



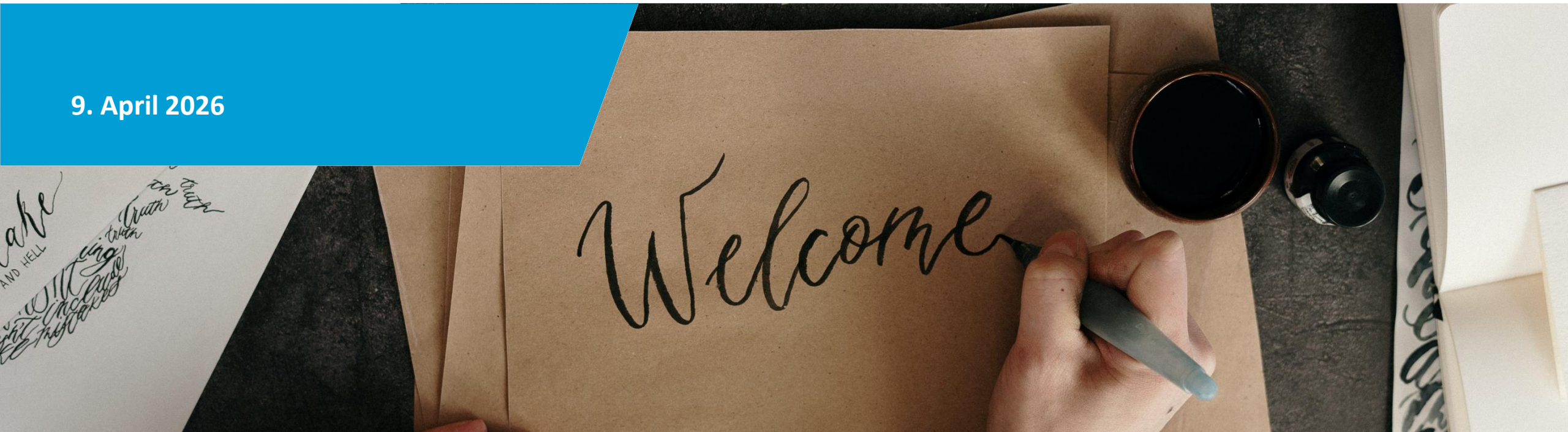
Welcome!

Orientation Days for International Students

First steps in Siegen

uni-siegen.de

9. April 2026



You can find the presentations online 😊

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WELCOME TO SIEGEN

- International Degree Students
- International Exchange Students**
- International Trainees
- International Doctoral Candidates
- International Researchers
- International Refugees

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- Students
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EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Exchange in Siegen Organization Life in Siegen

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Orientation Programs

Dear students,
Welcome to the University of Siegen - we are delighted to have you join us (soon)!

Before lectures start, the Department of International Student Affairs offers an Orientation for Erasmus+ exchange students and international degree seeking students who start their studies in winter or summer semester. We guide you through the enrolment process, prepare your registration with local authorities, and provide general information on studies in Siegen, student services and campus life.

The student society Erasmus Student Network (ESN) supports us during the Welcome Weeks and organizes social events in the afternoons and evenings.

Find our orientation programs here:

- Exchange students
- Degree seeking students (Bachelor + Master)
- Presentations**

You are here: Studienservice Center (Sandstraße 16-18, 57072 Siegen)



Here you may find:

- Ground floor: information counter & snacks
- 1st floor: STARTING (admission)
- 2.1 floor: Student Living Room (SLR) + LEOs
- 3rd floor: Language Center
- 4th floor: International Office
- Basement: SESAM (self learning centrum of the language center)

Who is who



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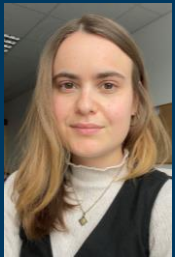
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SUMMER SEMESTER 2026

INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAM



BECOME A LOCAL BUDDY NOW*

- Help international students get started in Siegen
- Make new friends
- Enjoy social events
- Enhance your language and intercultural skills
- Boost your CV!

*PARTICIPATION AS LOCAL BUDDY FROM THE 3RD SEMESTER ONWARDS



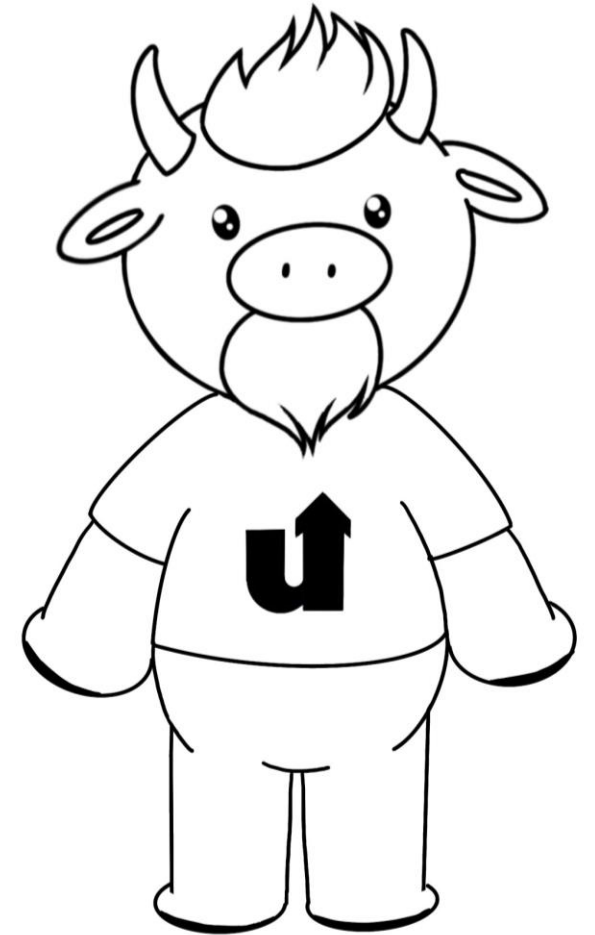
**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
APRIL 12, 2026**



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Agenda for Your Orientation Days





	Tuesday, 07.04.	Wednesday, 08.04. !!Please bring your laptop!!	Thursday, 09.04. !! Campus Adolf-Reichwein (AR)!!		Friday, 10.04.
Morgens / Morning	9.30 a.m. F-S 002 (English) F-S 012 (Deutsch) Willkommen / Welcome Erste Schritte / First steps in Siegen	9.30 a.m. F-S 002 (English) F-S 012 (Deutsch) US-C 111 (ERASMUS) Alles zum Studium I How to study I	English group	Deutsche Gruppe	10.00 a.m. F-S 002 Intercultural Aspects + Well-being Interkulturelle Einblicke
			10.00 a.m. In front of Mensa (AR) Campus Tour Adolf-Reichwein	11.00 Uhr vor der Hauptbibliothek (AR) Bibliotheksführung	
	Mittag / Lunch	Mittag / Lunch	Lunch	Mittag	Mittag / Lunch
Nachmittags / Afternoon	Ca. 2 p.m. F-S 002 Living in Germany - Do's and Don'ts - Tipps und Tricks zum Leben in Deutschland	Ca. 2 p.m. F-S 002 Freizeitgestaltung Free time activities	12 p.m. / 1 p.m. In front of main library (AR) Library tour	13.00 Uhr Vor der Mensa (AR) Campus Tour Adolf-Reichwein	1.30 p.m. Siegen ZOB (Kugelbrunnen in der Mitte / Globe fountain in the middle) City Tour
	Fun Night @Student Living Room (SLR) (F-S- 222)	Bowling by ESN	7.00 p.m. International Stammtisch Schabernack (Kornmarkt 10, 57072 Siegen)		Pub Crawl by ESN

Orientation BINGO



Collect as many Siggis as you can to get a nice surprise gift from us!

All you have to do is showing us the stamp card at the end of the certain event!



....once you are completed come to the 4th level and get a surprise!

First steps



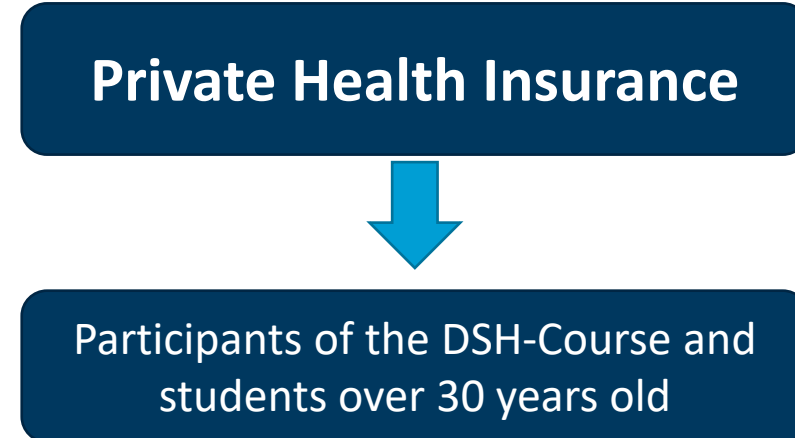
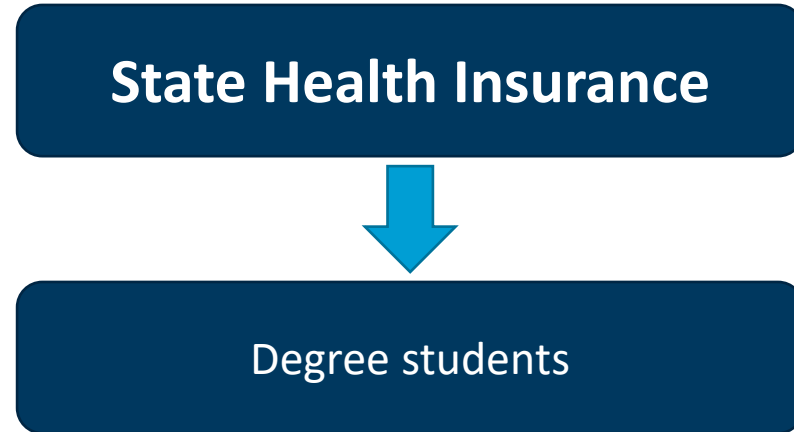
Registration at unisono & Enrollment

Are you already completely enrolled?

- 1.) Registration at unisono
 - Enter your personal data
 - Upload documents and a photo
- 2.) Welcome email
- 3.) Transfer of the semester fee
- 4.) Enrollment



Healthcare System



- In Germany, everyone **MUST** have a health insurance.
- You can choose your insurance company by yourself.
- Especially if you go for private health insurance: please check if everything important is covered! (Please note: pregnancy for example is often not covered)

Info:



First Steps After Arrival, part I

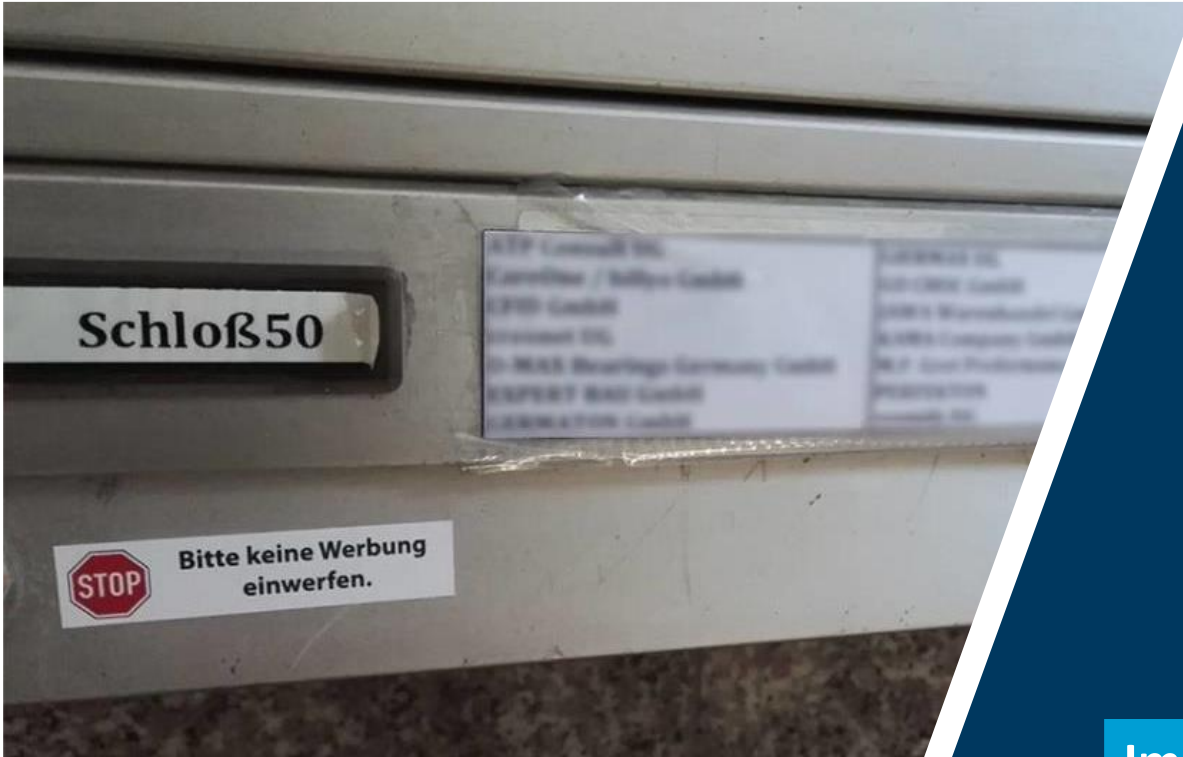
Stay in Siegen

We will talk about:

1. Rental Agreement / „Wohnungsgeberbestätigung“ / Letter Box
2. Registration at the Citizens´ Registration Office
3. Visa / Application for a Residence Title
4. Bank Account
5. Radio & TV Licence (Broadcast Contribution)
6. Liability Insurance
7. Finances / Opportunities for student jobs



1. Rental Agreement / Wohnungsgeberbestätigung / Letterbox



➤ Has everyone found an accommodation?

- Sign your **rental agreement** and ask for the '**Wohnungsgeberbestätigung**' (confirmation of your landlord).

Important: Put your name on your letter box as you will receive important letters.

Example of „Wohnungsgeberbestätigung“

EINZUG
Wohnungsgeberbestätigung
zur Vorlage bei der Meldebehörde
(§ 19 Bundesmeldegesetz (BMG))

Auszug aus §19 Abs. 1 Satz 1 und 2 BMG
Mitwirkung des Wohnungsgebers
(1) Der Wohnungsgeber ist verpflichtet, bei der An- oder Abmeldung mitzuwirken. Hierzu hat der Wohnungsgeber oder eine von ihm beauftragte Person der meldepflichtigen Person den Einzug oder Auszug schriftlich oder elektronisch innerhalb der in §17 Absatz 1 oder 2 genannten Fristen (2 Wochen) zu bestätigen.

Angaben zum Wohnungsgeber:	
Familienname / Vorname oder Bezeichnung bei einer juristischen Person:	_____
Straße / Hausnummer / Adressierungszusätze:	_____
PLZ / Ort:	_____
Telefonnummer: (Angabe freiwillig)	_____

Der Wohnungsgeber ist gleichzeitig Eigentümer der Wohnung - oder -
 Der Wohnungsgeber ist nicht Eigentümer der Wohnung. Der Name und die Anschrift des Eigentümers lauten:
Familienname/Vorname oder
Bezeichnung bei einer juristischen Person: _____
Straße / Hausnummer /
Adressierungszusätze: _____
PLZ / Ort: _____

Anschrift der Wohnung in die eingezogen wird:	
Straße / Hausnummer:	_____
Zusatzangaben (z.B. Stockwerks- oder Wohnungsnummer):	_____
PLZ / Ort:	_____

In die oben genannte Wohnung ist/sind am _____ folgende Person/en eingezogen:
Datum Einzug

Familienname: _____ Vorname: _____
Familienname: _____ Vorname: _____
Familienname: _____ Vorname: _____
Familienname: _____ Vorname: _____



2. Registration in Siegen



For registration at one of the city halls you must make an **appointment** in advance!

<https://termine-buergerdienste.siegen.de/>

Please bring the following:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ „Wohnungsgeberbestätigung“ (printed and signed)



(Since the website is only available in German, we recommend using your browser's translation feature to English or find help here or have a look [here](#).)



If you live in another city than Siegen, please contact the „Bürgerbüro“ of your city.

3. Visa and Residence Permit

REGULATIONS FOR NON-EU/EWR-CITIZENS!!!

This applies to students who are **not** an EU-or EEA-citizen (European Union or European Economic Area):

- You can use your visa until it expires (often for 1 year!).
- Before expiration, you have to apply for a residence permit.

Please remember to ask for an extension in time (3 months before your permission expires)!

- Therefore: ask for an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office („Ausländerbehörde“) of the city or the region of Siegen
- With the invitation, they will tell you what to bring.



3. Visa and Residence Permit

According to the Foreigners' Registration Office, your studies have to be completed within a specific time frame (usually standard period of study +50%)

- Bachelor: 6 semesters + 3 semesters → 9 semesters
- Master: 4 or 5 semesters + 2 semesters → 6-7 semesters

This means: **20 credit points per semester!**

If your studies happen to take longer let the Foreigners' Registration Office know ahead of time so problems can be avoided!

If you want to **change your course of studies**, you are only allowed to do so during the **1st-3rd semester**. In any case, you have to inform the Foreigners' Registration Office before!!



3. Visa and Residence Permit

You can get the extension as well as further information at the **Foreigners' Registration Office**.



Please always stay polite and honest!!

If you face any problems, feel free to contact us (ISA) → we'll do our very best to help you!

TIPS

If you get a letter from the Foreigners' Registration Office (or other) that you do not understand, please come to us and ask for help.

Do not ignore letters from any authorities!

4. Bank account

You need to open a bank account for regular transfers.

You can activate automatic (monthly) payments, for example for your rent.

Students often get an account for a lower price.

Bank comparison:



Watching ~~Netflix~~ German TV & Chill?

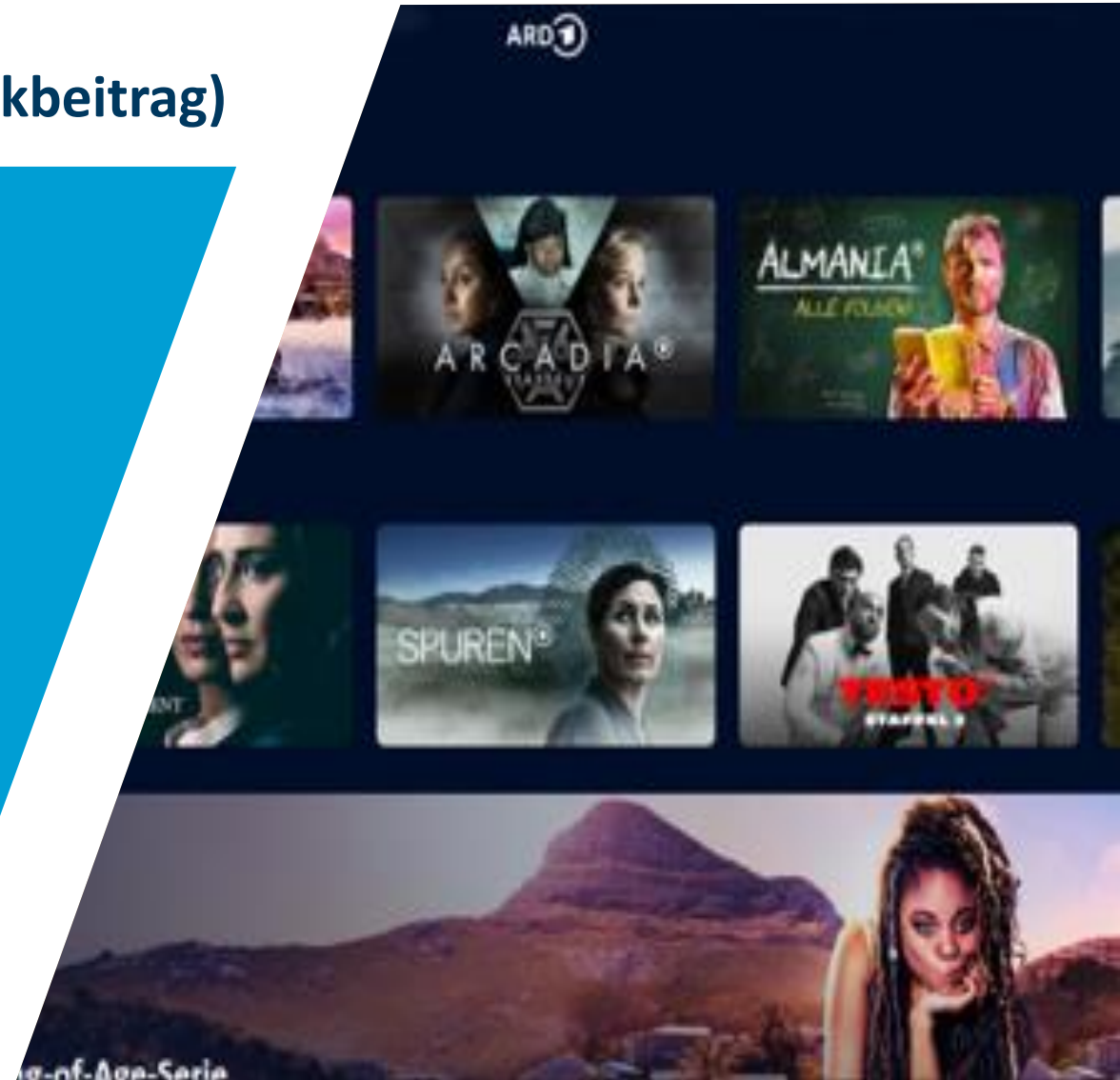
The German Broadcast Contribution (Rundfunkbeitrag)

The German “Rundfunkbeitrag” is an obligation for all citizens full of age.

It funds German public radio and television (even if you do not have a TV or Radio) and independent media.

Great: You can make use of the full mediathek and watch movies and series:

- www.ardmediathek.de
- www.zdf.de



5. Costs of Broadcast contribution (Rundfunkbeitrag)

- ONE flat= ONE Rundfunkbeitrag (contribution)
18,36 Euro €/month
- Each (shared) flat only has to pay **one contribution a month**. If more than one person lives in this flat, only one person transfers money and all the others have to transfer their part to the paying person. (Same applies to some student dormitories.)

Important: You can then indicate the number of the paying person to the contribution service, if it's not yourself (ask your roommates for the number!).

Please register: www.rundfunkbeitrag.de



5. Broadcast contribution (Rundfunkbeitrag)

Payment rhythm

There is the possibility to indicate the frequency of the payment
(e.g. every 3 months or every 6 months).

For 3 months → 55,08 Euro

For 6 months → 110,16 Euro

Payment method

SEPA-Lastschrift
Bank transfer



Please pay attention!

Downloading

Downloading series and movies is prohibited in Germany - and ILLEGAL!!
It can have serious consequences

Streaming

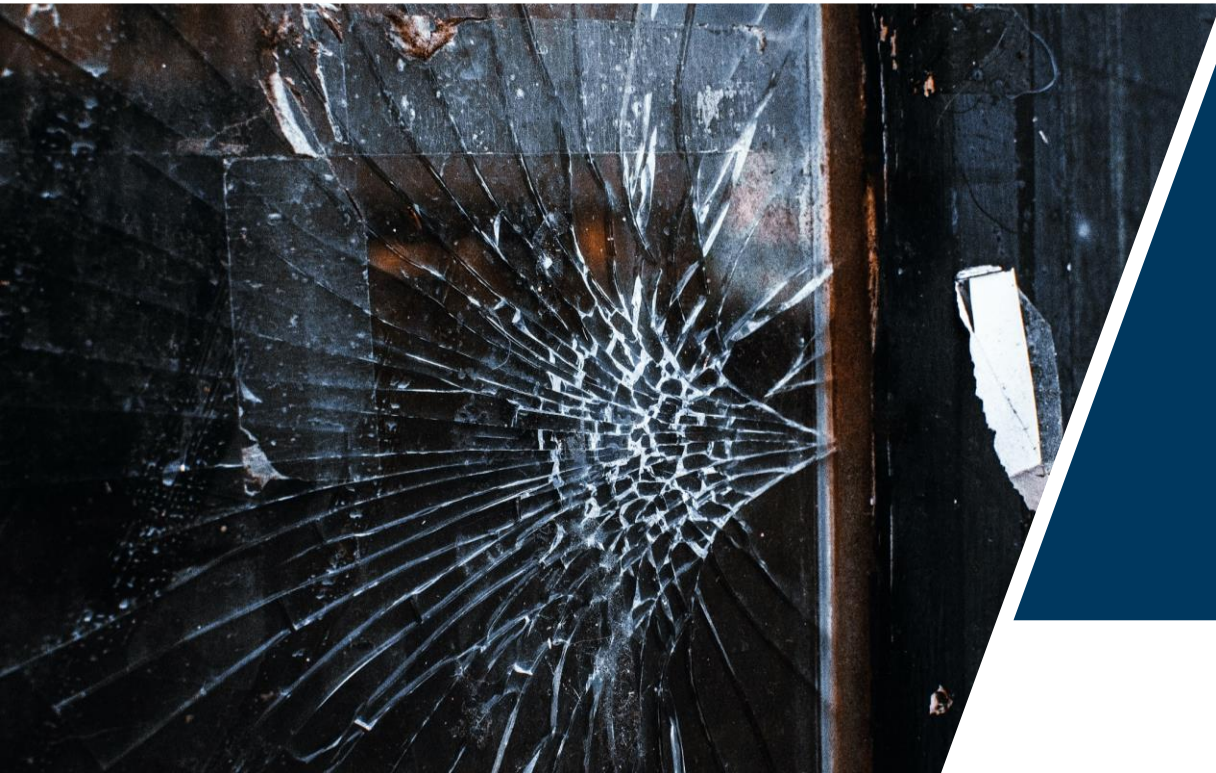
Streaming is only legal with known platforms and a membership (Netflix, Disney, Apple, amazon...).
Also, don't use it with a vpn!

Tips:

- Check if the platform you use is acknowledged.
- Make use of a mediathek (www.ardmediathek.de, www.zdf.de)
- Get further information: www.evz.de/en/shopping-internet/illegal-downloads-in-germany.html



6. Liability Insurance and Contents Insurance (optional, but highly recommended)



If you hurt someone or break something it can become very expensive in Germany!

- This is why a liability insurance is advisable.
- Costs just a few euros per month.
- You can get one for example at insurance companies.



6. Liability Insurance and Contents Insurance

Liability Insurance	Contents Insurance
<p>e.g. if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• hurt someone• damage something• lose your keys (included only in some insurance policies)	<p>In your home e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fire• damage by water• burglary <p>→ For some rental agreements contents insurance is required</p>



7. Finances / Working possibilities

Please plan your finances early enough because you do not get any financial support from ISA, the University or the city!

If you need help planning your finances, please turn to us!

Please note: International students are allowed to work 140 full or 280 half days within one year!

Attention: if you do not have any German language knowledge, it will be hard to find a job.

So: work on your German! 😊

Further information about the language center at the university:

www.uni-siegen.de/sprachenzentrum



7. Where can I find open job positions?

- **Jobvermittlung/ Job placement for students at the University of Siegen:**
<https://www.jobvermittlung.uni-siegen.de/index.html.en?lang=en>
- **Jobs at the university for student assistants:**
https://jobs.uni-siegen.de/?locale=en_US
- **Jobs in the region South Westfalia:**
<https://www.karriere-suedwestfalen.de/>
- **Uni Siegen App** (set up a profile)



And common websites for job search:

- Stepstone
- Indeed
- Jobware
- LinkedIn
- Bundesagentur für Arbeit (Jobcenter)

Did you know?

The uni helps you to get prepared for the job & finding a job!



First steps after arrival, part II

Preparing for your studies

- Activation of your ZIMT-Account in unisono (for student mail-address, WIFI-access)
- WIFI at the University
- Semester Ticket & Welcome Money
- Student ID & Library Card
- Useful Apps



Student email account



- After successful enrolment
- Activation on unisono („Student’s corner“ -> „ZIMT Account“ -> link)
- Check your email account regularly as university administration and lecturers will use it frequently.



Be aware that the link of the website that you register at includes auth.uni-siegen.de!



WiFi at the University

eduroam service (educational roaming)

- > WiFi access at all buildings at the University of Siegen
- > WiFi access at all other universities and academic institutions that also use eduroam



Secure access to EDUROAM – here is how:

Recommendation:

- set up with **geteduroam app**, → increased security.
- (almost) automatic configuration of eduroam profile (for the majority of mobile devices)
- Important: device has to receive eduroam network during installation → direct connection
- In all cases: enter “**@uni-siegen.de**” behind the user name when the access data is requested (e.g. **g123456@uni-siegen.de**).

Setup tool:

<https://www.geteduroam.app>

In case it doesn't work: get help from our technical support tomorrow!



geteduroam

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Semester Ticket



VWS Tickets
VWS Verkehrsbetriebe
Westfalen-Süd GmbH

Laden

- ✓ Enrollment
- ✓ Mail received at your student's mail address ("Bestätigung des Deutschlandtickets"): personal activation code to register at the VWS portal and activate your D-ticket in the VWS ticket app



<https://apps.apple.com/de/app/vws-tickets/id6447968648>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=de.amcon.ticketingapp.prod.vws&pli=1>



Information on registration in the app

Welcome money



**Get back your
GERMANY TICKET!**
*Register your primary residence in Siegen now!

Universitätsstad
Siegen

Apply for primary residence in Siegen and get back **EUR 176.40** into your account.

The advertisement features a scenic view of Siegen at sunset with a church spire. A yellow sign in the foreground reads 'Universitätsstad Siegen'. The text is overlaid on the image.

You have the possibility to get a refund for the local semester ticket for the first time you register in **Siegen!**

Steps:

1. Register your new address at the Bürgerbüro.
2. Go to AStA and bring:
 - Certificate of Studies
 - „Erstwohnsitz-Meldebescheinigung“ you get when you register your address.

AStA

<https://www.asta.uni-siegen.de/>

Uni Siegen App

The Uni Siegen App offers you everything you need to start your studies well prepared!



 Cafeteria

 Calendar

 Library

 To-Dos

 Freshman

 Links

 Bibliothekskatalog

 Unisono

 Moodle



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CampusApp Universität Siegen
UniNow GmbH
Entwickelt für iPad
★★★★ 4,4 • 21 Bewertungen
Gratis

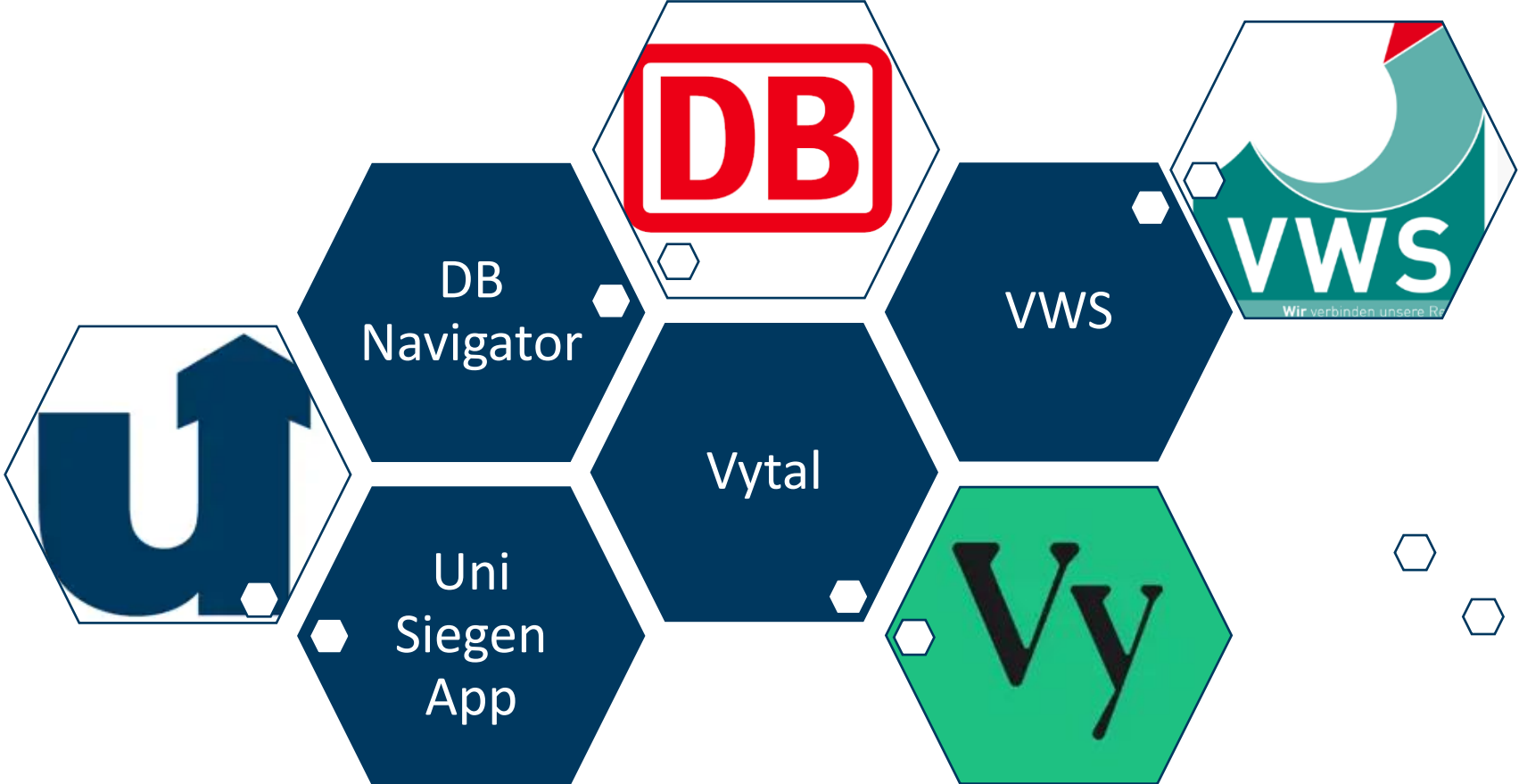
To use the **digital student ID card**:

- ✓ register with your university access data (as your student email account)
- ✓ student ID card is automatically stored in the app when you enroll or re-register for the new semester.

To use the **digital library card**, you will need to activate it at the University Library.

We will visit the Library on Wednesday.

Useful Apps



Information about your studies

All information regarding timetables and study contents will be given in the Introduction for the First Semester Students (ESE) (if applicable), from your academic advisor, the Examinations Office and/ or the Student Council or the faculty representatives:

www.uni-siegen.de/ease



The semester starts on
April 1, 2026.

The lecture period starts
on **April 13, 2026**
and ends on
July 24, 2026



Information about
Deadlines and
General Dates:



Faculty III Welcome Week (e.g. HCI)

Takes place from
Wed, April 8 – Fri, April 10

Any question?

Contact your tutor Shrey Jalote:
Shrey2.Jalote@student.uni-siegen.de



Don't miss out!

Important notice: HCI Freshmen's Welcome Week

You are studying Human Computer Interaction?
Check out their Welcome Week!

Start: Wednesday, 08.04.2026 10AM, US-C 116

Any question?

Contact your tutor Shrey Jalote:
Shrey2.Jalote@student.uni-siegen.de

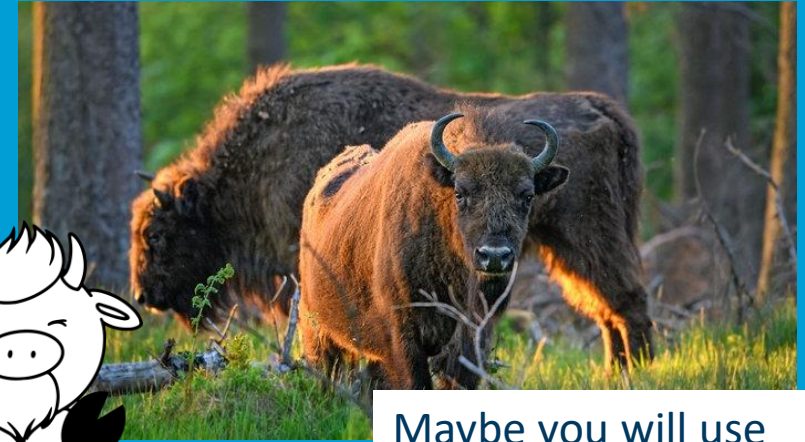
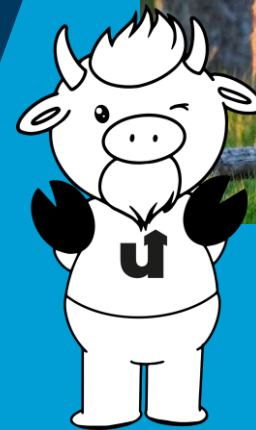


Public Holidays in Germany 2026 (Feiertage) in the summer semester:

Date	Holiday
3 April	Good Friday (Karfreitag)
6 April	Easter Monday (Ostermontag)
1 May	Labour Day (Tag der Arbeit)
14 May	Ascension Day (Christi Himmelfahrt)
25 May	Pentecost (Pfingstmontag)
4 June	Corpus Christi (Fronleichnam)

Shops will be closed!!

Lecture free days around Pentecost
23 May 2026 – 26 May 2026



Maybe you will use
your free time to visit
the real Siggis?

Some dates differ from year to year.
Holidays might be different in other states
than NRW!

Uni Campus / Buildings

There are several campus / buildings at the university!

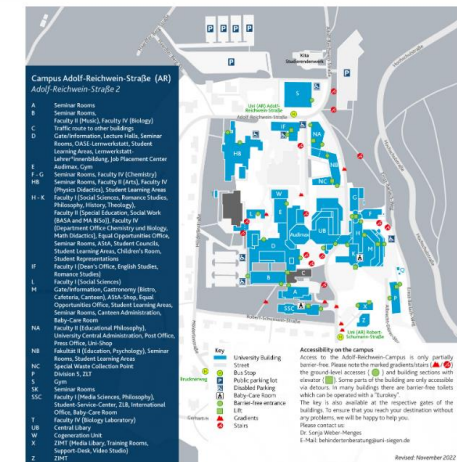
Building	Abbreviation
Adolf-Reichwein-Straße	AR
Hölderlin	H
Paul-Bonatz	PB
Emmy-Noether-Campus	ENC
Unteres Schloss	US
Studienservice Center and International Office	F-S

Overview:



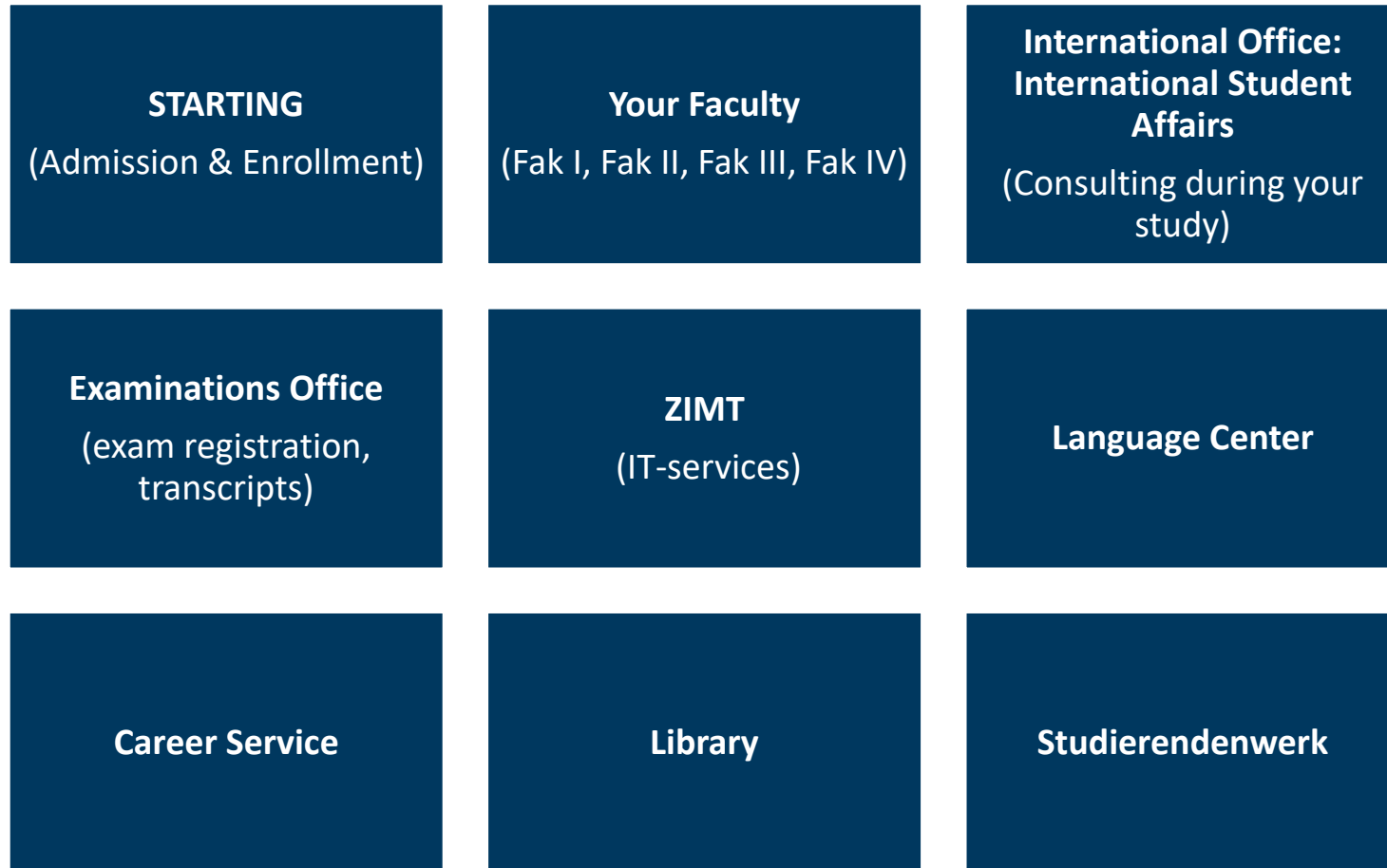
http://www.uni-siegen.de/start/kontakt/anfahrt_und_lageplaene/?lang=de

Campus Adolf-Reichwein-Straße (AR)

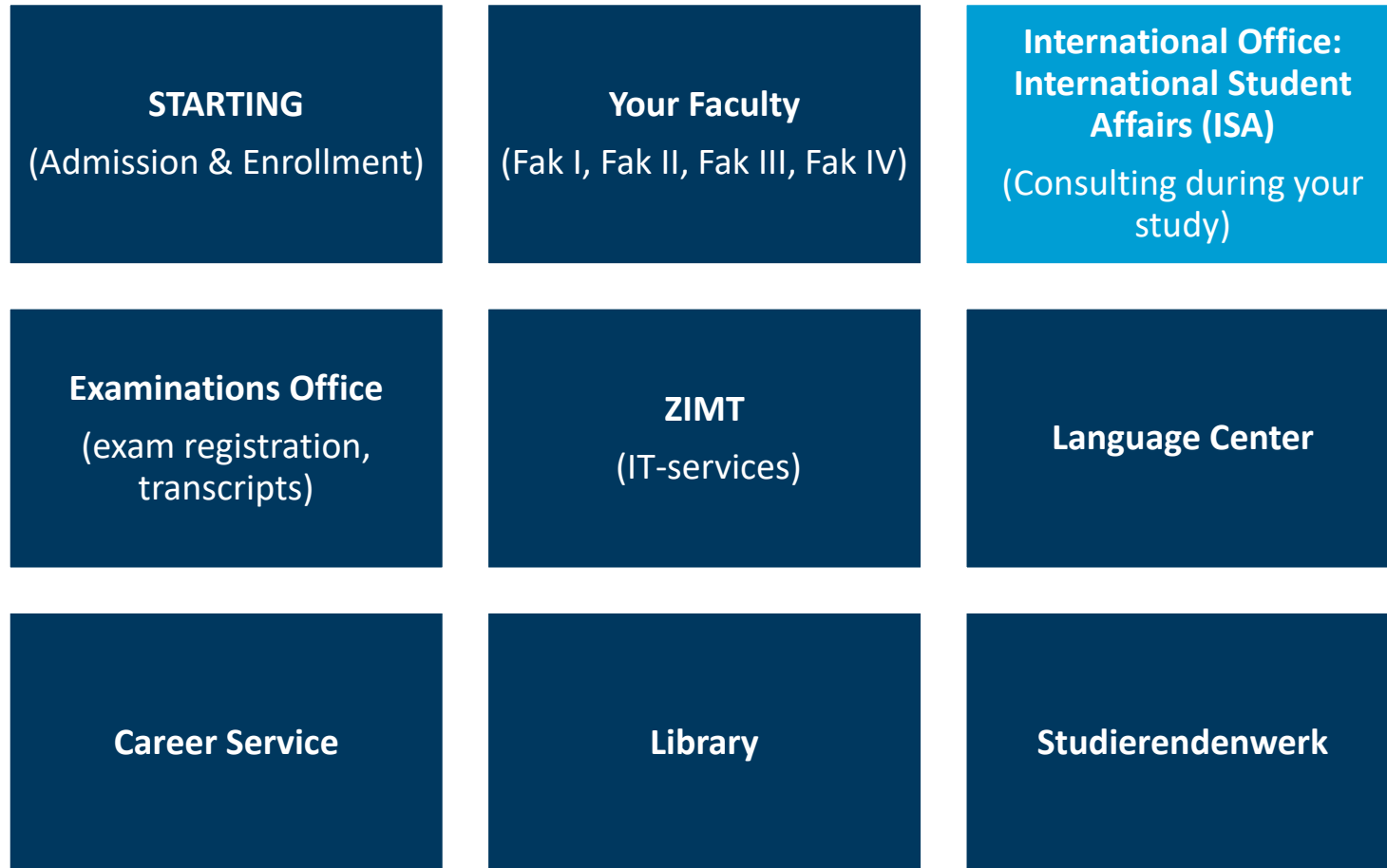


Help & counselling

Short overview at the universities units that are important for you



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Department ISA (International Student Affairs)

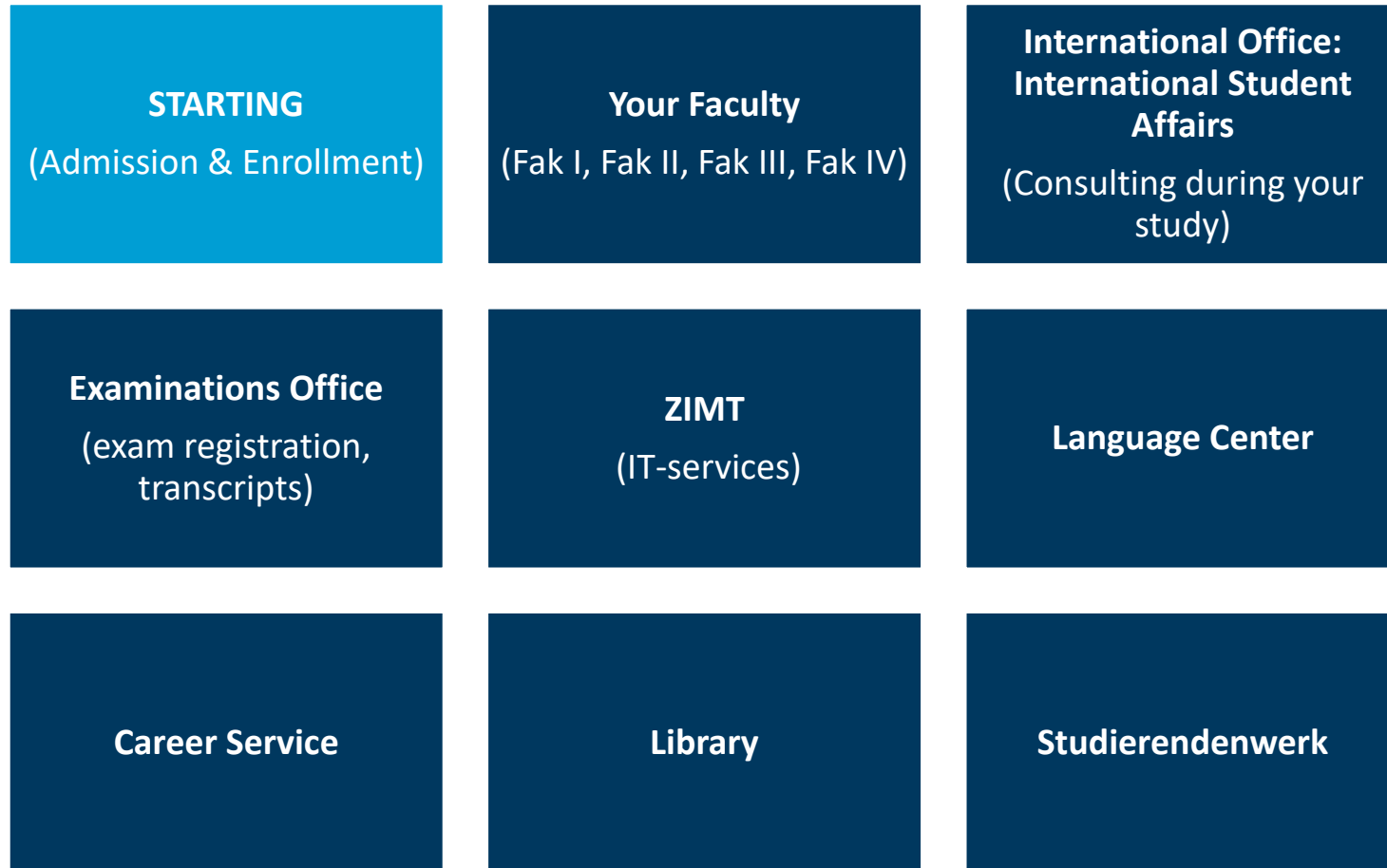


The department International Student Affairs is happy to be there for you while you're studying in Siegen!

Our tasks:

- Advising and supporting international degree-seeking-students
- Advising and supporting exchange students (incoming, outgoing)
- Advising on stays abroad (semesters abroad, language assistance, internships, etc.)

Short overview at the universities units that are important for you



Department STARTING

(Admission, Registration and Training in German Language/ DSH-Courses)

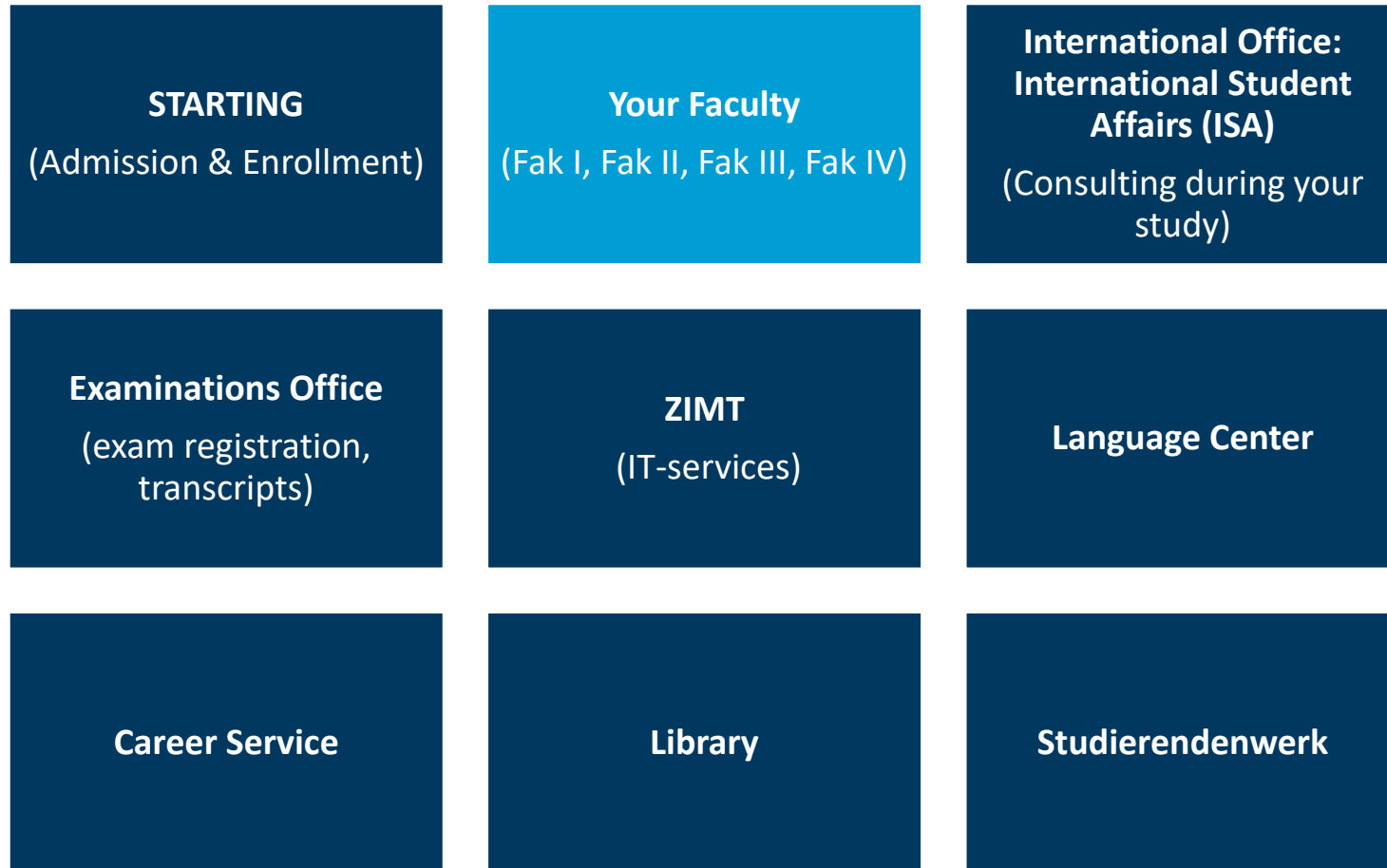
The department STARTING is responsible for you as an International Student. They help you with questions regarding:

- Admission, Enrollment, Access Data to Unisono
- Re-registration, leave of absence, change of study program, exmatriculation
- Organization and implementation of German language courses (DSH-courses) to prepare students for their studies in German language

The team will be happy to help you!



Short overview at the universities units that are important for you



Your Faculty & Your Academic Advisors



Faculty I: Faculty of Arts and Humanities

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Faculty II: School of Education, Architecture and the Arts

Josephine Krüger
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Faculty III: School of Economic Disciplines

Moonum Zehra (Bereich Internationales allgemein)

For Master MEPS and HCI you have specific advisors



Faculty IV: School of Science and Technology

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Ilka Kureck
EMINENT
ilka.kureck@uni-siegen.de

Help and counselling



If you face any problem or you have questions, please contact us!

Students' representatives

(Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss= AStA)
www.asta.uni-siegen.de

Student Living Room (F-S 222): Help with all general questions from fellow students

Psychological Counselling

(Psychologische Beratung)
<https://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/psychologische/index.html.en?lang=en>



Family Service Office

(Familienservicebüro)
<https://www.uni-siegen.de/gleichstellung/familienservicebuero/index.html.en?lang=en>

Security on Campus

0271 – 740 2600
bmteam@uni-siegen.de

Accident/ Fire/ Emergency

112 / 911
(in the whole of Europe and free of charge)



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- Events of FIT (Forging International Talents)
- International Stammtisch
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- Useful tips for living in Germany
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SCAN ME



ISA Newsletter

Stay updated! 😊



SCAN ME

Uni Siegen Website

For general information

Getting Started at the University of Siegen

Learning in genuine community.

- ✓ Over 50 specialized degree programs - interdisciplinary & hands-on
- ✓ Best student/faculty ratio anywhere in NRW
- ✓ Strong foundation for professional success

[Find your ideal degree program](#) →

[Connect with an academic advisor](#) →

How does the Mensa work?



Mensa Instruction

Step 1: Get your tray and cutlery and check the displays

- The displays will show you, which meal will be offered at which station.

Step 2: Choose your meal and your side dishes

- Go to the counter and order your dish. You will get it immediately. The Mensa offers a variation of side dishes along the main meal (salads, desserts...). Now it is time to choose what you like the most 😊

Step 3: Payment

- Go to the cashier and show them your Student-ID (Uni Siegen App).
Attention: You need to pay cashless!



Step 4: Enjoy!

Step 5: Bring your tray
to the cleaning station



Questions?



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Dear students,
Welcome to the University of Siegen - we are delighted to have you join us {soon}!

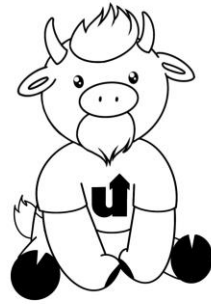
Before lectures start, the Department of International Student Affairs offers an Orientation for Erasmus+ exchange students and international degree seeking students who start their studies in winter or summer semester. We guide you through the enrolment process, prepare your registration with local authorities, and provide general information on studies in Siegen, student services and campus life.

The student society Erasmus Student Network (ESN) supports us during the Welcome Weeks and organizes social events in the afternoons and evenings.

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