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(Inter-Institutional Agreements / Incoming Erasmus+ Students)



Incomings at FUB – in numbers ERASMUS-SMS 2015/16

Incomings

France	175
Italy	149
United Kingdom	85
Spain	72
Poland	71
Netherlands	55
Belgium	51
Denmark	42
Switzerland	42
Greece	41
Turkey	39
Austria	39

Czech Republic	30
Portugal	21
Norway	18
Sweden	17
Hungary	13
Slovenia	11
Finland	9
Ireland	7
Romania	7
Luxembourg	6
Estonia	4
Lithuania	3
Bulgaria	2
Total	1009

Partneruniversities:	Approx. 330
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Bilateral Agreements:	Approx. 1500
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Nomination and Registration

Nominations are send to us by partners – preferably – via Moveonnet.eu

After nomination:

Students are asked to register on moveon.net, where they should enter personal Information and other study-related data.

This helps us to:

- promptly issue students' acceptance letters (information is imported into our data base much faster)
- avoid potential typing errors
- discover possible 'nomination-mistakes' in study levels, study programmes etc.
- find students in the database much quicker if they have several surnames (they will register with the one surname they themselves use when communicating via email etc.)





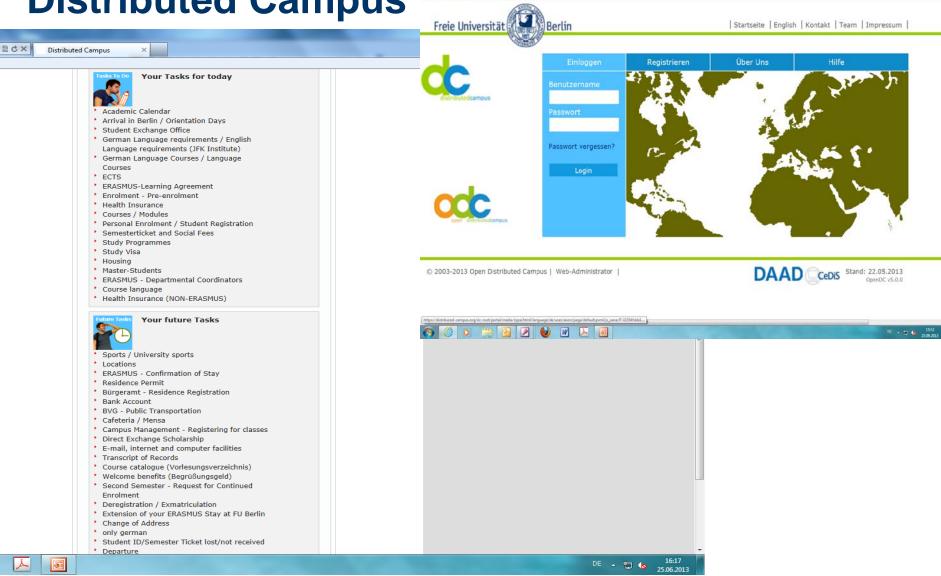
Preparing their stay

- Students are furthermore asked to register on "Distributed Campus". This online portal was programmed by FUB specifically for exchange students
 - -> Access restricted to nominated students (prohibits misuse by unknown users)
 - The portal is designed to indicate upcoming and overdue tasks in the registration process or during students' stay
 - It contains downloadable forms, useful links and features interactive recommendations (students can indicate to their peer group which chapters they found useful)
 - Students are encouraged to share their own insights concerning various matters be it administrative life, cultural life, or any other interesting piece of information
 - We also encourage our outgoing students to use the portal, so that incoming and outgoing exchange students have the possibility to swap apartments





Distributed Campus



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Academic calender

Winter Term

Term Dates:

October 1st to March 31st

Nomination deadline:

May 1st

Orientation:

First week of October

Lecture Period:

Mid-October to mid-February

Examination Period:

Mid-February to mid-March (varies individually)

Summer Term

Term Dates:

April 1st to September 30th

Nomination deadline:

November 1st

Orientation:

First week of April

Lecture Period:

Mid-April to mid-July

Examination Period:

Mid-July to mid-August (varies individually)





Accomodation and additional costs

Most Students have two options to find accommodation in Berlin:

On-campus accommodation:

Students have to send their applications to the Accommodation Office of FU, on a first-come, first-served basis (disabled and blind students have priority)

•WGs (Wohngemeinschaften):

Shared apartment with other students (very common in Berlin amongst students!)

- -> Erasmus students do not pay for study or registration fees
- ->But they are required to pay
- social fees (approx. 50€) social contribution to the student union
- and for the public transport ticket ("Semesterticket") valid for one term / 6 months (approx. 180€)
- ->These payments must be made during personal enrolment at the beginning of each semester





Academic Information

Courses:

- Courses usually involve 2-4 hours class-time per week
- We recommend our international students to try and acquire 30 ECTS per term (about 4-6 courses)
- -> depends on the student's individual needs and the requirements of the home university
- The course catalogue is available here http://www.fu-berlin.de/vv in August for the winter term (starting in October) and in February for the summer term (starting in April)

Language of Instruction:

- Mostly German
- Occasional courses are taught in English (e.g. North American Studies, English Philology)
- Philology subjects offer several courses in their respective languages (French, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Turkish etc.)
- Sometimes courses are taught by guest professors in their mother tongue

German language courses at FU's Language Center:

- Pre-semester intensive German course (level A1.2 C1.1, 600€ per student, 6 weeks 20 hours per week)
- German language courses during term (for free) level B2.2 C1.2
- Students can also find tandem language partners at FU's Language Center



Counselling

Exchange students can seek advice in many places:



Info-Service: front office for all questions (personal counselling, by phone, email)



Psychological counselling



Family office (students with children) & children day care



Academic: **departmental coordinators** and their assistants on the departmental level



Employment agency / career service



Counselling for students with disabilities (e.g. services for visually impaired students or wheelchair users)



Erasmus Team (personal counselling, by phone, email)



Arrival/Orientation

Welcome service: transfers to and from airport are offered to disabled students

Our 'Orientation Days' are held during the first week of the semester (beginning of October/ beginning of April):

- info sessions on registration process
- health insurance companies on campus
- registration for German language placement test
- presentation of International Club: organizes events, day-trips, movie nights and events like the "French Night" or the German "Stammtisch"
- Presentation of University Sports: Over 500 different sports courses each semester with over 100 different sport types: students can find everything from Aikido to Zumba, from Sailing to Skiing – and sports for disabled students are also offered
- Presentation of the Student Union
- Presentation of the Career Service
- Student tutors during orientation days give a campus tour

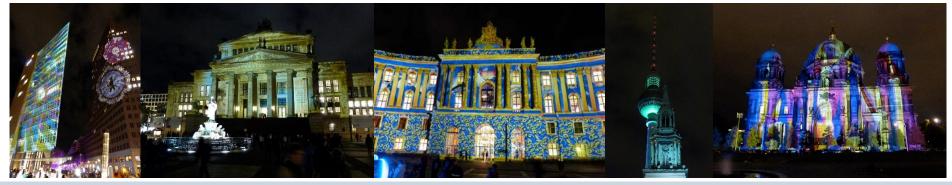




Making the most of it

FUB offers their international students:

- many trips around Berlin (opera, theatre, museums, guided city tours etc.) and occasional trips to other
 German cities during the semester
- 19 special courses in German exclusively for international students for example:
- 1. Culture Orientation in Berlin: Places, Institutions, History An Introduction
- 2. Jewish Literature and Jewish Life in Berlin
- 3. Berlin as a multicultural city Varieties of cultures and religions in Berlin
- -> international students usually have to give presentations and take exams in these courses, they will receive credits from FU
- extra courses like "How to write my first homework in Germany", "Training for job interviews for international students"





Freie Universität Berlin Film Portrait

If you would like to receive more information on Freie Universität Berlin, you can find our FU film here:

http://www.fu-berlin.de/universitaet/leitbegriffe/filmportraet/filmportraet_englisch_lang





Thank you for your attention!

