours)

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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:

Register  
[here!](#)

### Altona

Meeting in front of Mercado  
(Ottenser Hauptstr. 10)

### Blankense

Meeting at S-Bahn Station  
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# Info. Sessions

**HAW Log-In, myHAW,  
Semester Ticket & Co**

**29 September**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Stiftstr. 69, Room 303 (BT)**

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How to activate your account, how to download your Immatrikulationsbescheinigung, how to get your semester ticket - we will give you these and many other instructions to ensure you are well prepared for the semester. Bring your laptop!



# Campus Tour & Semester Peraparation

1 October

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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One of our BuddyGuards will show you around the campus, that you will be studying in. You will see where the libraries, laboratories, seminar rooms and important offices are. Each group is meeting at the assigned place (see right side).

On that day there will also be a meeting with your HAW Hamburg exchange coordinator (SEC). They will inform how to get your schedule, how to register for exams, where to get your leaning agreement signed, etc. Your SEC will inform you about that meeting.

## Campus Berliner Tor

Berliner Tor 5, main entrance

## Campus Finkenau

Finkenau 35, main entrance of the old building

## Campus Bergedorf

Ulmenliet 20, in front of the Mensa

# Health Insurance Appointment

2 October

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All of you, who registered with the AOK public health insurance, have to go to AOK's office (address on the right).

### You need to bring with you:

- Immatrikulationsbescheinigung (Confirmation of enrollment) – you will get it when arrive in Hamburg
- copy of your address registration - you will get it when arrive in Hamburg
- ID/Passport
- Bank details for the monthly fee

If you cannot come to the appointment, go to AOKs office on the next possible day (Monday to Friday, except for public holidays).

### Go to

AOK Student-Service  
Schlüterstr. 22,  
20146 Hamburg  
anytime between  
9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

# International Welcome Dinner

**2 October, 6:00 p.m.**

**Berliner Tor 7, cafeteria (Mensa)**

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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!



# More...

## **Kunsthalle**

**Insider Tip:** free entry in Hamburg's Art Gallery every first Thursday of the month from 6 p.m.

**Glockengießerwall 5**

## **Oktober Fest in Hamburg**

You don't have to go all the way to Munich to experience the vibe of the world-famous Oktoberfest.

**Wandsbek Markt  
19 September -  
5 October**

## **Reeperbahn Festival**

Hamburg's party mile is always worth a visit but especially at the Reeperbahn Festival. Music meets Word and Art.

**St Pauli  
17 - 20 September**

**For even more events in Hamburg check**

**[www.hamburg.de/  
kultur/veranstaltungen](http://www.hamburg.de/kultur/veranstaltungen)**

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