



## Newsletter für Internationale Studierende International Students Support Services

Summer Semester 2024

Dear international students,

We welcome you back to Goethe University for the summer semester 2024 or welcome you for the first time and would like to draw your attention to some current topics, dates and new residence regulations (for non-EU students) since March 2024.

### Important Announcements

#### **New: Newsletter for international students - possibility to register**

Subscribe to our [newsletter](#) if you would like to stay informed about interdisciplinary social, legal and financial topics that specifically affect international students. You will be informed about relevant events and programs, new offers, calls for tenders, participatory activities and much more. The newsletter is sent out approximately two to three times per semester.

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#### **New: Free A1-B1 evening German courses for international students in English-language MAs from SoSe 2024 - and C1+ courses for German-language degree programs**

**A1-B1 courses:** With the help of project funding from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Goethe University will be able to offer semester-long language courses at levels A1 to B1 for international students in English-language programs over the next few years. They are **free of charge** and take place at 18:00-20:15 on two evenings a week (either Mon+Mi, Mon+Thu or Tue+Thu) on the Westend campus. They start in the week beginning April 22. A [digital placement test](#) is required.

## Registration A1-B1 Courses

**C1+ courses on German as an academic language for German-language degree programs**, e.g. on writing, pronunciation, etc., continue to take place, are free of charge for you and are being expanded.

## Registration C1+ Courses

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## New residence regulations from March 2024 for non-EU students with a residence permit according to § 16b - more work opportunities, better transitions into the labor market

**From 01.03.2024, a new regulation for gainful employment will apply:** During your studies, you may work up to 140 full days per year. This regulation also applies by law if the regulation valid until 29.02.2024 with 120 days is still noted on your electronic residence permit. It is not necessary to go to the Foreigners' Registration Office to change the previous regulation ("Nebenbestimmung"). The Foreigners' Registration Office in Frankfurt provides an "[Information sheet on employment requirements for students](#)" which you can present to your employer.

During the lecture period, employment of up to 20 hours/week can also be credited to the working time account with 2.5 days as an alternative, regardless of the distribution over the week. During the lecture-free period, you may also work more than 20 hours/week, but only a maximum of 2.5 days will be counted. Further information can be found in the [info flyer "Job regulations for international students"](#) of the "Deutsche Studierendenwerk".

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## Graduation and engagement scholarships for international students

Goethe University offers scholarships for students who are about to graduate and those who show special engagement at the university and outside of it. The scholarships are funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The next deadline for applying for a **graduation scholarship** is June 30. The **engagement scholarships** for special commitment in a university and/or international context at Goethe University are expected to be advertised from May. (Please wait until May for the website to be revised).

## More Information

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## New offer: Start your career with the International Career Service Rhein-Main

The Rhine-Main region presents an abundance of outstanding opportunities for skilled young professionals and entrepreneurial individuals. The **International Career Service Rhein-Main (ICS RM)** plays a crucial role in aiding students who have an international or intercultural background, to fully seize these prospects, equipping them for their future careers from an early stage. This initiative is a collaborative effort among several prestigious educational institutions, including Goethe University, the TU Darmstadt, the University of Mainz, the Frankfurt University of Applied Science, and the Hochschule Darmstadt and Hochschule Rhein-Main. Together, they offer a comprehensive suite of assistance that includes workshops on how to successfully navigate career entry, entrepreneurship, start-ups, and emerging work trends; personalized guidance from experienced career coaches; a mentoring program that connects students with seasoned professionals within the region; and a variety of events designed to foster and expand professional networks. ✨

[More Information](#)

### Upcoming Events

## New trainings and workshops at "Kompass international" - intercultural training, media skills and more

#### Examples:

- Interculturally competent in studies and work [ENG], Fri, 26.04.2024, 13-17h
- Transitioning between cultures as international students [ENG], Sa., 25.05.2024, 10-16 h

[More Information and Registration](#)

Bei Fragen und Anmerkungen schreiben Sie uns gern an [international-kompass@uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:international-kompass@uni-frankfurt.de).

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## Great social events and excursions at the "Internationaler Studientreff"

The "Internationaler Studientreff" offers exciting events and excursions in and around Frankfurt for international students. We particularly recommend attending the "Finder" event on 19.04. at 7 pm in the Casino building. There you will have the opportunity to get to know each other as international students and celebrate a great start to the new semester.

[More Information and Registration](#)

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## Important for International Students in their first semester

The materials of the orientation days on March 26/27 for international first-year students are [online](#).

All presentations from the plenary sessions are available for download, e.g. introductions to residence law, the university library & literature research and the OLAT platform, advice and support services during your studies. If you missed the orientation days and still have questions, you come to the [consultation hours of the IST team](#) at Campus Westend or Campus Riedberg for initial questions.

We wish you a fun and successful semester!

If you have any questions or comments, please write to us at [international-kompass@uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:international-kompass@uni-frankfurt.de). Or contact our [advice service for international students on social and residence law issues](#): [international-sozial@uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:international-sozial@uni-frankfurt.de)

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