PIASTA Welcome Week

How Does Studying Work?
Write to us in the chat:

1. What are you studying?
2. Where are you watching from?
How does studying work?

1. What can you expect at the start of your studies?
2. How is the semester organized?
3. What kind of courses are there?
4. What kind of examinations are there?
5. How are degree programs structured?
6. What does it mean to study?
7. How can you actively shape your studies?
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1. What can you expect at the start of your studies?
What can you expect at the start of your studies?

- Welcome Week
- Orientation module
- Course registration
- Semester start

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Orientation module (OE)

- Important information for your subject
- STiNE
- Examination regulations and subject-specific provisions (FSBs)
- Choosing courses with tutors

When do OEs take place?

Short cut:  
www.uni-hamburg.de/oe

Or:  
www.uni-hamburg.de > Studies

You are now on the Campus Center website:  
> Organizing your studies > First-year info
## ORIENTIERUNGSEINHEIT B.A. ALLGEMEINE SPRACHWISSENSCHAFT (ASW)

10. – 14. OKTOBER 2022, ÜBERSEERING 35 RAUM 01043 (HÖRSAAL E)

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2. How is the semester organized?
### Timetable overview

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You can find more information about the registration procedure on Stine.
How is the semester organized?

Lecture period
• Weekly courses and block courses
• Preparing for and following up on courses
• Working in study groups
• Documenting completed coursework
• Preparing for and taking exams

Reading period
• No courses
• Time for internships
• Time for term papers
• Exams (depending on faculty)
3. What kind of courses are there?
What kind of courses are there?

**Weekly courses**
- 90 minutes, once per week
- Lectures
- Seminars
- Practical courses, tutorials, lab work ...

**Block courses**
- Individual appointments throughout the semester
- Several hours at a time
What kind of courses are there?

Lecture
- Many students
- Lecture hall or online
- Professors
- Written examination

Seminar
- 10–30 students
- Research associates
- Group work
- Presentations
- Term paper

Practical course / tutorial / lab work
- 10–25 students
- In addition to other courses
- Tutors
- In-depth exercises
Scheduling at the University

12 s.t.

s.t. = *sine tempore* (Latin)

This indicates that the course begins punctually on the hour.

12 s.t.

= 12 pm

12 c.t.

c.t. = *cum tempore* (Latin)

This indicates that the course begins 15 minutes after the hour (*academic quarter*).

12 c.t.

= 12:15 pm

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Online learning platforms at Universität Hamburg
E-learning portal: www.uni-hamburg.de/elearning.html
4. How are degree programs structured?
How are degree programs structured?

Subject-specific provisions (FSBs)

- Program structure
- Module descriptions
- Calculation of grades

Examination regulations

- Regular period of study
- Recognition and accreditation of coursework and examinations
- Admission to examinations
- Thesis or something similar
How are degree programs structured?

Modules
- Required modules
- Required elective modules
- Multiple courses and examinations
- One or two semesters

Elective area
- Courses taken in addition to required courses

ECTS credits
- ECTS credits
- Credit points
- 1 ECTS credit = approx. 30 hours of work (e.g., participation and exam preparation)
Degree plan (FSBs)
Example:
BA in Socioeconomics

“SWS” = credit hours per week
“LP” = ECTS credits

2 SWS = 1.5 hrs. per week

1 LP = time expenditure of 30 hours

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Write to us in the chat:
What types of examinations are you familiar with from school, vocational training, or your previous studies?
What kind of examinations are there?

**Coursework**
- Not graded
- Presentations, portfolios, and smaller written work, for instance

**Examinations**
- Graded
- Written examinations, oral examinations, and term papers

Inform yourself in time about the formal requirements (deadlines, citation etc.)! You can find more information in the examination and study regulations of your faculty and in your Stine account!
What kind of examinations are there?

**Written examination**
- Usually at the end of lectures
- Multiple choice
- Written tasks

**Term paper**
- Focus on a specific topic
- Consultations during office hours
- Line of inquiry and literature searches
- Deadlines
- Academic work/writing

**Oral examination**
- Agreed-upon topic
- Questions/discussion
- Duration of, e.g., 15–30 minutes
6. What does it mean to study?
What does it mean to study?

Independent study
(Bibliographic) research
Preparation and follow-up
Examination preparation
In-depth work on topics
Reading

Attendance
Seminars, lectures, tutorials, ...
Group work
Internships and lab work

COURSE LOADS:

Attendance

Independent Study

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7. How can you actively shape your studies?
How can you actively shape your studies?

- Independent study
- Time management
- Jobs related to your studies
- Planning internships and stays abroad
- Course options
- Reflection
Reflecting on your studies and defining goals

It is a good idea to clarify your goals and motivation.

Ask yourself these questions:
What is fun about my studies?
What skills do I want to acquire?
What can I do to reach my goals?

Write us in the chat:
What you expect from your studies?
Why did you choose your subject?
Is there something special you wish to learn?
Tips on managing your time

- **Important:** Plan your semester! What duties and deadlines are there? What do you want to decide yourself?
- Think about what you want to learn or do and in which order, and then make a plan.
- Set weekly and daily goals—be realistic and do not take on too much.

- Finish up your notes during the lecture/seminar and revise them afterwards.
- Formulate the main points of texts directly after reading.
- For further tips, check out the workshops and consulting services of the writing center.

Info-Event – Academic writing and how the writing center can help
- Thursday, 21.03.24, 10:00 Uhr in English
- Register on UHH Join
Resources for time management and reflection

Literature:

Studienwissen: Tipps für Erfolg im Studium | e-fellows.net

Podcasts:
*Tipps auf Augenhöhe* (tipps-auf-augenhoehe.de)
*Stidis Online* (studis-online.de)
*Studium mit Rückenwind* (podomatic.com)
Resources for time management and reflection

PIASTA cooperation project:

*StudienPerspektiven* blog:

[https://studienperspektiven.check.uni-hamburg.de/](https://studienperspektiven.check.uni-hamburg.de/)

**Extracurricular (voluntary) workshops** in faculties and centralized institutions—on STiNE and UHH Join
7. Who helps when and where?
Who can help me further?

**IT questions**
- I cannot log into my University email account.
- How can I get Wi-Fi on campus?
- STiNE problems

**Administrative questions**
- How do I pay the semester contribution?
- I need a new semester ID
- I have a new address. What should I do?

**Subject-related questions**
- How do I register for a module?
- What courses do I have to take?
- Transcript of records

**Non-subject-specific questions and help with your studies**
- I want to change subjects
- Psychological support
- Workshops and writing consultations
- How do I launch a career?

**Regional Computing Center (RRZ)**

**Campus Center**

**Your faculty's academic office, departmental student rep committee (FSR), and teaching staff**

**Campus Center, PIASTA, Writing Center, and Career Center**
Did you miss an event during Welcome Week? No problem!

See the PIASTA Welcome Week page to download all important information:

- Online campus tour
- To-Dos brochures for new students
- Presentation slides of all online events during PIASTA Welcome Week Among other things:
  - Who, What, Where? A short guide to the University
  - Working While Studying—What Do I Need to Know?
  - Academic Writing During Your Studies—Tips from the Writing Center
  - ...
- PIASTA tour guides
  - Campus tour (von-Melle-Park)
  - Hamburg by Night tours (St. Pauli, Sternschanze, and more)

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We can’t wait to meet you!

PIASTA offers during the semester:

- Cultural events and leisure activities
- Seminars and workshops
- Language offers
- Advising
- International nights

For new students

More information and registration UHH JOIN

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Who helps when and where?

Central points of contact

Help with studies (advice and workshops)
- Campus Center / Academic Advising
- Writing Center
- PIASTA

Social, financial, and legal advising
- Studierendenwerk Hamburg
- AStA (student council)

IT services at the University
- Regional Computing Center (RRZ)

Departmental contacts

- Academic office
- Departmental student representative committee (FSR)
- Lecturers
How can you stay in touch with us?

PIASTA on Instagram
• Info about upcoming events and offerings
  
  instagram.com/piastauhh

PIASTA website
• Overview of all our events and advisory services that we offer
• You can register for all our events via UHH-Join

Newsletter
• Info about upcoming intercultural learning opportunities and workshops
• Job offers for students
• General info about PIASTA Events
Online survey about Welcome Week

• We work hard to plan events and activities and would love to get your feedback.

• Our team will hand out a QR code for a questionnaire at in-person events. After you have taken part in your last event of the week, let us know how the week went for you.

• No QR code? No problem. At the end of Welcome Week, we can also give you an email link for the online questionnaire.

• After your last event at the end of the week, take a few minutes to answer the questions.

Thank you!
Thank you for your time!

Time for questions😊