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make new friends neue Freundschaften knüpfen



WE CONNECT **NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** WITH LOCAL STUDENTS

WIR BRINGEN INTERNATIONALE UND LOKALE STUDIERENDE IN KONTAKT

Register now/Anmeldung unter: stefanie.aha@zv.uni-siegen.de



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# First steps after arrival



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# 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



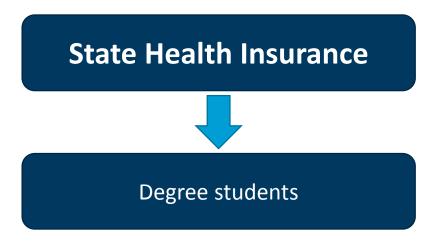
Getting the UsiCard

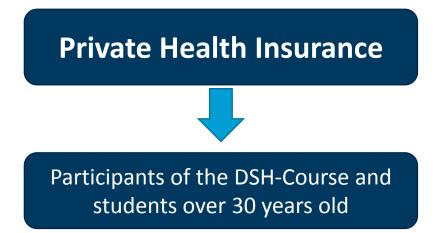
If you have not yet had an address in Germany, the UsiCard has not yet been sent to you.

Please then inform the department STARTING of your new address (<a href="mailto:registration@zv.uni-siegen.de">registration@zv.uni-siegen.de</a>) 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.







## **Liability Insurance and Contents Insurance**



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 an insurance company or at a bank.



# **Liablility Insurance and Contents Insurance**

Liability Insurance	Contents Insurance
e.g. if you:	In your home e.g.:
<ul> <li>hurt someone</li> <li>damage something</li> <li>lose your keys (included only in some insurance policies)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>fire</li> <li>damage by water</li> <li>burglary</li> <li>→For some rental agreements contents insurance is required</li> </ul>







#### **Bank account**

You need to open a bank account for

You can activate automatic (monthly)

payments, for example for your rent.















































**Bank comparison:** 

regular transfers.





**About your stay in Germany** 



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# 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" confirmation by your landlord (form that has to be filled in by your landlord)

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

City Hall will be holding office hours on the Adolf Reichwein campus in the SCC building between October 16 and 20! (No appointment is necessary for this).

# "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 Pfisten (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	tümer der Wohnung - oder - der Wohnung. Der Name und die Anschrift des Eigentümers lauten:  ::	
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:	
Familienname:	Vorname:	





## **Registration in Siegen**



#### **ATTENTION:**

For registration you must make an **appointment** in advance! https://termine-buergerdienste.siegen.de/

You might not get an appointment within 14 days at the moment. That's ok, but make an appointment as soon as possible! (Or use the appointment on campus!).



## Welcome money



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





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

This means: 20 credit points per semester!

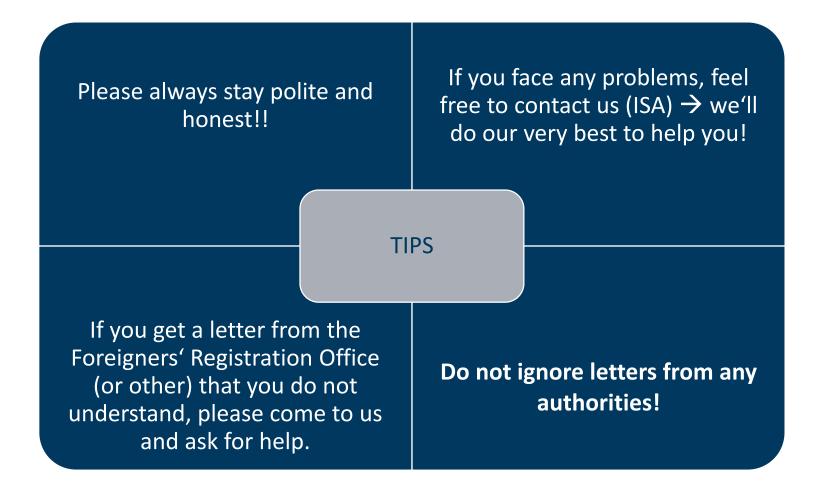
If your studies happen to take longer let the Foreigners' Registration Office know ahead of time so problems can be avoided!

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 should talk to the Foreigners' Registration Office before!!



#### **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 full of 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 to the contribution service, if it's not yourself (ask your roommates for the number!).

Please register: www.rundfunkbeitrag.de







## **Broadcast contribution (Rundfunkbeitrag)**

#### **Payment rhythm**

There is the possibility to change the frequency of the payment (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 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 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: Jobvermittlung@zv.uni-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 a library card.
- valid for 5 years



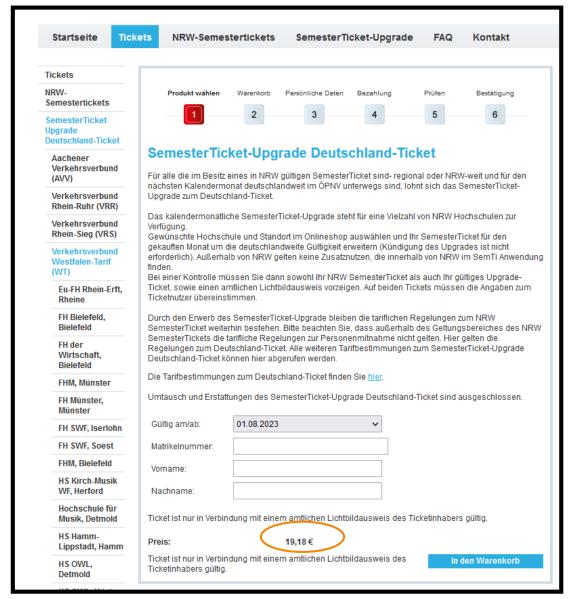


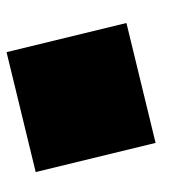
When you are travelling (to another state or city outside of NRW) always have a valid ticket. **Otherwise you will have to pay 60 Euros!** 





# SemesterTicket-Upgrade Deutschland Ticket









#### **Email account**

- 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.







# **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), from your academic advisor, the Examinations Office and/or the Student Council:

www.uni-siegen.de/ese



The semester will start on October 1, 2023

The lecture periods start on October 9, 2023



Information about Deadlines and General Dates:



# Public Holidays in Germany (Feiertage)

Date	Holiday
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)
March 29	Good Friday (Karfreitag)



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

Shops will be closed!!

Lecture free days
December 21 – January 5

# **Uni Campus / Buildings**

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

# There are several campus / buildings at the university!

#### Overview:



http://www.uni-siegen.de/start/kontakt/anfahrt\_und\_lageplaene/?lang=de

Campus Adolf-Reichwein-Straße (AR)





## Help and counselling

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

#### **Students' representatives**

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

#### **Psychological Counselling**

(Psychologische Beratung)

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

#### **Family Service Office**

(Familienservicebüro)

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

#### **Security on Campus**

0271 – 740 2600

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.)

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#### **International Stammtisch**



SEPTEMBER

07.09 - Semesterbreak

14.09 - Früh bis Spät Siegen

21.09 - Jojos Pub Weidenau

28.09 - Sportsbar Schabernack

Universität Siegen

INTERNATIONAL STAMMTISCH

countriesPlay games & make new friends

EVERY THURSDAY 7PM LOCATIONS CHANGE







## **Department STARTING**

#### The department STARTING is responsible for:

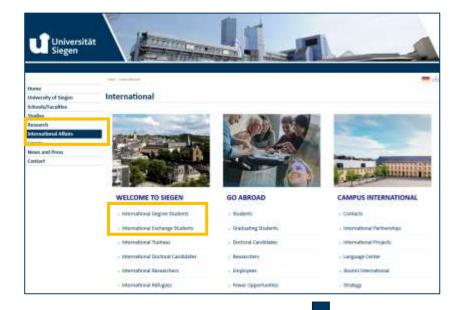
- Advice on application and university admission for applicants with a foreign school or university degree
- Admission to studies for foreign students
- Enrollment, issuing of unisono access data, re-registration, leave of absence, change of study program and ex-matriculation
- Organization and implementation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

The team will be happy to help you!





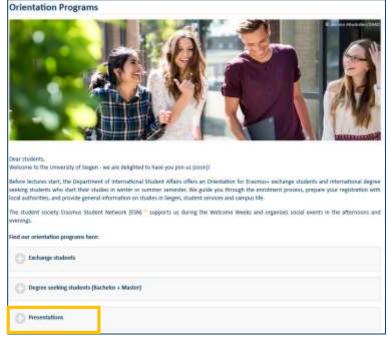
# You can find the presentations online ©

















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We are going to talk about...

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





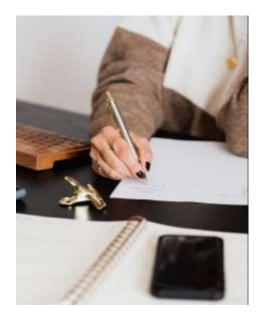
## **Academic structure in Germany**



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**

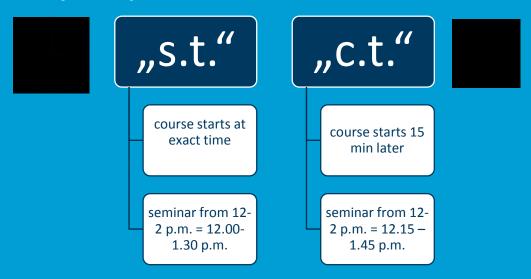
- Excercises on the contents of lectures
- Smaller groups with a tutor
- Active participation of students





# Classes/ courses

Usually once per week for 90 minutes



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

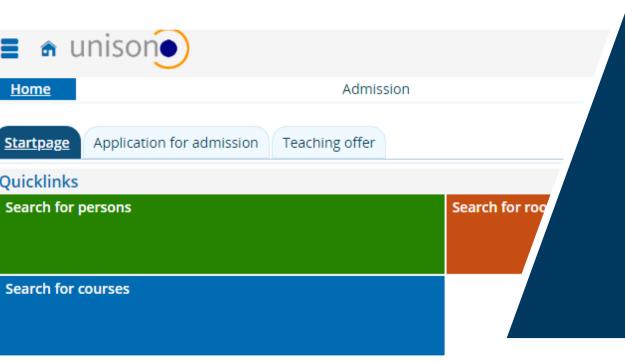




## **Unisono – Your Headquarter**



Recommendation: don't use your phone for the registration



- 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





#### **Timetable**

In order to create your time table you need:

#### Studienordnung/ Prüfungsordnung/ Modulhandbuch

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

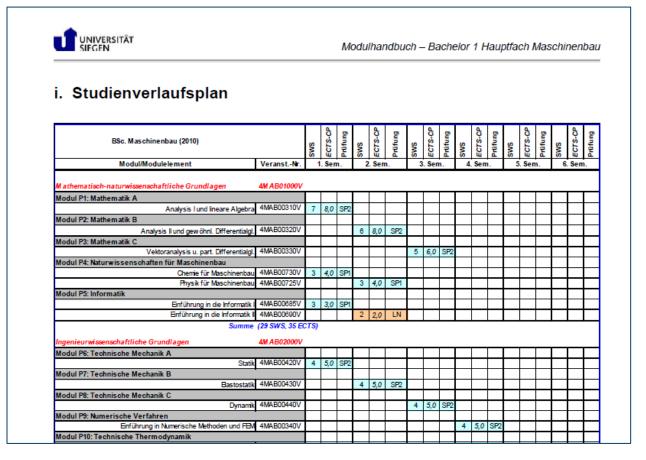
#### You can find them on the homepage of the course of studies or on the examination office





# 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.



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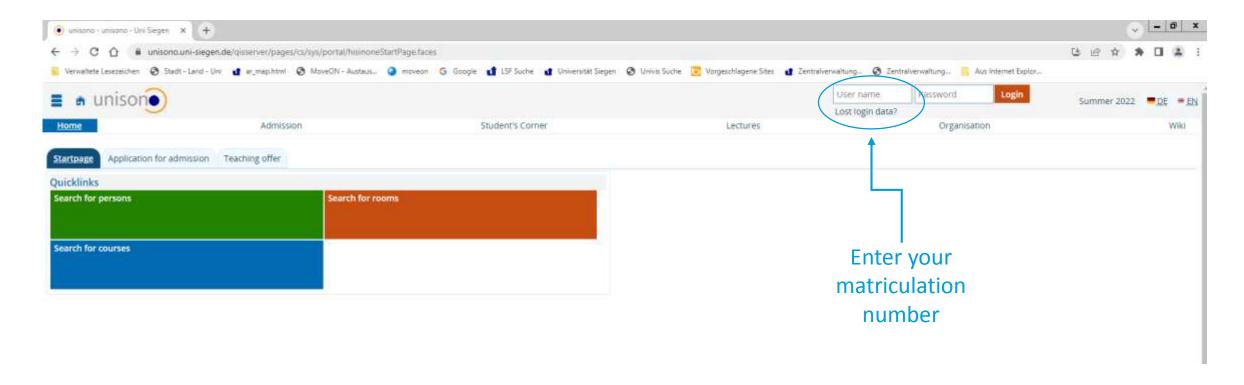


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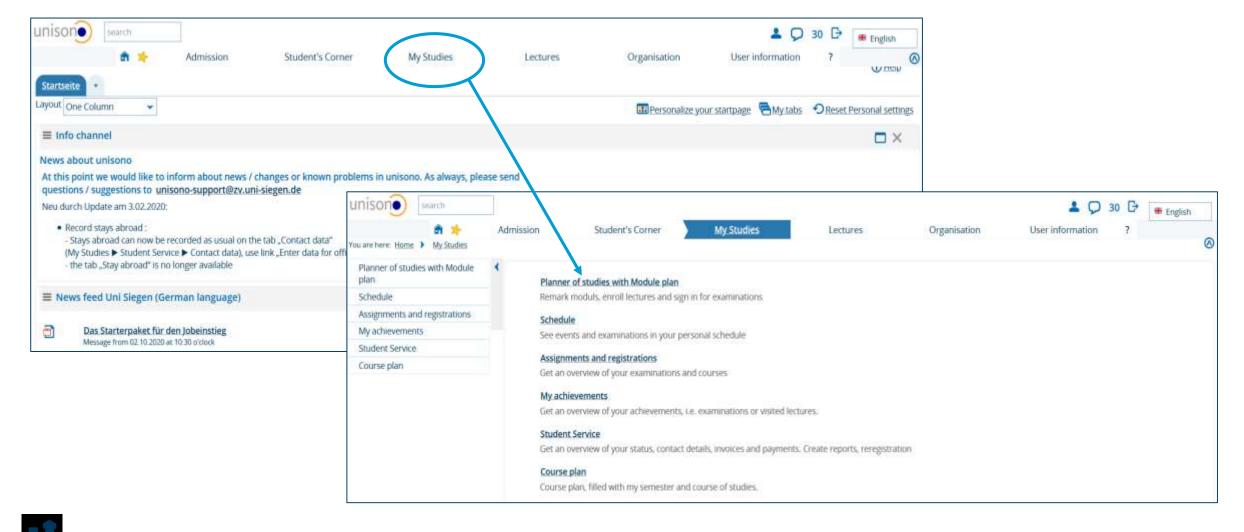
## Unisono



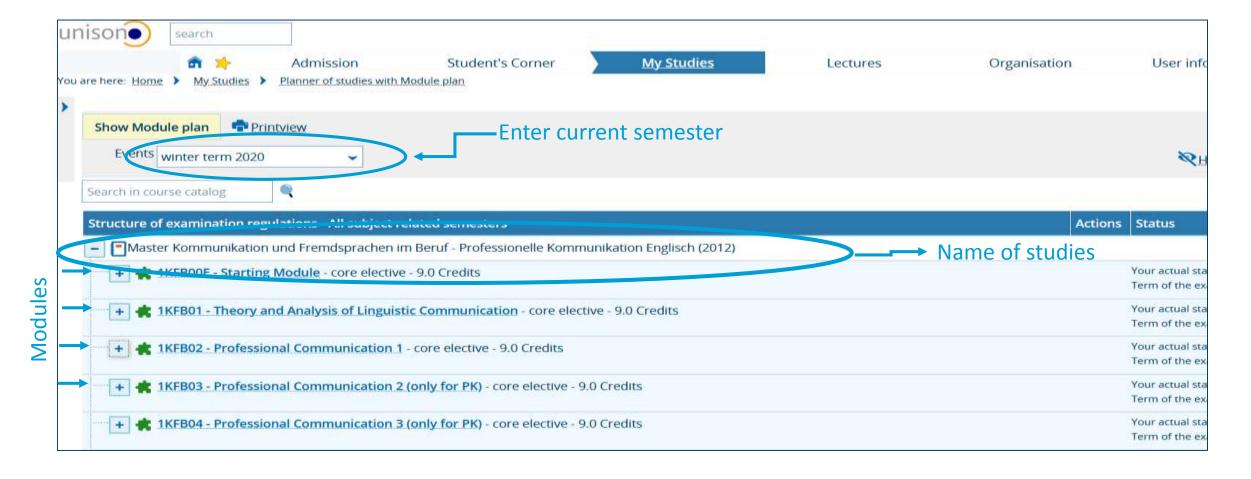






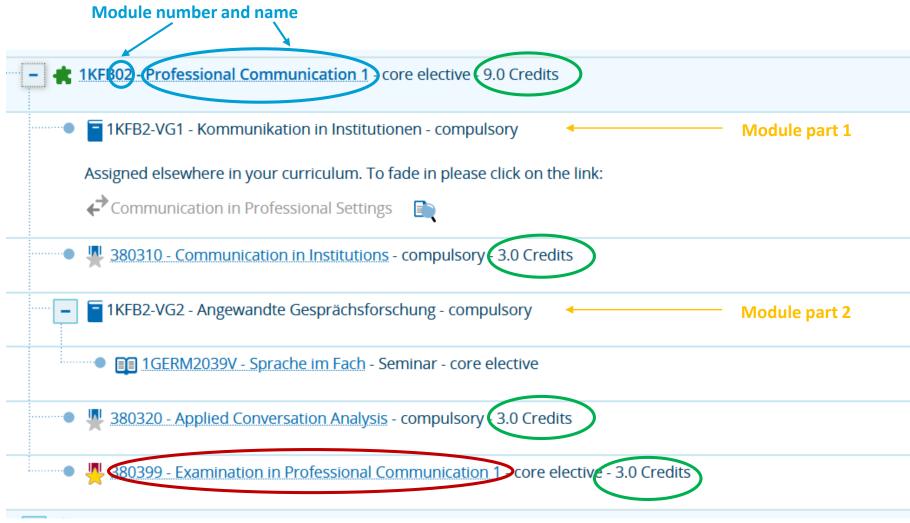










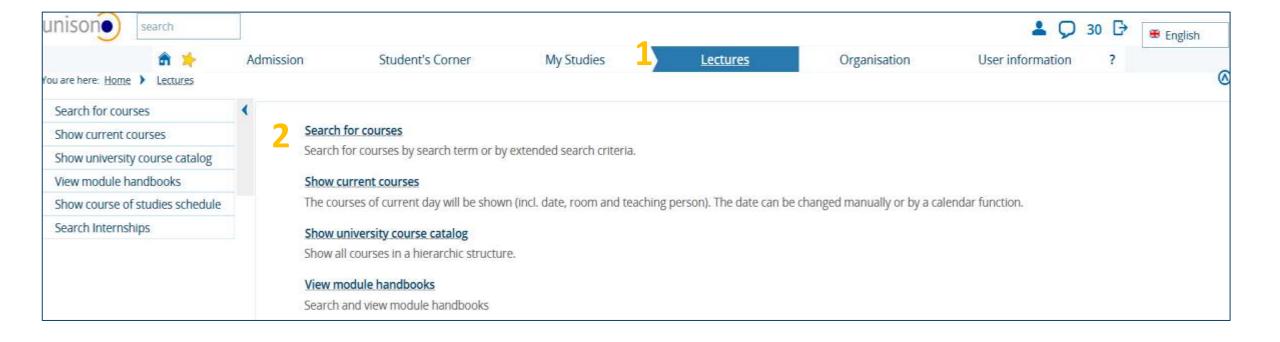


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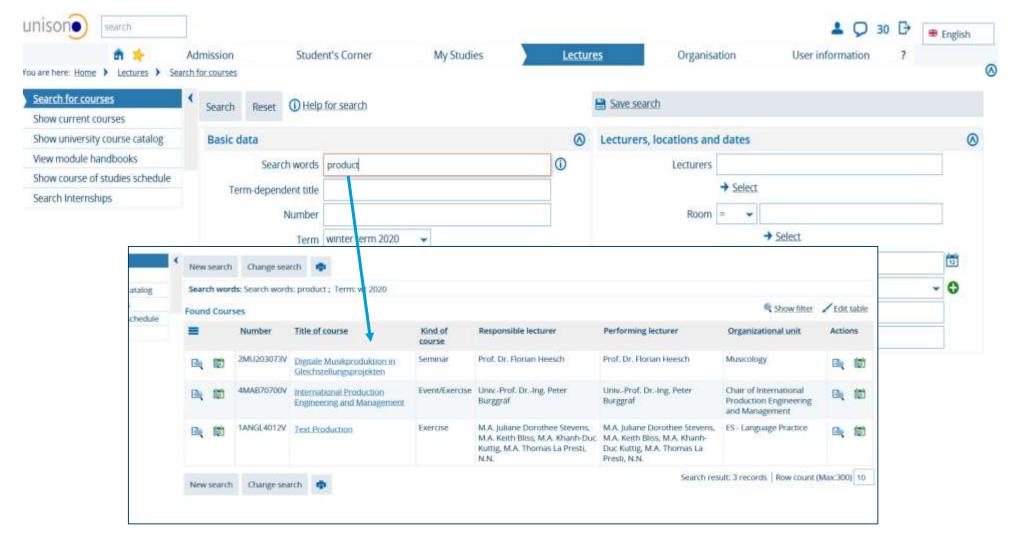
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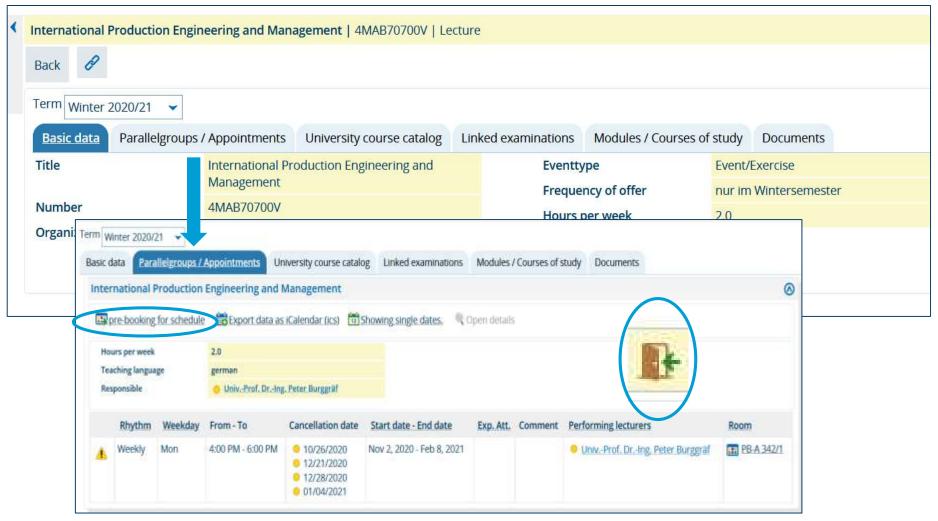






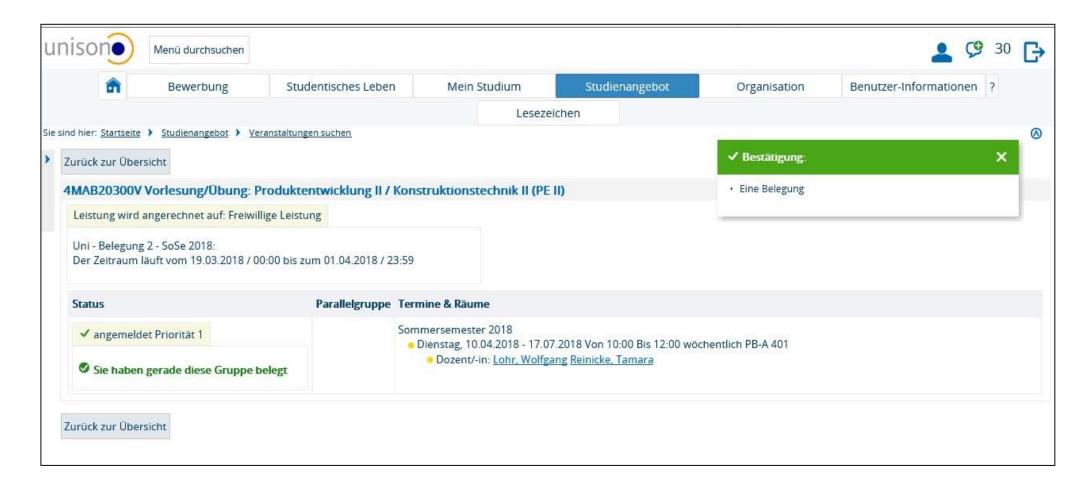












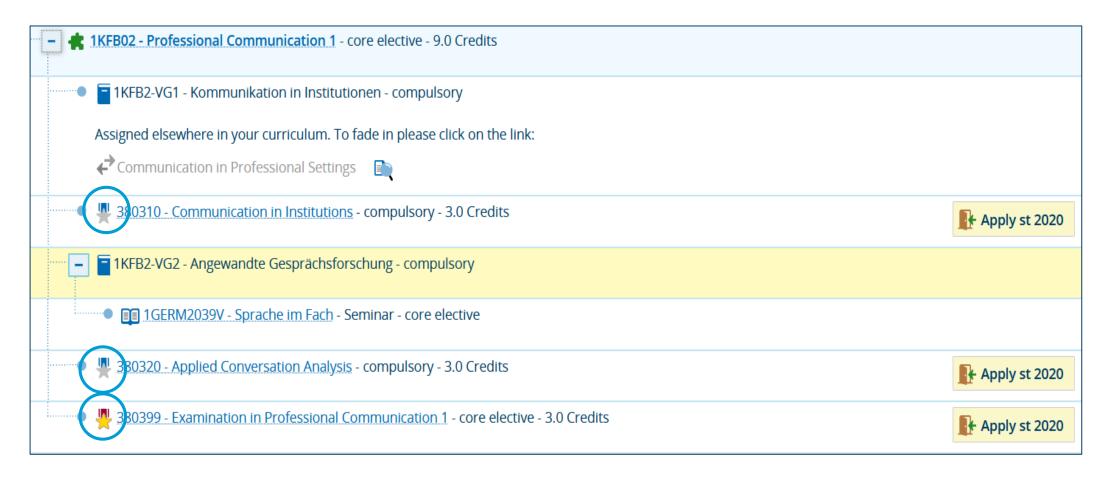


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# **Apply and register for examinations**

# \*Different for exchange students\*

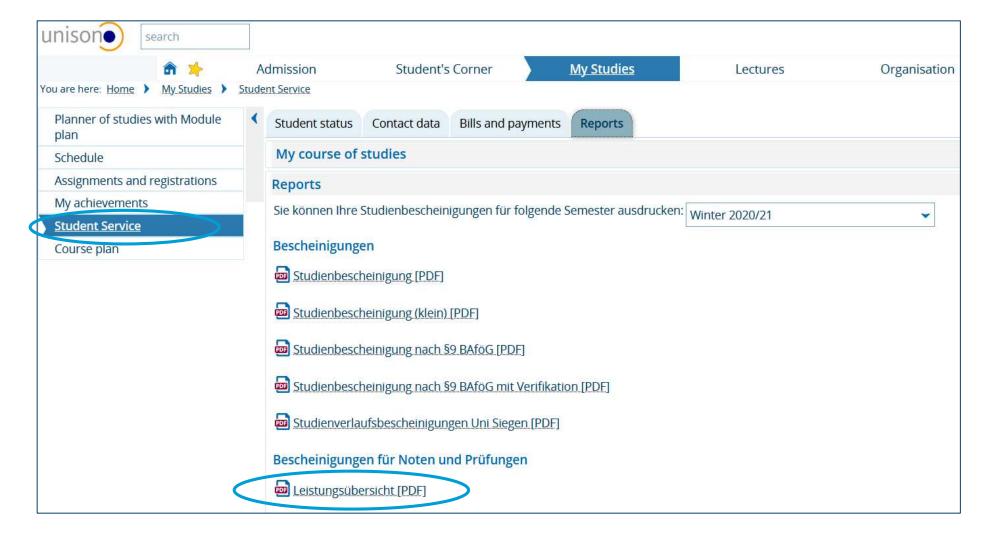






## Leistungsübersicht – credits & grades

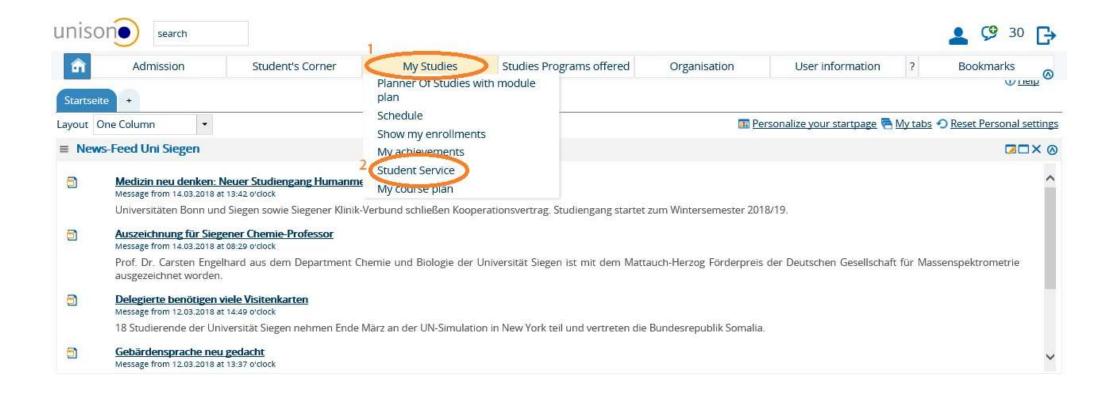






# **Certificate of study**







#### You are not alone!



• Please visit the ESE of your faculty!



- If you have questions, please contact your faculty/ the student representatives of your course of studies.
- Information can be found here

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

→ Information on your student email account, information on pre-courses, information on ESE, unisono video tutorial

#### Moodle

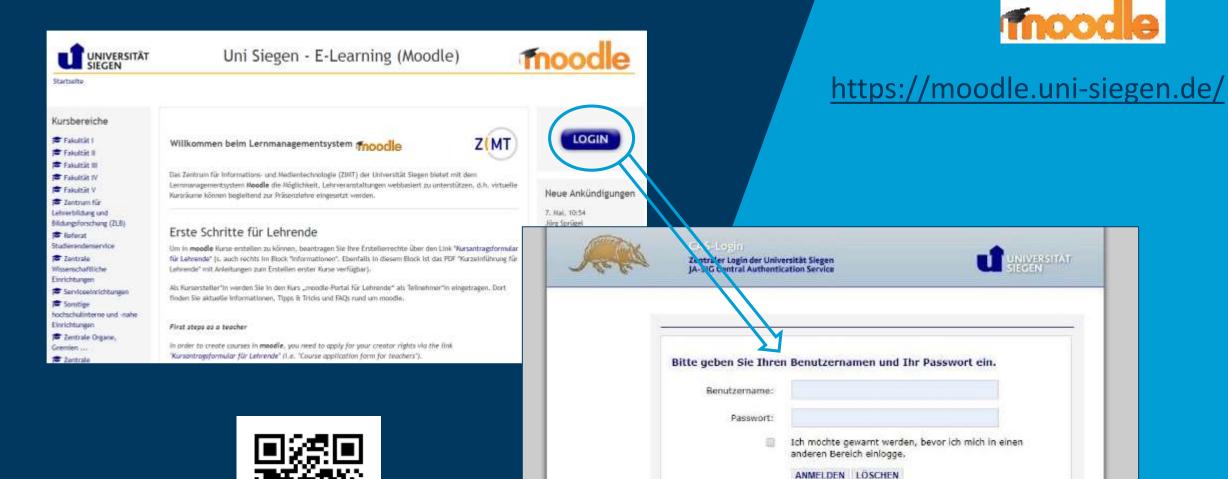
#### What is moodle?

- 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



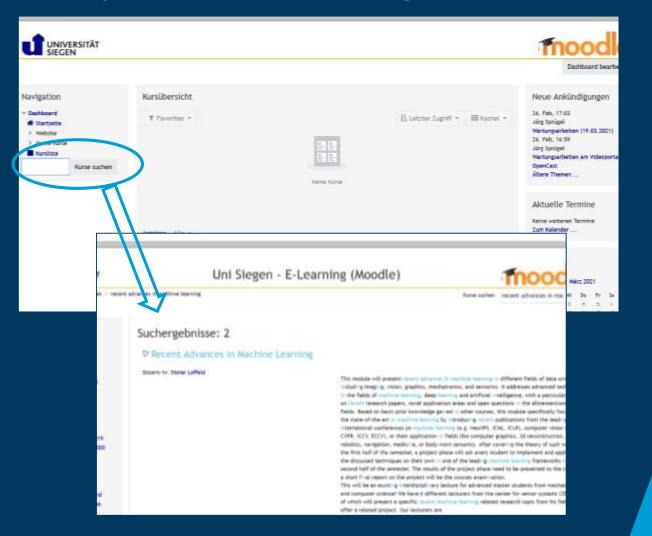


#### Moodle





# Find your courses and log in

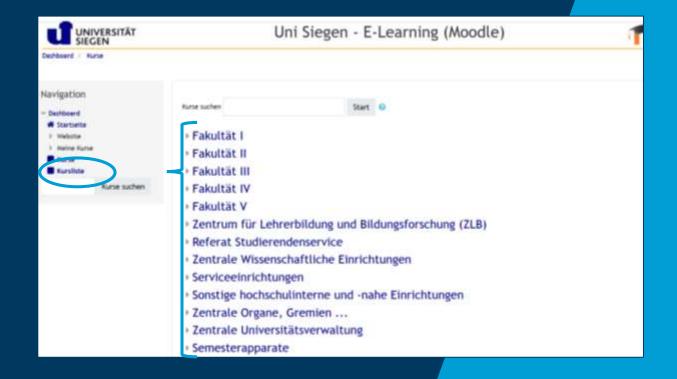




- Once the semester starts you'll find your courses on moodle.
- Lecturers will usually give you a password in the first class and tell you the name of the course on moodle.
- If there are several search results take the most recent one.

# Find your courses and log in



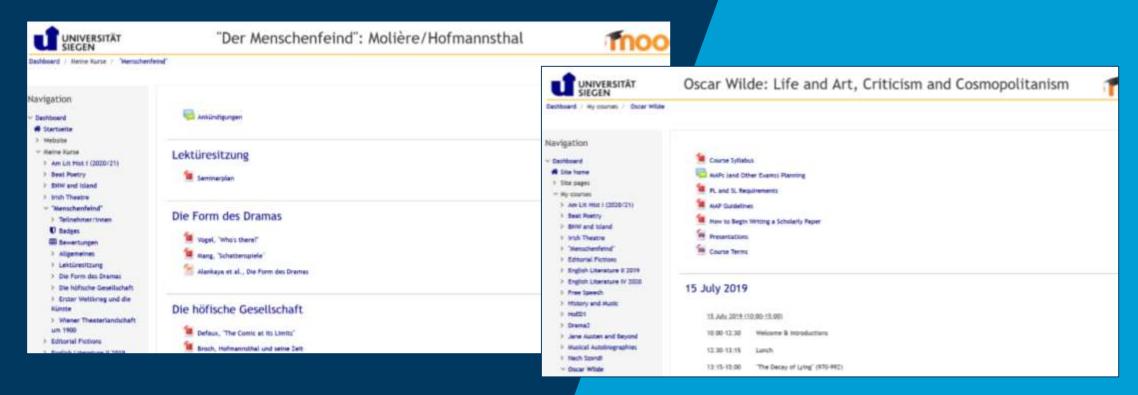


Alternatively you can also find your courses by searching in the list of courses.

# **Course Organization**

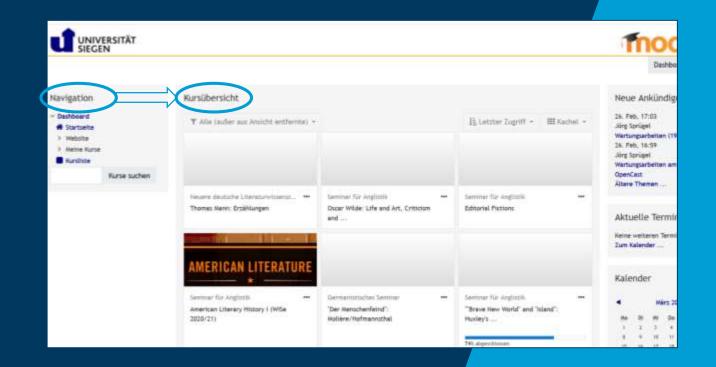
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- Once you are logged into the course you'll get an overview.
- Here you'll find the syllabus, important information and documents.
- This may look different, depending on your lecturer.



## **Dashboard**

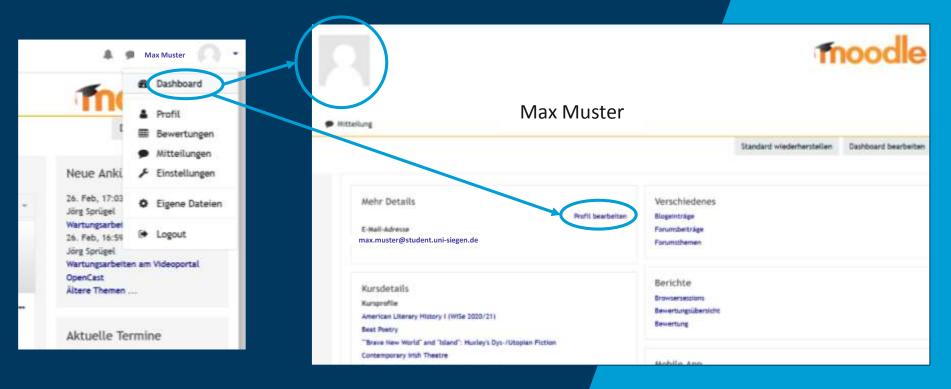




To see an overview of all your courses simply navigate to "Dashboard".

## **Personal Profile**





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

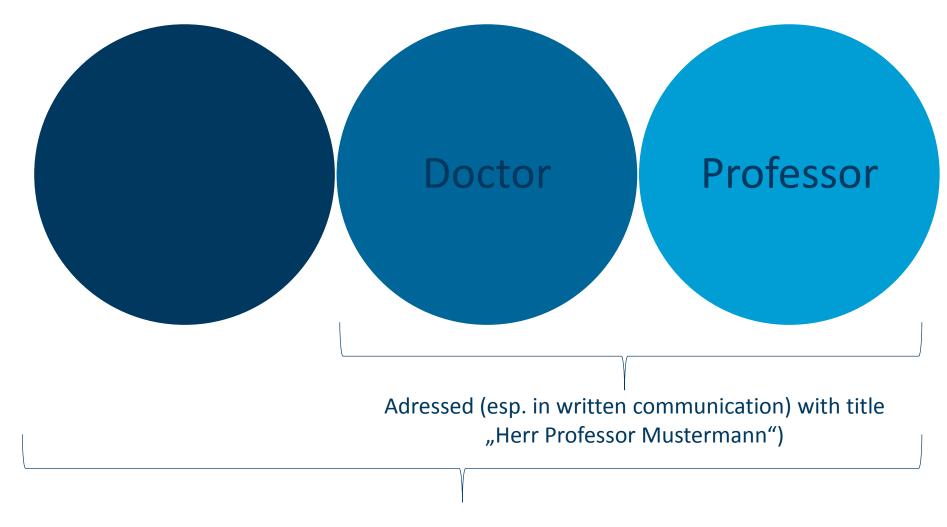
# **Overview moodle and Unisono**

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!



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



Not every lecturer is a professor



#### 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 docents **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!

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Lecturers are not responsible for your studies.



#### 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.



### **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
- Lending of devices & Media tech
- •

#### **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.



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#### **Student E-Mail account**

### Step 1

Log in to unisono.

Username corresponds to your matriculation number.





### Step 2

Follow the following path:

- 1. Student's Corner
- 2. ZIMT Account





#### **Student E-Mail account**

### Step 3

#### Follow the registration link.

#### Information about your ZIMT-account

Your ZIMT account consists of an e-mail account, with a personalized e-mail address, access to the teaching- and learning platform Moodle, access to EduROAM (Wi-Fi at German Universities), VPN access to the internal network of the University of Siegen, and other services

In order to be able to use your ZIMT account you have to perform a one-time activation acquiring your own password. To activate the account and acquire your password please click on the follo

https://stud-registrierung.zimt.uni-siegen.de/studikonto/

Please note that it is compulsory to follow this link.

### Step 4

Confirm the terms of use.

#### Zustimmung zur Rahmen- und Benutzungsordnung

Rahmen- und Benutzungsordnung des ZIMT der Universität Siegen (neues Fenster)

Ich bestätige dass ich die Rahmen- und Benutzungsordnung des ZIMT gelesen habe und ihr zustimme



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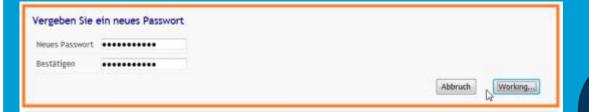




#### **Student E-Mail account**

#### Step 5

Assign a password and continue.



### Step 6

Take a screenshot for your records.





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 or 5 cents/sheet with special card (only until
  31.05.2023).
- Copy: no longer possible!
- 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>



#### 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



#### **VPN**

VPN offers the possibility to connect from a foreign network (e.g. from home) to the network of the University of Siegen in a safe way.

#### Why is it important?

Acess to licensed databases and electronic journals with full texts of the University Library.





### **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\_anleitungen.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: <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\_hash\_%7Dc2622">https://www.ub.uni-siegen.de/index.php?id=750&L=%24%7B\_hash\_%7Dc2622</a>



### How can I improve my German?





Titel der Präsentation

### 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) <a href="https://www.asta.uni-siegen.de/index.php/studis/fachschaften/">https://www.asta.uni-siegen.de/index.php/studis/fachschaften/</a>

### Where do I find help?



- General Student Council (AStA) (elected student representatives at Uni Siegen)
   <a href="https://www.asta.uni-siegen.de/">https://www.asta.uni-siegen.de/</a>
- Department International Student Affairs (ISA)
   <a href="http://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/ansprechpartner/?lang=de">http://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/ansprechpartner/?lang=de</a>
- 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!



- Intercultural Trainings
- Workshops about the German Labour Market
- Application workshops
- Application consultation
- Company visits
- Intercultural Breakfast
- Volunteering





# **Company Visits**

26.10.23 **Thomas Magnete**, Herdorf (Electrical Engineering, Mechatronics, Mechanical Engineering and Informatics)

15.11.23 **Heinrich Georg GmbH**, Kreuztal (Computer Science, Electrical or Mechanical Engineering)

Registration: Email to stefanie.aha@zv.uni-siegen.de

Mental health











#### **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.

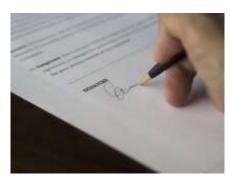
## **Deposit**

costs)

- •Normally you have to pay a deposit when renting a room/flat (around 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 the deposit back.



- •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,
- •Cold rent + service charges = warm rent (paid to the landlord).
- Attention: In addition, there are usually costs for electricity, Internet / telephone, etc...



## **Bottle deposit**





If you buy drinks in glass, plastic bottles or in cans, mostly you have to pay a deposit of between 8 and 25 cent.

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



### Waste separation / recycling











# Gelber Sack (Yellow bag)

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

# Kompost/Bio (organic waste)

- -Leftovers from fruits and vegetables
- -Eggshells
- -Tea bags
- -Leftover from food (not cooked)

#### 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 give batteries to drug stores (DM, Müller, etc.)





### **Punctuality & Reliability**



Germans 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, apart from that 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 resting time periods:

- Night rest: 10 p.m. to 6 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 music (-> headphones!)
- no meetings / parties

Germans usually take this very seriously!

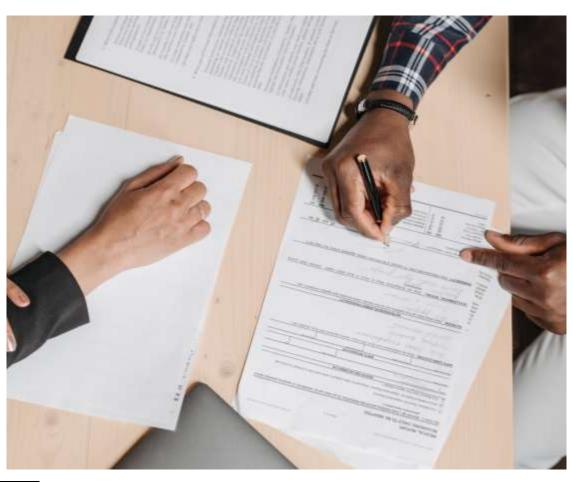
In case of disregard, the police can be called!

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

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### **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!;-)



### Rules



Germans tend to love rules. They have rules for a lot of situations and like to follow them very strictly.

(e.g. traffic lights)

Rule breaks can have consequences!



### Time management

- Germans not only plan their work schedule but also their free time
- Appointments are taken seriously
- > Advantage: Germans are reliable
- > Time is used effectively
- Long term planning
- > Disadvantage: no flexibility and spontaneity





## **Privacy**



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

#### **Direct communication**



- Germans have a very direct way of communicating
- It is appreciated when you are open and honest (even if it sometimes feels rude).
- Admitting mistakes is appreciated (and expected)!

## **Energy saving tips**

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

Don't: windows on tilt and heating on!!!

Switch the light off when leaving the room

Be careful of mold!

Ventilate regularly +

well, so that the

room does not

become too damp!

Energy is expensive

Wear warm clothes in winter instead of turning up the heater

Turn off water, e.g. while brushing the teeth Switch off devices when leaving the room. It is best to pull the plug.



### **Respect & Boundaries**

#### Personal Zone:

also called private sphere, allowed for acquaintances and friends, for greetings an smalltalk

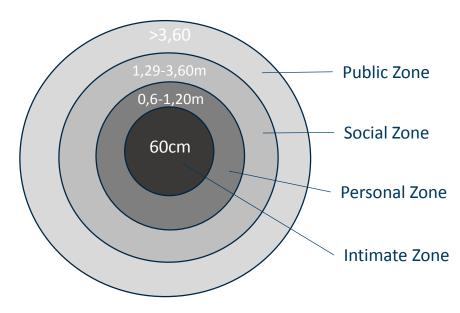
#### Intimate Zone

also called intimate sphere, just for close friends, family or partner, should not be crossed by other people

→ western european average value, can be different in other cultures

If your personal zones are crossed, do not hesitate to make this clear!!

#### Distance Zones by Hall



If you experience any violation of your personal zones, please contact us!

(Department ISA – International Student Affairs)





### Other contact points for harassment, sexualised violence or discrimination

• **Dezernat 5: Security on Campus:** Maximilian Fassbender

Phone: 0271/7403879

Maximilian.Fassbender@uni-siegen.de

• Equal Opportunities Officer University of Siegen: Dr. Elisabeth Heinrich

Phone: 0271/740-2227

gleichstellungsbeauftragte@uni-siegen.de

• Women's Counseling Center Siegen: Freudenberger Straße 28, 57072 Siegen (close to the ZOB & train station),

Phone: 0271 21887, E-Mail: frauenberatung@frauenhelfenfrauen-siegen.de

• Equality Body of the City of Siegen: Haus Seel, Kornmarkt 20, 57072 Siegen

Miss Kratzel, Room: 233

Phone:(0271) 404-3457, E-Mail: m.kratzel@siegen.de



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

Ask if you don't understand something.





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