

Akademisches Auslandsamt / *International Office*



Programm der Orientierungswochen
für internationale Studierende und Gäste

02. bis 15. Oktober 2023

Programme for the Orientation Weeks
for International Students and Guests

02 until 15 October 2023



Welcome at our University!

Dear international students,

A very warm welcome to Passau! Engaging with the international academic community has been an important part of this university from the outset. We are proud to have well over 1,000 students from more than 100 countries on campus each year, and are thrilled that you decided to join us in the winter semester 2023/24.

The International Office has organised orientation weeks for international students for more than three decades. They take place prior to the start of classes and not only help you prepare for your studies but also – and perhaps even more importantly! – provide great opportunities to get to know Passau and interact with your fellow students. We much look forward to this exciting time!

Our programme offers tours of the campus and the library as well as a variety of extracurricular events and networking activities. Come along!










We are excited about your decision to join the University of Passau. You will study at a leading institution on Germany's most beautiful campus located right in the heart of Europe. Enjoy your stay and make the most of it!

Your Team of the International Office





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Welcome to Passau! We would like to draw your attention to the **Official Welcome** organised by the International Office and several student representatives on **Monday, 02 October 2023, at 10 a.m.** in AM lecture hall 10 . **Please attend this important meeting!**

Student helpers' office

The student helpers will assist you with filling in the documents you have to submit at the Bürgerbüro or the Ausländeramt for your registration or residence permit application in Passau. Finally, the student helpers will assist you with questions concerning your studies or your timetable.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the student helpers!

Zoom-Meetings:

Mon, 02 Oct 23,	3 p.m.
Wed, 04 Oct 23,	10 a.m.
Thurs, 05 Oct 23,	3 p.m.
Fri, 06 Oct 23,	8 a.m.

Mon, 09 Oct 23,	10 a.m.
Tue, 10 Oct 23,	10 a.m.
Wed, 11 Oct 23,	2 p.m.
Thurs, 12 Oct 23,	10 a.m.
Fri, 13 Oct 23,	10 a.m.



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Enrolment

You will receive information on your enrolment in your admission letter. **Please follow the instruction in the letter to get enrolled on time.**

CampusCard

The CampusCard is a smart card that combines various functions: it is at the same time your student ID, bus pass, library card, printer-copier card as well as an access card for the electronic lockers and the Sports Centre turnstiles, and perhaps most importantly of all, the card you will use to pay for your meals at the refectory and the cafeterias on campus. Please don't forget to validate your card using one of the validation terminals on campus to make it a valid bus pass and student ID. Please note that you cannot use the card as a bus pass before 1 October 2023.

- Prior to 1 October you will have to buy an ordinary ticket if you want to use the buses.
- When you have enrolled, our student helpers will assist you with applying for the CampusCard. Please prepare a digital/scanned copy of a (passport-sized) photograph with a bright background.





Introduction to Stud.IP (virtual learning environment)

Stud.IP is a web-based system within the University to support lectures and related administrative processes. Using this system, you can register for classes online, download lecture notes and create your personal virtual timetable.

In order to facilitate your usage of this system, we strongly recommend that you take part in one of the introduction sessions.

Stud.IP Workshops for international students

(each starting on the hour in Zoom):

Fri, 06 October 2023, 3 p.m. (in English)

Wed, 11 October 2023, 10 a.m. (in English)

Language classes

During the Orientation Weeks there will be placement tests (C-Tests) for various language classes you can attend whilst studying in Passau. The tests are there to ensure you get the language level you need.

Before you can take part in a language course during the semester you have to take a placement test (Einstufungstest). Please find detailed information about the placement tests here:

<https://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/placement-tests/>

We also offer **German Language Workshops** on 05 and 06 October 2023, please make sure to attend one of them. If your last name starts with the letter A to L, please attend the workshop on 05 October. If your last name starts with the letter M to Z, please participate on 06 October.



C-Tests (Online placement tests):

If you want to attend language classes in English, French, Spanish and Italian – and already have prior knowledge of that language – you have to take part in the C-Test (online placement tests) of the language you want to attend classes in (www.zim.uni-passau.de/login/ilias/c-test/). If you want to start afresh with a language you should simply choose level ‘Grundstufe 1’ (Foundation 1); in that case you do not need to sit a C-Test.



Dates for the C-Tests (no advance registration necessary):

10 October 2023, 12 noon/1 p.m.

until 12 October 2023, 10 p.m.

Enrolment for language classes:

<https://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/course-registrations/>



Registration with the Authorities

EU citizens:

Register at the Bürgerbüro. The student helpers will provide further information; you can also read the web page referenced below.

Non-EU citizens:

If you are not an EU national you require a residence permit ('Aufenthaltstitel'), which you have to apply for from the Foreigners' Office as soon as possible or at the very latest eight weeks before your visa expires.

For more details, visit:

<https://www.uni-passau.de/en/immigration-formalities/>



Staying up-to-date

Check our website regularly during the semester to keep abreast of important information, such as invitations for day trips: <https://www.uni-passau.de/en/international/coming-to-passau/>

Moreover, you can stay in contact with us via our facebook page **'International Office University of Passau – International Students'**.



Introduction to the Library

The **University Library** is the central institution when it comes to serving the University with information and literature; it is an academic library and open to the general public. As an enrolled student, your CampusCard serves as your library card.

An introduction in English will be offered.

Tue, 10 October 2023, 11 a.m.

Meeting point: Main entrance of the central library





A successful start into your studies

During the orientation weeks you learn how your studies are organised in Passau and how to plan your very own personal timetable:

Study organization for (double) degree-seeking students 29 September 2023 at 3 p.m. (Zoom-Meeting)

For degree-seeking and double-degree students: Learn e.g. which different types of lectures exist, how to read the module catalogue and how to register for the exams and much more. These are the basics to select your individual courses for your own timetable.



Introduction into your studies „How to survive in Germany“ with AEGEE

05 October 2023 at 4 p.m. (Zoom-Meeting)

For degree-seeking and exchange students: Giving you a lot of examples, the AEGEE members will provide you with a whole lot of advice how to collaborate and cohabitate with fellow students, professors and room mates.

Being international - Science Communication 13 October 2023 at 11 a.m. in 017 ITZ

In this seminar we discuss pitfalls and tactics for your studies abroad, exchange experiences with senior (international) students and allow you to start building your network.

Your individual timetable

For in-depth questions and especially for degree-seeking students, we recommend consulting the degree-specific orientation week at the faculties **starting on 02 and 09 October 2023.**

<http://www.uni-passau.de/en/orientation-week/>



AEGEE

AEGEE (Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe) cooperates closely with the International Office, especially during the Orientation Weeks (see calendar of events for further information).

AEGEE also arranges an international 'intercambio' programme (language exchange: converse with German students to improve your German language skills). Please send an e-mail to intercam-bio@aegee-passau.de to register for this programme.

During the academic semester, AEGEE holds a weekly meeting every Thursday. AEGEE also organises other events for international students, such as the welcome breakfast, an excursion to Budapest, parties and much more.

For details take a look at the website, www.aegee-passau.org, or feel free to contact **Isabella Thiel** using the following e-mail address: erasmus@aegee-passau.de.

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