



NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

September 2024

Dear Subscribers,

We hope you are having a great semester break so far! We wish you all the best with your exams, papers, and other activities as the semester break is coming to an end.

This year is the Year of Biodiversity at FU Berlin. To mark the occasion, FU Berlin is organizing many interesting events, and we are happy to feature the ones taking place in September in our **tip of the month**. In addition, we share more about the great institutions and initiatives at the university that engage with biodiversity and sustainability and how students can get involved.

As always, we are also happy to share announcements, events, workshops, resources as well as additional information 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 [Info-Service](#), [General Academic Advising](#), [Psychological Counseling](#), and the [support.points](#) at any time. They are there to support you throughout your studies.

We are wishing you only the best for the rest of the semester!

All the best,
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TIP OF THE MONTH

Biodiversity and Sustainability at FU Berlin: Get Involved!

Here you will find initiatives, campaigns, and events on sustainability and biodiversity at FU Berlin. The Biodiversity Team warmly invites you [to get involved!](#)

The Biodiversity Team at FU Berlin consists of the [Unit for Sustainability and Energy Management](#) and the sustainability initiatives [Blühender Campus](#) and [SUSTAIN IT!](#) as well as researchers from the Institute of Biology and the Botanical Garden.

[SUSTAIN IT!](#): Initiative for Sustainability and Climate Protection: Shaping Transformation at Freie Universität!

- SUSTAIN IT! organizes a variety of events and campaigns on sustainability topics together with actors from the university and local communities.
- If you would like to get involved: SUSTAIN IT! is regularly planning new projects and campaigns and is always happy to welcome new participants! Current projects include the [UniGardening Project](#), [FUDsharing](#) on campus, and the [Blätterlaube](#).

[Initiative Blühender Campus](#) (Blooming Campus Initiative):

- The Blühender Campus team, together with many sustainability stakeholders especially from the field of climate and resource protection, wants to demonstrate that social transformation is possible: humans and biodiversity are not mutually exclusive; on the contrary, habitats shaped by humans can possess a high level of biodiversity. They have organized projects on topics such as: Aufgeblüht statt kurzgemäht! (Blooming instead of cut short!), the Blätterlaube (Cottage of leaves), Artenvielfalt auf dem Campus (Diversity of species on campus), Tagfaltermonitoring (Butterfly monitoring), and Netzwerk*Igeltunnel (Hedgehog Highway).
- Get involved: You can find more information [here](#). Research projects and theses related to the Blühender Campus can also be developed in many FU departments.

[Idea and Innovation Management:](#)

- Students and employees at FU Berlin can get their ideas for more climate protection and sustainable development funded, contribute their own ideas on an ongoing basis as well as get involved in general: For example, the [FUTurist call for proposals](#), [the photo competition for FU Berlin students](#) as well as [funding offered by Living Labs](#).
- You can also discover sustainability in a playful way via the [FU Campus Rally](#) and borrow, lend, and rent your items free of charge as a private individual in the [FU fainin sharing community](#). The [SDG Compass](#) provides insight into the various activities relating to climate protection and sustainability at FU Berlin.
- You also have the opportunity to take courses in the [subject area of sustainable development for the General Professional Skills program](#) (in German, Allgemeine Berufsvorbereitung, often abbreviated as ABV), which are offered by the Unit for Sustainability and Energy Management.

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Events offered at FU Berlin in September as part of the Year of Biodiversity:

- [Campus Tour | Biodiversität auf dem Uni-Gelände entdecken! \(Campus Tour | Discover biodiversity on the FU Campus\)](#). 12.09.2024. In German.
- Event | [Una Europa Student Congress](#). 17.09. to 20.09.2024. In English.
- Workshop | [Una Europa Task Force Sustainability and Climate Protection](#). 26.09.2024. In English.

Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling

The Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling regularly offers workshops and a [complete list is available online](#). You'll find our upcoming workshops for the next winter semester and we are happy to invite you to join!

studierendenWERK BERLIN

The [studierendenWERK BERLIN](#) not only manages the Mensas across the FU Campus, but they also offer a range of services, including [counseling for financing your studies](#), [psychotherapeutic counseling](#), [counseling for barrier-free studies](#), as well as [writing tutoring](#). In addition, they regularly offer workshops open for students. The [Centre for Student Refugees](#) is also located at studierendenWERK BERLIN, which provides prospective students and students extensive information about studying in Germany as well as advise on asylum and residency, and much more.

- [Language Café of the Centre für Student Refugees: Let's speak German!](#) 12.09.2024, takes place every other Thursday. In German.
- [Bewältigung von Prüfungsangst \(Overcoming fear of exams\)](#). 16.09. to 17.09.2024. In German.
- [Online-Schreibwoche vom 16. – 20. September \(Online Writing Week from September 16 to 20\)](#). In German.
- [Best Practice: von Studis für Studis \(Best practice: From students for students\)](#). 19.09.2024. In English.
- [Eine Einführung in die Achtsamkeit \(An introduction to mindfulness\)](#). 23.09.2024. In German.
- [IKIGAI – Healthy and happy throughout study, career, and life](#). 27.09.2024. In English.

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Further events on across the FU Berlin

Here you will find further events offered by institutions across the FU Campus:

- Workshop | [Literaturverwaltung mit Citavi – Aufbaukurs für Fortgeschrittene. \(Managing citation with Citavi – an advanced course\)](#). 12.09.2024. In German.
- Workshop | [Introductory Course to Citavi](#). 25.09.2024. In English.
- Workshop | [Deep Science Futures-Workshop](#). 26.09.2024. In English.
- [Bib-Fit: Charge your Brain – Bewegungsangebote in Bibliotheken](#).