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Dear Students,

Welcome to Goethe University! We are delighted that you have chosen to study here and look forward to seeing you on campus. You have made an excellent choice. You will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of subjects beyond your major. However, I want to be honest with you: university life and your studies may not be what you expected. Do not let this discourage you; see it instead as an opportunity!

For some of you, the decision to come here may have been obvious: "Goethe Uni, na klar!" Perhaps you were attracted by one of our many programs for high school students, or by the university's excellent reputation in your field? Maybe it was the modern campus, the city of Frankfurt, or the wide range of courses offered by universities in the Rhine-Main area that appealed to you? Or perhaps recommendations from parents, friends or acquaintances played a role?

For others, the choice may not have been so easy. Some of you may have come to Goethe University through the central allocation of study places, perhaps with some skepticism about what to expect.

Regardless of your motivation or the path that brought you to us, we are here to ensure that you have a successful start to your first semester and an engaging academic experience.

What to do first? Get here, get oriented, and get started! This handbook describes various aspects of living and studying at the university.

I sincerely hope that you will gain the knowledge you sought in choosing your major and that you will find a welcoming and stimulating environment. We know from our own experience how important it is to get to know your place of study and the people who help make it special. New insights often come from discussion and debate - in essence, from engaging with others. We are repeatedly made aware of its significant value. A university thrives on exchange: through interactive learning and international, intercultural, and interreligious dialogue. This fosters an awareness of personal responsibility in shaping our world and our future.

Personal responsibility is a major difference between university and high school: unlike the structured schedule of high school, you will need to organize your studies independently. But, there are many resources available to help you, and this guide is just one of many.

We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you. We will do everything possible to ensure that this new phase of your education serves as the foundation for an exciting career. Never stop learning and exploring!

With warm regards,

Prof. Dr. Enrico Schleiff

President der Goethe University



Dear Students,

Welcome to our university!

When you start your studies, you also begin a new and exciting chapter in your life. Goethe University and the city of Frankfurt are the perfect place for this. Frankfurt regularly ranks high on the list of the world's most livable cities. And if you are new to Frankfurt, you will soon see why:

Here, you can ride your bike from the glittering towers of the banking district to the city's hip Nordend. The museums along the banks of the Main River are world class, not to mention the Rheingau Riesling wine. The pub and club scene and the wide variety of other cultural offerings will provide ample entertainment outside of the classroom.

Over the first few days, you may find Goethe University a bit perplexing. But, don't worry. When you get down to it, things really aren't as complicated as they seem. Besides, taking an unintended detour now and again will help you to get to know the university better. You will no doubt slowly familiarize yourself with the campus and its facilities, and start to soak up the university's stimulating atmosphere.

We have designed this guide to help you quickly feel at home at Goethe University. Our aim is to introduce you to the university and provide you with some practical tips on how to get started at the university. We hope you will find this guide to be a useful companion throughout your first semester, and even beyond.

In the Studium Lehre Internationales (SLI) department, you will always find someone to speak to about anything concerning you and your studies. We're happy to be here for you - so don't hesitate to get in touch or to take advantage of our digital support and service offerings!

My best wishes to you for a wonderful start to the semester,

Dr. Rebekka Göhring

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Executive Director of Studium Lehre Internationales

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# JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

If you could apply the term "renaissance man" to any citizen of Frankfurt, then it would have to be Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Poet and statesman, theater director and natural scientist, art theorist and jurist - it is hardly surprising that Goethe University named itself after the great Frankfurt native in 1932 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his death.

Goethe was born on August 28, 1749 on the street of Großer Hirschgraben, the site of today's Goethe-Haus. His father, Johann Caspar Goethe (1710-1782), was a well-to-do lawyer whose fortune enabled the family to live without any financial worry. His mother Catharina Elisabeth Goethe, née Textor (1731-1808) was a vivacious and quick-witted woman. Of Johann Wolfgang's five siblings, only Cornelia survived infancy. Goethe's relationship with her was intimate and very loving.

Education was prized in the Goethe household. His father owned not only a library of over 1,500 volumes, but also a natural history collection and an assemblage of contemporary paintings. The siblings were educated by their father and a private tutor. True to the ideal of a broad education, the lessons included a number of languages, natural sciences and religion, as well as drawing, music (Goethe played the cello) and sports.

Johann Caspar Goethe had ambitious hopes for his son. At his father's urging, Johann Wolfgang began to study law in Leipzig in 1765, but only half-heartedly. He was more attracted to lectures in poetics and art. When he fell dangerously ill in 1768 and returned to Frankfurt, he devoted himself during his long convalescence to religious, mystical and alchemical writings. He did not resume his studies until 1770, this time in Strasbourg, where he also met Johann Gottfried Herder. In his second go around, Goethe pursued his studies more earnestly, completing them quickly. From 1771 to 1775, he practiced law in Frankfurt, punctuated by a lengthy stay in Wetzlar as a clerk at the Reichskammergericht (Imperial Chamber Court). During these remarkably prolific years, he wrote, among other works, *Götz von Berlichingen* (1773) und *The Sorrows of Young Werther* (1774).

In late 1775, Goethe traveled to Weimar. There, he was appointed privy legation counselor of the Duchy of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach in 1776 and elevated to the rank of nobility in 1782. During his early years in Weimar, government business left him little free time. Still, he managed to write some of his most famous poems (among others Erlkönig, Wandrers Nachtlied). Goethe also met in Weimar the lady-in-waiting Charlotte von Stein, with whom he had an intimate friendship for many years.

Starting in 1780, Goethe began to focus his attention on the natural sciences. Besides working on mineralogy, botany, and geology, he discovered the human intermaxillary bone in 1784 (it was actually a re-discovery, but this does not diminish Goethe's achievement). He did not, however, publish many of his scientific writings until much later

In 1786, Goethe responded to an existential crisis by travelling incognito to Italy. While in Rome, he met Heinrich Tischbein and Angelika Kauffmann in an artists' colony. Here, he was able to indulge his creativity - he sketched a lot, studied Roman architecture and art, and completed the plays Iphigenia auf Tauris and Egmont. Goethe did not return home for almost two years.

Back in Weimar, he was relieved of many of his official duties and only worked in the fields of culture and science. He met and fell in love with Christiane Vulpius, who was of humble origins. In 1789, Goethe's son August was born, while four other children did not survive infancy. The wedding, however, did not take place until 1806. Christiane von Goethe died in 1816. Goethe's parting words on her gravestone read:

You seek, o sun, in vain / to shine through the dark clouds! The entire gain of my life is to lament her loss.



From 1791 to 1817. Goethe was the director of the Weimar court theater. He returned to the natural sciences, studying the metamorphosis of plants and the theory of colors. In 1794, he began a close friendship with Friedrich Schiller, which lasted until Schiller's death in 1805. The two poets took a lively interest in each other's work. The friendship with Schiller inspired Goethe, who concentrated his efforts on Faust (published in 1806).

Goethe's Farbenlehre (Theory of Color) was published in 1810, in which he approaches the phenomenon of color from a physiological, physical and aesthetic point of view. He personally considered this work to be at least as important as his literary output. Even if he was mistaken in terms of the physics (his attempt to disprove Isaac Newton failed), the work's holistic approach forms a foundation of color psychology. Numerous scientific writings appeared in the years that followed after Christiane von Goethe's death. In 1829, Faust was premiered in Brunswick. Even at the ripe old age of 80, Goethe was mentally alert and keenly interested in a wide range of subjects. In 1831, he completed *Faust. Der Tragödie Zweiter Teil* (Faust Part II), but did not live to see it published.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe died in Weimar on March 22, 1832. His final words "More light!" have become the stuff of legend, but not definitively proven. Goethe was buried in the Weimar royal vault.

#### For more on Goethe www.goethehaus-frankfurt.de

Goethe University had its logo designed by renowned designer Adrian Frutiger with Goethe's head in the center as early as the 1970s. Goethe University continues to use this trademark to this day. It features the young Goethe of his student years and *Sturm und Drang* period. It expresses that the university embodies the experimental and liberal spirit of the young Goethe - an institution embarking on a new path. Academic achievement is about constantly pushing the limits. In this spirit, Goethe serves as the perfect role model for the university that bears his name.

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## THE HISTORY OF GOETHE UNIVERSITY

From its inception as a foundation university, established by Frankfurt citizens, Goethe University was unique. It was born out of the belief that solutions to contemporary problems can be found at a university. For the city of Frankfurt and its residents, championing the cause of founding a university and also making a financial commitment was a no-brainer. Politicians like mayor Franz Adickes, industrialists like Wilhelm Merton and citizens, especially those of Jewish origin, all donated their wealth to establish an institution of higher learning.

In 1914, a university emerged in Frankfurt that was financed purely from private funds, becoming the first foundation university in Germany. The way the new institution was constituted was also remarkable: In addition to the rector and the deans of the five faculties, there was also a board of trustees and a "grand council," in which founding families, entrepreneurs and politicians of the city were involved in guiding the university. This civic engagement was a key to the university's success, despite the difficult political atmosphere. Along with Berlin, Goethe University was considered to be the best-funded university in Germany. When instruction began in the winter semester of 1914/15, some 600 students began their studies in Frankfurt, including 100 women.

Teaching and curriculum were organized in a modern way. The founders stressed the importance of teaching new and preliminary, practice-relevant disciplines in addition to traditional ones. Unlike other schools, the natural sciences were not organized within the arts faculty, but were given their own faculty. Alongside the faculties of medicine and law, the citizens of Frankfurt established Germany's first faculty of economics and social sciences. Further, there were numerous institutes that belonged to the university, for example an institute for social research, an academy of labor, an institute for cultural morphology (Frobenius Institute), and an Alsace-Lorraine institute.

The staff directories of the Goethe University before 1933 read like a "Who's Who" of the German scholarly world: Before the rise of National Socialism, the Nobel Prize winners Paul Ehrlich (medicine), Max von Laue, Max Born and Otto Stern (physics) taught and conducted research in Frankfurt. Other members of the faculty included Martin Buber, Paul Tillich, Adolph Löwe, Franz Oppenheimer, Karl Mannheim, Kurt Goldstein, Karl Herxheimer, and Max Dehn – the list goes on and on. The matriculation

records also contain well-known names. For example, Carl Zuckmayer, Marion Gräfin von Dönhoff, Ludwig Erhard, Carl Carstens, Martin Kessel, Gabriele Tergit, Nikolaus Pewsner, Theodor Wiesengrund-Adorno all studied at the university in Frankfurt. In a word, Goethe University appealed to faculty and students alike. The later intellectual elite of the Federal Republic of Germany also studied here.

Most of the students at the university came predominantly from the bourgeois middle class. Many of were Jewish, while the proportion of fraternity students was conspicuously low. Emmy Klieneberger, a bacteriologist of Jewish descent, was the first woman to receive a habilitation (postdoctoral qualification) in 1930.

Shortly after Hitler's seizure of power, the National Socialists expelled all Jewish and politically objectionable scientists and students from the universities. The coercive measures hit Goethe University especially hard: In the spring of 1933, 100 Jewish scientists were stripped of their teaching credentials, and a third of all professors were dismissed from the teaching staff. The ministry terminated another 16 lecturers for political reasons. Scores of students were forcibly de-registered and compelled to drop out. Frankfurt's cosmopolitan and liberal university had been brought to heel as the Nazis systematically implemented their policy of "Gleichschaltung," bringing all aspects of German civil society under their control.

After the Second World War and the rebuilding period, Goethe-Universität (as it has been called since 1932) once again assumed its rightful place in the German university landscape. The foundation university became a state university. Now, foundations played only a subordinate role, Tand the university had to rely on public funds. It was nevertheless possible to fill vacant professorships with



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Opening ceremony on October 18, 1914 © Universitätsarchiv Frankfurt

famous people. The physicists as well as the economists and management experts took up the distinguished scholarly tradition that preceded 1933 and succeeded in attracting students to the city.

The subsequent high educational standard achieved in Frankfurt is reflected by the number of Nobel Prize winners who studied or taught here in the second half of the 20th century. These include the physicists Hans Bethe, Gerd Binning and Horst Störmer, the medical scientists Günter Blobel, Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, the chemists Paul Karrer and Hartmut Michel, and the economist Reinhard Selten. Günter Grass, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, was Foundation Guest Lecturer for poetics in 1990. Two professors received the Balzan Prize, the "Nobel Prize of Cultural Studies": historian Lothar Gall and legal historian Michael Stolleis. The Frankfurt social philosopher Jürgen Habermas was awarded the Kyoto Prize in 2004 and the International Holberg Memorial Prize on November 30, 2005.

The university grew, new degree programs were added, and the university's superb location attracted more and more students to Frankfurt. Today, Goethe University is one of the ten largest universities in Germany. In the 2011/12 winter semester, more than 41,000 students were enrolled. Teaching and research are not concentrated on one campus, but spread across four. In keeping with the founding idea, Goethe University is an institution that boasts a presence throughout the city. (Universitätsarchiv Frankfurt)



Bibliothek des Historischen Seminars (1928)

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# WESTEND CAMPUS

Right next to Grüneburgpark, the Westend Campus is situated on fertile soil: It's where Goethe had his garden some 200 years ago. This makes it an ideal setting for the university to carry out its research in the spirit of its namesake.

The university location in Frankfurt's West End is considered one of the most beautiful and modern campuses in Europe. The campus is brought to life by the faculty and administrative buildings, the lecture hall complex, the student cafeterias, libraries, and a student dormitory. There's also the House of Finance, an interdisciplinary competence center for practice-oriented financial economics research, where more than 130 law and economics faculty conduct research and teach. The new central campus surrounding the historic IG Farben building accommodates 25,000 students.

The wide range of subjects means that there is incredible academic variety along with a diverse student body, which enriches and stimulates the campus atmosphere. From law, economics, social sciences and education to theology and philosophy, from history, the arts and linguistics to cultural studies: the green lawns attract a colorful array of people and interests.

#### Faculties:

01 Law

02 Fconomics and Business

03 Social Sciences

04 Educational Sciences

05 Sub-area Psychology and Sport Sciences

06 Protestant Theology

07 Roman Catholic Theology

08 Philosophy and History

09 Linguistics, Cultures, and Arts

10 Modern Languages

11 Sub-area Geosciences and Geography

ABL Academy for Educational Research and Teacher Education

ZPL Central Examination Office for Teaching Degrees





#### VISIONARY TEACHING AND RESEARCH

# RIEDBERG CAMPUS

From quantum mechanics and nanotechnology to protein folding and genome research, the Riedberg Campus offers natural scientists abundant opportunities and optimal research conditions in their quest to discover the inner workings of the world.

In the years ahead, all natural science faculties and disciplines will have a home here. At present, besides biochemistry, chemistry and pharmacy, degree programs in physics and earth sciences as well as life sciences, the Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies (FIAS) and the Max Planck Institute for Biophysics are all already located on the campus. The Frankfurt Biotechnology Innovation Center (FIZ) is also found in the immediate vicinity.

A dormitory provides housing close to campus. Computer pools in physics and geosciences and the computer learning center (Computer-Lernzentrum) in the Biocenter (Biozentrum) offer freely accessible computer workstations for students. Over the course of 2011, the Biologicum and the building of the Cluster of Excellence Macromolecular Complexes were completed.

The Otto-Stern-Zentrum unites under one roof the natural science library with 300,000 volumes of books and periodicals, 15,000 textbooks and over 300 student workstations, a cafeteria and a number of lecture halls and seminar rooms equipped with modern media technology.

#### Faculties:

- 11 Sub-area Geosciences and Geography
- 13 Physics
- 14 Biochemistry, Chemistry and Pharmacy
- 15 Biological Sciences





#### TRADITION AND HISTORY

# **BOCKENHEIM CAMPUS**

The founding campus of Goethe University, nestled in the Bockenheim district, is centrally located near the trade fair and the main train station. This is where the history of the foundation university began almost 100 years ago and where life continues to pulsate to this day.

It is more than just the close proximity of the Palmengarten and the Senckenberg Museum that makes this location so special. In recent years, a lively student quarter has also sprung up. How many students are able to say they have a weekly farmers' market right at their (cafeteria's) doorstep? The adjacent Leipziger Strasse boasts countless pubs and restaurants as well as many long-standing local businesses.

The old main building on Mertonstrasse was once the headquarters of the Akademie für Sozial- und Handelswissenschaften (academy of social and commercial sciences), founded by Wilhelm Merton in 1902. At the university's inauguration in 1914, the rector Richard Wachsmuth welcomed the first 44 enrollees with a handshake and swore them in to the university charter. Such a ceremony is hardly conceivable today with the university's more than 45,000 students.

The old university buildings on the venerable Bockenheim Campus will be vacated in the coming years with a touch of sadness. But farewell also always means a new beginning!

#### **Faculties:**

- 05 Sub-area Psychology and Sport Sciences
- 12 Computer Science and Mathematics





#### THE HOSPITAL ON THE RIVER

# NIEDERRAD CAMPUS

Health is a person's most valuable asset. This is why teaching, research, and patient care go hand in hand in Niederrad. Once the new construction and modernization measures have been completed (involving an investment totaling 500 million euros), the medical campus will be one of the most modern, high-performing sites in all of Germany.

The hospital premises are located on almost 450,000 m². Surrounded by green spaces, more than 60 buildings are linked by a 27-km-long network of paths. A total of 21 centers employ 950 physicians and scientists and 1,300 nurses. Specialists from all areas are on duty around the clock. Each year, 42,000 patients are treated as inpatients and 176,000 as outpatients.

In the future, teaching and scientific research will be jointly represented by the Medicum and the two research towers. The Medicum's lecture halls are flooded with natural light, while the latest media technology creates a productive learning and teaching atmosphere. In the Simulationszentrum (simulation center), students learn their craft on lifelike training manikins and in the learning studio they work with state-of-the-art models and equipment.

In basic research, there is close contact with cooperating theoretical institutes such as the Georg-Speyer-Haus or the Max Planck Institutes of Biophysics and Brain Research, and likewise with the university's Biocenter on the Riedberg Campus and with the other natural science faculties

#### **Faculties:**

16 Medicine





#### PLACES TO BE ACTIVE

# **GINNHEIM CAMPUS**

Sportcampus Ginnheim is the heart of the Institut für Sportwissenschaften (institute of sports sciences) and the University Sports Center. Located west of downtown Frankfurt between Ginnheimer Landstrasse, A66, and Niddapark, it consists of six buildings and four outdoor facilities (sports field, tennis courts, beach volleyball fields and athletics and throwing field).

The departments of exercise and training sciences, social sciences of sport, sports medicine and sports pedagogy teach sports science courses and are actively involved in a wide range of sports activities.

The University Sports Center, which functions as a central service provider for Goethe University, offers students and staff an extensive program of courses, excursions and tournaments designed to promote the health of the university community and to encourage lifelong physical fitness.

The HOCHFORM sports café, located on the campus, caters to the energy needs of on-campus sports activities and learning. In addition to sandwiches and snacks, the café also offers hot and cold drinks and two lunch menus.

#### Faculty:

05 Psychology and Sports Science





#### DATES AND FACTS

# **GOETHE UNIVERSITY IN NUMBERS**

Students (as of winter semester 2023/24)	41.783
Faculties	16
Budget (2023)	750,2 million euros
Professorships Research associates Administrative staff	<b>584</b> (As of 2023) <b>3.212</b> (As of 2023) <b>2.145</b> (As of 2023)
Endowed professorships Sponsored professorships Endowed visiting professorships	2.143 (AS 01 2025) 16 9 11
Leibniz prizewinners (since founding) Nobel laureates, who have conducted research or	19
studied at Goethe University (since founding)	19

# STUDENT APARTMENTS FRANKFURT RIEDBERG

- 3-minutes walking distance to Goethe University, Campus Riedberg
- All inclusive Flatrate rents
- Fully furnished single & double apartments, some of them with private rooftop terraces up to 22sqm
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- Benefits from our awesome cooperation partners
- Community mobile App with many features
- Cashless Payment System & High Security Level
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# THE FOUNDATION UNIVERSITY

Since January 1, 2008, Goethe University has been a foundation under German public law. It thus continues its tradition as Germany's first foundation university, which was established by Frankfurt citizens in the year 1914 and existed until 1967, the year of its conversion into a state university.

#### Why back to its roots?

The return to foundation status represents the most significant change for Goethe University in the last 50 years. It now has a high degree of autonomy and can decide independently regarding significant goals and the substance of its future development. International experience has shown that freedom from explicit state control is an important prerequisite for achieving university quality. The way is now clear for Goethe University to expand on its position among the best universities in Germany and to steadily enhance its global profile.

On September 19, 2007, the Goethe University senate overwhelmingly approved the foundation proposal. About a week later, on September 28, the Hessian state parliament passed the law on the "Foundation University Frankfurt am Main." Since January 1, 2008, it has granted Goethe University the following areas of autonomy:

it independently appoints its professors

it selects its own students

it is the employer of its employees

it is the sole owner of its premises and manages them on its own responsibility a large number of state approval and authorization requirements as well as functional supervision are eliminated

through a membership-based foundation structure, the traditional academic participation rights for members and governing bodies of the university are reinforced

Given the continued joint responsibility of the state, the organizational form of a foundation under public law was chosen.

The university already outlined its path forward in the 2001 university development plan: It intends "to achieve excellence in research and teaching on the basis of a broad spectrum of subjects in pioneering areas of focus and to achieve leadership status in the educational landscape." Connected to this is organizational and structural renewal. With its rededication, Goethe University will be able to take advantage of all opportunities in the future to improve its quality, service orientation, ability to collaborate, and overall attractiveness. It will continue to pursue this course as a comprehensive university with a broad range of subjects. Every area of the university, not to mention the urban and regional environments, will benefit from the transformation.



#### Not only a foundation university, but also a citizens' university

Since the university was founded in 1914, the citizens of Frankfurt and the university have been linked by a strong historical bond. Since then, too little attention has been paid to this affair of the heart. As a foundation, the university is again opening itself up to all those who want to follow its development or even take on some responsibility in making it a top university.

This will also help the university re-establish its appeal to donors. Currently, private endowments are particularly beneficial — that's because the state adds one euro for every euro raised, up to 50 million euros in total. Prominent members of society and the business community have already made commitments to Goethe University, supporting new building projects, endowed professorships or scholarships. They are all contributing to making the university an object of civic pride. After all, the entire Rhine-Main region ultimately stands to benefit from the university's continued development.

Citizens also bring their expertise to selected university committees. The members of the board of trustees - among them important donors and the mayor of Frankfurt - advise the university on important questions concerning its further advancement. The board also proposes a member from among its own ranks for the University Council, the central supervisory body of the foundation university.

#### The foundation university and the state of Hesse

In the law governing the foundation university and in a supplementary financing agreement of November 30, 2007, the state of Hesse made a commitment to ongoing financing and the scheduled continuation of the Goethe University's new development program. Other commitments have been made, such as the provision of funds for building maintenance.

The state will also pay up to 70 million euros from the proceeds of the sale of the Bockenheim Campus into the foundation's assets, 50 million of which will be matching funds. This means there is an additional euro for every euro raised privately. Conversely, by law, raising additional funds cannot lead to a reduction in the state subsidy. Nor may additional funding lead to an increase in enrollment capacity. This is because Goethe University wants to be better, not necessarily bigger. The reciprocal measures to be taken by the university are defined in target agreements, which relate, for example, to the number of first-year students.

The university ultimately remains under the legal supervision of the state. On the recommendation of the university or the board of trustees, the board of trustees appoints ten members of the University Council and sends an eleventh representative from the ministry of science. The latter is supported in the economic and financial committee by another state representative from the ministry of finance.

Information: www.stiftungsuni.uni-frankfurt.de



Old picture postcard of the Jügelhaus (Bockenheim Campus) © Universitätsarchiv Frankfurt

#### LEADING THE WAY

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The governing body of the university is the executive board. Its members include the president, three vice presidents, and the head of administration. Each member of the executive board is in charge of certain priorities at Goethe University. The president is chiefly responsible for strategy and research matters. The vice presidents are accountable for teaching, academic infrastructures, equal opportunity and promotion of junior faculty, third mission and citizen science initiatives, and internationalization. The chancellor directs the university administration in accordance with the directives of the executive board and is the budget officer. The executive board is chaired by the president. The president is elected by the extended senate, has the authority to issue directives, and represents the university externally.

The executive board manages the university and promotes its internal and external development in collaboration with the University Council and the other bodies (senate, foundation board of trustees) as well as the faculties, their members and affiliates. Each year, it reports on the management of the university to the senate, the University Council, and the state. Furthermore, the executive board concludes the target agreements with the state, allocates the budgets, prepares the economic planning and reaches target agreements with the faculties.

The executive committee also discusses joint matters in budget, personnel, organization and administration together with the deans in the deans' council.



#### **Executive Board**

Since January 1, 2021

Prof. Dr. Enrico Schleiff, President of Goethe University

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Responsible for: **Research** 

Prof. Dr. Michael Huth, Vice President

Responsible for: Quality management, infrastructure, and technology transfer

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diversity and gender equality

Dr. Ulrich Breuer, Vice President and Chief Administrative and Financial Officer (CAFO)

Responsible for: **Central administration** 



#### REPRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

### **SENATE**

The senate is the main representative body of the different interest groups at Goethe University. It includes nine members from the faculty, three students, three research members, and two administrative/technical staff members. The meeting is chaired by the president. The members of the executive board, a member of the University Council, the women's representative and the chairpersons of AStA (Students' Union) and the Staff Council (Personalrat) serve on the committee in an advisory capacity.

The senate has the right to establish by-laws at the university: By a two-thirds majority of its members, it may enact basic provisions for the university which supplement and further elaborate on those of the Hessian Higher Education Act (HHG) and, in certain circumstances, may also deviate from them. Further, it advises on matters of research, teaching, and learning that affect the entire university or are of general importance, and it monitors the management of the executive board.

The senate performs a variety of tasks: It passes resolutions on the basic statutes, the election regulations and the general provisions for examination regulations and other statutes relating to research, teaching, and learning. The senate elects the members of the executive board, whereby the election of the president is subject to confirmation by the federal ministry. The senate decides on the development planning of the university, on the introduction and cancellation of study programs and approves the division of the university into faculties, as well as the policies of the faculties. Finally, it advises on target agreements and the budget plan, on appointment proposals and award proposals for honorary professorships and extraordinary professorships, on the establishment and discontinuation of central scientific and technical facilities, and on the affirmative action plan for women. It is also responsible for the appointment of the chancellor, the women's representative, and the creation of appointment committees.

# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The University Council has the function of a supervisory board as a central decision-making body. It consists of eleven members, ten of whom are from outside the university. Five members are nominated by the senate, four by the executive board, and one by the foundation's board of trustees, and are appointed for four years by the Hessian Ministry of Science and the Arts (HMWK). The eleventh member is a representative of the Hessian Ministry for Science and the Arts (HMWK). University council meetings are attended in an advisory capacity by the executive board and a representative of the senate.

The University Council participates in the appointment of the members of the executive board. For the election of the president, it forms a search committee together with representatives of the senate and prepares an election proposal after consultation with the extended senate. It has a right of legislative initiative on general matters and exercises supervisory functions in academic and economic affairs.

The approval of the University Council is required for the basic statutes, the appointment statutes, the structural and development planning as well as statutes on teaching obligations, quality assurance, university access, and the student body. Furthermore, the University Council receives the accountability report of the executive board and is responsible for discharging the executive board and appointing the members of the foundation's board of trustees.

The control functions of the University Council in economic matters are performed by the economic and financial committee. In addition to the chairman of the University Council and the representative of the HMWK, the committee is composed of three additional members of the University Council who are highly experienced in economic and financial matters and who are appointed by the HMWK on the recommendation of the chairman of the University Council. They are further joined by a representative of the Hessian Ministry of Finance.

#### ON THE FACULTY LEVEL

# **DEANS' OFFICES**

The basic organizational structure of the faculties are the offices of the deans (Dekanate). The dean's council oversees the operations of the faculty and has three members: dean, associate dean, and dean of students.

The dean's office is the first point of contact for academic matters. It is responsible for all questions concerning the faculty as a whole. This includes the coordination of courses, the drafting of study and examination regulations, the preparation of the (annotated) course catalog and other information material on studies, the appointment of new professors, personnel and budget planning, the implementation of doctoral and habilitation procedures, the preparation of target agreements (e.g. with the executive board), the external presentation of the faculty, the organization of orientation events for first-year students, the graduation or doctoral ceremony and other events, the evaluation of the faculty and its courses.







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#### ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER

# STUDENT INVOLVEMENT



At Goethe University, numerous student groups enrich university life in a variety of ways, including socially, culturally, and in the realm of university policy. Currently, over 30 groups cover a wide range of topics. They focus on sustainability, conservation, culture, communication, media, business, social issues, sports, e-sports, coaching, art, music, gaming, and even student legal advice.

The groups are open to all Goethe University students, and most of them organize regular events and enrich campus life with stimulating activities. You can find a comprehensive overview and contacts for these groups at <a href="https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/64349666/">www.uni-frankfurt.de/64349666/</a> Studentische Initiativen.

If you are interested in starting your own group, there is additional information on this webpage. Under certain conditions, a student group may be recognized and featured on the online portal. The relevant guidelines may be found here:

www.uni-frankfurt.de/76033775/Initiativen

This webpage also provides information on contacts at Goethe University. If you would like further information on the recognition procedure, please write to <a href="mailto:engagement@uni-frankfurt.de">engagement@uni-frankfurt.de</a>.

**TIP:** At the beginning of each semester, the student groups present themselves at the "unistart" fair in the lecture hall center on the Westend Campus and are personally available to answer any questions you might have. Feel free to drop by! Information and dates for "unistart" can be found at <a href="unistart.uni-frankfurt.de">unistart.uni-frankfurt.de</a>.

# STUDENT CO-DETERMINATION

Along with your academic studies, university life offers numerous opportunities to participate in (campus) politics and society.

The **student parliament** (StuPa) is the student community's highest governing body, directly elected by the students. With 25 members, it decides on the use of the budget, oversees finances, elects the AStA student executive board, decides on statutes and regulations, and must approve long-term contracts. The term of office lasts one year, and elections are usually held at the end of January. A diverse range of **university political groups** contend in the elections. Some are student organizations of well-known political parties, others are student chapters that have emerged over time through shared interests. Before every election, you can find out about the individual groups' platforms. In the StuPa, the university groups form coalitions and hold positions in AStA

The **Allgemeine Studierendenausschuss** (Students' Union, AStA) is the student executive body and represents student interests both within the university and in relation to organizations outside the university (e.g. RMV, Studierendenwerk). Furthermore, it serves as a point of contact for questions and concerns that go beyond subject-specific questions of a study program. The AStA is managed by the student executive board. The board appoints representatives to deal with specific topics. There are also dedicated autonomous units to represent the special interests of female, lesbian, gay, disabled, foreign students, and student assistants.

You can find everything you need to know about the current work, projects and advisory services of AStA on its homepage:

#### www.asta-frankfurt.de

According to the Hessian Act on Higher Education (HHG), the students of a given faculty constitute the student committee (Fachschaft). In the language of the university, however, the latter only relates to the student committees (and their active members) elected during the university elections.

The student committee is the students' mouthpiece. It liaises with the dean's office and handles study regulations, study conditions, and appointment procedures. The student committee has a say in the faculty's teaching and study committee and in the selection of the dean of students. The student committee sends representatives to the central student committee conference (Fachschaftenkonferenz). Of course, the student committee is also always available to support first-year students.

The election for StuPa and the student committee takes place at the end of the winter semester. Make the most of this opportunity to play an active role in shaping your university!



# **TEACHING CENTERS**

At Goethe University, faculties work together on teaching related matters. Reflecting their disciplinary common ground, four specialist centers promote the teaching of basic professional and methodological competencies:

- Social Sciences Methodology Center (Faculties 2 5), https://tinyqu.de/methodenzentrum
- Humanities Center (Faculties 1 and 6 10), https://tinygu.de/ZentrumGeisteswissenschaften
- Natural Sciences Center (Faculties 11 16), https://tinyqu.de/Znawi
- Teacher Education Center, <u>https://tinygu.de/ZLB</u>

All four centers are supported by the association "Di³" (studiumdigitale, Interdisziplinäres Kolleg Hochschuldidaktik, Equal Opportunities Office and Inclusion) in the didactic qualification of teachers, university tutors, and mentors. A governing board manages each center, in which students are represented, alongside the management, academic deans, and academic staff.

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These support structures include the writing center for the humanities and natural sciences (tinygu.de/schreibzentrum / tinygu.de/schreibzentrumriedberg), the Math Center, the Physics Center, as well as the program for acquiring key study competencies (https://tinygu.de/schluesselkompetenzen), open to all students. The faculties also offer courses, bridge courses, and workshops or conferences tailored to the specific needs of students, for example in the early phase of their studies. Numerous university tutors specifically trained in different areas are available to support students. The subject-specific centers thus enhance the disciplinary and methodological core competencies, laying the groundwork for self-determined and research-oriented studies. What's more, the interdepartmental structure of the centers makes it possible for students to take advantage of offerings from other disciplines.

#### **TEACHING AWARDS**

Goethe University, together with the Stiftung der Frankfurter Sparkassen, presents the 1822 Award for Excellence in Teaching (1822-Universitätspreis für exzellente Lehre). The award is given to Goethe University professors who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to teaching. Students have the right to nominate candidates; the decision is made by a panel consisting of students, professors, and staff members as well as foundation representatives.

The Hessian University Award for Excellence in Teaching (Der Hessische Hochschulpreis für Exzellenz in der Lehre) recognizes outstanding and innovative achievements in teaching, testing, advising, and mentoring. It has been awarded annually by the Hessian Ministry of Science and the Arts (HMWK) since 2006.

The award is intended to highlight the importance of high-quality teaching and to encourage teaching excellence. Applications may be submitted by faculty and students for outstanding courses, teaching projects, and student initiatives.

More information:

www.uni-frankfurt.de/151365982/Lehrpreise



#### PARTICIPATION THROUGH EVALUATION

Good teaching requires students and teachers to engage in an open dialogue. One way to provide feedback to instructors is through course evaluations. These are conducted online, in person, every one to three semesters. Students can participate in the evaluation by using their own smartphones during the class. At Goethe University, the evaluation questionnaires are designed using a modular approach. Besides a basic questionnaire that assesses fundamental aspects of teaching quality, there are additional supplementary questionnaires used to evaluate specific aspects of the course. The survey is evaluated according to standardized rules, and the data collected is subject to special privacy protection. The results are shared not only with the instructors, but also with the academic deans. The instructors are encouraged to discuss the evaluation results with the students during the course and use them as a basis for making improvements in their teaching.

In addition to the course evaluations, regular program evaluations are conducted. Discussions with students and program coordinators identify and consider the essential aspects of a program. After problems are identified, collaborative efforts are made to find solutions. The discussions are moderated by colleagues from Department 1, Group 1 in SLI (Studium Lehre Internationales).

Moreover, students can participate in university-wide surveys such as the student survey, the graduate survey, and the alumni survey and thus participate in the further development of the academic experience at Goethe University.

All evaluation results are discussed in faculty study commissions, which include student representatives. The commissions may make proposals to the faculty councils regarding the further development and improvement of teaching, if necessary.

For more information on quality assurance in learning and teaching: www.uni-frankfurt.de/151131271/Daten zur Lehre

# GETTING STARTED AT THE UNIVERSITY



# A ROADMAP FOR YOUR SEMESTER

#### 1. Preparatory and bridge courses

Some faculties offer so-called preparatory or bridge courses, which are designed to close any possible gaps in the subject matter before students begin their studies. Typically, these courses take place before classes officially begin. Be sure to refer to your faculty's web pages to see if such a course is offered.

www.studienbeginn.uni-frankfurt.de » Gut vorbereitet starten » Vor- und Brückenkurse

#### 2. Orientation events

Please attend your faculty's/program's orientation events, as they will provide you with important information about how your degree program is organized. Interdisciplinary orientation sessions are offered for MA and teacher-training students, who usually study in more than one faculty. All scheduled times are listed on the Goethe University homepage:

<u>www.studienbeginn.uni-frankfurt.de</u> » Gut vorbereitet starten » Orientierungsveranstaltungen

#### 3. Unistart

The main welcome ceremony for all first-year students takes place at the beginning of the semester at the Westend Campus. There, the university's diverse institutions introduce themselves in the afternoon, followed by a fabulous party in the evening. www.unistart-frankfurt.de

#### 4. Goethe Card and university computer center (HRZ)

Validate your Goethe Card and get to know what it can do. The same goes for the user portal goethe-campus.uni-frankfurt.de and your HRZ account. The more familiar you are with how to use online study management before "things get serious," the better. More information about the Goethe Card and what HRZ has to offer can be found in this guide on pages 54-58.

#### 5. Study and exam regulations

You may find the study and examination regulations for your degree program rather complex. Nevertheless, you should read the relevant documents at least once before you start your studies. After all, there you'll find details of what you can expect in your course of study, what you have to accomplish, which modules you should take in which semester, and how they are structured.

You can download all study and examination regulations here: www.satzung.uni-frankfurt.de

#### 6. Course schedule

Once you've read the study regulations, you can begin to draw up your schedule. For tips on how to do this, turn to page 59 of this guide. Don't wait until the very last minute to put together your schedule. This will allow you to start the semester relaxed and well-prepared. You can discuss any questions you might have with your academic advisor in a timely manner.

#### 7. Campus and libraries

Have a look around your campus before you start. It is a lot easier to find the lecture halls and libraries when you're not pressed for time.

#### 8 Financing your studies

Be sure to secure any financial support for your studies well in advance — apply for BaföG (student loans) or a scholarship or look for a part-time job. For information on funding opportunities, see pages 100, 101 of this guide; information on scholarships starts on page 102.

www.stipendien.uni-frankfurt.de

#### 9. Housing in Frankfurt

You can apply for a place in a student dormitory or look for suitable flat shares or apartments on the housing market. Information on housing starts on page 94.

#### 10. Ask around!

Ask your fellow students or ask your instructors. Ask the student committee, your faculty advisor, the central academic advising office, or other advising services. For every problem there is always an appropriate contact at Goethe University. Keep one thing in mind: If something is unclear or a problem arises, don't wait to ask about it. This applies not only to the first semester, but to your entire studies.

Information on the start of your studies: www.studienbeginn.uni-frankfurt.de

#### EVERYTHING AT A GLANCE

# **IMPORTANT SEMESTER DATES**

The most important semester dates are fixed well in advance. Here's an overview of the two upcoming semesters.

#### Winter semester 2025/26

Semester start	October 1, 2025
Start of lectures	October 13, 2025
End of lectures	February 13, 2026
End of semester	March 31, 2026

#### Re-registration deadline for the summer semester 2026

Re-registration deadline	January 1 - 31, 2026
Grace period (with late fee)	February 1 - 28, 2026

#### Summer semester 2026

Semester start	April 1, 2026
Start of lectures	April 13, 2026
End of lectures	July 17, 2026
End of semester	September 30, 2026

For all semester dates, see:

 $\underline{www.studienbeginn.uni\text{-}frankfurt.de} \text{ **} \text{ Erste Schritte nach der Zulassung}$ 

» Semestertermine



#### MORE THAN A STUDENT ID

# **GOETHE CARD**

The Goethe Card is your student ID and at the same time a multifunctional chip card. The Goethe Card makes student life more convenient with a variety of features:

- Student ID (with photo)
- Library card
- Electronic wallet for cafeteria and printing/copying/scanning
- Locker key
- Kulturticket Frankfurt (free admission to 18 Frankfurt museums)
- Admission ticket for the Palmengarten

#### Validating your Goethe Card

At the beginning of each semester (after payment of the semester fee and your reregistration) you will need to validate or renew your Goethe Card. Once you do this, your student ID card becomes valid and you can use all the functions of the Goethe Card. This is important in the cafeteria, for instance. If the card has not been validated, you will not receive a student discount.

For further information: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/validierer-standorte

#### Adding funds to your wallet

You can also use your Goethe Card as a wallet. For this purpose, please add funds to your Goethe Card at one of the card processing machines located in the dining halls and libraries. The deposit amount (max. 50 euros) can usually be paid using an EC card (German credit institutions only). Payment by credit card is not possible. The devices for loading money are provided to you by the Studierendenwerk Frankfurt.

Please contact <u>www.swffm.de</u> for any further questions.

#### In case of emergency: block your card

If your Goethe Card is lost or stolen, you can block it yourself at <a href="https://kartenservice.uni-frankfurt.de">https://kartenservice.uni-frankfurt.de</a> using your HRZ account details or your library number (and password) or visit the Goethe Card Service.

#### How to handle the card

The Goethe Card and the corresponding card readers are hi-tech items. We therefore recommend that you use a hard plastic cover to protect the card from excessive bending and contamination. Never jam the card into your phone case. Please do not stick anything on the back of the card or use any cleaning agents. The appropriate card sleeves can be purchased in the Campus Shop.

Cards that are damaged or difficult to read can be exchanged free of charge upon presentation of your old card. If the card is lost, 15 euros is payable to the SLI.

You can find more information about the Goethe Card and its various functions, as well as the locations of the validators, at: <a href="https://goethecard.uni-frankfurt.de">https://goethecard.uni-frankfurt.de</a>

#### **Goethe-Card Service**

If you have any questions or problems with the Goethe Card, please contact the Goethe-Card Service via e-mail: <a href="mailto:goethecard@rz.uni-frankfurt.de">goethecard@rz.uni-frankfurt.de</a>. The Goethe Service office is also available to assist you on the Westend Campus: Containerbau Max-Horkheimer-Strasse, opposite the Seminarhaus, ground floor.

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# THE UNIVERSITY COMPUTING CENTER

The University Computing Center (HRZ) manages IT services at Goethe University. We're here to answer any and all questions about the university's IT offerings. What can I do with my Goethe Card? How do I organize my studies via HISinONE and QIS-LSF? How can I use the WLAN on the university campuses? How do I get WiFi access from my smartphone? How do I log in to the OLAT central learning platform? How do I get free software through the university, and how can I protect my computer from viruses? Learn more about the IT services provided by the University Computing Center: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de

#### HRZ account

As a student, you can take advantage of HRZ services free of charge. For this purpose, you will receive an HRZ account upon enrolment. Along with the Goethe Card, we will send you all the required documents by regular mail, including the iTAN list. An HRZ account is required for almost all HRZ IT services. It consists of a login and password. Take note of the instructions on how to use the account and how to create a new password on our website:

www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/hrz-account-studierende

#### E-mail address

When you enrolled, you were automatically provided with a free e-mail account, which you can also use from home. All university communications will be sent to this email address. So make sure to regularly check your Goethe University email inbox (<a href="https://webmail.server.uni-frankfurt.de">https://webmail.server.uni-frankfurt.de</a>)! If you have any questions or problems with the central mail server or your e-mail address, please send an e-mail to: <a href="mailadmin@rz.uni-frankfurt.de">mailadmin@rz.uni-frankfurt.de</a>.

For more information: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/e-mail

#### WI AN

Own a laptop and want to work online on campus? Or maybe you want to use WLAN via your smartphone at the university? The wireless network (WLAN) of Goethe University is available to all students and university members free of charge.

More information: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/wlan

#### Hearing app

Do you have a hearing impairment and want to attend lectures or events? The Sennheiser MobileConnect hearing aid enables audio signals to be streamed live via Wi-Fi. The solution promotes inclusion by supporting flexible, non-discriminatory, and self-determined participation in university life.

For more information, visit https://tinyqu.de/HoerApp.

#### Study and exam organization

Goethe University is currently introducing a campus management system for organizing studies and exams. It is designed to map out the entire student life cycle, from course registration and seminar enrollment to examinations. It also offers you the ability to manage your personal academic information. In the transition phase, there are two portals, the Goethe-Campus university portal (HISinONE) and the QIS-LSF. The functions of the QIS/LSF server will be gradually incorporated into the new university portal.

Functions available via the Goethe-Campus university portal (HISinOne): enrollment verifications; master data changes; applications (during application periods), incl. change of subject applications, dual studies, master's degree; application for a doctorate; Exam registration (teaching degree only)

Further information: <a href="https://goethe-campus.uni-frankfurt.de">https://goethe-campus.uni-frankfurt.de</a>

Functions via QIS/LSF:

creation of iTAN lists, course catalog, creation of course schedule, event booking, exam registration

Further information: <a href="https://qis.server.uni-frankfurt.de">https://qis.server.uni-frankfurt.de</a>

In QIS-LSF, you will also find the search for persons and rooms as well as the current list of lectures. To register, you need your HRZ account, which you receive at the beginning of the semester along with your Goethe Card and your iTAN list.

#### ΟΙ ΔΤ

On the online learning platform OLAT (<a href="https://olat.server.uni-frankfurt.de">https://olat.server.uni-frankfurt.de</a>) you will find courses with digital teaching materials and event-related information. In addition, OLAT offers many options for organizing your own studies online, e.g. by creating your own student working groups, wikis, ePortfolios, etc.. To log in to OLAT, only your HRZ account is required. More information: <a href="https://www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/olat/studierende">www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/olat/studierende</a>

#### Video conferencing systems

The HRZ manages two video conferencing systems for digitally supported teaching. Zoom licenses are available to all university employees with a valid HRZ account. You do not need a license or login to participate in video conferences. An alternative is BigBlueButton (BBB). This video conferencing system has many of the same features as Zoom and is operated on Goethe University's servers. BBB is available to all Goethe University members with a valid HRZ account.

Further information: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/videokonferenz-systeme

#### Software

Goethe University has also joined numerous campus and state licensing programs for various software products administered by the HRZ. As a student, this gives you the opportunity to use various software packages free of charge for the duration of your studies. For example, this includes the Microsoft Campus Agreement with the Office365 package; the Citavi literature management system; MATLAB for data analysis and OriginPro for data visualization..

For further information: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/software

#### Virtual workstations

Study-related software such as SPSS, Stata, MAXQDA, and MATLAB are also available on the Goethe University virtual workstations. The personal virtual desktop can be used at over 600 workstations on the Westend and Riedberg campuses, as well as remotely via <a href="https://connect.uni-frankfurt.de">https://connect.uni-frankfurt.de</a>.

#### Printing, copying, and scanning

Students are able to send print jobs from the virtual workstations in the HRZ PC pool rooms. Likewise, you can copy or scan documents using the public copiers located near the HRZ poolrooms and in the libraries. You can use the HRZ print center to create additional print jobs, such as posters for conferences, or to print your bachelor's and master's theses

Further information: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/drucken-und-kopieren

#### IT Service-Center

If you have any questions about IT services, need support with WLAN access or the Campus Management System (HISinONE and QIS-LSF), need a new password or an iTAN list for your HRZ account, or would like to know more about software offerings, etc., please contact our IT Service Centers on the Westend, Riedberg and Niederrad campuses or the Goethe Card Service (p. 55).

Further information: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/service-center

# YOUR FIRST COURSE SCHEDULE

Back in school, it was a piece of cake: When the new school year started, your teacher handed out your new schedule. Now it's up to you to make sure that you attend the right courses. But don't worry! Even if it seems complicated at first, designing your own course schedule is actually fairly easy.

#### Attend orientation events

You will often receive valuable advice there on how to arrange your schedule, which modules to take and in what order. In some courses of study (e.g. medicine) there are even predetermined schedules. Other degree programs or subject combinations provide sample schedules, but these are not mandatory and serve only as a rough guide, as major-minor (Hauptfach-Nebenfach) combinations can vary.

#### Read study and examination regulations

Here you will find all the guidelines for the course of study that must be followed when designing your schedule. The appendices contain detailed module descriptions as well as information about the time required for the course and how many credit points are awarded

#### Put together an overview

Make a note of how many (and which, if any) courses you need or want to attend in the first semester and what credits have to be earned. Don't cram too much into your first semester! The guidelines of the study and examination regulations are designed in such a way that they can be comfortably managed. Even if your schedule seems doable, please keep the following in mind: The time you need to prepare for and follow up on your lectures is much greater than it was in school.

#### Create your course schedule

Check the course catalog on the Goethe University homepage for information on the courses offered for your planned modules. You'll find up-to-date information about the time and place of the course, as well as registration requirements, and you can put together your own individual schedule. If you have any doubts about your schedule, you can get help from the student advisors and student committees.

## **NEW IN GERMANY?**

Considering your personal background and experience with a different educational system, many things may be new to you here in Germany. This is both a challenge and a fantastic opportunity — for both you and all of us as a university! Not only will you enrich our community, but, as you come to appreciate the German academic system and culture, you'll also learn a lot of new things to apply to your own life. So don't be afraid to try out new things and give yourself time to get acquainted with everything that's available. Faculty and staff of the university can assist you with a wealth of information and advice

**Tip:** On the <u>international web pages of Goethe University</u>, you'll find more detailed information on virtually every topic, such as our (digital) office hours, events, orientation programs for the start of your studies and other offerings for international students throughout their studies.

To get settled in Germany, it's important that you complete all the necessary paperwork. This includes registering at the Bürgeramt (citizens' registration office) and, as a non-EU citizen, getting your residence permit at the Ausländerbehörde (foreigners' registration office). You need a valid health insurance and a German bank account. To find more information about housing at our web pages, go to "Living in Frankfurt." Information on the topic of finances is found on the page "Costs and financing."

The first semester is a great time to explore Frankfurt and the region and to socialize with German students. A good opportunity is offered by the <a href="Internationale Studientreff">Internationale Studientreff</a>, which organizes meetings and excursions with international and German students. The <a href="Buddy Program">Buddy Program</a> also pairs you up with experienced students for a semester to answer questions about study organization and orientation, and to explore with you the city of Frankfurt. However, there are many other institutions inside and outside the university that offer services for international and German students. For more information, please see our web pages "Studienbeginn" (starting your studies) und "Wichtige Anlaufstellen" (important places to go).

#### Familiarize yourself with the teaching/learning environment

Studying in Germany requires you to be organized and self-disciplined. Along with attending classes, you should spend about the same amount of time on both independent and self-study. This means that if you spend, for example, 20 hours at lectures and seminars, you should set aside 20 hours for preparation or follow-up work on your



subjects.

Free study related courses are available that address your specific needs as a first-year student (e.g. key skills) or as an international student (e.g. Kompass International). You can learn, for example, about self-management or the basics of academic work. At a university as large as Goethe University, it is really important to network with other students. One way to do this is to find a study group in your courses or to form one on your own, ideally consisting of 3 to 5 of your peers. Participants meet regularly to discuss the subject matter or prepare for an exam together. At German universities, you are responsible for gathering the important information about your studies and exams. You should therefore go to lecturers' consultation hours, to the subject advisory service (Studienfachberatung), examination offices and institutions any time you have a question about your studies, specific examinations, or the possibility of retaking your exams.

#### Improve your language skills

If you notice that you still have a hard time understanding a textbook, taking part in a discussion in a seminar, or writing an exam or term paper in German, you should work on your language skills, especially in the first semesters. It's a good idea to set aside extra time for this, even if it means you'll initially earn slightly fewer credit points per

semester. Attend German courses at the <u>Sprachenzentrum</u> (language center) in Internationales Studienzentrum (ISZ), take advantage of <u>writing assistance</u>, the <u>Schreibzentrum</u> (writing center), and other services. Speak as much German as you can. With greater language proficiency, your studies will be easier and you will quickly make up for any missing credits points.

#### Evaluate your studies after 1 to 2 semesters

Assess whether you have chosen the right course of study and then reflect on your first few semesters at Goethe University. Perhaps you had different expectations, or maybe your home country has a different focus in the subject you are studying? Ask yourself: What topics do I enjoy most and which modules do I find interesting? In what areas do I have difficulty passing exams? Carefully read the study and examination regulations so that you know which study modules you have to take in each of the different semesters and what the rules are for registration/deregistration and repeating coursework and examinations. You will need to complete 30 credit points per semester if you want to graduate within the regular study period. If you only manage 15 credit points or fewer per semester and would like to optimize your studies, you can receive support from the student advisory service (Studienfachberatung), the academic advisory service (Zentrale Studienberatung), or the social advising office for international students (Sozialberatung für internationale Studierende). If you plan to change your field of study, please contact the central academic advising office and the social advising office for international students. As a non-EU student, you may transfer until the end of the 3rd semester without the approval of the immigration authorities, after that only with their approval.

#### Get to know the German labor market

If you want to work in Germany after graduation, find out about the German labor market early on, for example through events organized by the university's Career Service office (<a href="www.career.uni-frankfurt.de">www.career.uni-frankfurt.de</a>), the <a href="https://lnternational-career-service-Rhein-Main">lnternational-career-service-Rhein-Main</a>, and the employment agency (Arbeitsagentur), or by talking to students in higher semesters or alumni (<a href="www.uni-frankfurt.de/94784790/International-Career">www.uni-frankfurt.de/94784790/International-Career</a>). Learn how you can improve your chances with your chosen field of study, such as through student and community engagement (<a href="www.uni-frankfurt.de/stud-partizipation">www.uni-frankfurt.de/stud-partizipation</a>). Start applying for internships or jobs related to your studies in your first semesters and prepare your application documents according to German norms (have your application documents checked at Career Service).

Try to find a job at the university, for instance in your degree program or at a main campus facility, or look for a study-related job outside of the university. If possible, do not work more than 10 to 15 hours a week during the semester so that your studies do not drag on. If you can, work more during semester breaks. Please note that as a non-EU citizen, you may not be employed for more than 140 full days or 280 half days

a calendar year or alternatively 20 hours per week, regardless of the distribution over the week. For further information & exceptions, please contact us or refer to our information sheets.

#### Network, network, network

It may be possible to study on your own and remain anonymous at a German university, but this only makes it more difficult to build valuable networks. Therefore, it is good idea to establish contacts with students and city residents on your own initiative. Check out recreational and sports activities at Goethe University and in Frankfurt (e.g., www.uni-frankfurt.de/hochschulsport). Try a language tandem (www.uni-frankfurt. de/43668117/tandem) for a semester, in which a German student helps you to improve your German skills and you help her/him to learn your mother tongue. Or volunteer at the university, which will also help you learn important skills for your future career.





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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



# TYPES OF COURSES

Most people have some idea of what a lecture is. In the case of a Proseminar (introductory seminar) or colloquium, things get a little more complicated. There is a much greater variety of course types at the university than you are used to from school. Have no fear: You'll quickly get used to the new ways of teaching and learning. Here's a breakdown of the different types of courses:

#### Vorlesung (lecture)

This is probably the type of course that brings to mind the most classroom teaching. A university instructor holds lectures throughout the semester on a specific topic, on scholarly questions and possible approaches. They are also supported by technical aids such as projectors, overhead transparencies and, yes, even a blackboard. The main goal of the lecture is to provide an overview of a particular subject. The number of course participants is usually not limited; discussions between students and/or lecturers rarely take place (of course, questions are allowed). Students are required to prepare and review the material on their own.

#### **Seminar**

A seminar is a group course intended for the discussion of scholarly problems, which often require intensive independent study. Students are expected to actively participate in the seminar, usually by giving presentations or completing a written paper, and by regularly contributing to the discussions that take place during the seminar. The number of course participants is limited.

#### **Proseminar**

Proseminars are introductory courses involving active participation of the students in the teaching process (presentations, group work, discussions) as well as literature analysis and assignments.

#### Colloquium

Colloquia are designed for the discussion of special topics and research results of the subject as well as for the discussion of different scholarly points of view.

#### **Excursion**

Excursions are university courses that are conducted off-campus.

#### **Oberseminar**

A course that usually accompanies or follows completion of the bachelor's thesis. It takes the form of a lecture on the topic of the bachelor thesis and may include a presentation of results.

#### Kurse

"Kurse" teach and practice systematic fundamental knowledge and skills, including foreign languages.

#### Internship (Praktikum)

An internship is a group course with a limited number of participants. It imparts subject-related practical knowledge and skills.

#### **Tutorial**

A tutorial is a course that serves to reinforce the content of a lecture. Students are divided into tutorial groups with usually limited enrollment. Tutorials teach specific skills by working on and discussing representative issues under the guidance of a tutor.



PUT IN THE WORK

# MODULES AND CREDIT POINTS

In modular courses of study, thematically and chronologically coordinated teaching and learning units are referred to as modules. A module can extend over one or two semesters and contain different courses. A distinction is made between compulsory and elective modules, which can be used to focus on individual interests. The respective study and examination regulations govern the program details.

For each successfully completed module, depending on the content and workload, you will receive a certain number of credit points according to the rules of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One credit point corresponds to 30 hours of student academic work (including preparation and follow-up). Only successful completion of the module is considered for receiving credit points, not the final grade.

Each module is concluded with an examination, which usually takes place at the end of the semester or at the start of the semester break. Module exams are relevant to the final degree, so they are included as a percentage in the overall grade.



# **ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

Even after you have enrolled and created your first course schedule, the formalities are far from over. Over the course of your studies, you will repeatedly be confronted with organizational issues. The most common are found in this section.

#### Re-registration

If you intend to continue your studies at Goethe University after the first semester, you must re-register by the deadline (this also applies, of course, to each subsequent semester). The re-registration process is simple: Just pay the semester fee by the deadline. If payment is received within the re-registration deadline and there is otherwise no block on your re-registration (e.g. due to not having passed examinations), you can validate your Goethe Card for the coming semester. Please be sure to comply with the re-registration deadline! Although there is also a grace period, a late fee of 30 euros is applied. If you also miss the grace period, de-registration will follow. Consequently, if you are going to be absent for an extended period of time, be sure to have someone take care of the payment for you.

#### Change of subject

If you are studying at Goethe University and would like to change your subject for the coming semester, you can submit a subject change application. Different application deadlines apply depending on whether the desired degree program has limited admission or not. The subjects of human medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy, which are subject to nationwide admission restrictions, are an exception. In this case, the application for the first semester must be made via hochschulstart.de. It is not possible in these disciplines to apply for a change of subject via the website.

Incidentally, there is no advantage to you in the case of a limited-admission program if you are already enrolled at Goethe University. The rules for the selection procedure apply equally to all applicants.

Please note: It is absolutely essential that you re-register by the deadline. Do not wait to see if the application makes it through, as selection procedures in NC (numerus clausus) subjects often do not conclude until after the re-registration period has ended. Without re-registration, however, the change of subject cannot be completed and you will end up without a spot at the university.

#### Double degree

If you would like to study another degree program at Goethe University concurrently for the coming semester, you must apply for a double-degree program. Here, too, the different deadlines for open and limited admission programs, the rules of the selection process, and the re-registration requirement apply.

#### Taking a semester off

If you need to suspend your studies for a valid reason, you can apply to take a semester off. Reasons may include: Participation in university bodies, prolonged illness, care of relatives, maternity and parental leave or study-related stays abroad. Leave of absence is legally regulated in § 8 of the Hessian Enrollment Ordinance (Immatrikulationsverordnung, ImmaVO) of April 1, 2010.

As a rule, you retain your student status while on leave of absence. Consequently, a leave of absence does not exempt you from payment of the semester fee. Students, however, can apply for a refund of the semester ticket fee at the semester ticket hardship fund office (Semestertickethärtefondstelle) in the Studierendenwerk if they return their semester ticket after they have taken their leave of absence.

Note that when you take a semester off, no (domestic) BAföG is paid and, depending on the reason for the leave of absence, no child benefit is paid either. Please consult with the appropriate offices on this topic.

#### Part-time study

Basic courses of study can also be completed on a part-time basis. This is possible if and to the extent that the examination regulations of the chosen course of study, culminating in a university examination, do not exclude this and there are no admission restrictions for the corresponding semester. Reasons for part-time study may include: Working, caring for dependents, caring for a child under 10, chronic illness or disability. Part-time study is only possible within the regular period of study and not in a dual degree program.

#### Changing your master data

If you want to notify the university of a change of address, you can either go to the website goethe-campus.uni-frankfurt.de and change your address yourself using the HRZ password and the iTAN list. Alternatively, you can send a written notification (please use the change of address form, which you can download from the Goethe University homepage) by mail to the Studium Lehre Internationales (SLI) department. Please note: For data protection reasons, it is not possible to change your address by phone or email. If you wish to change your name or nationality, you should apply in writing using the above change of address form and enclose a copy of the relevant official document as proof. Once your name change has been registered by the student administration, a new Goethe Card can be issued to you by the HRZ at no cost.

Application address:
Goethe University
Studium Lehre Internationales
Studierendensekretariat
60629 Frankfurt am Main

#### **De-registration**

De-registration means leaving the university permanently, e.g. after you have finished your studies or if you change universities. De-registration is possible on any date within a current semester, but not retroactively for a semester that has already ended. Application deadlines are April 30 for the winter semester and October 31 for the summer semester. If you have already re-registered for the following semester and withdraw within the specified period, the semester fee for the following semester will be refunded

Detailed information on the administrative procedures as well as the corresponding applications for download can be found at:

www.studsekr.uni-frankfurt.de

For any administrative procedures, you can contact a qualified representative in the Studium Lehre Internationales (SLI) department.

#### POWER OF KNOWLEDGE

# THE LIBRARIES



Members of Goethe University have access to several large libraries in Frankfurt. The library system of the university consists of the central university library, the faculty libraries, and other decentralized libraries of the individual institutions. The Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library) also has a location in Frankfurt. As you are likely to spend a lot of time in libraries, it is well worth familiarizing yourself with the library system beforehand.

### Zentrale Universitätsbibliothek Johann Christian Senckenberg

The central university library was established on January 1, 2005 through the merger of Frankfurt's municipal and university library, which dates back to 1484, and the Senckenberg library, which was founded in 1763. With its extensive holdings and collections, it is one of the central academic libraries in the Federal Republic of Germany. It combines the function of an academic library for the city of Frankfurt and the Rhine-Main region, a university library with numerous state library functions and a specialist library for the humanities within the national literature distribution network. It also maintains special research areas on behalf of the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Universitätsbibliothek Frankfurt a.M. Bockenheimer Landstr. 134-138 60325 Frankfurt am Main Tel.: +49 (69) 798-39205 auskunft@ub.uni-frankfurt.de www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de

For opening hours, see: www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/zentrale/zeiten.html

### Bibliothek Recht und Wirtschaft (BRuW)

The library of law and economics is the central library facility for students, academic staff and university faculty of the faculties of law and economics.

Bibliothek Recht und Wirtschaft Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 4 60323 Frankfurt am Main Tel.: +49 (69) 798-34965/34968 bruw-info@ub.uni-frankfurt.de www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/bruw

Opening hours

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### Bibliothek Sozialwissenschaften und Psychologie (BSP)

The library social sciences and psychology is responsible for the distribution of literature to the faculties of Social Sciences (Fac. 03), Educational Sciences (Fac. 04), Psychology (Fac. 05) and the Institut für Humangeographie (institute for human geography).

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Opening hours

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Bibliothekszentrum Geisteswissenschaften

As part of the university's library system, the library center for the humanities is responsible for the distribution of literature to the faculties of Protestant Theology (Fac. 06) and Roman Catholic Theology (Fac. 07), Philosophy and History (Fac. 08), Linguistics, Cultures, and Arts (Fac. 9, partially) and Modern Languages (Fac. 10).

Bibliothekszentrum Geisteswissenschaften IG-Farbenhaus (Q1 und Q6) - Norbert-Wollheim-Platz 1 60323 Frankfurt am Main bzg-info@ub.uni-frankfurt.de www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/bzg

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Opening hours (lecture period)

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Bibliothek für Sportwissenschaften

The library of sports sciences is a division of the library of social sciences and psychology (Bibliothek für Sozialwissenschaften und Psychologie, BSP). It is responsible for providing literature to the sports faculty.

Bibliothek für Sportwissenschaften Ginnheimer Landstraße 39 60487 Frankfurt am Main Tel. +49 (69) 798-24521 sportbib@ub.uni-frankfurt.de

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Bibliothek Naturwissenschaften Ruth-Moufang-Str. 2 60438 Frankfurt am Main Tel.: +49 (69) 798-49105 bnat@ub.uni-frankfurt.de www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/bnat

Opening hours

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Medizinische Hauptbibliothek (MedHB)

The main medical library is the medical division of the Frankfurt university library and serves as the main library of the university hospitals.

Medizinische Hauptbibliothek Theodor-Stern-Kai 7, Haus 10 60596 Frankfurt am Main Tel.: +49 (69) 6301-5058 medhb@ub.uni-frankfurt.de www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/medhb

Opening hours

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Bibliothek Sprach- und Kulturwissenschaften (BSKW)

The library of linguistics and cultural studies is responsible for providing literature to the following subject areas:

- African studies
- Empirical linguistics and phonetics
- Islamic studies

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### E-LEARNING

E-learning is teaching and learning using digital media. At Goethe University, for example, materials accompanying courses are provided in a learning platform and online exercises and lecture recordings are offered to support self-learning periods, exam preparation and follow-up to courses. The HRZ's Learning Systems team supports teachers and students in the effective use of the central learning platform OLAT and the digital media stored there.

### **OLAT (Online Learning and Training)**

OLAT is the central learning platform for interactive learning and coursework. OLAT, for example, provides students with the following options:

- access provided course materials and learning resources such as lecture recordings and learning videos. learning videos.
- take tests, complete assignments, or post completed work
- organize independently set up working groups with the help of folders, forums or calendars.
- participate in discussions in forums and chat rooms
- collaborate in a wiki
- use e-mail and RSS functions
- create e-portfolios

### OLAT login page:

https://olat.server.uni-frankfurt.de

### More information:

www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/olat/studierende

### **Digital Teaching**

At Goethe University, for example, course-related materials are provided on learning platforms (OLAT, Moodle), and online exercises as well as lecture recordings are offered to support self-directed learning phases, exam preparation, and post-course review. The unit studiumdigitale supports and advises instructors and students in the general use of digital media.

### **studium**digitale

studiumdigitale is the central innovation unit for technology-enhanced teaching and learning at Goethe University Frankfurt am Main and offers a wide range of services related to the development of digital teaching formats. The interdisciplinary team advises and supports instructors within and outside the university in the design, implementation, and evaluation of hybrid and virtual teaching formats. With its own qualification program (eLearning Certificate), studiumdigitale helps instructors acquire digital skills. In various national and international cooperation projects, studiumdigitale explores new innovative approaches to improving teaching through digital media (e.g. learning analytics, the use of AI tools, AR/VR, learning design, digital accessibility). In addition, studiumdigitale offers training for student tutors.

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# **PLANNING** YOUR STUDIES



### TAKING NOTES IS NOT ENOUGH

### **EFFECTIVE LEARNING**

The learning material at a university covers much more ground than you are used to from school. It is hardly ever possible to catch up on a semester's or two semesters' worth of material shortly before the exams. That is why you should keep your focus on the learning process right from the start. You therefore need to take personal responsibility: Even though the courses are governed by the study regulations, it is up to you to prepare the course material on your own and to register for exams. Well-organized study habits and good time management are indispensable.

### **Attending lectures**

Obviously, you should not talk on your cell phone in the lecture hall and it is better to eat your fast food meal afterwards. That said, how do you make your lecture visits as productive as possible?

First: be prepared. In the course outline, make sure you look over the material of the next lecture in advance in order to get an overall impression of the next meeting. The benefit of this is that the actual class becomes a repetition of the course material, helping you to better grasp the content. In preparing, you might even uncover a topic that you specifically want to address in the class itself.

Be as proactive as possible. Use the course to test any assumptions you might have from your own preparation. Moreover, listen attentively: Instructor comments like "important," "relevant to the exam" help guide the student's individual study plan and exam preparation. When taking notes, you should avoid recording the lecture in every detail; instead, add your own notes to the lecture notes. You can also take advantage of video recordings of lectures and e-learning offerings.

Do not hesitate to ask questions! If something is unclear to you, try asking for an alternative explanation. Not only is this good for your own learning process (and that of your fellow students, who did not speak up), but it also gives the lecturer important information on how to adapt the course to the needs of the students. Remember, the only "dumb questions" are the ones you do not ask.

After the lecture, be sure to review the material using the course handouts — if possible, within the next day. Refer to your notes to identify key takeaways. If you postpone the follow-up indefinitely, much of the knowledge will be lost. A brief run through is all it takes - besides, it is easier to motivate yourself for 10 minutes than for an hour.

Throughout the semester, consistently try to cross-reference lecture content and specifically review certain topics. If you get stuck, ask your classmates or instructors, or bring your questions to an upcoming class.

### Learning is easy – or is it?

First of all, learning is not a passive process. Being distracted in a lecture is not going to help you understand the material. The learning process covers different phases:

### Understand

In the lecture, you will first receive basic information. You acquire understanding for what you hear from the lecturer, for example, through active reflection during the lecture and sensible note taking (with an identifiable theme). As an overview, you can create a mind map or write your own summary of the lecture content. There is also selected specialist literature to aid understanding.





### Retain

Understanding and retaining information are two different things. So that you can retain and apply what you have understood in the longer term, you should first review the material at shorter intervals, and later at longer intervals. Share your freshly acquired knowledge with your peers and ask for critical feedback. This permanent repetition and consolidation is important, for otherwise you will forget the knowledge you acquired and have to start from scratch before the exams.

### **Apply**

This is the last step in the learning process. It is here that you can tell if you really understood the material or just memorized bits and pieces. Come up with practical linkages, work through practice exams on your own or simulate an exam situation. Share your knowledge with a person who is unfamiliar with the subject and try to answer their her questions as concisely as possible.

### Learning independently or with others

Whether you prefer to work on your own or in a study group is entirely up to you. The big advantage of a well-structured study group is that time-consuming tasks (e.g. a lot of literature review) can be divided up within the group. Moreover, a group sets a certain pace for the work, which promotes a process of continuous learning. In a study group, you also train key skills such as the ability to work in a team, including how to moderate, discuss, and present your arguments. You can work on your oral skills, which, as a preparatory exercise for presentations or oral exams, can lead to less exam stress.

Certainly, it is tempting to have someone in your study group with a great deal of knowledge. However, you also run the risk of relying too much on a single individual. You can only use later whatever you have first learned on your own. Try to distribute the tasks in the group as equitably as possible and immediately address any disagreements to prevent tensions from arising.

### Oral exams

Many students have difficulties with oral examinations, as this type of exam is unfamiliar from their time at school. Sometimes you may also feel that the assessment of your own exam performance is unfair. Often, the problem is not with the examiner, but rather the student's inability to adequately express themselves. In the oral examination, it is not enough to know about a particular subject. You also need to be able to present this knowledge verbally in a persuasive manner. The examiner is only able to evaluate what you say, not what you might otherwise know. To make the best impression, you should therefore polish your rhetorical skills during your studies.



### WHERE ARE YOU HEADING?

### **BUILDING YOUR PROFILE**

The more flexibility you have in your degree program, the more important it is to plan ahead. When you come to university, you bring knowledge and skills that are worth exploring further. Take a moment to ask yourself: Do you have any gaps in your background that need to be filled apart from your major? Set goals at the beginning of your studies. Do you plan to graduate within a certain period of time? What subject areas would you like to focus on? Do you want to study abroad for a semester? Do you already have a particular career in mind?

Even if you are focused on getting to know the university environment, curriculum, course requirements, faculty, and your fellow classmates, you should still think about your study plan and future career goals. A study plan is not meant to limit your options from the outset, but rather to help you make informed choices. While long-term planning of your studies may be a bit broad at first, the key is not to stick rigidly to a plan. Instead, adapt it to current circumstances.

Be self-critical, scrutinize your plans, and adjust them as needed. You will evolve over the course of your studies, and so will your ideas about the future.



### Successful studies - successful career

A solid grade-point average may be enough to get you into university, but when it comes to competing for internships, jobs, and post-graduation employment, employers look beyond your academic credentials to your overall personality. "Why should we hire you?" is a typical interview question that is not always easy to answer, especially when you consider the many qualified competitors. Employers are looking for competent, team-oriented individuals who can adapt quickly, develop concepts independently, take responsibility, and possess valuable additional qualifications.

Becoming aware of your individual potential early on will provide a strong foundation for all the decisions you make during your studies, including:

- Course selection
- Setting academic priorities
- Internships (in specific career fields)
- Useful additional qualifications for your individual profile
- Stay abroad (e.g. for an internship, Master's program, language program, research project, or as a place to live after graduation)

When it comes to applying for jobs after graduation, you can leverage your individual profile as a valuable asset for marketing yourself. This includes honing your cover letter skills, providing concrete examples of your expertise, and crafting clear supporting statements.





### **Building your career profile at Career Service**

Career Service at Goethe University aims to help you understand the benefits of building a career profile and of gaining hands-on experience. For this purpose, we offer workshops with our partners and individual counseling. We want to empower you to take an early interest in your career development and occupational opportunities, and to support your transition into the world of work.

By acquiring key professional skills, you will be able to enhance your "employability," i.e. your ability to participate in the workforce and your future career. This involves the focused development of your individual knowledge and skills for entering the job market, as well as support in cultivating your own professional networks.

We give you necessary tools to build your own professional profile. Our philosophy is that your career choice and career development will only be successful long-term if you manage to integrate your unique strengths, interests, and values into the decisions you make about your career.

Career Service of Goethe University
Westend Campus, PEG building, Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 6

More information and make an appointment at: <a href="https://www.career.uni-frankfurt.de">www.career.uni-frankfurt.de</a>

### MORE THAN KNOWLEDGE

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

Key qualifications, often considered soft skills, are important general competencies and aptitudes that go beyond professional qualifications and have a formative effect on a person's personality. In a narrower sense, these include social competencies such as teamwork, interpersonal skills, critical thinking, and personal competencies such as time management, stress management, emotional intelligence, and much more. To some extent, such soft skills can be learned.

### Why key qualifications are important at the university?

As part of the conversion of degree programs in line with the Bologna criteria, universities are required to make employability a primary qualification objective. Contrary to the view that the competencies taught at the university are only of professional and economic interest, the key qualifications, representing the substance and aim of our program, are intended to contribute to shaping the individual's overall personality in the original sense espoused by Pestalozzi and Humboldt.

### Free supplementary offer

If you are enrolled at Goethe University, you can participate in the workshops free of charge. Information about the various offers for students is available at: <a href="mailto:schluesselkompetenzen.uni-frankfurt.de">schluesselkompetenzen.uni-frankfurt.de</a>

### **BEST PRACTICES IN RESEARCH**

Academic work not only involves internalizing and applying the subject matter, but also the opportunity to exchange ideas with colleagues from the same or different disciplines. This oftens lead to new insights.

### **Good academic practice**

Goethe University expects its research faculty to adhere to the principles of good academic practice. They must work lege artis (Latin for "according to the rules of art"), document all procedures and results, and consistently challenge their own findings. Honesty regarding one's own authorship and the contributions of colleagues or fellow researchers is a matter of course, as is the sanctioning of misconduct (misappropriation of contradictory results, elimination of primary data or falsification).

### **Plagiarism**

Recent scandals involving the dissertations of prominent politicians have brought the issue of copyright and plagiarism to the forefront. As a student, you must also observe copyright law, for example, when writing a term paper or your thesis. You may use third-party content (text, sound or image content from publications, the Internet or other media) as a quotation or paraphrase, but the source must be appropriately cited. If you fail to do so, or if you falsely claim authorship, then you are committing plagiarism and seriously violating basic academic standards. This constitutes fraud and may have legal consequences for you. Your exam will otherwise be automatically be graded as unsatisfactory and you may be expelled from the university.

### SEEKING NEW HORIZONS

### STAYS ABROAD

A stay abroad during your studies is not only a valuable experience but one that you typically won't be able to have once you've started working. Whether it is integrating into a different society and culture, coping with everyday life and studies largely independently in a foreign language, studying in a new way, meeting new friends and making new contacts: All of these experiences can provide a lot of inspiration for your own studies and beyond. What is more, stays abroad can have a positive impact on future job applications and careers.

We hear repeatedly in conversations with students who have been abroad that the stay sometimes yielded entirely unexpected experiences. However, a certain amount of courage and open-mindedness are required if you decide to go abroad for an extended period of time.

If you want to study abroad, start planning and preparing early, i.e. approximately one and a half years before your stay begins. This is due to the application deadlines and processing times for scholarship programs or foreign universities.

The successful completion of the first year of study is a prerequisite for participating in any scholarship or exchange program. Due to the time constraints of the program, students enrolled in bachelor's degree programs are advised to apply for one of the many scholarship programs starting at the end of the first semester. In many countries, university studies are organized in academic years, so it is a good idea to start a study abroad program in the winter semester.

Graduate students have the opportunity to complete part of their master's degree abroad or to go abroad while pursuing a doctorate.

For information and advice on studying and interning abroad, go to: <a href="https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/38298489/lch\_möchte">www.uni-frankfurt.de/38298489/lch\_möchte</a> ins Ausland Outgoings

## IN AND **AROUND CAMPUS**



### LIVING IN FRANKFURT



Frankfurt is not your typical university city. Nor is it a metropolis with millions of inhabitants. With over 770,000 residents, Frankfurt has rather coalesced out of numerous smaller urban districts. Despite its impressive skyline, Frankfurt is not a concrete jungle, but a city with sprawling green areas and parks stretching right into the city center. Frankfurt residents love their city's unique blend of cosmopolitan flair and the tranquil atmosphere of the city's neighborhoods.

One big advantage for students is Frankfurt's excellent subway, tram, and bus system. When you enroll, you automatically receive a semester ticket, which can be used for public transportation throughout Germany ("Deutschlandticket").

If you are interested in finding a nice room close to campus, you should start looking for housing early. You should expect rents at big-city levels. Rents are usually lower in the area surrounding Frankfurt.

### **Dormitories**

With around 3,700 dormitory accommodations, **Studierendenwerk Frankfurt** manages more than half of the dormitories in the city of Frankfurt. Accommodations are spread across 34 houses in close proximity to Frankfurt's institutions of higher learning. The student dormitories differ in size and feature a very diverse range of accommo-

dation types. The selection includes small and large single rooms, rooms in shared apartments, studio apartments, and full-sized apartments. There are also many amenities. For example, nearly all accommodations have Internet access. It is a good idea, therefore, to take a look at the offerings of the Studierendenwerk:

www.swffm.de/wohnen/wohnheime

You can visit the dormitory office of the Studierendenwerk in the ServiceCenter at the Westend Campus (SKW building, ground floor), Rostocker Str. 2, 60323 Frankfurt am Main.

Phone number for general questions: +49 (69) /798-2 30 21

Opening hours: Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There is a large display case in the advisory center of Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main with listings of private rooms (Campus Westend, Hörsaalzentrum, ground floor, Tel.: 069-798 34906, Opening hours: Monday — Thursday 9 a.m. — 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.). If you find something you are interested in, please contact the owner directly.



### THERE ARE OTHER DORMITORY PROVIDERS BESIDES THE STUDIERENDENWERK:

### **Evangelical Church in Hesse and Nassau**

www.ev-studentenwohnheime.de

Susanna-von-Klettenberg-Haus (Westend Campus) Siolistr. 7, 60323 Frankfurt am Main Tel.: +49 (69) 9150 6879-11 (administration)

### Martin-Luther-King-Haus

www.mlkh-studentenwohnheim.de

Henriette-Fürth-Straße 2, 60529 Frankfurt Tel.: +49 (69) 35 69 09 (administration)

### Bauverein Katholische Studentenheime e.V.

www.bauverein-frankfurt.de

Friedrich-Wilhelm-von-Steuben-Straße 90 60488 Frankfurt am Main Tel.: +49 (69) 789-88 29-0

### **Dormitories:**

Alfred-Delp-Haus (Westend Campus) Siolistr. 7, 60323 Frankfurt am Main

Friedrich-Dessauer-Haus Friedrich-Wilhelm-von-Steuben-Straße 90, 60488 Frankfurt am Main

Dernbach-Haus (reserved for exam candidates and doctoral students), Westendplatz 30, 60325 Frankfurt am Main



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### Wohnheim GmhH

Waldschulstr 20 65933 Frankfurt

Dormitories:

Kettenhofweg 133 / Westendstraße 100 60325 Frankfurt am Main Tel: +49 (69) 39006-109

Gießener Straße 66 - 68 60435 Frankfurt am Main

Tel: +49 (69) 39006-408

### Gemeinnützige Wohnungsgesellschaft mbH Hessen (GWH)

Westerbachstraße 33 60489 Frankfurt am Main Tel.: +49 (69) 97551-0

Dormitories:

www.gwh.de/mieten

Fritz-Tarnow-Str 21 60320 Frankfurt

Tel.: +49 (69) 97551-2284

Ben-Gurion-Ring 48-48d 60437 Frankfurt am Main

Tel.: +49 (69) 97551-2713/-2139

### Temporary accommodation

The student housing administration of the Studierendenwerk and the other dormitory administrators assign guest rooms in student dormitories on a limited basis

As a temporary solution, shared-housing centers (Mitwohnzentralen) are available, which offer short-term apartments or rooms for a limited time.

### **Private apartment offers**

Private apartments can be found online, for example, at www.wohnraumgesucht.de or other internet platforms. Information on finding an accommodation is available in the Studium Lehre Internationales (SLI) department under the following link:

www.studienbeginn.uni-frankfurt.de » Erste Schritte nach der Zulassung » Wohnen in Frankfurt



### SPEIS & TRANK



Restaurant/Café-Bistro Sturm & Drang I Hörsaalzentrum Campus Westend 798 34551 I info@cafe-sturm-und-drang.de I www.cafe-sturm-und-drang.de

### FINANCING YOUR STUDIES

Not all students have the means to pay for their studies. Nevertheless, there are a number of financing options:

### **BAföG**

BAföG still provides the most affordable financing of living expenses during university studies. These funds consist of a government grant and an interest-free loan and do not have to be repaid until five years after the end of the maximum period of funding ("regular period of study"). Furthermore, the repayment obligation is limited to 10,010 euros. BAföG advising is offered by Studierendenwerk Frankfurt at its Advisory Center.

### **Education Ioan**

Students in the final stages of their studies can apply for an educational loan. The funding amounts to 100, 200 or 300 euros per month for a maximum period of two years. The first four years after the initial disbursement are repayment-free, after which the loan (including interest) is repaid in monthly installments of 120 euros. The interest rate is variable and is adjusted semi-annually.

### KfW Student Loan

You can apply for a KfW Student Loan irrespective of your financial circumstances and always for one field of study. It is aimed at financing your living expenses during your first course of study. At the end of the grace period (6 - 23 months), repayment of the loan begins in monthly installments consisting of interest and principal. Repayment must be made within a maximum of 25 years. The interest rate is variable and is adjusted semi-annually.

### Loan to finance the studies

In case of financial difficulties during your studies, the Frankfurt Student Services offers an interest-free student loan to support the financing of your studies. This loan can also be used for semesters abroad.

### Housing allowance

Students who are generally not (or no longer) eligible for BAföG may receive housing allowance if they meet the specific requirements. Further information is provided by the Social and Financial Advisory Service of the Student Services.

### Part-time jobs

Working while studying is not always just to meet a financial need. A part-time job geared toward your field of study gives you insights into a variety of industries and allows you to get to know different areas of responsibility. You can become familiar with the ground rules of professional life, while exploring and deepening your own particular strengths and goals. Part-time jobs can be performed, for instance, as a mini-job, on the basis of a student employment contract, or as a freelancer.

If you receive BAföG, you must pay attention to the allowance limit of €6,672 for a 12-month approval period. This corresponds to an average monthly income of €556.

b placement services are offered by the Career Center of Goethe University (<a href="www.stellenportal-uni-frankfurt.de">www.stellenportal-uni-frankfurt.de</a>), Studierendenwerk Frankfurt (<a href="stellenmarkt.swffm.de">stellenmarkt.swffm.de</a>) and the employment office.

### **Exemption from broadcasting fees**

As a BAföG recipient or in cases of particular hardship, you can apply for exemption from the requirement to pay broadcasting fees. Detailed information about the requirements can be found on the pages concerning the broadcasting fee at:

www.rundfunkbeitrag.de

### Advisory Center of the Studierendenwerk Frankfurt

Hörsaalzentrum, Campus Westend Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 5 60323 Frankfurt

Opening hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

www.swffm.de/beratung-finanzierung/sozial-und-finanzierungsberatung www.swffm.de/bafoeg/informationen/beratung/bafoeg-beratung

### TALENTED STUDENTS WANTED

### THE DEUTSCHLANDSTIPENDIUM



You are an excellent student, committed, motivated, and enjoy taking on responsibility? You have successfully negotiated one or the other milestone along the way and now you would like to play an active role in actively shaping Goethe University? The Deutschlandstipendium could be just the thing for you.

As a scholarship holder, you will receive 300 euros per month for one year. Private sponsors donate half of the funding, the other half is provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Yet, the Deutschlandstipendium promises more than a happy bank account: The non-material support scholarship program (ideelles Förderprogramm) awarded by

the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft, which includes career orientation events, interdisciplinary project work, and a mentoring program, offers you a wide range of interesting opportunities that will benefit you beyond your studies. Last but not least, as a scholarship holder you will expand your own network with our non-material support scholarship program by establishing important contacts to fellow students, sponsors, mentors, and speakers.

### Mentoring

The mentors of the Deutschlandstipendium support scholarship holders with their time and experience in a specific group project. To this end, interesting people from all over the region have been recruited who work in key positions and have many years of professional experience.

Our mentors are motivated by the desire to build something new and to be involved from the start. Some used to be scholarship holders themselves. They share the conviction that they can support aspiring young people in a very special project and even benefit from it themselves

### **Project work**

As a scholarship holder, you will have the opportunity to work in an interdisciplinary project group on an issue of particular significance to your generation. From ideation to implementation, you will develop your project together with your mentor. You are further expected to bring your commitment, idealism, and courage to bring about change. The interdisciplinary nature of your project group is critical throughout the process. Different perspectives and life experiences generate creative and innovative ideas. Openness and a willingness to think outside the box will serve you well in your studies as well as in your professional life.





### **Career orientation**

You will be able to get in touch with funding bodies and companies, visit companies or get to know different vocational fields in lectures with different speakers.

Exciting guests give unexpected insights into their professional lives, answer your questions and share their experiences with you.

Even well-established professionals have interruptions in their careers, frequently working on the periphery or outside their original field of study. As a scholarship recipient, you will benefit from the exchange of experiences, taking away tips and food for thought and building bridges across disciplinary boundaries.

### We invite you to apply!

You can apply each summer for the winter semester, provided you are enrolled at Goethe University. As long as you are studying within the regular period of study and can demonstrate a high level of achievement, you are eligible to apply - no matter whether you are in your first semester or about to complete your master's degree, whether you are studying "linguistics" or "dentistry," whether you have a general German university entrance qualification or a foreign university entrance qualification. As a scholarship holder, you will receive 300 euros per month for one year, in addition to any BAföG you may also be receiving.

There are two steps to the application process. Applicants are ranked according to their past performance, as well as their level of commitment and individual circumstances. The most competitive applications move on to the second round. The jurors then evaluate the overall potential of the applicants, including their social and personal skills and any notable personal achievements such as overcoming specific life challenges. For more information and to apply:

www.deutschland-stipendium.uni-frankfurt.de

### Contact:

Team Deutschlandstipendium Studium Lehre Internationales Westend Campus, PEG building

 $\hbox{E-mail:}\ \underline{deutschlandstipendium@uni-frankfurt.de}$ 

Homepage: www.deutschland-stipendium.uni-frankfurt.de

Hotline: +49 (69) 798-3838

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

In Germany, there are a large number of foundations with a range of missions. They can be affiliated with political parties, trade unions, religious organizations, social organizations or companies. All of them set their own selection criteria for applicants, depending on the main focus of their funding. For example, decisive factors can be athletic achievement, artistic talent, political commitment, personal need, or religious denomination. The applicant's social commitment and academic record are usually just as significant as the chosen field and place of study.

### **Financial support**

VFull scholarships are awarded primarily by the major foundations and are intended to provide funding for all of the student's monthly needs. As a rule, the scholarships for gifted students are based on the BAföG rate to which they are entitled. Many scholarship providers also award partial scholarships, e.g. in the form of a lump sum for tuition costs.

Most scholarships of this type are designed for an extended period of time, i.e. they are granted on the condition of active study for the entire degree program and, if applicable, the subsequent master's program.



### Non-material support (ideelle Förderung)

Many scholarship providers attach great importance to non-material support alongside financial support. This should enable you to get involved and further your education, to gain practical experience as well as to get to know other scholarship holders and to make contacts (which can be vital for your future). A wide variety of lecture series, interdisciplinary project groups or seminars and training opportunities allow you to pursue your interests and strengthen your individual profile. Non-material support is offered, for example, by the Deutschlandstipendium of the Goethe University or the Begabtenförderungswerke (organisations for the promotion of young talent).

### Contact:

Scholarship service of the Goethe University Studium Lehre Internationales (SLI) Campus Westend, PEG building E-mail: stipendien@uni-frankfurt.de

Homepage: www.stipendien.uni-frankfurt.de

Hotline: +49 (69) 798-3838



### My scholarship means relief

Annemarie is a law student, the first in her family to attend university, and a scholarship holder.

Law and Economics building, Westend Campus Campus Westend

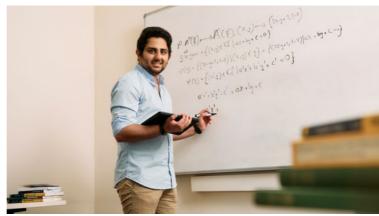


### My scholarship is security

**Ashkan** is a math major, student teacher, and a **scholarship holder**.

### **Stipendiat**

Learning Center for Mathematics, Bockenheim Campus





Start your journey toward the perfect scholarship today!

www.stipendien.uni-frankfurt.de

### IT'S HARD TO STUDY ON AN EMPTY STOMACH

### **EATING ON CAMPUS**



### **Cafeterias**

The Studierendenwerk operates dining facilities for Goethe University students at the Bockenheim, Westend, and Riedberg campuses. There you can enjoy breakfast, lunch, and snacks. This also applies, by the way, to Goethe University employees and guests. The carefully prepared and diverse food offer is made of high quality ingredients. You will find vegetarian dishes, salads, dishes from the grill, the wok, and the pasta station. There are also always new promotion weeks with a wide range of specialties.

Information on locations and menus are found on the Internet: <a href="https://www.swffm.de/essen-trinken/uebersicht">www.swffm.de/essen-trinken/uebersicht</a>

Students in Faculty 16 can eat at reduced prices in the staff cafeteria of the university hospital (Universitätsklinikum) when presenting their Goethe Card.

# THE "SEMESTERTICKET"

# Solidarity model

All students, regardless of whether they use it or not, automatically pay a fee for the Semesterticket with their semester fees. Starting in the summer semester of 2024, the Semesterticket will be based on the Deutschland-Ticket, which offers a 40% discount. Therefore, students receive the Germany ticket for approximately €35 per month. The terms of use are directly linked to those of the Deutschland-Ticket, which allows you to use public transportation throughout Germany!

# Verification

According to the guidelines of the Deutschland-Ticket, tickets are to be verified digitally. RMV offers the ticket primarily as a mobile ticket via the service provider "Digital-H." Students can log in with their HRZ account and generate a QR code. This code is only valid as an active QR code on your mobile device, either directly on the portal (internet connection required) or in one of the wallet formats (available offline). In addition, after successful activation in the portal, the semester ticket is also displayed in the Goethe University app under "My App."

You can find all the details and the link on the AStA website: https://asta-frankfurt.de/angebote/kultur-mobilitaet/semesterticket

**Important:** According to the Deutschland-Ticket guidelines, taking a screenshot or printing the QR code is not permitted. The Goethe-Card is also no longer valid as a ticket! In the exceptional case that cell phone use is not possible, information material on the chip card can be requested by e-mail to <a href="mailto:verkehr@asta-frankfurt.de">verkehr@asta-frankfurt.de</a>.

# Area of validity

The Semesterticket is now a full-fledged Deutschland-Ticket, which is valid for all public transportation in Germany. This means that students can use buses, trams, subways, and all regional trains in Germany without paying any additional fees.

**Important:** The use of long-distance trains (IC / ICE or EC) is generally not allowed! In most mobility apps (e.g. DB Navigator) it is possible to limit the search for connections to "local/regional transport."

Please also pay attention to any special regional regulations regarding the use of the

Deutschland-Ticket, such as the taking of bicycles, which are provided by the respective transportation companies!

# Refunds

As a rule, the Semesterticket is non-refundable, since it is financed largely by the solidarity system. In a few exceptional cases, a refund can be requested from the Semesterticket Hardship Fund Office. Reasons for refund requests may include: leave of absence, study abroad, or dual enrollment.

The Hardship Fund is administered by the Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main on behalf of the AStA of Goethe University.

AFor further information and the application portal, please visit: <a href="https://www.swffm.de/beratung-service/semesterticket-haertefonds">www.swffm.de/beratung-service/semesterticket-haertefonds</a>

Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main Phone: (069) 798-23088 haertefonds@swffm.de

# THE BICYCLE SELF-HELP WORKSHOP



# Got a screw loose?

Then bring your bike to the AStA self-help workshop on the Westend Campus. True to the motto "helping people to help themselves," the workshop team supports students and members of the Goethe University with bicycle repairs free of charge. You should be able to do as much as possible on your own. AStA bicycle workshop provides the necessary tools (including specialized bicycle tools), tips, and further advice.

Wheelchair users can also get help at the workshop.

In addition, bicycle repair courses are offered. The introductory course teaches basic knowledge about bicycles. You will learn about the components of your bike and how to adjust and maintain it. The advanced courses build on this knowledge.

There is also a 24/7 self-service repair station at the location outside of business hours.

# **Opening hours:**

Tuesday 10-16 Uhr Wednesday: 13-19 Uhr Thursday: 13-19 Uhr

# Contact:

Phone: 069/798 33233

Website: <a href="https://asta-fahrradwerkstatt.de">https://asta-fahrradwerkstatt.de</a>
E-mail: <a href="mailto:kontakt@AStA-Fahrradwerkstatt.de">kontakt@AStA-Fahrradwerkstatt.de</a>

# BALANCING CAREGIVING RESPONSIBILITIES AND YOUR STUDIES

# **CHILDCARE**



Goethe University offers several childcare options. For an overview of our childcare services, please visit: www.uni-frankfurt.de/113940384/Kinderbetreuung

# Regular childcare

Goethe University's daycare facilities are located close to campus. Since the city organizes childcare, students who wish to register their children here must live in the Frankfurt metropolitan area. For an overview of all daycare centers at Goethe University, visit:

# www.uni-frankfurt.de/41010854

Students interested in registering their children at one of the Goethe University daycare facilities can do so via the central platform of the city of Frankfurt. When registering, please indicate that you are a student of Goethe University:

# www.kindernetfrankfurt.de/start?0

Be sure to also select other facilities, as a spot cannot be guaranteed.

# Flexible childcare: supervised nursery

In addition to regular childcare, Goethe University offers flexible childcare at its Westend location with its supervised nursery. The facility is located at the Campus Kita, Gisèle-Freund-Platz 1, 60629 Frankfurt, Westend Campus.

# Contact:

Balkisse Karuti

Tel: +49 151 18656089

kinderzimmer-westend@uni-frankfurt.de

- Hourly supervision by qualified staff after initial interview and settling-in period
- Supervision: max. 10 hours per week, 5 children at a time
- Opening hours: Monday Friday 9:00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.
- Cost per hour or part thereof: €2.50 for students and €5.00 for employees

www.uni-frankfurt.de/41011773/Flexible Kinderbetreuung

# **Childcare during school vacation**

The weeks when school vacations and classes overlap are especially challenging for students and employees with children. For these situations, the Family Service regularly organizes "Ferienspiele" (recreational activities). Children between the ages of 6 and 12 can participate.

For more information, visit www.uni-frankfurt.de/41012038/Ferienbetreuung



# Diaper changing, parent-child and breastfeeding rooms

Parent-child and breastfeeding rooms are places of refuge for busy parents and their children. They can be used for diapering, resting, and breastfeeding breaks, or as a convenient drop-off location when both parents are studying and the child needs to be handed off between lectures

You can find an overview here: www.uni-frankfurt.de/48416370

There are also diaper-changing facilities throughout the campus within walking distance. The following PDF is regularly updated: <a href="https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/81974883">www.uni-frankfurt.de/81974883</a>

For more information and assistance in balancing your studies and family responsibilities, please see the "Advising" section of this guide.

### RESTROOMS FOR ALL GENDERS AT THE UNIVERSITY

# **ALL-GENDER RESTROOMS**

At the Goethe University, it should be possible for everyone to use the restrooms free of stress or anxiety. In order to ensure the equal participation of TIN\* (trans\*, inter\*, and non-binary) people in everyday university life and to reduce discrimination, all-gender bathrooms were installed in many central buildings in 2023, alongside the existing men's and women's bathrooms.

FAQs about all-gender bathrooms and a list of all-gender bathrooms on Goethe University campuses can be found here:

www.uni-frankfurt.de/136644893/All Gender Toiletten

For more information and support services for trans, inter, and non-binary students, please see the "Advising" section of this guide.

MANAGING HEALTH IMPAIRMENTS ON CAMPUS

# SUPPORTING FACILITIES

# Quiet rooms and first-aid rooms

An overview of the quiet rooms and first-aid rooms at the various Goethe University locations can be found at this link:

www.uni-frankfurt.de/140928112/Ruheraum

# Disability-friendly workspaces in libraries

Students with support needs, particularly those with visual or mobility impairments, have the opportunity to work at specially equipped PC workstations and height-adjustable desks in the workrooms. The workrooms are located in the Social Sciences and Psychology Library and the Natural Sciences Library:

www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/barrierefrei/home.html

For more information and support services for students with disabilities or chronic health conditions, see the "Advising" section of this guide.



A MOMENT OF CONTEMPLATION

# **RELIGIOUS LIFE**

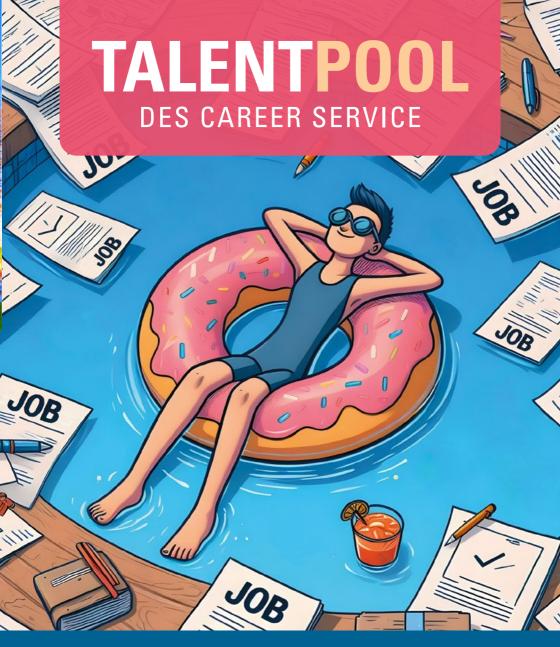
There are numerous university congregations that offer the opportunity to participate in active religious community life around Goethe University. The "House of Silence" (Haus der Stille) is a special interfaith facility: It serves as a place of reflection and meditation and is open to anyone who wants to contemplate their relationship with God or is just looking for a quiet moment alone.

www.uni-frankfurt.de/haus-der-stille

**Evangelische Studierendengemeinde** www.esq-frankfurt.de

**Katholische Hochschulgemeinde** www.khg-frankfurt.de

Islamische Hochschulgemeinde www.ihg-ffm.de





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# LIVING IN **FRANKFURT**



# FRANKFURT AM MAIN

Banking town or green oasis? Skyline or old-town atmosphere? Commercial prosperity or multiculturalism? Frankfurt has a bit of everything and offers a lot more than you might think at first glance.

With a population of over 770,000, Frankfurt am Main is a medium-sized metropolis. It is the dynamic center of the Rhine-Main region and at the forefront of our changing times. The impressive skyline disguises the fact that many parts of the city were once small villages that only grew together over time. They have been able to preserve their own character and traditions up to this day.

This is also apparent in the many charming shopping areas that abound along Germany's most popular commercial boulevard — the Zeil. In the evening, people meet in one of the numerous traditional "Ebbelwoi" taverns for a glass of apple wine and let the day come to a merry conclusion. Frankfurt is an exceptionally green city. In fact, you do not have to go to the Taunus to enjoy nature. Besides the largest city forest (Stadtwald) in Germany, Frankfurt has around 400 green spaces and parks.

Thanks to its location, Frankfurt has always been a city that offers a high degree of mobility. Here, the north-south and east-west routes meet by road, rail, and air. The city's international character is reflected in numerous trade fairs, the more than 200 international financial institutions, and not to mention the 180 or so different nationalities that live together harmoniously.

Goethe University students can also take advantage of the city's excellent public transportation: The AStA has negotiated an unbeatable low-priced semester ticket with the Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund, which entitles you to travel from Weinheim to Kassel and from Wiesbaden/Mainz to Fulda. This means that you will always have a way of getting around. The 44,000 companies and over 600,000 jobs subject to social insurance contributions are indicators of a flourishing economy. Owing to the region's dynamism and productivity, the unemployment rate is below the national average, even when economic times are tough. Students are thus able to take advantage of many interesting job and internship opportunities, and have good career prospects after graduating.

Besides the region's global mindset, local traditions shine in a distinctive array of clubs and associations. The almost endless selection of sporting activities can be enjoyed in one of the more than 400 sports clubs. The city of Frankfurt also boasts the necessary infrastructure for active leisure activities, with numerous indoor and outdoor swimming pools, an ice rink, golf courses, and boathouses. Rounding things out, there is a fantastic zoo, the Palmengarten, and the famous Senckenberg Natural History Museum right next to the Bockenheim Campus.

Frankfurt can also hold its own in terms of its cultural offerings. The opera, which has been awarded the title of "Oper des Jahres" (opera of the year) multiple times, the Schauspielhaus (theater) and another 20 venues and more than 50 theater groups offer an extraordinary range of entertainment. A vibrant film culture is reflected in such renowned festivals as the world's largest celebration of Japanese film, Nippon Connection, and the LUCAS International Children's Film Festival, Needless to say, there is no shortage of literary highlights in Johann Wolfgang Goethe's birthplace. Music fans also have a lot to choose from. There is a wide range of events on offer, from the German Jazz Festival and the Ensemble Modern, one of the world's leading ensembles for new music, to rock and pop concerts in the Festhalle, and numerous orchestras. choirs and music groups that invite you to listen or even join in. The Museumsufer (Museum Embankment) is another popular attraction. With the Schirn Kunsthalle, the Städel, and the Museum für Moderne Kunst and almost 60 other larger and smaller museums and exhibition venues. Frankfurt does its reputation proud as an art metropolis.

Check out the Kulturportal (<a href="www.kultur-frankfurt.de">www.kultur-frankfurt.de</a>) for a detailed overview of all the city's cultural attractions, and the Museumsufer website (<a href="www.museumsufer.de">www.museumsufer.de</a>, which covers the city's some 60 museums. Franfurt residents also know how to celebrate. No matter whether it is the traditional Dippemess, the Night of the Museums or the Museumsuferfest, there is always something happening.

The website of the city of Frankfurt presents plenty of useful information, excursion tips and leisure highlights under the heading "Frankfurt entdecken & erleben" (discover and experience Frankfurt). Feel free to wander around and discover the city. Anyone who has ever taken the plunge into the city's pulsating life knows: Frankfurt is worth much more than a first glance!





# ALWAYS IN KEY

# UNIVERSITY MUSIC

# Collegia musica

Contact:

All students, members and alumni of Goethe University have the chance to participate in the Collegium Musicum.

Orchestra of the Collegium Musicum Rehearsals begin the first week of the semester, every Tuesday, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., PA building lobby. Please email in advance!

Collegium Musicum Choir Rehearsals begin the first week of the semester, every Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m., PA building lobby.

End-of-semester concerts are held at the conclusion of each semester, featuring the fruits of the ensembles' musical efforts, as well as other chamber music performances. Rehearsal weekends and concert tours complement the campus music activities.

Prof. Jan Schumacher University Music Director Musicology Institute Musikwissenschaftliches Institut Room 04B 107 Rostocker Straße 2

60323 Frankfurt am Main J.Schumacher@em.uni-frankfurt.de

www.uni-frankfurt.de/43694677/collegia musica

# Symphonic wind orchestra

The Goethe University's symphonic wind orchestra was founded in the winter semester 2016/2017 as part of the Collegium Musicum. It currently consists of about 60 amateur and professional musicians. The orchestra is dedicated to performing original compositions of the symphonic wind music repertoire and to providing opportunities for playing music together. It also aims to deliver a diverse repertoire of serious and popular music and to encourage concert performance in wind music.

Symphonic wind orchestra of the Collegium Musicum
Rehearsals begin the first week of the semester, every Monday, 7:30-9:30 p.m.,
PA building lobby (register in advance: <a href="mailto:orga.sbo-goetheuni@freenet.de">orga.sbo-goetheuni@freenet.de</a>)



### TEST YOUR LIMITS

# **UNIVERSITY SPORTS**



The University Sports Center is your go-to place for sports, events, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle while studying at Goethe University. The wide range of activities embraces a variety of motivations for participating in sport and provides a convenient way for students, staff, and even guests to be active. University sports not only emphasize physical exercise, but a sense of community and meeting new people. They also promote a healthy lifestyle at Goethe University.

# Student life

You have lectures and seminars and have moved to a new city. On top all of that, you have to prepare for exams. Finding balance in your busy student life is more important than ever. That's why the University Sports Center has made it its mission to develop a program specifically tailored to students. Besides more traditional courses like football (soccer), basketball, or gymnastics, there are also less conventional offerings like dragon boating, stick fencing, or pole dancing. You can also take part in workshops, excursions, and events such as the annual Goethe Run and the Summer Challenge!

# Promoting good health

We are about more than just sports: The University Sports Center is also committed to helping you stay healthy while you pursue your degree. For this reason, we have designed offerings for students such as the online Active Movement Break, the "Sport, der Wissen schafft" podcast, and social get-togethers.

# **Everyone is welcome**

All are encouraged to participate, regardless of fitness level or previous experience. The University Sports Center team is committed to inclusion and integration, ensuring that everyone feels welcome. Participation should not depend on your pocketbook. The program therefore is affordable for Goethe University students.

# Meet new people

Course offerings foster diverse communities where like-minded people can come together to share ideas and engage in activities as a group. Whether you are a participant, instructor, or student employee on a motivated team, there are lots of ways to take advantage of the variety of university sports!

For a complete list of our offerings, please visit the University Sports Center website. Registration is required for many courses and events: www.uni-frankfurt.de/hochschulsport

Contact for more information: Zentrum für Hochschulsport Ginnheimer Landstr. 39 60487 Frankfurt am Main

E-mail: info@hochschulsport.uni-frankfurt.de
Tel.: (069) 798 - 24 51 6 (office 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

www.uni-frankfurt.de/hochschulsport www.instagram.com/hochschulsport\_frankfurt www.facebook.com/HochschulsportFrankfurt Hochschulsport Frankfurt — YouTube Sport, der Wissen schafft | podcast on Spotify

# **GOETHES FAUST E.V.**

# What is debating in "Goethe's Faust" all about?

Debating is a thrilling competition about making the most convincing arguments. Two randomly drawn teams (pro/con) duel it out on a predefined topic, with each team member delivering a seven-minute speech following a group preparation phase. Because it is virtually impossible to arrive at an exhaustive truth in such a short time, the test is whether you can present your point of view with clarity and precision. A jury then decides which team has done the best job according to a standard scoring system.

# What kinds of topics are debated?

Would the world be better off without religion? Should parents raise their children in a gender-neutral way? Should the highest salary in a company be no more than ten times the lowest salary? Should we print graphic images on meat packaging? Would the world be better off with open global migration? Should we take people to court who spoil movies, series, or other media?

# Is debating for you?

With Goethe's Faust, you will learn how to argue precisely and persuasively, as well as how to speak in front of an audience. At the same time, you will be able to exchange ideas with your peers on exciting, current topics in politics, society, or business. Moreover, you will get to know a friendly community whose feedback can help you succeed in other areas

# When and where:

Every Wednesday, 6 pm

Meeting place: Westend Campus

More info:

https://dcgf.weebly.com www.facebook.com/dcgfev

www.instagram.com/debattierclub.frankfurt

E-mail: vorstand.dcgf@gmail.com

We debate in English on the first Wednesday of every month.

# ONE CARD - MANY POSSIBILITIES

# THE CULTURE TICKET

Get free admission to 19 Frankfurt museums and the zoo! The Goethe Card is also a culture ticket. It gives you free admission to the following Frankfurt institutions: Archaeological Museum Frankfurt, Caricatura Museum Frankfurt, German Architecture Museum, DFF - German Film Institute & Film Museum, Hindemith Cabinet in the Kuhirturm Filmmuseum, Hindemith Kabinett im Kuhirtenturm, Historisches Museum Frankfurt, Ikonenmuseum Frankfurt, Institut für Stadtgeschichte, Jüdisches Museum Frankfurt and Museum Judengasse, Junges Museum Frankfurt, Museum Angewandte Kunst, Museum für Kommunikation Frankfurt, Museum Giersch der Goethe- Universität, MUSEUM MMK FÜR MODERNE KUNST as well as TOWER MMK and ZOLLAMT MMK, Porzellan Museum Frankfurt, Weltkulturen Museum and the Zoo Frankfurt

# For more information, visit: www.museumsufer.de

Simply show your Goethe Card at the museum ticket office and embark on a journey back in time, around the world, or through the arts — free of charge.



An initiative of the general student committees (AStA) and the culture department of the city of Frankfurt.



# COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT



# **GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND TEACHING**

Studium Lehre Internationales (SLI) is the Goethe University's central service and counselling center for all your questions and concerns regarding your studies. Both the service points and telephone hotline are available for initial inquiries. Further concerns are handled by the staff of the Student Administration Office (Studierendensekretariat) and the Academic Advisory Service.

# **Student Administration Office**

All central administrative processes from enrollment to de-registration are processed in the Student Administration Office. The office is located on the 1st floor of the PEG building at the Westend Campus.

If necessary, you can make a personal appointment for the Student Administration Office during the opening hours of our service point.

Mailing address:

Goethe University Studium Lehre Internationales Studierendensekretariat 60629 Frankfurt am Main www.studsekr.uni-frankfurt.de

# **Hotline**

Have questions for the Academic Advisory Service, the Student Administration Office, or the Global Office? The Studium Lehre Internationales (SLI) hotline is the quickest way to get in touch with all the relevant contacts concerning your studies. This is where you can get basic information on matters relating to student administration and the office hours of the Academic Advisory Service.

Office hours:

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m

Tel.: +49 (69) 798-3838

# **Study Service Point**

The Study Service Point is the place to go for those who prefer personal assistance. Here, you receive initial information from the Academic Advisory Service as well as all relevant applications from student administration. Want to pick up your Goethe Card or find out where your next course is taking place? No problem — simply drop by!

Opening hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Westend Campus
Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 6
PEG building, ground floor
www.uni-frankfurt.de/94634669

You can find our social media pages on **Facebook** and **Instagram** at:

fb.me/goetheuni.sli

instagram.com/goetheuni.sli

# ACADEMIC ADVISORY SERVICE (ZSB)

The Academic Advisory Service offers individual advising sessions on the following topics:

- Information on degree programs at Goethe University (structure, sequence, areas of specialization, connection options, possible combinations, etc.)
- Support in choosing a course of study, especially when it is difficult to make a
  decision or at the beginning of the process of choosing a course of study.
- Support in searching for alternative study options
- Application information (with German university entrance qualification)
- Information on the change of subject or location
- Studying with a child or caregiving tasks
- Balancing studies and part-time jobs
- Studying with a disability
- Career counseling for students in higher semesters
- Exam coaching

Current office hours and subject areas:

www.zsb.uni-frankfurt.de » Persönliche Beratung

# Counselling on the topic of "Studying with a health impairment or disability"

Students with limitations or disabilities due to illness or disability may contact <u>barrierefrei@uni-frankfurt.de</u> for advice on study organization issues (e.g. disability compensation).

Kirsten Brandenburg Tel.: (069) 798-17383 Christina Rahn Tel.: (069) 798-17923

# Psychotherapeutic counseling

The psychotherapeutic counseling center offers all enrolled students at Goethe University the chance to talk about any problems in their personal growth, relationships or work difficulties, as well as specific psychological and psychosomatic disorders.

After registering for an appointment online, an initial meeting usually takes place within a few weeks. In urgent cases, please contact us by e-mail. We will do our best to schedule an appointment at the earliest possible time.

The consultation serves diagnostic purposes, as well as the consideration of further steps. If necessary, therapeutic treatment possibilities are discussed. Short-term crisis interventions can be carried out at the counseling office to a limited extent. The staff of the counseling center are trained in various therapeutic methods, including behavioral therapy, depth psychology-based psychotherapy, and systemic counseling.

Online appointment registration: <a href="https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/120594601">www.uni-frankfurt.de/120594601</a>

Rooms: Sozialzentrum/Neue Mensa, 5th floor Campus Bockenheim, Bockenheimer Landstr. 133

Secretary's office: Room 512, <a href="mailto:anmeldung.pbs@uni-frankfurt.de">anmeldung.pbs@uni-frankfurt.de</a>, Tel.: +49 (69) 798-22964

Office hours and registration:

Mon. - Fri. 9 - 12 a.m.

Mailing address:
Goethe University
Studium Lehre Internationales
Psychotherapeutische Beratungsstelle für Studierende
Campus Bockenheim | Senckenberganlage 31
60629 Frankfurt am Main
www.pbs.uni-frankfurt.de

# Behavioral therapy outpatient clinic

Psychotherapeutic treatments have been offered at the behavioral therapy outpatient clinic of Goethe University since 1999.

Behavioral therapy for:

Anxiety disorders, bipolar disorders, depression, eating disorders, fear of illness, personality disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, accompanying therapy for psychoses, psychosomatic disorders, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunctions, substance abuse, tinnitus, obsessive-compulsive disorders.

# Costs and organization:

The outpatient clinic is authorized by the Kassenärztliche Vereinigung Hessen to invoice statutory health-insurance providers.

# Telephone office hours:

Mon., Tue., Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m Wed. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tel.: +49 (69) 798-25102

Outside of office hours, you can leave your name and phone number on our answering machine and we will call you back as soon as possible.

# Contact:

Verhaltenstherapie-Ambulanz der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main Varrentrappstraße 40—42 (right entrance), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 60486 Frankfurt

Tel.: (069) 798-25102

www.psychotherapie-ambulanz-frankfurt.de

# Nightline Frankfurt

Nightline Frankfurt is an anonymous counselling hotline run by students for students. Whether you are experiencing exam stress, heartbreak, a quarrel or anything else, we take you seriously and take our time for you. For our opening hours and further information: <a href="https://www.nightlineffm.com">www.nightlineffm.com</a>

# Call-a-CAB

Our Call-a-CAB (Come-Along-Buddy) service is a free escort service provided by students ("Buddies") for students of all degree programs who are looking for assistance in study-related matters due to special circumstances. The goal is to help students help themselves through confidential, one-on-one coaching.

Our team includes compassionate psychology students in advanced study who are engaged in a service-learning seminar. They care about your worries and pressures and are here to help you with advice, tips, and tools. After a short interview, we will get you matched up with the right Buddy!

### Contact:

E-mail: anfragecallacab@uni-frankfurt.de

Tel.: +49 (69) 798-35316 (telephone hours correspond to the opening hours of the

General Psychology II office)

Homepage: <a href="https://www.tinygu.de/call-a-cab">www.tinygu.de/call-a-cab</a>
Office hours by appointment only

# **Ombudsperson**

Do you find yourself in a difficult personal situation? For example, you may feel that you have been treated unfairly by an instructor or have problems that personally affect you in your studies or in your doctoral work. For complaints of any kind, the ombudspersons are there to help. Your concerns are handled confidentially.

Contact person for students and academic staff on the Westend, Bockenheim and Ginnheim campuses: <a href="mailto:ombudsmann-FB01-10@uni-frankfurt.de">ombudsmann-FB01-10@uni-frankfurt.de</a>

Contact person for students and academic staff on the Riedberg, Bockenheim and Niederrad campuses: <a href="mailto:ombudsmann-FB11-16@uni-frankfurt.de">ombudsmann-FB11-16@uni-frankfurt.de</a>

Contact person for students, research associates, and student assistants from Faculties 1 to 10 at the Westend, Bockenheim, and Ginnheim campuses, as well as for gender-sensitive counseling requests from students, research associates, and student assistants from all Faculties 1 to 16 at the Westend, Bockenheim, Ginnheim, Riedberg, and Niederrad campuses.

ombudsfrau@uni-frankfurt.de

More information: www.uni-frankfurt.de/97234850



### DER CAREER SERVICE

- Career orientation Career guidance Labor market prospects Application check Job placement Career events Workshops & lectures Mentoring
- Job portal

Career Service is a collaborative service of Studium Lehre Internationales, the Agentur für Arbeit Frankfurt am Main, and the university's subsidiary CAMPUSERVICE. We are here to support you in your transition to the job market by helping you to consider career questions and your job market prospects early on in your studies. In addition to numerous workshops, Career Service offers you a wide-ranging program of individual coaching. Our offers are available to all Goethe University students free of charge.

# Our services

# Career orientation and coaching • labor market prospects

An early assessment of your skills and knowledge will help you to identify professional opportunities on the labor market. We guide you in finding answers to the following questions:

- What employment opportunities are available for my field of study?
   Are there any alternatives?
- What are the hiring procedures in my industry?

# **Application check**

During the application check, you will learn how to tailor your resume and cover letter to a particular job, to interpret job advertisements, and how to present your skills and work experience in your application.

# Job placement

We assist you in finding a suitable part-time or full-time job. Our job placement services include putting students and graduates in touch with companies.

# **Book consultation appointments**

You can book appointments for any of our services at <a href="https://tinygu.de/beratung">https://tinygu.de/beratung</a>

# Job fairs and matching days

Take advantage of our job fairs and matching days in diverse fields of study. You can make direct contact with top regional employers and gain insight into your career prospects. For more information and event dates, visit: <a href="https://tinygu.de/unternehmen">https://tinygu.de/unternehmen</a>



# **Applications and additional qualifications**

More than ever before, students are called upon to develop so-called "future skills." Career Service at Goethe University, in cooperation with its partners, offers students numerous opportunities to acquire these competencies. Diverse programs are specifically designed to meet the demands of the current job market and the knowledge economy.

# Our offering includes:

- Practice-oriented talks
- Workshops on charting your career path
- Training on successful applications
- Seminars on key professional skills

For more information on the individual sessions, please visit: https://tinyqu.de/veranstaltungen

# Mentoring

The mentoring program GROW@Goethe provides students at Goethe University from their third semester onwards with valuable career orientation. Experienced mentors from various professional fields accompany the students for eight months, share their practical experience with them, and open doors to companies. The mentoring is complemented by lectures, workshops, and networking events. For international students, GROW@Goethe offers special counseling services for integration into the job market.

Further information is available on the GROW@Goethe website: <a href="https://tinygu.de/mentoring">https://tinygu.de/mentoring</a>

# International Career Service Rhein-Main



The International Career Service Rhein-Main (ICS RM) offers a broad range of services to support international students and students with a migration background as they enter the German job market. A joint collaboration between the career services of institutions of higher learning in the Rhine-Main region, it includes the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Goethe University, the Hochschule Rhein-Main, Hoch-

schule Darmstadt, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz and Technische Universität Darmstadt. ICS RM seeks to encourage highly qualified international young talent with a German university degree to remain in the region. Its services comprise individual counseling, workshops, mentoring, special entrepreneurship programs, and events that afford insights into different corporate cultures. ICS RM also organizes "Matching Week," a virtual career week that connects students with employers. ICS RM services

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are available to students and graduates (up to 12 months after graduation) of the participating universities in the Rhine-Main area. You can register and get an overview of the program at: <a href="https://ics-rm.de">https://ics-rm.de</a>

Die Frankfurter Berufs- und Studienberatung

# Gut beraten - auch im Studium

- Praktikum
- Studienfachwechsel
- Bewerbungsunterlagen
- Probleme im Studium

Per Mail direkt zum Beratungstermin: Frankfurt-Main.Hochschulteam2@ arbeitsagentur.de





# Arbeiterkind.de

Arbeiterkind.de is an initiative for all pupils and students who are the first in their family to pursue an academic degree. Volunteer mentors assist new students in all study-related matters.

www.arbeiterkind.de

# Faculty student advising

Students have access to faculty advisors throughout their studies. Faculty and staff will help you navigate academic and organizational issues related to planning courses, developing majors, and creating individualized schedules. While certain programs may require academic advising, other issues may be easier to address with fellow students who are already in the program. Student representatives not only guide new students, but also welcome those who want to become active in student affairs. Contact information and representatives for faculties, institutes, student associations, and central advising services can be found in the advising guide (Beratungswegweiser) from Studium Lehre Internationales: www.uni frankfurt.de/100534147

# ProCareer.MINT

ProCareer.MINT is a funding line from Mentoring Hessen for female students in STEM fields. Its goal is to support you as a student of natural or engineering sciences in your professional and personal development and to provide you with practical insights into professional life.

Further information

www.mentoringhessen.de/angebot/mentoring/procareer-mint



# **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICE**

The goal of Goethe University is to ensure equal opportunities for students, researchers, and staff in administration and technology. At the central level, the Office for Equal Opportunities is responsible for implementing equality measures, focusing on the areas of gender equality, family and dual career, diversity and anti-discrimination, and inclusion. The office offers a wide range of services, including events, workshops, resources, and self-learning tools. Students and employees are provided with advice and support, particularly in cases of discrimination (Anti-Discrimination Office, see below), sexualized discrimination and violence, and issues concerning the compatibility of studies, career, and family (Family Service, see below).

Additional services: Publications (brochures, flyers, etc.); ; events

Office for Equal Opportunities, Goethe University Frankfurt | SKW Building | Rostocker Str. 2 | 60323 Frankfurt | Phone: +49 (0)69 798 15137 | E-mail: chancengerechtigkeit@uni-frankfurt.de | chancengerechtigkeit.uni-frankfurt.de

# University's Central and Faculty Equal Opportunities Officers

The Equal Opportunities Officer provides consultation on equality-oriented structural and development planning as well as on all personnel decisions. She supports the university management, faculties, and institutions in updating and implementing the Equality Action Plan and the faculties' Gender Equality & Diversity Action Plans (GEDAP). The university's Equal Opportunities Officer is Dr. Anja Wolde, who is supported by two deputy central Equal Opportunities Officers and by the faculty equal opportunities officers and advisory councils.

Equal Opportunities Officer of the University:
Dr. Anja Wolde
Goethe University Frankfurt | Westend Campus | SKW Building |
Rostocker Str. 2 | 60323 Frankfurt am Main | Phone: +49 (0)69 798 18100 |
E-mail: wolde@em.uni-frankfurt.de | www.uni-frankfurt.de/89564597/Gleichstellung

# Anti-Discrimination Office/Anti-Discrimination Officer

The Anti-Discrimination Office offers advice and support to anyone who experiences or observes discrimination at Goethe University. The counselling provided by the Anti-Discrimination Office is always confidential. The focus is on the perspective, experiences, and needs of the affected person; further steps are only taken with the individual's consent. Together, possible strategies can be explored for dealing with the specific situation or experience. If necessary, those seeking advice are also referred to other qualified counseling offices.

Do you feel like you have experienced discrimination at the university? Have you observed discrimination? Are you looking for support or do have questions about what we do?

Please feel free to contact us at: <a href="mailto:antidiskriminierungsstelle@uni-frankfurt.de">antidiskriminierungsstelle@uni-frankfurt.de</a>
For more information and contact details, go to the Anti-Discrimination Office: <a href="mailto:antidiskriminierung.uni-frankfurt.de">antidiskriminierung.uni-frankfurt.de</a>

# Representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses

Goethe University is committed to enabling all people, regardless of health limitations, to participate in university life in a self-directed way that corresponds to their unique potential. Students with disabilities, chronic illnesses, or other mental or physical impairments should be able to pursue higher education on an equal basis and with equal opportunities. The representative's task is to advise the university and to ensure that the special needs of students with disabilities or chronic illnesses are taken into account, particularly in the organization of study conditions and in matters of compensation for disadvantages and accessibility.

Petra Buchberger
Westend Campus | Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 6
Gebäude PEG building, 1st floor, Room 1.G055 | 60323 Frankfurt am Main
Telefon 069 798 18282 | Buchberger@rz.uni-frankfurt.de
www.inklusion.uni-frankfurt.de

 You can find further information and a listing of the counseling centers here: www.inklusion.uni-frankfurt.de, esp. for compensation of disadvantages: www.uni-frankfurt.de/83790105/Nachteilsausgleich Prüfungen

- An overview of the quiet rooms and first-aid rooms at the various Goethe University locations can be found here:
  - www.uni-frankfurt.de/140928112/Ruheraum
- Handreichung für Studierende mit gesundheitlicher Beeinträchtigung (German) www.uni-frankfurt.de/98672010/leitfaden\_gu\_inklusion\_stud.pdf
   Navigating Goethe University with Health Issues or Disabilities (English): www.uni-frankfurt.de/109408051/studying-the-inclusive-way.pdf

# Organizing your studies with family responsibilities (Family Service)

Organizing studies with children or other caregiving responsibilities presents students with special challenges. Goethe University is committed helping you find the right balance. On the following pages, we would like to give you an overview of the university's relevant structures.

# **Advising**

Do not hesitate to contact the central and faculty advising offices with any questions you may have. Often, a consultation with the Family Service at the Equal Opportunities Office is helpful in getting an initial overview and determining whom you should turn to for assistance, including if you become pregnant.

If you have general questions about studying with a child, the Student Advisory Service (ZSB) or the subject advisor in your faculty can help.

For questions about financing your studies, the counseling center of the Studierendenwerk Frankfurt is the place to go. For a listing of advising offices, see:

www.uni-frankfurt.de/113940452

# More information on studying with family responsibilities

Detailed information on relevant topics for (expectant) parents is found on the Family Service pages:

<u>www.familie.uni-frankfurt.de</u> (German) bzw. <u>www.family.uni-frankfurt.de</u> (English).

There, you will also find information on the <u>financial</u> and <u>legal</u> aspects of studying with family responsibilities.

# Maternity leave

The Maternity Protection Act (Mutterschutzgesetz) protects the health of the student and her child during pregnancy, childbirth, and breastfeeding, and seeks to prevent discrimination based on pregnancy.

Important information can be found on Goethe University's maternity leave portal: <a href="https://www.mutterschutz.uni-frankfurt.de">www.mutterschutz.uni-frankfurt.de</a>

### Information for specific target groups

There is a lot of information to offers for specific target groups, such as single parents, same-sex and queer parents,\* international students, on the Family Service websites: <a href="https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/116374221">www.uni-frankfurt.de/116374221</a>

### Stay informed

The <u>Family Service newsletter</u> provides information on current topics and events related to balancing study and family life.

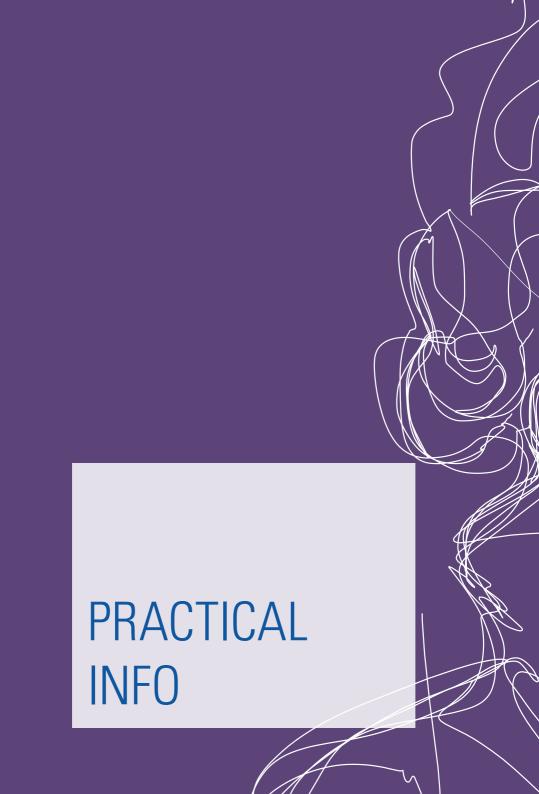
The <u>Goethe Kids Facebook</u> group is a network for parents at Goethe University. The exchange with other parents is designed to facilitate the sharing of successful strategies in everyday life with children at the university as well as to promote fruitful discussion and group meetings. To participate, all you need is a Facebook account.

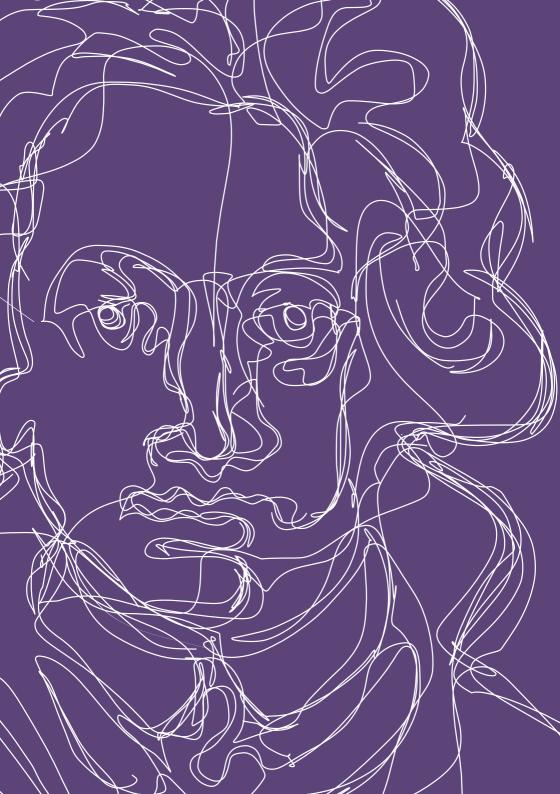
An overview of the various childcare options at Goethe University, as well as diaper-changing, parent-child, and breastfeeding rooms, can be found in the "In and Around Campus" section of this guide.

### Gender diversity

Goethe University strives to be a place where people can flourish in their studies, research, and work, and where the gender identity of all individuals is recognized. Therefore, the university has taken various measures to make the everyday life at the university less discriminatory for trans\*, inter and non-binary students.

- Easy-to-access process for changing first names and gender for campus use and communication
- Issuance of (graduation) transcripts and diplomas by the appropriate examination office in accordance with the university's internal procedure for changing first names
- Counseling on discrimination based on gender or gender identity (see "Anti-Discrimination Office" above)
- <u>Brochure</u> on gender inclusive and diversity sensitive language.
- FAQs about all-gender bathrooms and a list of all-gender bathrooms on Goethe University campuses can be found here:
  - Goethe University All-Gender Restrooms (uni-frankfurt.de)





# **GLOSSARY**

## Academic quarter hour

It is always worth coming early to have a cup of coffee with your fellow students and to save a seat in the lecture hall. However, if the course catalog says that the lecture begins at 10 a.m. c.t. (cum tempore), the lecturer will not be at the lectern until 10:15 a.m. at the earliest. This is known as the "academic quarter hour" (akademisches Viertel). On the other hand, if you read s.t. (sine tempore, "without time") after a scheduled time, you should arrive punctually.

### Amt für Ausbildungsförderung (financial advisory service)

This is where BAföG applications are submitted and processed. For specific inquiries regarding applications that have already been submitted, you can make an appointment with the responsible administrator by phone via online booking:

## www.swffm.de/bafoeg/informationen/sprechzeiten-und-ansprechpartner

The person responsible is determined by the applicant's last name. This can be easily found in the list. Please understand that no information can be provided on the processing status or receipt of the submitted documents. The case workers do not provide general advice. For this, there is the BAföG advice service at the advice center. Alternatively, you can use the BmBF's toll-free BAföG hotline: Tel.: 0800-223 63 41

#### **AStA**

The Students' Union (Allgemeine Studierendenausschuss, AStA) is the student executive body and represents student interests both within the university and in relation to organizations outside the university (e.g. RMV, Studierendenwerk). Furthermore, it serves as a point of contact for questions and concerns that go beyond subject-specific questions of a study program. The AStA is managed by the student executive board. The board appoints representatives to deal with specific topics. There are also dedicated autonomous units to represent the special interests of female, lesbian, gay, disabled, foreign students, and student assistants. Further information: <a href="https://www.asta-frankfurt.de">www.asta-frankfurt.de</a>

### Study abroad

Prague, Pennsylvania, Toronto, or Osaka - if you're looking to do more than go back-packing during semester break and keen to study in international locations, the Global Office can help. Here you can find out about partner universities, scholarships and other funding opportunities. It's worth asking about partner universities since there are special programs that allow students to spend a year in Europe, the U.S., Canada, Japan, or South Korea without paying tuition fees. Study abroad advising: Tel.: (069) 798 17194, e-mail: outgoing@uni-frankfurt.de.

www.uni-frankfurt.de/studyabroad

### Car rental

Low-cost moving vans for students: The KFZ-Referat (motor vehicle department) has been in existence at the Goethe University since 1960. It was founded by the Students' Union (AStA) to provide students with affordable moving vans. As your next move approaches, consider renting a van from the motor vehicle department.

Cost: 4 hours starting from 25 euros, plus from 15 cents per kilometer driven. Don't forget your driver's license! Campus Bockenheim, Sozialzentrum, Bockenheimer Landstr. 133, opening hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 5 - 6 p.m, Tel: (069) 7 98-2 30 48 or (069) 70 54 69

www.kfz-referat.de/autovermietung

### **BAföG**

The German Federal Training Assistance Act (BAföG) governs whether students receive government assistance. This depends not only on the student's income and financial means, but also on the income of the parents, if the conditions for non-parental support do not apply. Another important factor is whether you still live at home. The maximum BAföG amount is 992 euros. All further general information is available from the BAföG advisory service at the counseling center, see below or at www.swffm.de/bafoeg/informationen/bafoeg-beratung

### BAföG ServiceCenter of the Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main

All questions relating to BAföG are answered here. It is worth seeking advice early on so that your application can be processed as quickly as possible. The BAföG advisors at the Studierendenwerk Frankfurt are available in person, by telephone, and by email. It is recommended that you book an appointment in advance:

www.swffm.de/bafoeg/informationen/beratung

Office hours: Mon. – Thu. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

# Disability and chronic illness

How will you be able to study with a disability or chronic illness? Students can get tips and advice from the student advisors Ms. Kirsten Brandenburg and Ms. Christina Rahn, Westend Campus, PEG building, Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 6, 1st floor, Room 1.G008. Tel: (069) 798-1 79 83, (069) 798-1 79 23, barrierefrei@uni-frankfurt.de

# Counseling center of the Studierendenwerk

The Counseling Center is home to the social and financial counseling, legal counseling and BAföG counseling. The social and financial counseling service is the point of contact for all questions relating to money, including jobs, social benefits, loans, scholarships, debts and much more. Legal advice is provided as an open consultation by a registered lawyer. The reception area provides information on services and responsibilities.

# Counseling center:

Campus Westend, Hörsaalzentrum, first floor, Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 5, 60323 Frankfurt. Tel.: 069-798 34906.

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00-17:00, Friday 09:00-15:00

www.swffm.de/beratung-finanzierung/beratung

At the Service Center, the psychologists at the Psychosocial Counselling Center (PSB) support students in their search for solutions, offer help with learning and work blockages, exam nerves, difficult social situations, depressive moods, addiction problems and more. Group offers, e.g. on self-organization and exam anxiety, complete the range of services.

### Service Center:

Campus Westend, Building SKW, first floor, Rostocker Str. 2, 60323 Frankfurt,

Tel.: 069-798 34924 (Mon. - Fri. 9:00 - 15:00)

www.swffm.de/beratung-finanzierung/psychosozialberatung

#### Libraries

Studying means reading, reading, reading. Literature is supplied by the Universitätsbibliothek Johann Christian Senckenberg (UB), Bockenheimer Landstrasse 134 - 138, Tel: (069) 798-3 9205 and by the faculty libraries: <a href="www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/so\_alle.html">www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/so\_alle.html</a> The common catalog portal <a href="suche.ub.uni-frankfurt.de">suche.ub.uni-frankfurt.de</a> can be used to search the holdings of the central library and the more recent holdings of the faculty libraries. The Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library) is an excellent supplement to the UB. It includes all the literature that has been published in Germany since 1945. Adickesallee 1, Tel: (069) 15 25-25 00, <a href="www.ub.ub.de">www.ub.ub.de</a>

# **Bridge courses**

Some faculties offer so-called preparatory or bridge courses, which are designed to close any possible gaps in the subject matter before students begin their studies. These in-person courses usually take place shortly before the start of lectures.

### www.uni-frankfurt.de/92635440

The online mathematics bridge course (short: OMB+) is an offering at Goethe University for students to use at any time. The OMB+ is designed to assist students in getting their individual math skills up to speed.

www.omb.uni-frankfurt.de

### **Campus**

Goethe University has not just one campus, but several: Bockenheim, Ginnheim sports campus, Westend, Riedberg, and Niederrad.

- Bockenheim Campus: lecture hall building; social center with cafeteria; student dormitory; central library of the university library (Bockenheimer Landstr. 134 - 138); various examination offices as well as faculty sub-areas
- Ginnheim Campus: Institute of Sports Sciences (Fac. 05)
- Westend Campus: Law (Fac. 01), Economics and Business (Fac. 02), Social Sciences (Fac. 03), Educational Sciences (Fac. 04), Psychology and Sports Science (Fac. 05), Protestant Theology (Fac. 06), Roman Catholic Theology (Fac. 07), Philosophy and History (Fac. 08), Linguistics, Cultures, and Arts (Fac. 09), Modern Languages (Fac. 10), and Geosciences and Geography (Fac. 11)
- Riedberg Campus: Sections of Geosciences and Geography (Fac. 11), Computer Sciences and Mathematics (Fac. 12), Physics (Fac. 13), Biochemistry, Chemistry, and Pharmacy (Fac. 14) and Biological Sciences (Fac. 15)
- Niederrad Campus: Medicine (Fac. 16)

Campus maps can be found at: <a href="https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/38072362/standorte">www.uni-frankfurt.de/38072362/standorte</a>

## Campus-Shop

Lost your pen? Missed a birthday? Used that last piece of paper? The Campus-Shop in the lecture hall center (Hörsaalzentrum) on the Westend Campus offers a wide range of products and supplies for all students and members of the university.

The store sells daily newspapers, office supplies, books, everyday utensils, snacks, and much more

### **Career Service**

The central Career Service connects students of all subjects with employers during their studies, establishes ties between the university and companies, and helps students to successfully start their careers after graduation. You can take advantage of part-time and full-time positions, internships, workshops, the online applicant portal, or personal counseling.

Further information: www.career.uni-frankfurt.de

#### **Credit Point**

For each successfully completed module, depending on the content and workload, students receive a certain number of credit points according to the rules of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One credit point corresponds to 30 hours of student academic work (including preparation and follow-up). Only successful completion of the module is considered for receiving credit points, not the final grade.

### Dekanat (dean's office)

Each faculty has a chair who manages academic operations for a one-year period. Deans are elected by the faculty councils (Fachbereichsrat). The dean's office heads the faculty and is responsible, among other things, for the organization of studies and examinations

### E-mail address

Every student receives a university e-mail address upon enrollment. This address is used for sending a lot of important information about your studies. In the webmail interface, you can define an alias (firstname.lastname@stud.uni-frankfurt.de) and set up e-mail forwarding. Further information is found here: www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/89158152

#### **Evaluation**

At Goethe University, many people are involved in upholding high-quality instruction in the more than 160 degree programs. This includes coordinating teaching, learning and research, and ensuring that the degree programs remain manageable for students. Nevertheless, there remains room for improvement. This is why courses, as well as teaching as a whole, are evaluated on an ongoing basis. Questionnaires and discussion sessions are held regularly for this very purpose. For students, this is an opportunity to further improve their own course of study and, more importantly, the studies of future students. Specific concerns can also be discussed with the > student committees or the > academic deans. If you are not happy with the outcome, you can contact the > ombudsperson.

#### **Faculties**

Within a university, related disciplines are grouped and organized into faculties. Goethe University has 16 of them.

### Faculty council

All interest groups are represented in this democratically elected body, from professors to academic staff and students. It makes decisions on teaching, study and research matters and is chaired by the respective dean.

### Student committee

In the student committee, students of a faculty come together to represent their interests to the university instructors and committees. They also organize student events and parties (watch for notices in the faculties).

## Change of subject

If you are studying at Goethe University and want to change your course of study or a subject in the coming semester, you can do this by requesting a change of subject. In these cases, it is not necessary to reapply online. Deadlines: For programs/subjects with no admission restrictions, proper and timely applications must be submitted by August 31 for winter semester (WS) and February 28 for summer semester (SoSe). For the courses of study with limited admissions (except for the ZVS subjects) – medicine, dentistry and pharmacy, see below) – a proper and timely application must be submitted (cut-off date). The application for a change of subject must be submitted to the secretary's office by July 15 for winter semester and by January 15 for summer semester. Information is available from the > Central Student Advisory Service.

# Office for Equal Opportunities

Goethe University strives to ensure equal opportunities for students, researchers, and staff in administration and technology. The Office for Equal Opportunities is responsible for implementing equality measures, focusing on gender equality, family and dual career, diversity and anti-discrimination, and inclusion. The office offers a wide range of services, including events, workshops, resources, and self-learning tools. Students and staff are provided with advice and support, especially in cases of discrimination (Anti-Discrimination Office), sexualized discrimination and violence (Equal Opportunities Officers, see next paragraph), and compatibility of studies, career, and family (Family Service).

Additional services: Publications (brochures, flyers, etc.); events

Detailed information on the specific advisory and support services of the Office for Equal Opportunities can be found in the chapter "Advising" in this brochure.

In collaboration with the Office for Equal Opportunities, the central Equal Opportunities Officer, the Inclusion Officer, the representatives for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses, and the Anti-Discrimination Officer advise the university on implementing equality, inclusion, and anti-discrimination measures, structural development, and prevention. Further information is available here.

### Office for Equal Opportunities

Goethe University Frankfurt | SKW Building | Rostocker Str. 2 | 60323 Frankfurt | Phone: +49 (0)69 798 15137 | E-mail: <a href="mailto:chancengerechtigkeit@uni-frankfurt.de">chancengerechtigkeit@uni-frankfurt.de</a> | <a href="mailto:chancengerechtigkeit.uni-frankfurt.de">chancengerechtigkeit.uni-frankfurt.de</a> |

#### Global Office

The Global Office is responsible, among other things, for advising on courses of study and internships abroad, on exchange programs and university partnerships, as well as for the support of visiting students and scholars.

- For advising on studying and internships abroad, see > Stays abroad
- For advising visiting and exchange students, see www.uni-frankfurt.de/117997452/Gaststudierende

# Term papers

Term papers are in-depth scholarly works with footnotes and a bibliography that are a prerequisite for a credit or credit points. The Schreibzentrum (writing center) offers students a variety of assistance in this area.

https://tinygu.de/schreibzentrum

### Childcare

Goethe University is committed to providing a family-friendly environment and offers various childcare options for parents with children. In addition to the daycare center on the Bockenheim Campus, there is a daycare center on the Westend Campus, two daycare centers on the Riedberg campus, and one on the Niederrad Campus, and a toddler group (Krabbelstube) on the Bockenheim Campus for children under 3 years old. To learn more, go to pages 112- 120 of this guide.

### Supervised nursery

If regular care is not available, newborns can be entrusted to a qualified child care worker for several hours in the supervised nursery. You can find out more on page 120 of this guide.

### **Health insurance**

Students are required to have health insurance. Applicants must obtain the insurance certificate from their health insurance provider, as a student or family member, at the time of their initial enrollment. If you have private health insurance and would like to remain privately insured, you need an exemption from the statutory health insurance obligation. In any case, we recommend that you get in touch with a health insurance provider of your choice before matriculation and obtain detailed information regarding tariffs and benefits, especially if you plan to work while studying.

www.krankenversicherung.uni-frankfurt.de

### Math Center (Mathezentrum)

The Math Center offers help in mathematics to all students at Goethe University. During the open office hours (at the Riedberg and Bockenheim campuses), students can discuss their mathematics-related questions together with tutors. There are also Q&A sessions accompanying all mathematics lectures in the STEM subjects:

www.starkerstart.uni-frankfurt.de/56048655/Mathematikzentrum

# Cafeterias & dining halls

From stir fry to pizza and vegetarian dishes, the roughly 32 dining halls, cafeterias, and cafés of the Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main serve a wide selection of food. Around 1.6 million meals are prepared in the cafeterias every year; you can even satisfy your hunger for as little as 2 euros. The carefully prepared and diverse food offer is made of high quality ingredients. You will find vegetarian dishes, salads, dishes from the grill, the wok, and the pasta station. What's more, there are also always new promotion weeks with a wide range of specialties. The opening hours and the current (weekly) menus are available at: <a href="https://www.swffm.de/essen-trinken/uebersicht">www.swffm.de/essen-trinken/uebersicht</a>

# Mobility

For those who want to head home for the weekend or visit friends across Germany or Europe, Frankfurt's car-sharing agencies are a great option. As an alternative to the Deutsche Bahn, it is also worth taking a look at the long-distance bus offers: www.swffm.de/essen-trinken/uebersicht

#### Modules

Modules are units in which two or more courses are combined in a thematically meaningful way. They conclude with a module exam or several partial module exams. The module exam grade is usually included in the final grade of the modularized curriculum.

### Music

All students, members and alumni of Goethe University who enjoy singing or playing an instrument have the opportunity to participate in the orchestra, choir or symphonic wind orchestra of the Collegium Musicum. Learn more on page 126 of this guide and at www.uni-frankfurt.de/43694677.

### **OLAT**

Online Learning and Training is an open source learning management system for interactive learning and collaboration. It offers numerous possibilities for students to organize their studies.

### **Ombudsperson**

The Goethe University was the first German university to establish the office of a student ombudsperson. Inquiries are handled anonymously upon request. Learn more on page 139 of this guide and at <a href="https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/97234850">www.uni-frankfurt.de/97234850</a>.

### Orientation events

The events usually take place the week before the start of the semester. With the help of current students, first-year students are introduced to their subject area, get their questions answered, make new contacts, and discover how to get to the cafeteria. Your participation in the events is strongly recommended and in some cases even mandatory. Dates can be found on faculty websites or at:

 $\underline{www.uni\text{-}frankfurt.de/92635512/Orientierungsveranstaltungen}$ 

# Palmengarten

If you cannot fit in a vacation under palm trees into your schedule or budget, the Palmengarten invites you to take a short break away from the urban jungle. It is also a pleasant way to shorten the walk between Bockenheim and Westend. Students receive free admission. Information on events and opening hours at: <a href="https://www.palmengarten.de">www.palmengarten.de</a>

### **Internships**

In some fields of study, internships are now an integral part of the study regulations and therefore obligatory. Nevertheless, other students should also take advantage of the opportunity to gain professional experience. > Career Service

In the natural sciences, an internship is a group course with a limited number of participants. It covers subject-related practical knowledge and skills.

### **Examination Office**

Wondering about registration deadlines? The examination offices are responsible for questions like these. Almost every study program has its own examination office, so pay attention to the notices in the faculties or check the Internet:

www.uni-frankfurt.de/94815072

## Psychotherapeutic counseling center

The psychotherapeutic counseling center offers students the opportunity to talk about issues including personal crises, burnout, depressed moods, learning and work difficulties, relationship problems, or trouble connecting with others. We also offer assistance with mental health problems that have been present for some time. For more information, see page 137 of this guide.

### Regular period of study

The regular period of study is the number of semesters required to complete a full-time course of study. It was intended as a legal entitlement for students so they would not have to worry about having their subject removed from the university's offerings during their time at university. The actual period of study can correspond to the regular period of study or exceed it (within the framework of the respective examination regulations). It is particularly important for BAföG recipients. Information is available from > financial advisory service > Academic Advisory Service and > AStA.

### **Religious communities**

People from different cultures and religious communities study and work at Goethe University. The Catholic (KHG), Protestant (ESG) and Islamic university communities (IHG) offer a wide range of activities, as well as the "House of Silence" as a sanctuary for tranquility and dialogue. Besides church services and a variety of events, dormitory housing is also offered. For more information, students can visit:

www.uni-frankfurt.de/92669212

KHG Alfred-Delp-Haus (ADH) Siolistr. 7, 60323 Frankfurt (Westend Campus)

ESG Susanna von Klettenberg-Haus Siolistraße 7, Haus 4, 60323 Frankfurt (Westend Campus))

IHG Room 301a in the Jügelhaus Building D (Bockenheim Campus)

## Re-registration

By re-registering, Goethe University students declare that they wish to continue their studies in the coming semester. Re-registration is usually declared upon a timely payment of the semester fee. Re-registration deadlines: Winter semester: July 1 to July 31 (grace period from Aug. 1 to Aug. 31 with a 30-euro late fee) Summer semester: January 1 to January 31 (grace period from Feb.1 to Feb. 28/29 with a 30-euro late fee). After the university has received your semester fee, you can download the re-registration confirmation (master data sheet, study and semester certificates) from the following website:

goethe-campus.uni-frankfurt.de

### Writing center (Schreibzentrum)

The writing center promotes skill development in academic and professional writing and reading. Through writing consultations and workshops, among other things, the goal is to help students learn how to write and think in an academic context: https://tinyqu.de/schreibzentrum

### **Key competencies**

The Frankfurter Akademische Schlüsselkompetenz-Training (Frankfurt academic key competencies training) offers students the opportunity to acquire basic study skills and to reflect on and constructively develop their own study experience and habits in a group setting: <a href="https://tinygu.de/schluesselkompetenzen">https://tinygu.de/schluesselkompetenzen</a>

### Semester break (lecture-free period)

With good reason, the semester break is officially called the "Vorlesungsfreie Zeit" (lecture-free period). In addition to being a time to unwind, it is primarily intended for writing course papers, doing internships, and preparing for the new semester. Many students also take advantage of the opportunity to supplement their income with summer jobs.

#### Semester ticket

There are many ways to get to Goethe University and just as many means of transportation. Whether students want to travel by bus, tram, underground, suburban or regional train - with the integrated semester ticket you can use your Goethe Card as a Germany ticket. This allows you to travel throughout Germany on local and regional public transport. Please note: As with the Deutschlandticket, long-distance travel (IC / ICE / EC) is not included. Students can find more information about the semester ticket and the valid zones at <a href="https://asta-frankfurt.de/angebote/kultur-mobilitaet/semesterticket">https://asta-frankfurt.de/angebote/kultur-mobilitaet/semesterticket</a>

### Semester ticket hardship fund

With the registration fee, Goethe University students pay into the semester ticket hardship fund. If certain exemptions have been granted, the hardship fund can be used to reimburse the semester ticket fees. The Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main administers the hardship fund on behalf of AStA at Goethe University. If you have any questions, please contact the counseling center: Westend Campus, Hörsaalzentrum, ground floor Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 5. Opening hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. haertefonds@swffm.de

# Semesterapparate (semester resources)

Shelves or cabinets in faculty libraries are stocked by instructors with books and materials they recommend for their courses. This literature cannot be borrowed and can only be used on site.

### Semester hours per week (SWS)

A semester hour per week (Semesterwochenstunden, SWS) is used at universities to indicate the amount of time students spend in a course. For example, the specification "1 SWS" means that the corresponding course is taught for 45 minutes per week for the duration of the typical lecture period of a semester.

### Seminar

A seminar is a group course intended for the discussion of scholarly problems, which often require intensive independent study. Students are expected to actively participate in the seminar, usually by giving presentations or completing a written paper, and by regularly contributing to the discussions that take place during the seminar. The number of course participants is limited.

# Sport

The University Sports Center (ZfH) offers a range of exercise and sports courses for all students. The diverse program with more than 50 different sporting activities helps students and staff to offset the mental stress of their daily work and study routines. Participation in the sports activities requires prior registration and is subject to a fee (standard fee is 16 euros for students per hour per semester). The registration takes place online via the homepage of the ZfH. Contact and information: Zentrum für Hochschulsport Ginnheimer Landstr. 39, 60487 Frankfurt am Main For more information: www.uni-frankfurt.de/hochschulsport

### **Scholarships**

Information on scholarships is available on the Deutschlandstipendium website at <a href="https://www.stipendien.uni-frankfurt.de">www.stipendien.uni-frankfurt.de</a> and the Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main at <a href="https://www.swffm.de/bafoeq-finanzierung/bafoeq">www.swffm.de/bafoeq-finanzierung/bafoeq</a>

### Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main

The Studierendenwerk Frankfurt am Main serves around 76,000 students throughout the Rhine-Main region. The main areas of service include food and drink, housing, BAföG as well as advice and support on financing studies, studying with children, job placement, legal advice, Psychosocial counseling and much more:

www.swffm.de

### Student job board

Longer-term jobs and internships are posted on the online job board at <a href="mailto:stellenmarkt.swffm.de">stellenmarkt.swffm.de</a> or <a href="mailto:www.stellenportal-uni-frankfurt.de">www.stellenportal-uni-frankfurt.de</a> or posted in the display cases

### Study regulations

The relevant study regulations provide information about program requirements, such as structure, duration, and content. They can be found here:

www.uni-frankfurt.de/54550609/studien\_pruefungsordnungen

# Student parliament (StuPa)

StuPa is the student community's highest governing body, directly elected by the students. With 25 members, it decides on the use of the budget, oversees finances, elects the AStA student executive board, decides on statutes and regulations, and must approve long-term contracts. The term of office lasts one year, and elections are usually held at the end of January.

# Study administration

The page goethe-campus.uni-frankfurt.de offers you an introduction to the online administration of study-related matters: Password and address changes, printing out study certificates, registering for exams, and the course catalog for putting together your individual schedule. A person and room search can also be done here. For many functions, you will need your HRZ account and the iTAN list that you received with your student ID

#### **Tutorials**

Tutorials are designed to reinforce the lectures, but also to familiarize first-year students with the basics of academic work. They are led by tutors, who are usually student assistants or research assistants (HiWis) of the professor. Tutorials are listed in the lecture schedule or announced in the lecture.

### Plenary meeting

Plenary meetings are convened on politically relevant issues or problems facing the university. All students are entitled to vote on issues such as whether to go on strike.

## Lecture (Vorlesung)

The main goal of the lecture is to provide an overview of a particular subject. While the number of students is usually not limited, it is necessary to prepare and review the material on your own.

### Course catalog

The Goethe University course catalog is published online and contains relevant information on courses such as lectures and seminars. The electronic version is available online at: <a href="mailto:qis.server.uni-frankfurt.de">qis.server.uni-frankfurt.de</a> Some faculties offer annotated course catalogs, which can be purchased from the respective faculties.

### Elections (Wahlen)

Each year during the winter semester, student elections are held for faculty and student committee members and for the student parliament. Student members are additionally elected to the senate every two years.

# Shared apartments and private rooms

The tool of choice here is the Internet. You will find a large selection of accommodations on websites like <a href="www.wg-gesucht.de">www.wg-gesucht.de</a>, <a href="www.wohnraum-gesucht.de">www.wohnraum-gesucht.de</a> and <a href="www.wohnraum-gesucht.de">www.w

### W-I AN

Students and members of the university can access the university network via W-LAN. Access on campus is free of charge. A valid account from the University Computing Center is required. For more information: <a href="https://www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/50948965/W-LAN">www.rz.uni-frankfurt.de/50948965/W-LAN</a>

### Weekly market

You will find all kinds of fresh and regional food every Thursday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on the square between the Bockenheimer Warte and the university. It is especially worth buying fresh fruit and vegetables around 6 p.m., when bargaining and rock-bottom prices are the order of the day.

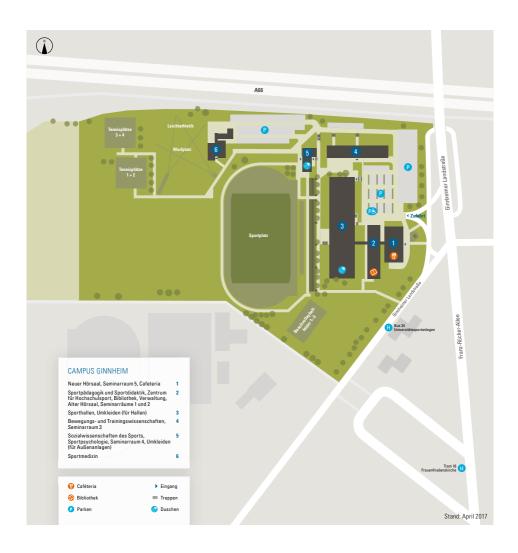
### **Dormitories**

Currently, the Students' Union manages 34 dormitories with over 3,700 accommodations. Most of these are located near the university. The dormitories differ in size and feature a diverse range of accommodation types. The selection includes small and large single rooms, rooms in shared apartments, studio apartments, and full-sized apartments. For more information, see page 94 of this guide.

# Academic Advisory Service (ZSB)

This university office advises prospective students, first-year students and current students about study opportunities, the structure and requirements of courses of study, and about switching universities, courses of study, etc.

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