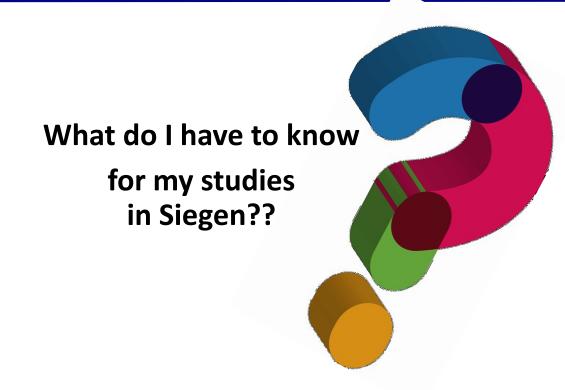




### **Vorbereitungstage – Preparatory Days**

for international students





## Academic structure in Germany



In Germany a lot of independence is required of you.

You have to create your timetable yourself.

Students are supposed to prepare and follow-up on their own and report when they have questions or problems.

## Types of classes





#### Lecture

- Professor recites content of scripts and students take notes.
- Participants are expected to be less actively engaged.
- Large group
- Usually exam at the end of semester



#### Seminar

- Medium-sized groups, more intensive work
- Active participation is expected: give accompanying thoughts, ask questions, discuss etc.
- Academic evaluation differ: presentation, term paper...



#### Exercise course

- Excercises on the contents of lectures
- Smaller groups with tutor
- Active participaton of students

## Classes/ courses



#### Are held:

- Usually once per week for 90 minutes
  - ✓ normally "c.t." = course starts 15 min later
     → seminar from 12-2 p.m. = 12.15 1.45 p.m.
  - ✓ sometimes "s.t." = course starts at exact time
     → seminar from 12-2 p.m. = 12.00-1.30 p.m.
- → teachers/ docents decide "c.t." or "s.t."



- √ during weekends (~2)
- ✓ or in one week during semester break → very intensive



#### Unisono



#### What?

- Course catalogue
- Registration for courses
- Certificate of studies
  - ✓ My functions → Administration of study → study report
- Registration for exams
- Overview of academic achievements/ credit points (e. g. for Foreigners' Registration Office)
- Change of address / contact details





# How to create your timetable of courses and how to register for courses

#### Time table



In order to create your time table you need:

- (1) Studienordnung/ Prüfungsordnung/ Modulhandbuch (study and/ or exam regulations and/ or module manual)
  - → You can find them on the homepage of the course of studies or of the examination office



## Prüfungsordnung (exam regulations)





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Here you can find: how many hours per week you have classes, credit points, kind of examination, in which semester you should do the course.

### Time table



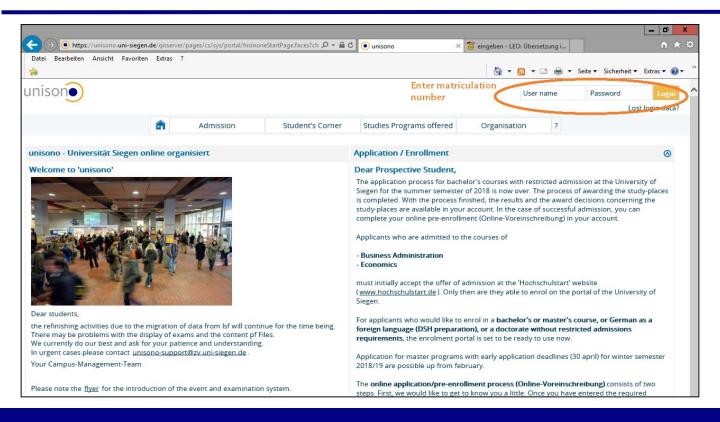
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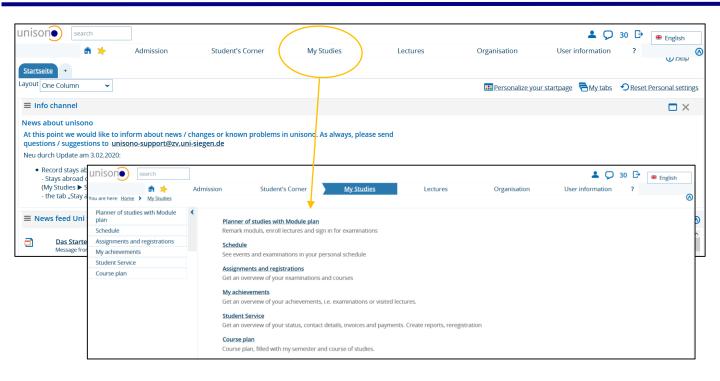


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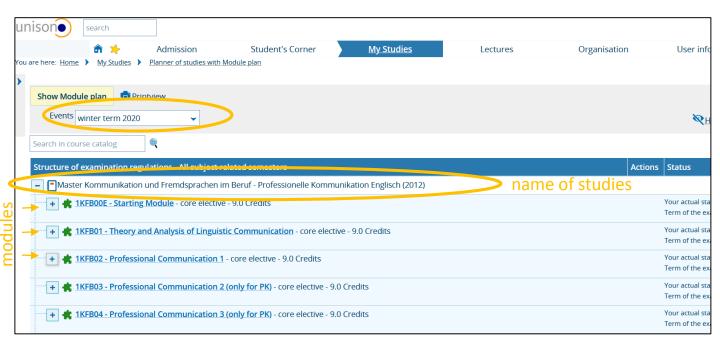










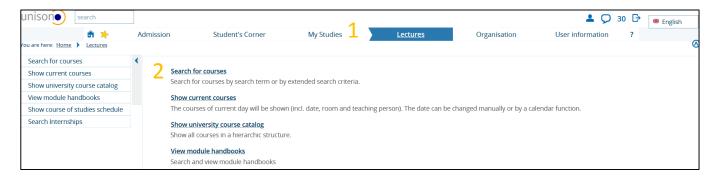




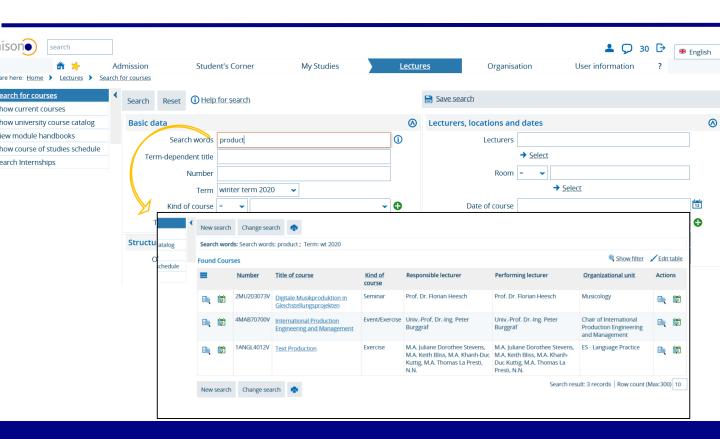
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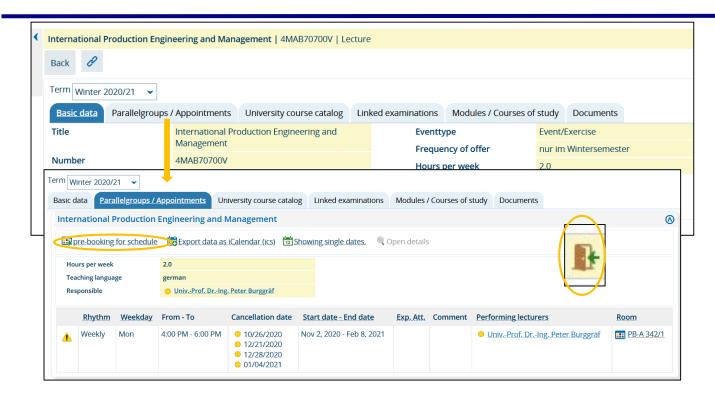




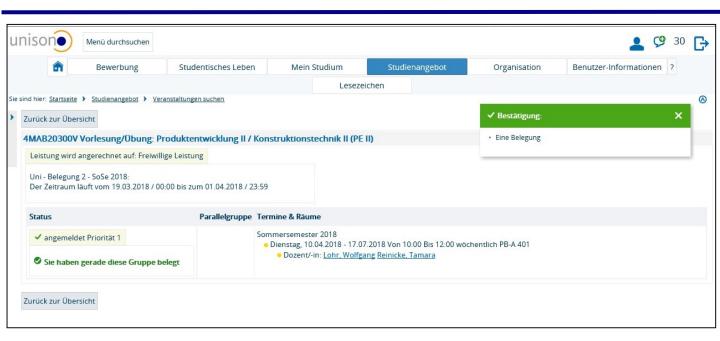














- Attention: Please note the deadlines for course enrollment!
- Possible reactions:
  - AN = angemeldet/registered (please wait)
  - ZU = zugelassen/admitted (Participation is possible)
  - AB = abgelehnt/rejected (Participation not possible)
  - WL = Warteliste/waiting list (Perhaps there will be a place soon.)
- If something did not work, please email the instructor.

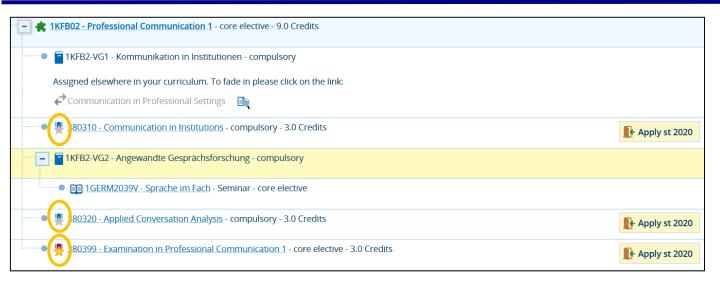
## Achievements / Credit points



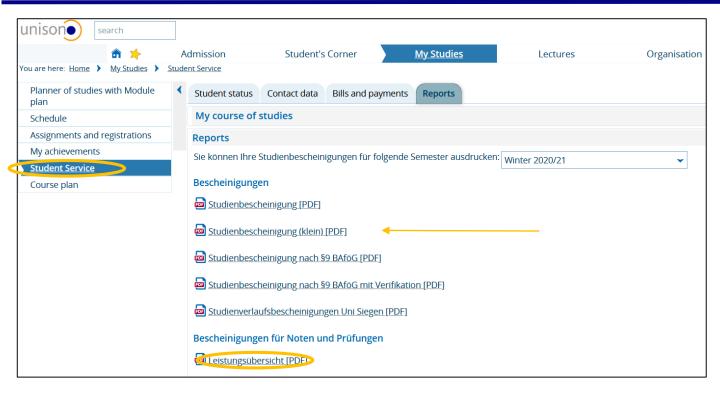
- Successful completion of a course gives you credit points (CP or LP for short)
- Number of credits is usually fixed for each course.
- Normally distinguished between:
  - "Studienleistung" (can usually be repeated infinitely; grade usually does not count)
  - "Prüfungsleistung" (only 2-3 trials, grade counts)
- You have to register for the achievements after some weeks! (Very important!!)

## Apply and register for examination



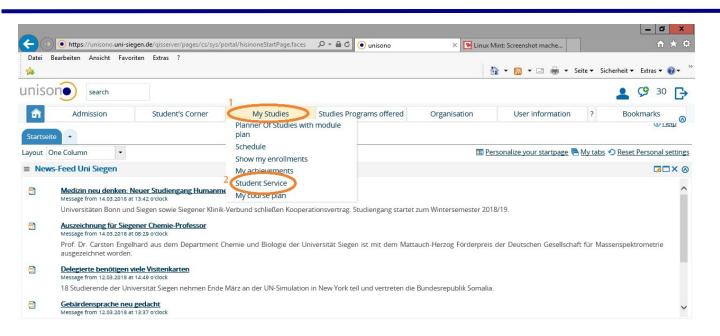


## Leistungsübersicht – credits & grades universität



## Certificate of study





### You are not alone!



Please visit the "Erstsemestereinführung" (ESE) of your faculty or get in touch with your student advisor!

https://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/anfaenger/studienstart.html.en?lang=en

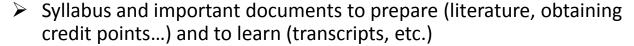
- ➤ If you have questions, please contact your faculty/ the student representatives of your course of studies.
- Information can be found here
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   → Information on your student email account, information on pre-course
  - → Information on your student email account, information on pre-courses, information on ESE, unisono video tutorial

### moodle



#### What?

- Online Learning Platform
- Log into your digital classroom
- Organization of courses

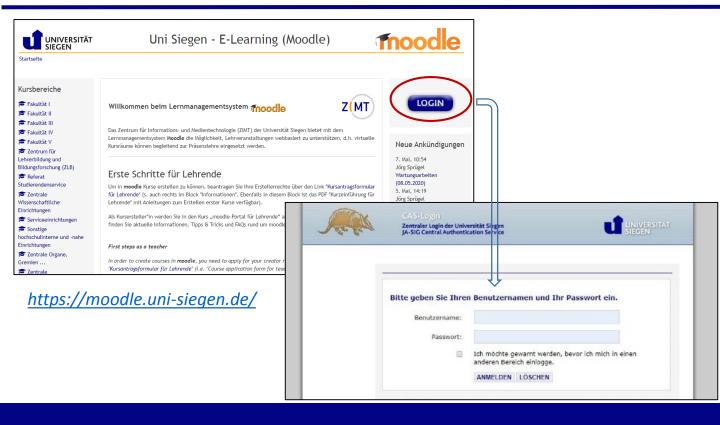


- Options for examinations (upload assignments, take tests...)
- Communication with other students
- Possibility to ask questions



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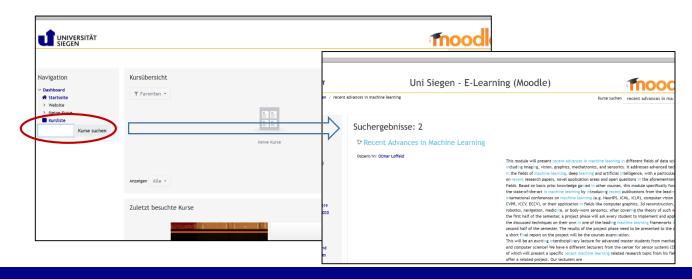




## Find your courses and log in



- Once the semester starts you'll find your courses on moodle.
- Lecturers usually will give you a password in the first class and tell you the name of the course on moodle.
- If there are several search results take the most recent one.



## Find your courses and log in



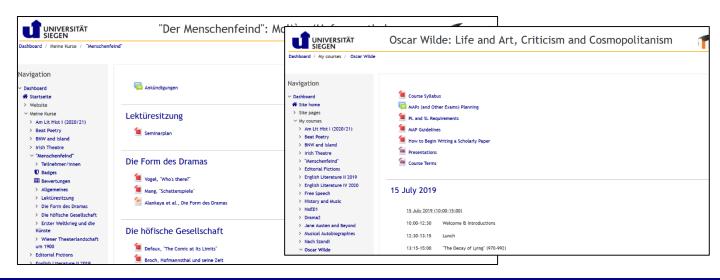
Alternatively you can also find your courses by searching in the list of courses.



### **Course Organisation**



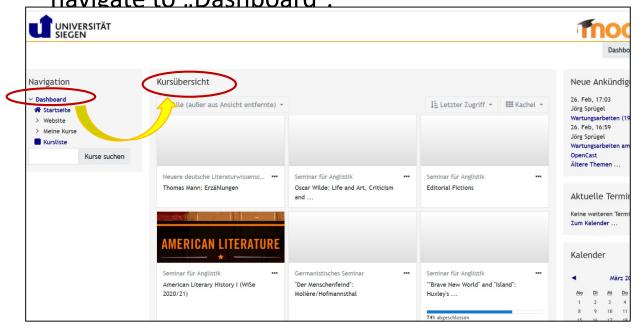
- Once you are logged into the course you'll get an overview.
- Here you'll find the syllabus, important information and documents.
- This may look differently, depending on your lecturer.



## Dashboard



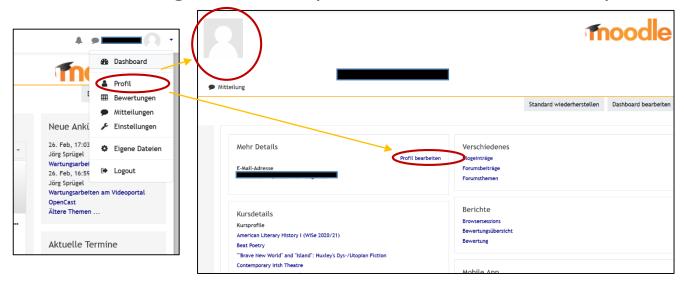
➤ To see an overview of all your courses simply navigate to ..Dashboard".



## Personal Profile



➤ You can complete your personal profile so lecturers and students can get to know you. This is not mandatory.



## Overview moodle and Unisono



Why are there two different, yet important platforms?

#### Unisono

Choose courses and register.

You can only participate in courses if you register for them via Unisono before the semester starts!

- Schedule and organizational matters
- Login with matriculation number

#### moodle

 Find the courses you have been accepted in.

Admissions do NOT happen via moodle!

- Learning & Course Management
- Login with g-number

# ZIMT – Centre for information and media technology



- student email account
- ➤ WiFi
- > moodle
- > sciebo
- lending of devices & Mediathek
- > and more



Email: support@zimt.uni-siegen.de

Phone: +49 (0) 271 740 4777

Room: H-D 2203

All information: <a href="https://www.zimt.uni-siegen.de/">https://www.zimt.uni-siegen.de/</a>

### Student email account





- Activation at ZIMT or online (unisono)
- Important:
  - ✓ Check your email account regularly.
  - ✓ Docents use this email address for all their communication.
  - ✓ University Siegen sends important information to this address (like reminders for your semester fee, information on bus transportation...).

## Copying, scanning and printing



- AStA-Shop at AR Campus (you pay cash)
- Libraries
- → For printing and copying in the library and the PC pools, you will need to purchase a copy card in the library or at ZIMT office.

  US Library has a different (card) systems as the other libraries.
- Copy Shops in Siegen/ Siegen-Weidenau



## Library – Library Card



- Different departments at different campuses
- Information: <a href="https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=1&L=1">https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=1&L=1</a>

#### Request for the library card or activation of your USi-Card:

- Fill in and sign form: <a href="https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/en/library-card-and-usicard/">https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/en/library-card-and-usicard/</a>
  - copy of your passport
  - and confirmation of studies
  - Confirmation of registration in town
  - → via email to: <u>benutzung@ub.uni-siegen.de</u>.
- Or go to main library at Adolf-Reichwein.
- You'll be contacted per email as soon as the card is ready and can be picked up (Campus Adolf Reichwein) or is activated -> please bring your passport

#### Library – E-Resources



- With the VPN client you can connect to the university network from outside.
- Information regarding download of the VPN client:
  <a href="https://www.zimt.uni-siegen.de/dienste/netzwerk/vpn/software-anleitungen.html.en?lang=e">https://www.zimt.uni-siegen.de/dienste/netzwerk/vpn/software-anleitungen.html.en?lang=e</a>
  <a href="mailto:n.m.">n</a>



If the VPN is activated you have access to all <u>e-resources</u> of the library of the University of Siegen.

# Library - trainings



- Orientation in the library is not very easy.
- You should definitely take a training course.
- Training offers and dates (at the moment about zoom): <a href="https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=schulungen&L=1">https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=schulungen&L=1</a>
- Tutorials: <a href="https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=750&L=%24%7B">https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=750&L=%24%7B</a> hash %7Dc2622
- Digital visit of the library for international students on Thursday, March 24, at 11.30 a.m.!!

# Dozent= "Lehrer" an der Uni



University Degree (e. g. Bachelor, Master, Magister or Diplom

Doctor

Professor

adressed (esp. in written communication) with title "Herr Professor Burkhardt")

#### **Docents**

→ not every docent is a professor

#### How to communicate with docents?



- Important: Report when you have questions or problems.
- Most docents have office hours. Information on them can be found on the docent's homepage.

#### But:

- Usually docents do not work on weekends or late at night.
- It is very likely that docents do not answer immediately, please leave enough time and do not contact them more often.
- Always be polite!
- Docents are not responsible for your studies.

#### How to communicate with docents?



- Always talk to docents formally; in German use the word "Sie" unless they offer you "Du" (which basically never happens.)
- > E-Mail to docents
  - ✓ Polite address.
    "Sehr geehrte\*r Frau/ Herr Professor\*in …"
  - ✓ Be concise. Explain briefly but politely what your concern is and how he / she may help you.
  - ✓ Specify information on you. Matriculation number, which course at what day and what time, which semester, what do you study.
  - ✓ Use a polite conclusion such as: "Vielen Dank im Voraus für Ihre Antwort" Mit freundlichen Grüßen -your name



How to behave corre -a short quiz-





Course starts at 10am (c. t.). I arrive...

- a) ... at 9.55am
- b) ... at 10.10am
- c) .. at 10.30am



Even though you tried to be on time, you are 10 min late. What do you do?

- a) I knock and apologize loud and clearly.
- b) I skip the course.
- c) I enter the room quietly and sit down on the nearest available seat.



You are supposed to have an presentation with fellow students who you do not know.

- a) I prepare my part independently and bring it with me on the day of the presentation.
- b) I contact my fellow students and we work on the presentation together.
- c) I do not want to have a presentation with them, therefore I just do not show up for the presentation.



You do not understand something your docent just said.

- a) I raise my hand and ask, or I report to my docent after the course.
- b) I try to understand it at home.
- c) I get frustrated, put my head on the table and fall asleep



You are supposed to have a presentation in a few weeks. What do you do?

- a) I wait until my docent gives me the necessary information.
- b) On the day before the presentation, I copy some information from the internet.
- c) I independently search for literature and other sources and contact my docent ahead of time.



You have to write a term paper.

- a) I search in the internet for good information and copy it myself or maybe change it a little.
- b) I search the internet and in the library for literature, write down my ideas and write my own text.
- c) I just use the term paper of my friend.



You have to hand in a term paper in two weeks but you already know that you can not finish it in time.

- a) I immediately contact my docent, explain my situation and ask politely if it was possible to postpone the deadline.
- b) I just hand in the paper two weeks late. It will be okay.
- c) I write to my docent the night before the deadline that my cat died and I can only hand in my paper in two weeks.

# Important values and behaviour



#### Honesty and Fairness

Be honest towards yourself, to your fellow students and to your docents. In Germany, honesty is very important. Admit when you have made a mistake.

#### Presence/ Independence/ Self-motivation

You chose this study – so please regularly attend and participate. This is the only way to go ahead. Ask your fellow students for help. If there are any problems report them, e. g. ask docents or us, the staff of ISA.

#### Punctuality

Please be on time for your lectures/ seminars. If you do arrive late enter quietly and sit down.

#### Respect and tolerance

Respect values, opinions and abilities of others.

#### How to improve my German?



- Try to meet and talk to many people and find friends (you will get more tips on this topic this afternoon).
- Register for German courses at the Language Centre (see next page).
- Join a tandem/ buddy program, e. g. at the Language Centre.
- Watch German movies (e.g. movies you already know).
- Read German books, magazines, newspapers.
- Find hobbies where you get in touch with people.
- ➤ Don't give up! ◎



#### German language courses in the Language Center





- Numerous offers of German courses
- Registration via unisono
  lectures → show university course
  catalogue → Additional Course Offers →
  Language Center (Sprachzentrum) Courses
  → General Language Courses
- Please take part in the placement test!

- Niveau A1
- » Niveau A2
- » Niveau B1
- » Niveau B2
- » Niveau A1
  - » Deutsch 1 Zielstufe A1.1
  - » Deutsch 2 Zielstufe A1.2
- » Niveau A2
  - » Deutsch 3 Zielstufe A2.1
  - » Deutsch 4 Zielstufe A2.2
- » Niveau B1
  - » Deutsch 5 Zielstufe B1.1
  - » Deutsch 6 Zielstufe B1.2
  - » Deutsch 6+ Zielstufe B1+
- » Niveau B2
  - » Deutsch 7 Zielstufe B2.1
  - » Deutsch 8 Zielstufe B2.2
- » Niveau C1
  - » Deutsch 9 Zielstufe C1, Teil A
- » Sonstige
  - » Deutsch Wortschatz und Konversation A2
  - » Deutsch Grammatikkurs
  - Deutsch Grammatik aktiv (Niveau B2/C1)
  - » Deutsch Aussprachetraining / German pronounciation training
  - » Deutsch für den Beruf
  - » Wirtschaftsdeutsch, Niveau B2
  - Deutsch Schreibkompetenz: Wissenschaftliches Schreiben im Stu

#### Where do I find help?

- Docents (regarding the course)
- fellow students



- study consultation (for the organisation of your studies and questions, usually at every faculty)
  http://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/studierende/fachstudienberatung.html?m=e
- Student Representatives (Fachschaften) (students that invest in your field of study) https://www.asta.uni-siegen.de/index.php/studis/fachschaften/
- General Student Council (AStA) (elected student representatives at Uni Siegen)

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

# Where do I find help?



Department International Student Affairs (ISA)

http://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/ansprechpartner/?lang=de

Department STARTING

https://www.uni-siegen.de/starting/

Psychological counselling http://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/psychologische/

Please contact us if you have any questions or problems!

