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Dear Subscribers,

We hope your semester break is off to a great start and are happy to share our newest issue of the newsletter!

For this issue's **tip of the month**, we focus on academic writing and share information about upcoming writing workshops and resources for academic writing.

In addition, we share announcements, events, workshops, and resources intended to support you throughout your studies.

On our website, please find the current as well as past issues of the newsletter in English and German.

## Advising and service: Everything about your studies at a glance

Available also during the semester break, always feel free to contact the <a href="Info-Service">Info-Service</a>, <a href="General Academic Advising">General Academic Advising</a>, <a href="Psychological Counseling">Psychological Counseling</a>, and the <a href="Support.points">support.points</a> at any time. They are there to support you throughout your studies.

We wish you all the best for the rest of the semester!

Kind regards, International Student Support Team

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# TIP OF THE MONTH

## **Workshops and Support Services for Academic Writing**

For this month, we are happy to share writing workshops and resources to support you through writing theses (*Abschlussarbeiten*) and term papers (*Hausarbeiten*).

### **Guidelines for Academic Writing**

- A great starting point for any writing assignment is carefully reviewing your department's guidelines for academic writing (*Leitfaden zum wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten*). Many departments evaluate papers based on these specific guidelines, which often also include a style guide for citations and formatting as well as additional important information about grading. These guidelines are often available on the departmental websites or ask your professor for more information. For example, <a href="here is an overview provided by the Department of History and Cultural Studies">here is an overview provided by the Department of History and Cultural Studies</a>.
- <u>Studying 101 A Simple Guide for Students</u>: In this wiki guide, which was developed by the Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling at the FU Berlin, you will find everything you need to know about academic writing.

## **University Library**

- <u>Individual and Small Group Coaching</u>: For an introduction to literature searchs in particular subject areas, individual and group appointments can be made with the Information Center staff. This is a great way to expand your literature search and to activate the wide range of resources available at the libraries on campus.
- <u>Book a Librarian</u>: If you have detailed questions and would like an opportunity to discuss your literature search with a librarian, consider booking an individual consultation session at the <u>University Library</u>. Offered in person as well as online, these sessions are available in English and German.
- <u>Academic Writing Office Hours</u>: Are you currently writing a term paper or thesis and can't get started or feel stuck? Would you like feedback on your outline or on a text excerpt? Consider attending these office hours for support with these or similar questions! Offered weekly on Wednesdays 17:00-18:00.

#### studierendenWERK BERLIN

- A wide range of writing support and consultation is offered by <u>studierendenWERK</u>
  <u>BERLIN</u>. Check out their <u>individual writing consultation sessions</u> as well as the upcoming events on academic writing, such as:
  - <u>Time to Write in August</u>. Sessions starting 06.08.2024 until 28.08.2024. For all specific dates and to enroll, please visit the registration page. In German and English.
  - Jour Fixe Prokrastination (Jour Fix Procrastination). Open session, which meets weekly on Mondays. In German.
  - Schreibimpuls im August (Writing Impulse in August). Sessions offered on 07.08.2024 & 26.08.2024. To enroll, please visit the registration page. In German.

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# **EVENTS & WORKSHOPS**

# Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling

The Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling regularly offers workshops and a <u>complete list is available online</u>.

- <u>Aufschieben? Aufgeschoben!</u> (Procrastinating? Not anymore!). Starts 07.08.2024. In German.
- Kreative Schreibwerkstatt (Creative Writing Workshop). Starts 02.09.2024. In German.

# Scholarships & Studying Abroad

- <u>Deutschlandstipendium</u>: Scholarship applications are accepted from August 22-September 12, 2024.
- <u>Student Mobility Unit</u>: Are you interested in studying abroad during your studies? The Student Mobility Unit gives advice about outbound exchange programs and is the central contact point for inbound exchange students. They also regularly share news about opportunities to study abroad as well as scholarships, such as:
  - <u>Fulbright Scholarships 2025-26 for studying in the US</u>. Application Deadline: August 25, 2024.

## studierendenWERK BERLIN

The <u>studierendenWERK BERLIN</u> not only manages the Mensas across the FU Campus, but they also offer a range of services, including <u>counseling for financing your studies</u>, <u>psychotherapeutic counseling</u>, <u>counseling for barrier-free studies</u>, as well as <u>writing consultation</u>. In addition to the events shared in the Tip of the Month, we also wanted to highlight the upcoming workshops on working in Germany, such as:

- <u>Bewerbungswerkstatt. Das Vorstellungsgespräch</u> (Workshop on Applying for Jobs: Preparing for the Interview). 09.08.2024. In German.
- <u>Steuererklärung. Basics für Studierende</u> (Preparing a Tax Return: Basics for Students). 16.08.2024. In German.
- Basic Knowledge on Tax Return: Basics for Students. 02.09.2024. In English.
- Self-Employment while Studying: Help with the First Steps. 03.09.2024. In English.
- Overview of Labour and Social Security Law for International Students.
  06.09.2024. In English.

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