Virtual Welcome – Session for International Exchange Students

26th of September 2022, 12:30 (Bremen time)
Agenda

- Welcome Note by Dr. Marejke Baethge-Assenkamp
  Director International Office
- Introduction
- Presentation of the University of Bremen and the Campus
- German Language Courses and Tutorial Programme
- Studying at the University of Bremen
- Orientation Weeks
- Presentation of the Kompass Programme and the Erasmus Initiative
- Questions and Answers
University town Bremen
Impressions of Bremen
Bremen and Bremerhaven

→ Two-city state at the North Sea
  – about 670,000 inhabitants
→ Home of big brands – premium leading-edge-products from Bremen
→ Lively exchange between science and economy
→ Future-oriented technologies
  – Aerospace
  – Maritime economics and logistics
  – Renewable energies
Bremen – livable and lovable

→ Metropolis in the North West of Germany
  – about 550,000 inhabitants
→ UNESCO world heritage historical City Hall and Roland Statue
→ Schnoorviertel, Böttcherstraße and maritime promenade on the river Weser
→ Diversified art and cultural offerings
  – Universum Science Center
  – Bremen Kunsthalle art gallery
→ City of Science 2005
Excellent development of our University
„Bremen Model“ becomes excellent

→ 1971 – Foundation
  – Bremen Model: interdisciplinarity, research-based learning, social responsibility
→ 1980s: expansion of natural and engineering sciences
→ End of the 1990s: consolidation and organisational development process
→ 2000s: focus on top-level research
→ 2010s: successes in Excellence Initiative & Strategy
→ 2021: 50 years University of Bremen
Facts and figures
## Academic structure – 12 faculties

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Students and staff

Students: 19,500

- from Bremen and Lower Saxony: 67%
- from other German regions: 20%
- international students: 13%
- female students: 52%

Staff: 3,500

- scientists: 2,300
- professorships: 320
- cooperation professorships: 50
- administrative & technical staff: 1,200
Strategy
Strategy 2018 – 2028

Our vision
The University of Bremen is a leading European research university and an inspirational place of education – it is diverse, socially responsible, cooperative, and creative.

- Strategy document contains
  - Our mission
  - Our values
  - Our objectives

- Staff and students involved in developing the strategy

- Academic Senate of the University adopted Strategy in December 2017
Research
Space Technology

- Drop Tower:
  - 146 m high
  - 9.4 seconds experiment duration, unmatched by other drop towers

- Satellite systems
  - Parts of Airbus, Columbus and Ariane

- Quality of weightlessness not achieved in outer space
The high-profile areas of the University of Bremen

- Minds, Media, Machines
- Social Change, Social Policy and the State
- Marine, Polar and Climate Research
- Health Sciences
- Materials Sciences and Technologies
- Logistics
- University
- Bremen research institutes
- Non-university research institutes - supra-regional financing -
Technologiepark Uni Bremen

Around the campus: 500 high-tech companies
Studies
Interweaving research and teaching

→ Research-based learning
  – methods closely linked to current research
→ Profile-oriented teaching
  – Innovative study programs
  – Comprehensive range of measures to promote university teaching
→ „General Studies“ embedded in curriculum
→ System accredited since 2016
→ Peer evaluation within the Verbund Norddeutscher Universitäten
Campus life

→ A university for everyone
  – Comprehensive advice and service
  – Family-friendly university
  – Inclusive university
  – Studies for senior citizens
  – “Children’s University”

→ Campus of short distances
  – Wide range of culture and sports
  – Central campus park
International and diverse
Internationally connected
University partnerships worldwide

Student Exchange:
Erasmus Partner Universities: > 300
International Partner Universities: > 80

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International Science

→ Global responsibility and cutting-edge international research
  - 10% researchers from abroad
  - Nationwide leading in receiving refugee researchers
→ Study internationally
  - Internationalization of curricula
  - Large variety of options for a stay abroad
  - Academic success by participation and integration: kompass
Diversity strategy

→ Responsibility in society
→ Diversity in and through research and teaching
→ Inclusion
→ Competence in handling diversity
→ Diversity as a factor of success
→ Empowerment and participation
→ Anti-discrimination
Cooperation
European Networks
Bremen-Cardiff Alliance

Agreement signed in 2019:

- Promote closer cooperation in research and higher education
- Provision of staff and student mobility
Research Alliance

- Alliance between the University and 10 research institutes
- Cooperation with short lines of communication
- Sharing of infrastructure
- Joint recruitment of top academics
- Joint doctorates
- 50 Cooperation professorships
- Welcome Center
German Courses

Kontakt/Please contact

Goethe-Institut Bremen
Administration Office
Universität/University
glasshall/central area

E-mail: hochschulkooperation-bremen@goethe.de

Application form for German Courses see website:
https://www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de/100.0.html?&L=0
Tutoring Program

Target group

During the orientation weeks (Start: 26.09.22)

- Individual counselling for Erasmus students with language level B2/C1 in German (during 3 weeks before semester start)
- 1 ECTS

During the semester (15 weeks)

- Program for all students and various languages
- Up to 3 ECTS max

Contact: Dr. Astrid Buschmann-Göbel | bugoe@uni-bremen.de
How does it work?

✓ Choose your own learning objective
✓ Develop your own learning plan
✓ Select relevant learning materials and work on your individual learning project
✓ Have weekly counselling meetings with your tutor

➢ Additional offer: workshops on learning strategies, etc

Start: 24.10.2022 von 10:00-11:00 Uhr via Zoom

Tutoring program winter semester 2022/23

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Meeting people and speaking the language

- A fun and enjoyable way of practising the language
- Language Cafés are led by motivated students
- Practise the language by discussing various topics and playing games
- Get to know other people
- Expand your vocabulary and improve your pronunciation

Offers for: German (A1/A2; B1/B2), English and many other languages

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Language Offers

Meet the needs

Language courses for over 18 languages

Diverse settings:

- During the semester and the semester break (as intensive courses)
- Online, blended-learning, in-class
- Autonomous learning with counselling service (tutoring program)
- Informal offers (language cafés, workshops on learning strategies, etc)

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Any questions?

**German courses SZHB:**
Christine Rodewald, M.A. ([rodewald@uni-bremen.de](mailto:rodewald@uni-bremen.de))

**Tutoring program:**
Dr. Astrid Buschmann-Göbels ([bugoe@uni-bremen.de](mailto:bugoe@uni-bremen.de))

Semester Dates

- Winter semester: 1st of October 2022 to 31st of March 2023
- Orientation weeks / German Intensive course: 26th of September to 14th of October 2022
- Lecture period: 18th of October 2022 to 3rd of February 2023
- Exam period: last week of lectures until up to 3 weeks after the end of lectures
- Please check the type and date of your exam with your lecturers at the beginning of the course!
Types of Classes

V - Lecture / Vorlesung
S - Seminar
Ü - Exercise / Übung
T - Tutorial / Tutorium
Ex – Excursion

SWS = Hours per week („Semesterwochenstunden“)
Organization of Degree Courses

- Module
  - Seminar A
  - Seminar B
  - Seminar C

ECTS: Whole module! / ganzes Modul

Faculty 10: Approx. 3 – 5 ECTS
Types of Exams

- Term paper / Hausarbeit (NO plagiarism!)
- Written exam / Klausur (beginning of February until end of February in winter semester, mid July until end of July in summer semester)
- Oral exam / mündliche Prüfung
- Oral presentation / Präsentation
Learning Agreement

• Assistance in selecting the courses and all questions concerning the selection of courses, the Learning Agreement and ECTS points should be directed to the Coordinators in the appropriate department/faculty.

• Erasmus students should contact their Departmental Erasmus Coordinator.

• Students coming from our partner universities outside the European Union should contact their International Cooperation Coordinator.

• The final course catalogue for the summer semester is already online.
Recommendation

Please make sure:
• to contact your Departmental/Academic Coordinator if you have questions or problems
• to check the email-account you indicated on ‘Mobility Online’, as well as your new …@uni-bremen.de email-account

We recommend:
• to take advantage of this huge opportunity to learn German!
• to not only stay within your country group
• to make an effort to meet Germans and other international students (i.e. StudyBuddy)
End of Stay

1. Get a signed and stamped „Schein“ (ECTS Course Certificate) for each course

2. Prepare the document for the Transcript of Records via Mobility Online (or the form provided by your Departmental Coordinator) by filling in all courses that you have taken during your stay

3. Send the document via E-mail to your Departmental Coordinator and hand in all your ECTS Course Certificates („Scheine“)

4. The Coordinator will finalize the document and issue the transcript of records

➢ Make sure that you have prepared everything BEFORE your departure

➢ Please note that you cannot register for exams in PABO!
Orientation Weeks – Welcome Desk

- Register your arrival
- Pick-up your semester documents and your Welcome Bag
- Get assistance with formalities, e.g.
  - City registration
  - Library card and Mensa card
  - Application for Residence Permit (citizens of UK, US, South Korea, Japan, Israrel etc)

Please bring:
- your ID
- Certificate of Arrival – form (if applicable)
- face mask
- Passport photo for semester ticket

Sign up for a time slot using the link in the Orientation Weeks program!
Orientation Weeks Program

• Library Tours: Wednesday, 5.10 at 12:00
  Wednesday, 12.10 at 10:00

• Info-Meetings of the Departmental Coordinators: see Orientation Weeks Programme

• Events of the “Erasmus Initiative der Universität Bremen”:
  Whatsapp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/C8rFmYdHbPyA7fFRUl9Ykv
  Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/eib_unibremen/
  Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/EIBUniHB

• Campus Tours: see separate Email with registration link
Semesterticket and Enrolment

- The semester documents are issued only if you are fully enrolled

- You are fully enrolled if you have received your “@uni-bremen.de” access data from the ZfN (Zentrum für Netze)

- If you did not yet receive the activation data for your “@uni-bremen.de” account, please check the checklist in MOIN: are all items ticked off? If not, please submit the missing items as soon as possible! (ESMV for health insurance, proof of payment of semester contribution, scan of signed “acceptance of a study place” form etc)

For questions contact the Sekretariat für Studierende (SfS): master@vw.uni-bremen.de

- If you cannot see the checklist in MOIN you forgot to “submit” your application - please do so immediately
• **Kompass** is a team in the International Office that carries out international and intercultural projects
  • Culture Nights, Jam Sessions, kompass kocht etc.

• **Study Buddy** helps international students to find their way quickly around Bremen and the University
  ▪ Through the program you can build new friendships, practice foreign languages and gain international contacts
Find your StudyBuddy in Bremen!

Sign up and find someone to help you find your way around Bremen!

Find more information here: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/offers-for-international-students/kompass/study-buddy

Follow kompass on Instagram: kompassinternational.unibremen

You still have questions? Just write us! studybud@uni-bremen.de
We are...

... a non-profit student association
... former Erasmus students
... have about 25 active members
... organizing cultural events, trips or parties for foreign students
... equivalent to LEI (University of applied science)
Contact us

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@eib_unihb
EIB Erasmus Bremen
2022/2023
erasmus-initiative@uni-bremen.de
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# Upcoming Events

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Office Hours
of the International Office

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 - 12:00
Wednesday: 14:00 - 16:00

International Office Website:
https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/university/profile/international/international-office

(the link to the online consultation is also in the blue box on the right side:
https://uni-bremen.zoom.us/j/97059232875?pwd=RzF0WHE0OEpmLzFtSzRwV0ZqQnhBQT09)
Contacts - International Office

- Study Buddy Programm (studybud@uni-bremen.de)
- Kompass Progamm (kompass@uni-bremen.de)
- Erasmus Inititative (erasmus-initiative@uni-bremen.de)
- Erasmus – Office (incoming@uni-bremen.de)
- Newcomer Service (newcomer@uni-bremen.de)
Vielen Dank für Ihre Teilnahme! - Thank you for your attendance!

Wir wünschen Ihnen einen glücklichen und erfolgreichen Aufenthalt! Bleiben Sie gesund!

We wish you a happy and successful stay! Stay healthy!
Link to Imagefilm about Bremen: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjgUWB7AohU