



Welcome!

Orientation Days for international students

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First steps after arrival



Slides will be uploaded here:

https://www.unisiegen.de/incoming/programs/orie ntation/degree.html.en?lang=en

www.uni-siegen.de

The first administrative steps



- Signing the rental contract
- Registration of the apartment address with the city (city hall)
- Opening a bank account
- Registration for Broadcasting Fees
- Activation of the email address
- Taking out a liability insurance
- Application for a residence permit

Registration / Enrollment



Health insurance + Registration via unisono



Paying the semester fee



Automatic enrollment



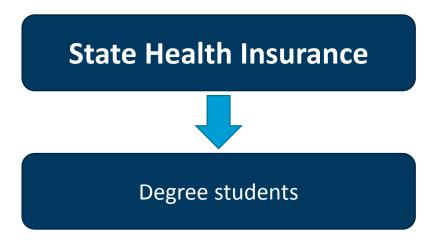
Getting the UsiCard

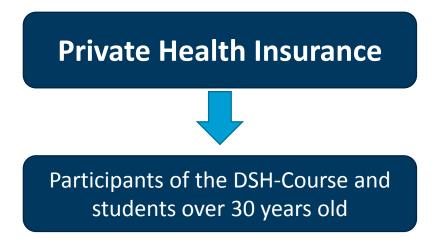
If you have not yet had an address in Germany, the UsiCard has not yet been sent to you.

Please then inform the department STARTING of your new address (registration@zv.uni-siegen.de) so that you can receive the UsiCard by mail or by appointment.

Attention! Put your name on the letter box. Otherwise, the letter will be sent back!!

Healthcare System





- 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)
- If you have any questions feel free to turn to us.

Info:

https://www.daad.de/deutschland/in-deutschland/regeln/de/8839-krankenversicherung-organisieren/ http://www.verivox.de/gesetzliche-krankenversicherung/



Liability Insurance and Contents Insurance



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

- This is why liability insurance is advisable.
- Costs just a few euros per month.
- You can arrange to have one for example at an insurance company or at a bank.



Liablility Insurance and Contents Insurance

Liability Insurance	Contents Insurance
e.g. if you:	Is valid with the aparment, e.g.:
 Hurt someone Damage something Lose your keys (included only with some insurance policies) 	 Fire Damage by water Burglary →For some rental agreements, contents insurance is required

Here you can find insurance policies:

https://www.check24.de/privathaftpflicht/lp/vergleichen/a/?wpset=google_phv_brand_01&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIruaL9fTw2QIV0cmyCh_29dwiLEAAYASAAEglo8vD_BwE_



Bank account

regular transfers.

Bank comparison:

You need to open a bank account for

You can activate automatic (monthly)

payments, for example for your rent.

https://finanzen.check24.de/konto-

kredit/girokonto/girokonto-vergleiche/



















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About your stay in Germany



uni-siegen.de www.uni-siegen.de

Registration & Visa/ Residence Permit



Registration in Siegen



Within 2 weeks after your arrival, you have to register your new address at the responsible Local City Office (Rathaus/Bürgerbüro)

Please bring the following:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ "Wohnungsgeberbestätigung"(form that has to be filled in by your landlord)

https://www.siegen.de/fileadmin/cms/olsformulare/WohnungsgeberbestaetigungEinzugInclSpeichern.pdf

"Wohnungsgeberbestätigung" example

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 Abmeidung 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 Abzatz 1 oder 2 genannten Pristen (2 Wochen) zu bestätigen.

Angaben zum Wohnungsgeber:	
Familienname / Vorname oder Bezeichnung bei einer juristischen Person: Straße / Hausnummer / Adressierungszusätze:	
PLZ / Ort:	
Telefonnummer: (Angabe freiwillig)	
Familienname/Vorname oder	ntümer der Wohnung <i>- oder</i> - r der Wohnung. Der Name und die Anschrift des Eigentümers lauten: n:
Anschrift der Wohnung in die eingezogen w	vird:
Straße / Hausnummer:	
Zusatzangaben (z.B. Stockwerks- oder Wohnungsnummer):	
PLZ / Ort:	
In die oben genannte Wohnung ist/sind am	folgende Person/en eingezogen:
Familienname:	Vorname:



Titel der Präsentation 15. März 2023

Registration in Siegen



ATTENTION:

For registration an **appointment** must be made in advance.

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

(Help: https://www.uni-

siegen.de/incoming/organization/visa/title/dokumente/anmeldung rathaus 2022.pdf/)

At the moment you might not get an appointment within 14 days. That's ok, but take an appointment as soon as possible!



Welcome money



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

Steps:

- 1. Register your new adress at the Bügerbüro.
- 2. Go to AStA and bring:
- -Your UsiCard
- -The "Erstwohnsitz-Meldebescheinigung" you get when you register your adress.





Visa and Residence Permit

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

- You have to apply for a residence permit before your visa expires.
 - → Please ask for an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) before your visa expires.

Please remember to ask for an extension in time!



KONTAKT

Stadt Siegen Ausländerbehörde Rathaus/ Markt 2 57072 Siegen

Telefon: (0271) 404-0 Telefax: (0271) 404-1225 E-Mail: abh(at)siegen.de

Visa and Residence Permit

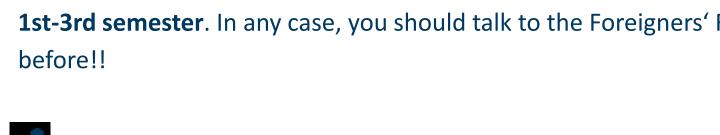
According to the Foreigners' Registration Office, your studies have to be completed within a specific time frame (usually standard period of study +50%)

- Bachelor: 6 Semester + 3 Semester → 9 Semester
- Master: 4 or 5 Semester + 2 Semester \rightarrow Semester

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!

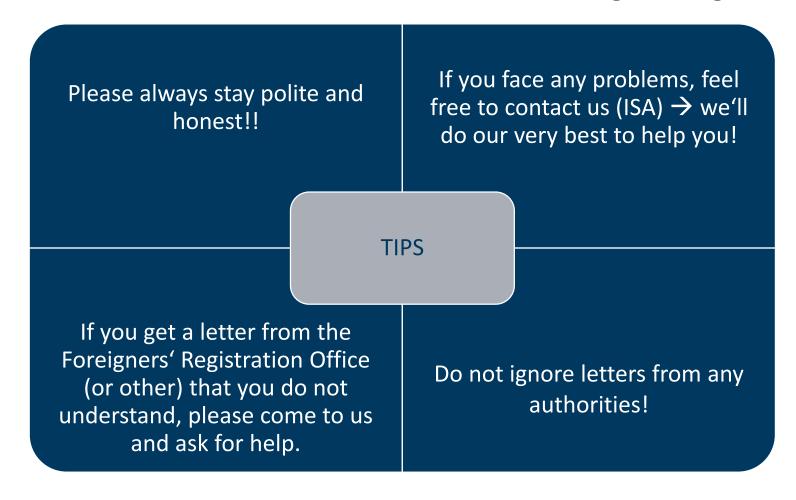
If you want to change your course of studies, you are only allowed to do so during the 1st-3rd semester. In any case, you should talk to the Foreigners' Registration Office





Visa and Residence Permit

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





Broadcast contribution (Rundfunkbeitrag)

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

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

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

Important: everyone has to register! You can then indicate the number of the paying person, if it's not you (ask your roommates for the number!).

Please register: <u>www.rundfunkbeitrag.de</u>





Broadcast contribution (Rundfunkbeitrag)

Payment rhythm

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

For 3 months \rightarrow 55,08 Euro

For 6 months \rightarrow 110,16 Euro

Payment method SEPA-Lastschrift Bank transfer





Finances / Working possibilities

Please plan your finances early on since you do not get any financial support from the 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 120 full or 240 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! ©



Job Placement

Room AR-D 4102 + 4103 Adolf-Reichwein-Str. 2 57076 Siegen

Phone: 0271/740 - 2060

E-Mail: <u>Jobvermittlung@zv.uni-</u> siegen.de

Further information and job offers:

www.jobvermittlung.uni-siegen.de



USiCard

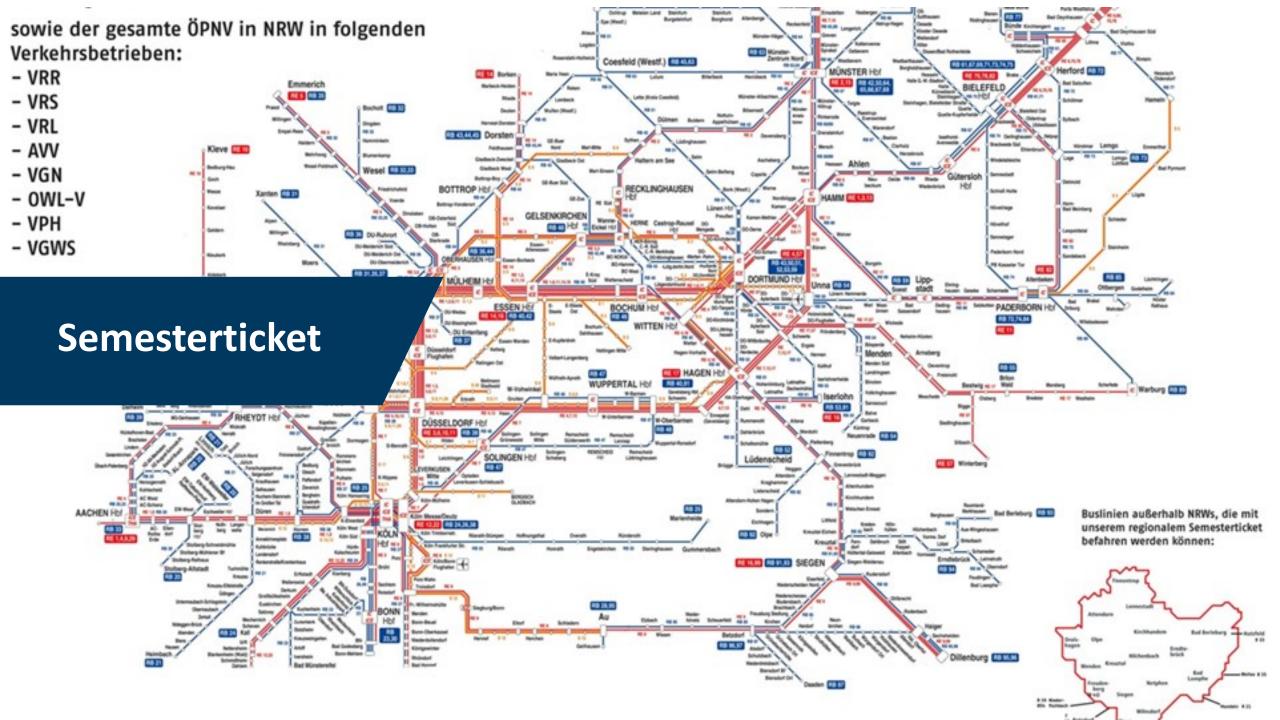
- = electronic student ID card of the University of Siegen
- And electronic semester ticket (after semester fee is paid)
 - Free use of buses and trains throughout NRW
 - Attention: NO use of fast trains (ICE and IC)
 - Only for the owner of the card
- Can be activated as library card.
- Valid for 5 years





When you are travelling (to another state or city outside of NRW) always have a valid ticket. **Otherwise you will have to pay 60 Euros!**





Email account and WIFI

- Activation via unisono
- Activation of student's email account is very important! All important information will be sent to this email address.
- Please always use this account when communicating within university (with professors, examination office, service teams, ISA, etc.), so that you can be identified by them.

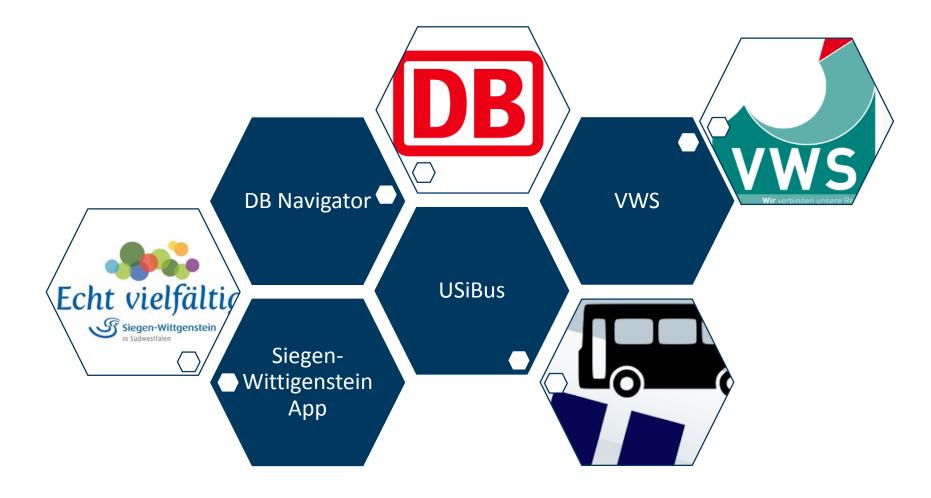
Infos: http://www.zimt.uni-siegen.de/index.xml?lang=de







Useful Apps





Information about your studies

All information regarding timetables and study contents can be obtained in the Introduction to the First Semester (ESE), from your academic advisor, the Examinations Office and/or the Student Council:

https://www.uni-

siegen.de/zsb/anfaenger/ese/erstsemestereinfuehrung.html

Information about Deadlines and General Dates: https://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/termine.html.en?lang=en

The semester will start on April 1, 2023

The lecture periods start on April 3, 2023



Uni Campus / Buildings

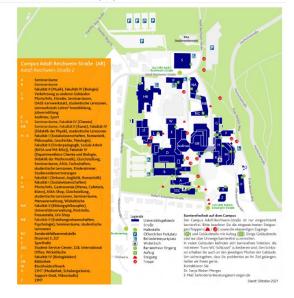
Building	Abbreviation
Adolf-Reichwein-Straße	AR
Hölderlin	Н
Paul-Bonatz	PB
Emmy-Noether-Campus	ENC
Unteres Schloss	US
Weidenauer Straße	WS
And others	

There are several campus / buildings at the university!

Oveview:

http://www.unisiegen.de/start/kontakt/anfahrt_und_lagepl
aene/?lang=de

Campus Adolf-Reichwein-Straße (AR)





Public holidays in Germany (Feiertage)

Date	Holiday	
April 7, 2023	Good Friday (Karfreitag)	
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday (Ostermontag)	
May 1	Labour day (Tag der Arbeit)	
May 18, 2023	Ascension Day (Christi Himmelfahrt)	
May 29, 2023	Whit Monday (Pfingstmontag)	
June 8, 2023	Corpus Christi (Fronleichnam)	
October 3	German Unity Day (Tag der deutschen Einheit)	
November 1, 2023	All Saints' Day (Allerheiligen)	
December 25 & 26	Christmas Days (1. und 2. Weihnachtsfeiertag)	
January 1	New Year (Neujahr)	



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

Shops will be closed

Help and counselling

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



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

Psychological Counselling

(Psychologische Beratung)

<u>www.uni-</u> <u>siegen.de/zsb/psychologische/?lang</u> =d

Family Service Office

(Familienservicebüro)

<u>www.uni-</u> <u>siegen.de/familiengerechte hochsch</u> <u>ule/familienservicebuero</u>

Security on Campus

0271 - 7402600

bmteam@uni-siegen.de

Accident/ Fire/ Emergency

112 / 911

(the whole Europe and free of charge)





Department ISA



The department International Student Affairs is happy to be there for you :

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.)

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

Contact people for international students

Total Control of the	Eva Grottschreiber	Advising and support for international degree seeking students	<u>Eva.grottschreiber@zv.uni-</u> <u>siegen.de</u>
			<u>Stefanie.aha@zv.uni-</u> <u>siegen.de</u>
	Jenny Rödel	Student assistant	Alicia.platt@zv.uni- siegen.de



Department STARTING

The department STARTING is responsible for:

- Advice on application and university admission for applicants with a foreign school or university degree
- Admission to studies for foreign students
- Enrollment, issuing of unisono access data, re-registration, leave of absence, change of study program and ex-matriculation
- Organization and implementation of German language courses to prepare students for their studies

The team will be happy to help you!

https://www.unisiegen.de/zuv/studierendense
rvice/abteilung 6 4/?lang=de



Stammtisch



- Every Thursday at 7:00 pm
- Everyone is welcome!
- Meet people, have nice conversations, practice the German language



Stronger together





Do you find student life, living in a new country and learning a new language challenging?

Fellow students can support you and help you settle into student life in Siegen!



INTERNATIONAL



ON THE GERMAN **HEALTH SYSTEM**

WORKSHOPS

MUTUAL SUPPORT

EXCHANGE

We meet every Tuesday at 06:30-07:30 pm in front of the SSC building.



CONTACT US strongertogether@zv.uni-siegen.de

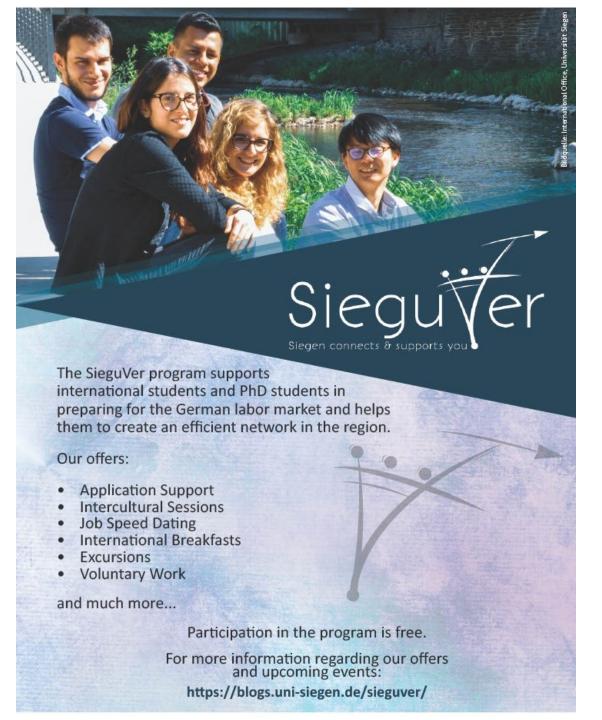


blogs.uni-siegen.de/strongertogether



IINTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING







International Buddy Program

- you get assigned a local student as a contact person (to ask questions about living in Siegen, studies etc.)
- peer-to-peer offer to encourage intercultural exchange
- many events during the semester e.g.
 picnic in the park, cooking night,...
- → you make new friends easily ©
- Registration: email to stefanie.aha@zv.uni-siegen.de

Registration file: https://www.uni-siegen.de/incoming/programs/buddy/index.html.en?lang=en





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What you need to know for studying



We are going to talk about...

- Types of lectures
- unisono
- moodle
- how to register for exams
- library
- and much more...





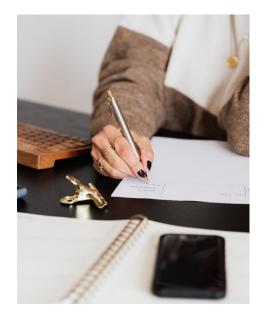
Academic structure in Germany



In Germany a lot of independece 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.







Lecture

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



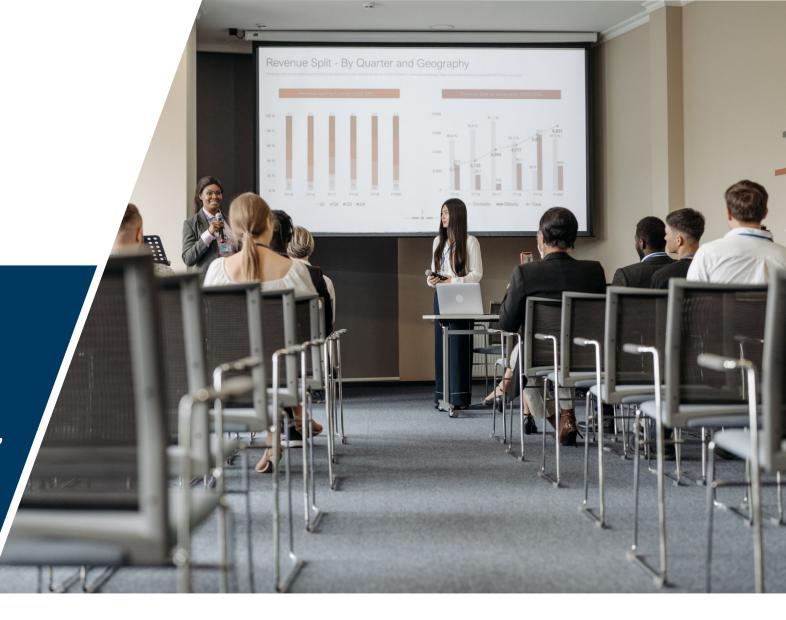


Seminar

Medium-sized groups, more intensive work

 Active participation is expected: give accompanying thoughts, ask questions, discuss etc.

 Academic evaluation differ: presentation, term paper...





Excercise course

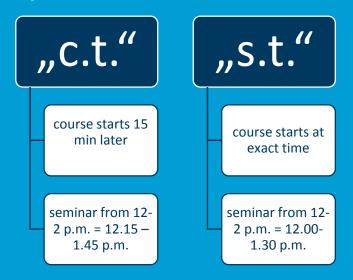
- Excercises on the contents of lectures
- Smaller groups with a tutor
- Active participation of students





Classes/ courses

Usually once per week for 90 minutes

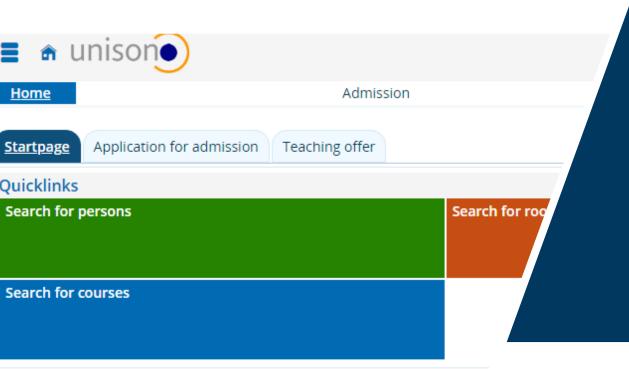


- → teachers/ docents decide "c.t." or "s.t."
- or as a compact course
 - √ during weekends (~2)
 - ✓ or in one week during semester break → very intensive





Unisono – Your Headquarter



- 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)

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Change of address / contact details



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





Timetable

In order to create your time table you need:

Studienordnung/ Prüfungsordnung/ Modulhandbuch

(study and/ or exam regulations and/ or module manual)

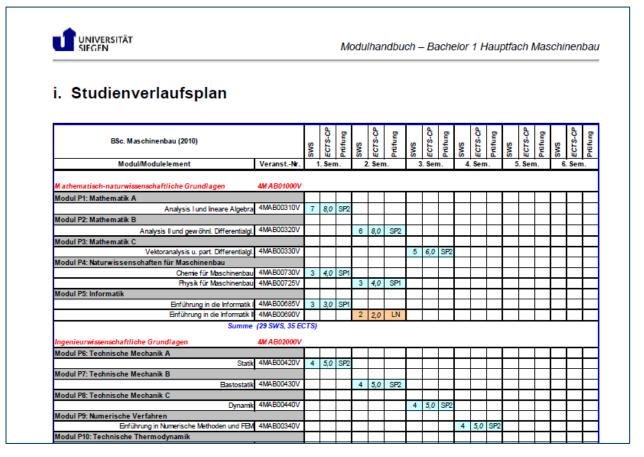
You can find them on the homepage of the course of studies or on the examination office





Modulhandbuch/Prüfungsordnung (exam regulations)





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



Timetable

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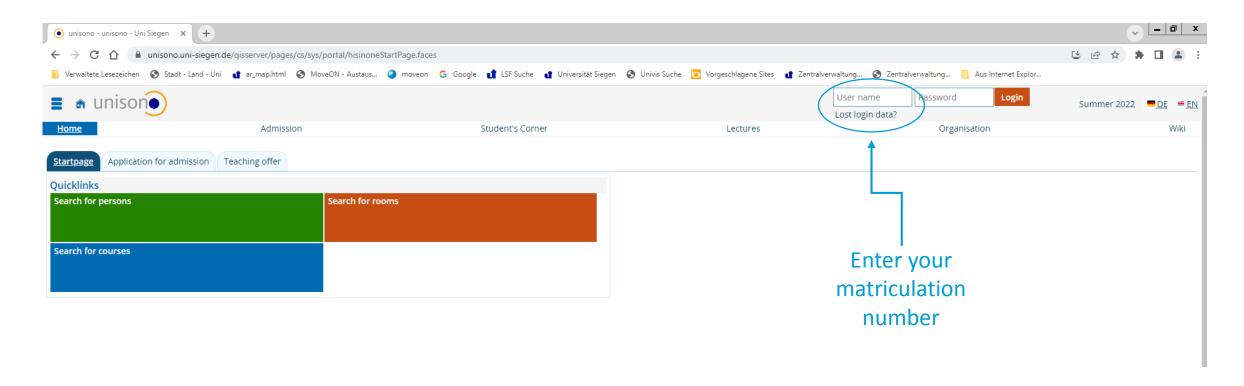
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Unisono

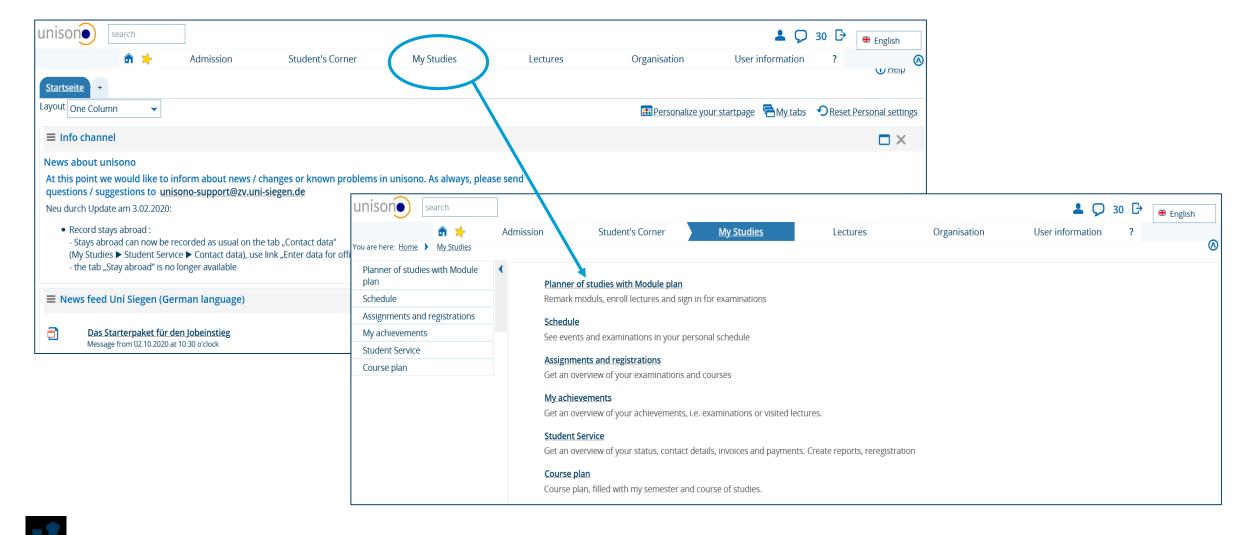






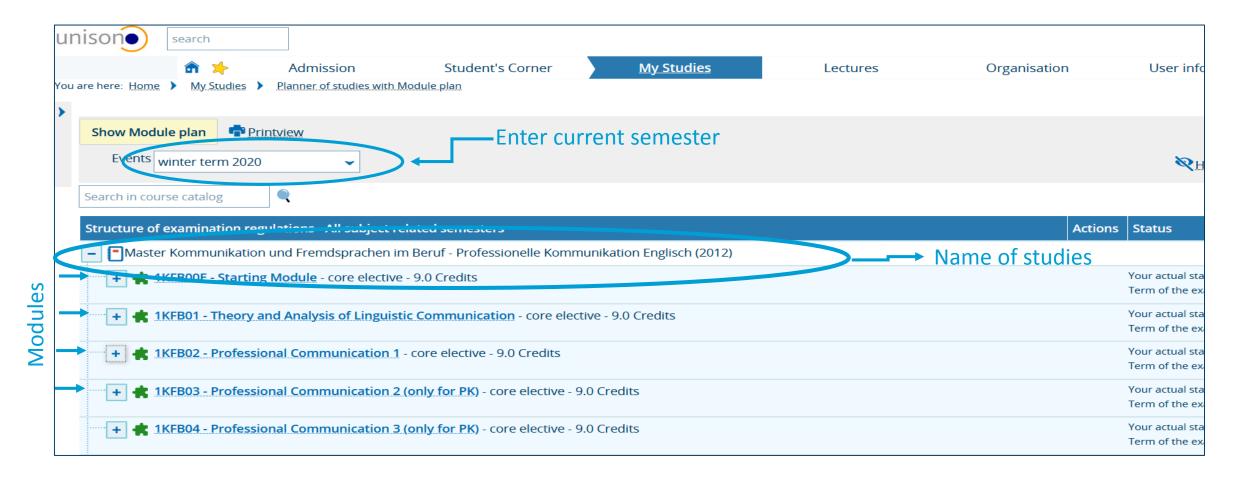
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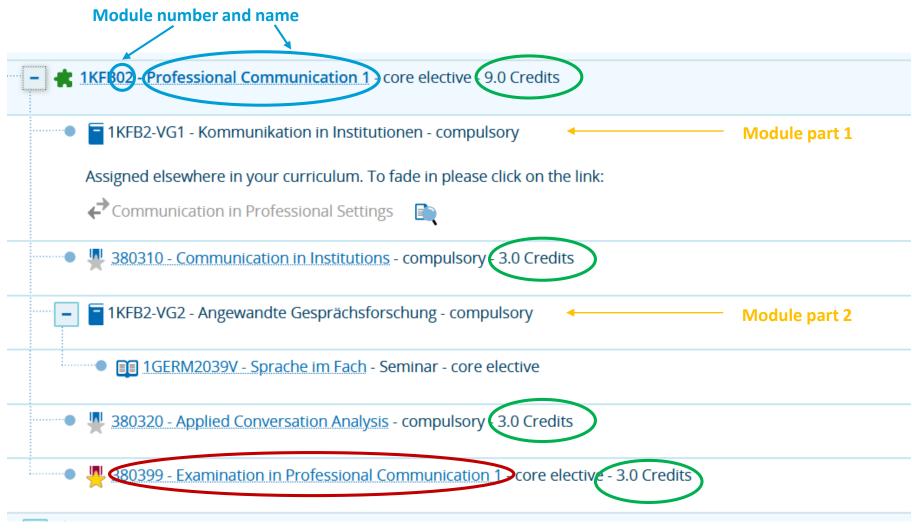
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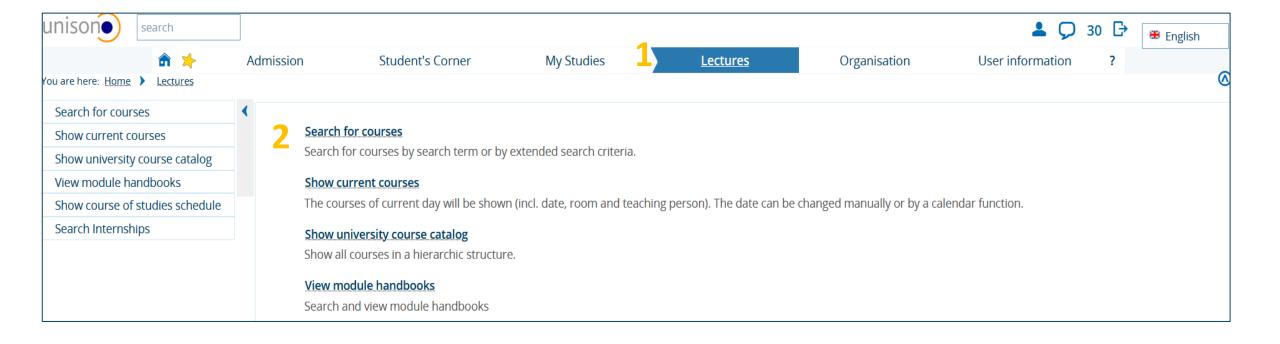


Registration for examination



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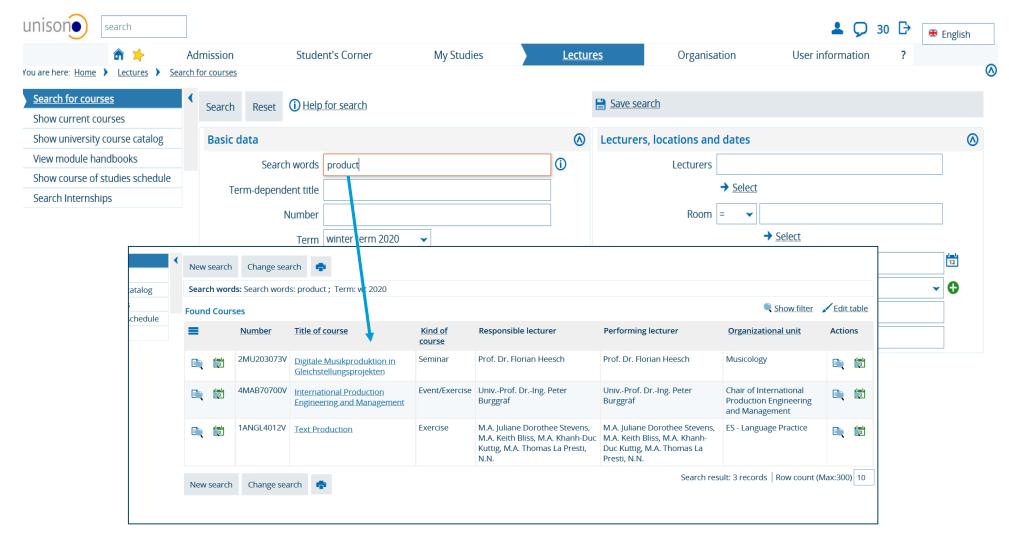




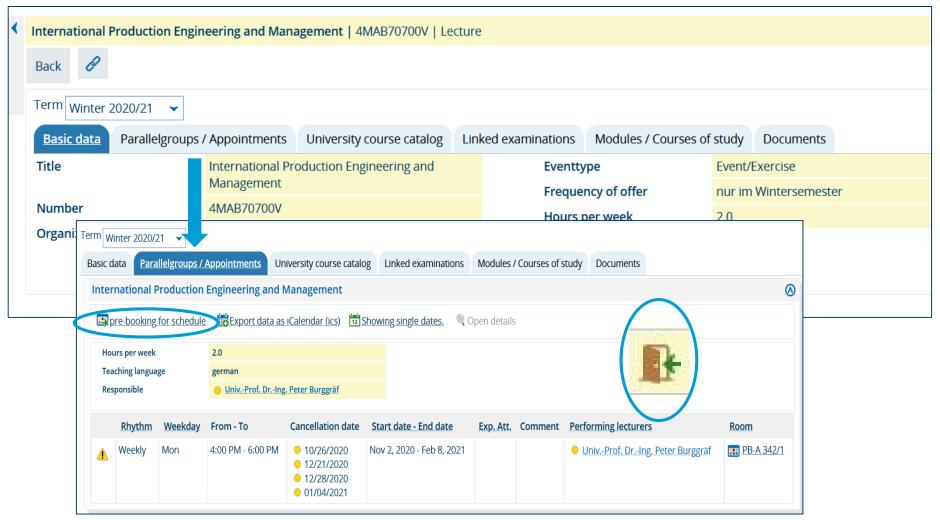


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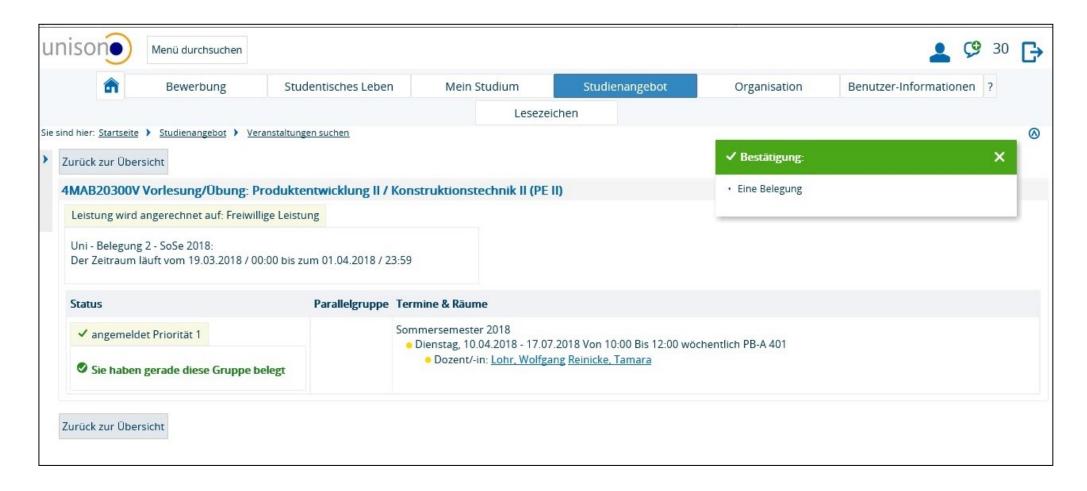




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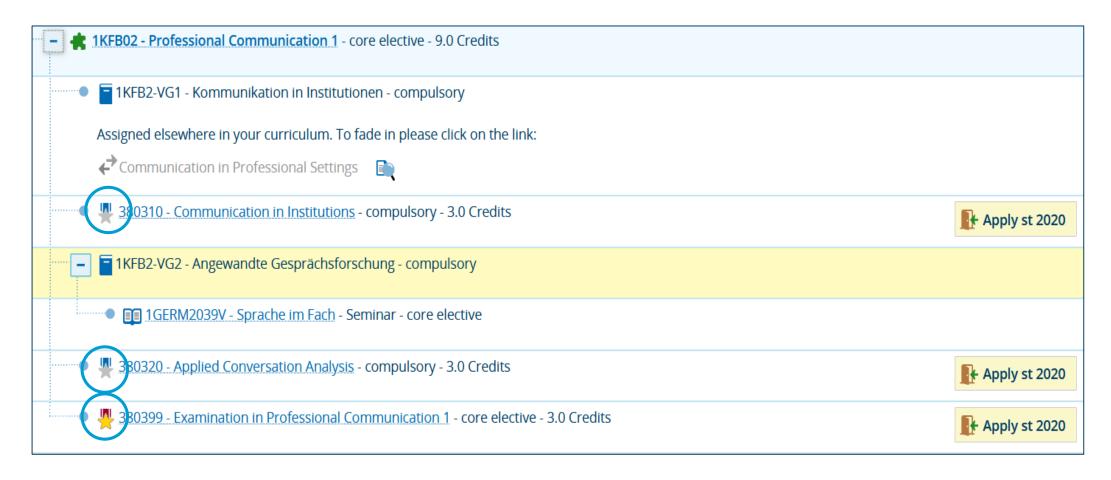


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Apply and register for examinations

Different for exchange students

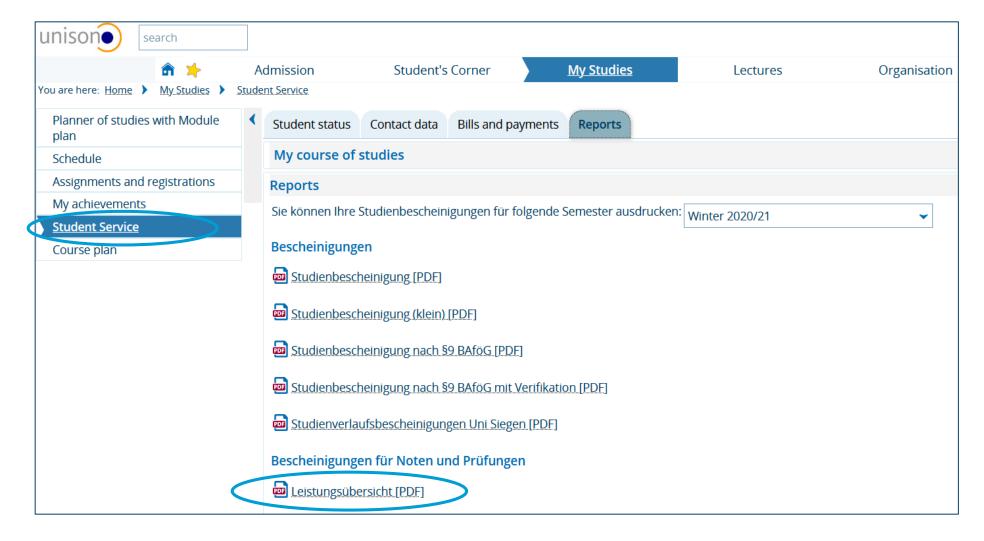






Leistungsübersicht – credits & grades







Certificate of study







Moodle

What is moodle?

- Online learning platform
- Log into your digital classroom
- Organization of courses
- Syllabus and important documents to prepare (literature, obtaining credit points...) and to learn (transcripts, etc.)
- Options for examinations (upload assignments, take tests...)
- Communication with other students
- Possibility to ask questions





Moodle



Uni Siegen - E-Learning (Moodle)



Startseite

Kursbereiche

- Fakultät I
- Fakultät II
- Fakultät III
- Fakultät IV
- Fakultät V Zentrum für

Lehrerbildung und Bildungsforschung (ZLB)

Referat

Studierendenservice

Zentrale Wissenschaftliche

Einrichtungen Serviceeinrichtungen

Sonstige

hochschulinterne und -nahe Einrichtungen

Zentrale Organe. Gremien ...

Zentrale

Willkommen beim Lernmanagementsystem moodle



Das Zentrum für Informations- und Medientechnologie (ZIMT) der Universität Siegen bietet mit dem Lernmanagementsystem Moodle die Möglichkeit, Lehrveranstaltungen webbasiert zu unterstützen, d.h. virtuelle Kursräume können begleitend zur Präsenzlehre eingesetzt werden.

Erste Schritte für Lehrende

Um in moodle Kurse erstellen zu können, beantragen Sie Ihre Erstellerrechte über den Link "Kursantragsformular für Lehrende" (s. auch rechts im Block "Informationen". Ebenfalls in diesem Block ist das PDF "Kurzeinführung für Lehrende" mit Anleitungen zum Erstellen erster Kurse verfügbar).

Als Kursersteller*in werden Sie in den Kurs "moodle-Portal für Lehrende" als Teilnehmer*in eingetragen. Dort finden Sie aktuelle Informationen, Tipps & Tricks und FAQs rund um moodle.

First steps as a teacher

In order to create courses in **moodle**, you need to apply for your creator rights via the link "Kursantragsformular für Lehrende" (i.e. "Course application form for teachers").



Neue Ankündigungen

7. Mai, 10:54 Jörg Sprügel





Bitte geben Sie Ihren Benutzernamen und Ihr Passwort ein.

Passwort:

Benutzername:

Ich möchte gewarnt werden, bevor ich mich in einen anderen Bereich einlogge.

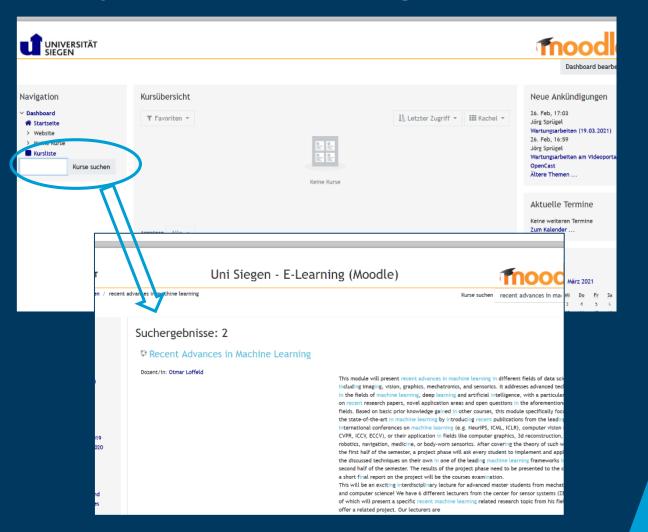
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moodle

https://moodle.uni-siegen.de/

Find your courses and log in

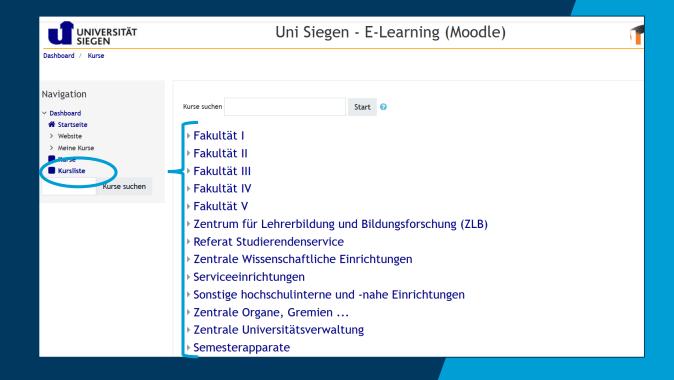




- Once the semester starts you'll find your courses on moodle.
- Lecturers will usually give you a password in the first class and tell you the name of the course on moodle.
- If there are several search results take the most recent one.

Find your courses and log in



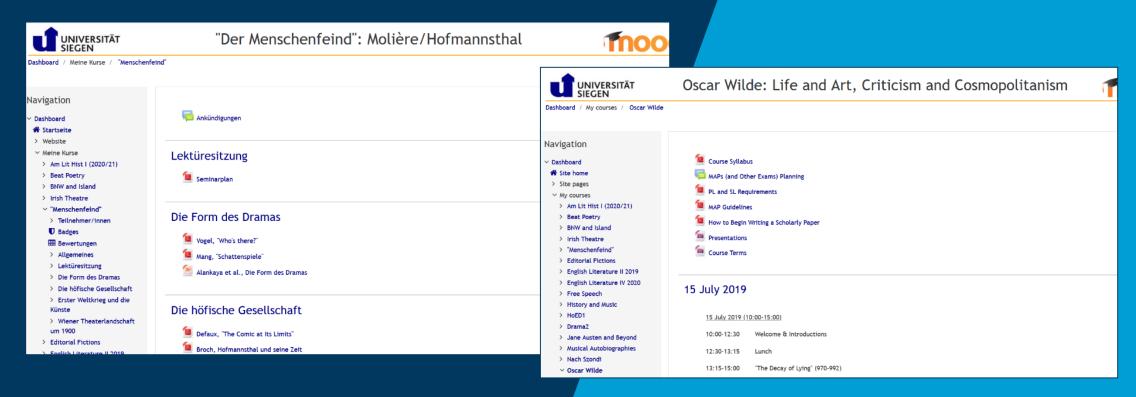


Alternatively you can also find your courses by searching in the list of courses.

Course Organization

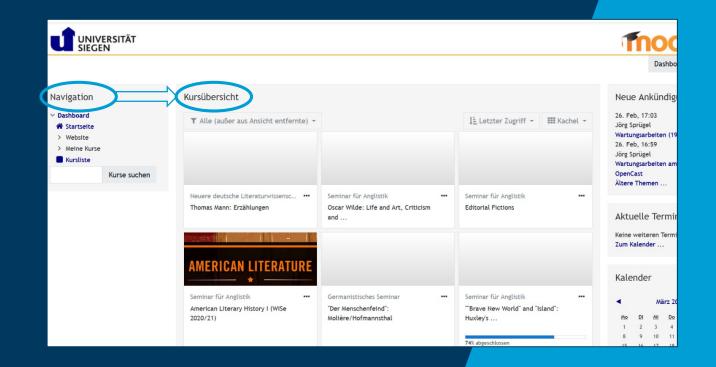
moode

- 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 different, depending on your lecturer.



Dashboard

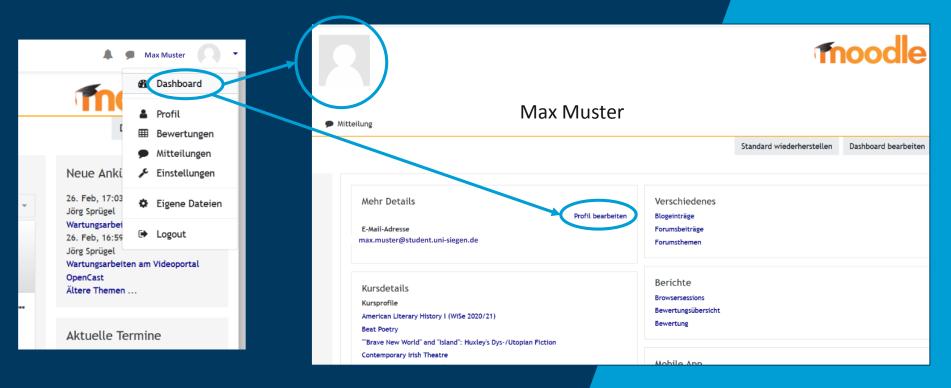




To see an overview of all your courses simply navigate to "Dashboard".

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?

unison	fnoode
Choose courses and register	Find courses you have been accepted in
Schedule and organizational matters	Learning & Course management
Login with matriculation number	Login with g-number
You can only participate in courses if you register for them via Unisono before the semester starts!	Admissions do NOT happen via moodle!



ZIMT – Center for information and media technology

Email: <u>support@zimt.uni-siegen.de</u>

Phone: +49 (0) 271 740 4777

Room: H-D 2203 All information:

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



- Student email account
- WiFi
- Moodle
- Sciebo
- ...



Student Email account



Activation at ZIMT or online (unisono)

Important:

- Check your email account regularly.
- Professors and Lecturers use this email address for all their communication.
- University of Siegen sends important information to this address (like reminders for your semester fee, information on examinations or bus transportation, update on corona-situation...).
- Some e-mail programs offer an automatic forward of e-mails to another address.



Copying, scanning and printing

- AStA-Shop at AR Campus (you pay cash)
- Libraries
- Modern scanners (free of charge)
- Printing: Free if you bring your own paper
- Copy: no longer possible!
- Copy shops in Siegen/ Siegen-Weidenau



Library – Library Card

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



Requesting the library card (included in your USiCard)

- Fill in and sign form: Formular für Studierende der Universität Siegen
- Send form, copy of your passport and confirmation of studies via email to: <u>benutzung@ub.uni-siegen.de</u>.
- Or go to main library at Adolf-Reichwein-Campus.
- You'll be contacted by email as soon as the card is ready and can be picked up (Campus Adolf Reichwein) → 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:
 https://www.zimt.uni siegen.de/dienste/netzwerk/vpn/software anleitu
 ngen.html.en?lang=en

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

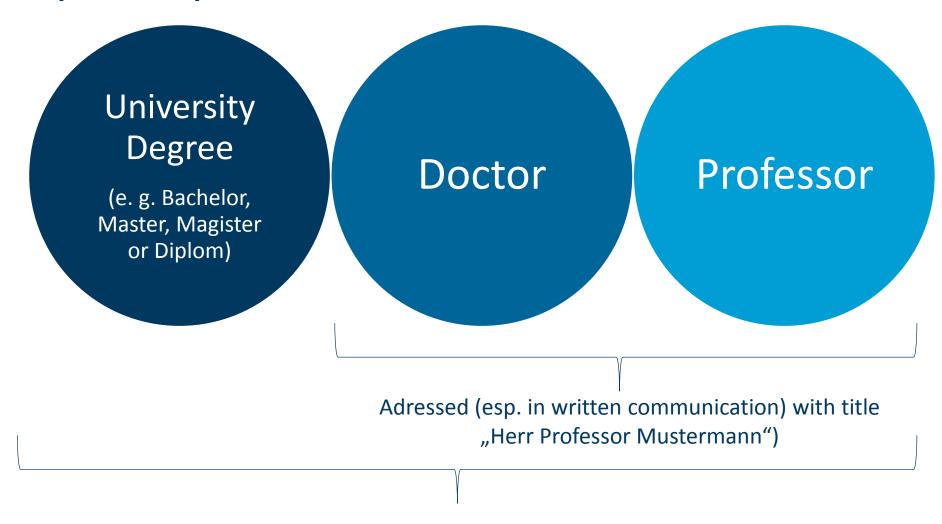
Library - Training



- Orientation in the library is not very easy.
- You should definitely take a training course.
- Training offers and dates: https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=schulungen&L=1
- Tutorials: https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=750&L=%24%7B hash %7Dc2622



"Dozent" (Lecturer) = "teacher" at the Uni



Not every lecturer is a professor



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How to communicate with lecturers?

Important:

Report when you have questions or problems!

Most lecturers have office hours. Information on them can be found on the lecturer's homepage.



Keep in mind:

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



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How to communicate with lecturers?

Email to lecturers

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

Always talk to lecturers formally; in German use the word "Sie" unless they offer you "Du" (which basically never happens.)



Important values and behaviour

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.

Honesty and Fairness

Presence/Independence/ **Self-motivation**

You chose to 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.

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

Punctuality

Respect and tolerance

Respect values, opinions and abilities of others.



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How can I improve my German?





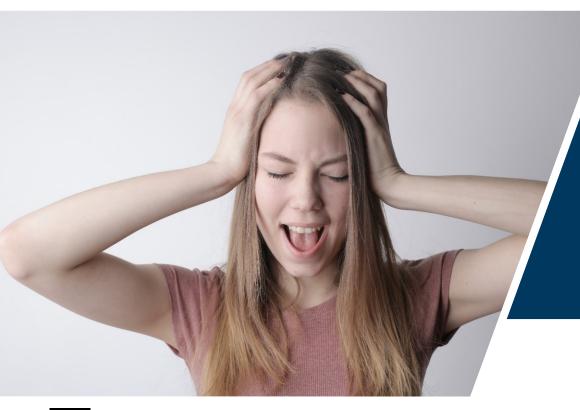


Where do I find help?



- **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/

Where do I find help?



- General Student Council (AStA) (elected student representatives at Uni Siegen)
 https://www.asta.uni-siegen.de/
- 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!





Accommodation

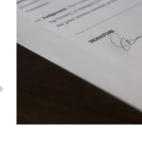
Please take note of your rental contract – German landlords are quite strict with it, e.g.:

Cancelation period

- •Normally there is a cancellation period of 3 months, running until the end of a month. If e.g. you cancel your contract on June 14th, you have to rent the apartment until end of september.
- •If you live in a shared flat (WG), please talk to your flatmates and ask for details.

Deposit

- •Normally you have to pay a deposit when renting a room/flat (like 3 monthly rents, after signing the contract)
- •Confirmation of the deposit: e.g receipt or note in the rental agreement
- •When you move out, you only get the (whole) amount back if you leave the apartment clean and tidy. It may take some months until you get back the deposit.



"Kalt- und Warmmiete" (basic rent + additional costs)

- •The basic rent (Kaltmiete) is paid for the use of the rooms.
- •The additional costs and operating costs (Warmmiete) are e.g. for water, heating, garbage disposal, janitor etc..
- •Cold rent + service charges = warm rent (paid to the landlord).
- Attention: In addition, there are usually costs for electricity, Internet / telephone, etc...

Waste separation / recycling











Gelber Sack (Yellow bag)

- -Plastic
- -Metal (e.g. tins)
- -Packaging
- (e.g. milk catons, yoghurt cups...)
- -Aluminuim foil

Kompost/Bio (organic waste)

- -Leftovers from fruits and vegetables
- -Eggshells
- -Tea bags
- -Leftovers from food

Papier (paper)

- -Newspaper
- -Magazines
- -Carton
- -Cardboard

Glas (glass)

-Bottles and jars (sorted by colour: Green, brown, white)

Restmüll

(residual waste)

- -Everything else (but no electronic devices/ pieces) Werkstoffhof (recycling centre)
- -You can bring batteries to drug stores (DM, Müller, etc.)



Bottle deposit





If you buy drinks in glass, plastic bottles or in cans, most of the time you have to pay a deposit which is between 8 and 25 cent.

As soon as you bring back the empty bottles/ cans to the supermarket, you'll get the money back. So do not just throw them into the waste!



Energy saving tips

Ventilate: Briefly open the window wide, turn off the heating (5-10 minutes).

Energy is

expensive

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Attention mold! Ventilate regularly + well, so that the room does not become too damp!

Light off when leaving the room

> Turn off water, e.g. while brushing teeth

Not: windows on tilt and heating on!!!

Switch off devices when leaving the room. It is best to pull the plug.







Rules



Germans tend to love rules. They have rules for most situations and like to follow them very closely.

(See traffic lights)

Misbehavior can be punished!



Punctuality & Reliability



Germans usually take punctuality very seriously! Especially at:

- work (job interviews, meetings, etc.)
- university (exams, lectures, etc.)
- Invitations (except parties)
- Appointments
- → Up to 5 minutes earlier or later is (just!) ok, otherwise better inform the person about your delay.
- → If something has been agreed upon, it should be kept.



Rest periods



Attention: The understanding of "loud" and "quiet" can be very different -> If in doubt, ask the neighbor.

In Germany, there are legally regulated rest periods:

- Night rest: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- All day on Sundays and public holidays
- Noon rest: regulated by landlord

That means, at this time:

- "indoor volume"
- no loud work
- no loud conversations
- no loud listening to music (-> headphones!)
- no meetings / parties

Germans usually take this very seriously! In case of disregard, the police can be called!

If a party or similar is planned, please inform neighbors friendly before (and invite them ;-)).

Direct communication



- Germans are very direct in their communication.
- It is appreciated if you are open and honest (even if it sometimes seems rude).
- Admitting mistakes is (mostly) appreciated (and expected)!

Bargaining



- Bargaining is very uncommon in Germany (except in flea markets and in the business world).
- Not good idea: Attempting to negotiate grades / exam results.
- Attempts to negotiate / bargain usually have negative consequences!

Bureaucracy



- There is a lot of bureaucracy in Germany.
- Lots of rules, lots of paperwork, lots of forms....

Tips:

- Keep calm.
- Stay friendly.
- Ask and / or get help.
- And: Even Germans often do not understand the forms!;-)



Privacy



- Privacy is important to Germans.
- Separation of work and career
- Possibilities of retreat, being alone
- Clear separation between "yours" and "mine



Social manners



"Siezen" and "Duzen"

- There are two pronouns to address someone.
 "Du" is rather personal, "Sie" is more respectful:
- As a rule, you use "Sie" with people you do not know and/or who are persons of respect (i.e. lecturers, at work, etc.).
- Students say "du" to each other.
- If in doubt, wait until someone offers you the "Du"

Eating

- Normally you wait until everyone is seated before you start eating.
- You try to eat quietly (no smacking) and talk friendly.



Be attentive and observe. It takes a little time to know a country and its rules of behavior.

Ask if you don't understand something (-> Stronger together on Thursday!).



Thanks a lot!

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