



Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
Erlangen-Nürnberg

WELCOME DAY & WELCOME WEEK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ON 4 MARCH 2026

ON 2-10 APRIL 2026

Welcome to FAU!

We are very pleased to welcome you to our university.

To support your start at FAU, we offer a **Welcome Day in March** and city tours for all international students who arrive early to attend the FIT courses. **In April** the Office of International Affairs organizes a **Welcome Week** for all newly arrived international degree-seeking and exchange students.

For those who arrive later in the semester, there will be a **Late Arrival Get Together in May** where you can ask questions and make friends! We look forward to meeting you and hope to make your start at FAU as smooth as possible!

Please note that updates to the program may occur, so make sure to check our [website regularly](#).

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LEGEND

Information for all international students

Information only for non-European students

Social event for all international students

Event for all international students, but with limited spots. Free of charge, but registration required.

External event from the FAU

WELCOME DAY PROGRAM MARCH

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Formalities I Living in Germany and Studying at FAU <i>Mine Lorenz, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: K1. Hörsaal, 00.017, Bismarckst. 1a
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Formalities II & International Student Network City Registration and Bank Account <i>Isabel Zier, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: K1. Hörsaal, 00.017, Bismarckst. 1a
12:30 PM – 01:30 PM	BREAK
01:30 PM – 02:30 PM	Health insurance <i>Mine Lorenz, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: K1. Hörsaal, 00.017, Bismarckst. 1a
02:30 PM – 03:00 PM	Formalities III Residence Permit <i>Mine Lorenz, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: K1. Hörsaal, 00.017, Bismarckst. 1a
04:15 PM – 05:15 PM	Guided Library Tour: Main Library <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> FAU Library Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library
From 07:00 PM	Pub Crawl- Bring your Buddy! <i>With the International Student Network (ISN)</i> Meeting point: Schlossplatz

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Guided Library Tour: Main Library <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> FAU Library Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	City Tour Erlangen <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> Geschichte für Alle Meeting Point: Hugenottenplatz	
04:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Long Night of Writing Multiple Workshops on how to write essays FAU Library Meeting Point: FAU Main Library	



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FRIDAY, 6 MARCH

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	City Tour Fürth <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> Geschichte für Alle Meeting Point: Corner Marktplatz and Gustavstraße	
07:00 PM	Speed Friending With the International Student Network (ISN) Meeting Point: TBD	

SATURDAY, 7 MARCH

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	City Tour Nürnberg <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> Geschichte für Alle Meeting Point: Henkerhaus, Trödelmarkt 58	
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!! Important Arrival Information: We strongly recommend that you plan your arrival for **April 1st or 2nd at the latest**. Please note that **moving into student dormitories is not possible on weekends or public holidays such as the Easter Weekend (April 3rd - 06th)**. **Shops will also be closed!** Arriving before the start of the **Welcome Week** gives you time to get to know your new surroundings without stress. For all students who will not be able to join us in April due to visa issues, we have organized a **Late Arrival Get Together** on May 5th.

WELCOME WEEK PROGRAM APRIL

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Scavenger Hunt & Welcome Bags <i>Office of International Affairs</i> Meeting Point: Marktplatz Erlangen, in front of the Paulibrunnen	Green
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Main Library <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	Yellow
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Science and Engineering <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	Yellow
02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Economics and Social Science <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	Yellow

Same tour, choose one!

FRIDAY, 3 APRIL

05:00 PM	Trivia Night <i>With the StuVe International Student Group</i> Meeting Point: TBD	Green
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SATURDAY, 4 APRIL

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	City Tour Nürnberg <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Henkerhaus, Trödelmarkt 58	Yellow
08:00 PM	Party <i>With the International Student Network (ISN)</i> Meeting Point: TBD	Green

MONDAY, 6 APRIL

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	City Tour Erlangen <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Hugenottenplatz	Yellow
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TUESDAY, 7 APRIL

09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Check-In & Registration Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Official Welcome Greeting <i>Prof. Dr. Hirsch, Vicepresident of the FAU</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Off to a Good Start – The Essential Steps for Starting your Studies at FAU <i>Celina Henning, Student Advice Center</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	BREAK
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Introduction to Campo <i>Astrid Semm & Thomas Lintner, Campo Support</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	Introduction to the FAU Language Center <i>Frank Mielke, FAU Language Center</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
03:00 PM – 04:30 PM	Understanding the Germans <i>Kerstin Sommer, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
05:30 PM – 06:30 PM	Guided Library Tour: Main Library <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library
05:30 PM – 06:30 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Science and Engineering <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library

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WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL

09:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Formalities I Living in Germany & Studying at FAU <i>Mine Lorenz, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Formalities II City Registration & Bank Account <i>Franziska Kleinschrodt, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Health Insurance <i>Mine Lorenz, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Introduction ISN & Lunch Vouchers <i>International Student Network</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
12:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Formalities III Residence Permit <i>Mine Lorenz, Office of International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
12:30 PM – 02:30 PM	FREE LUNCH IN CAFETERIA <i>With Tutors and Office of International Affairs</i> Cafeteria Langemarckplatz
02:30 PM – 03:30 PM	My FAU Story – Real Talk from Experienced International Students <i>Paraskevi Sakkou, Divya Mittal, Ali Mohsin, International Students</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19

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THURSDAY, 9 APRIL

09:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Pay your Excursion Fee in Person <i>Office of International Affairs</i> Room: TBD
12:00 PM – 05:00 PM (Times vary, please check the website)	Faculty Day The faculties of engineering, Economics and Humanities put on a program that is catered toward welcoming students of their faculty, specifically. It might include speeches, a tour of their campus or a get together at their cafeteria. The faculties provide different types of programs based on their capacity. You can find them on their websites.

Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology

Please visit their [webpage](#) for more information.

Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law

Please visit their [webpage](#) for more information.

Faculty of Engineering

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FRIDAY, 10 APRIL

09:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Library and Catalogue Basics for International Students <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> Regina Schmidt, Katarina Rantova, FAU Library Online: via Zoom	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	StudOn Anna Vogel, Competence Center Education Online: via Zoom	
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Need Help with Writing? Services Offered by the Writing Center Julia Ellis-Simpson, Writing Center Online: via Zoom	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Psychological Counseling Services of the Studierendenwerk Erlangen-Nürnberg Stefanie Gruber, Sabine Eschelbach, Studierendenwerk Online: via Zoom	
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	Working as an International Student Career Service Online: via Zoom	
03:00 PM – 04:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Economics and Social Science <i>(Registration required & opens one week before)</i> FAU Library Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
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FURTHER INFORMATION

- Follow us on Instagram: [@uni_fau_internationalaffairs](#)
- Missed a session? Watch the recording from last semester [here](#)
- More information [here](#) (International Student Service Point)

ARRIVAL CHECK-LIST



- Contact family and friends back home and let them know that you have arrived safely
- Attend all Welcome events to get the information you need, and to connect with other students
- Ask your landlord/the Student Union's Housing Service for a "Wohnungsgeberbestätigung"
- Register at your city's Resident's Registration Office
- Put your name on your letter box
- If needed apply for your residence permit (does not apply to everyone!)
- Open a bank account
- Connect with your assigned buddy or join our Buddy Program [here](#)
- Find your local supermarket, pharmacy, shopping area, etc. (Please take note that all shops are entirely closed on Sundays as well as on [public holidays](#))
- Activate your [IdM](#) account and put in your German address
- If you are living in a dormitory, hand in your enrolment certificate to the Housing Service (Download on [Campo](#))
- Buy your [Deutschland Ticket](#) for public transport
- Join our [WhatsApp](#) community for [International Students](#)
- Join our [Facebook](#) group FAU International Incomings
- Join our **StudOn** group [Events for International Students](#) and find fun trips to take part in and get to know more people
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