

# International orientation week at the start of the winter semester: find out more, get to know each other, make friends

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In mid-September, the International Office held an orientation week for all new international students in the recently started winter semester 2022/23. The aim was to offer an informative, varied and very international programme to help students master their first weeks at our university and in a country that is partly new to them.

We invited around 120 people to the kick-off on 12 September and are always curious to see how many students turn up on the first day. Many new students are not even in Germany yet because of the effects of the pandemic, for example, or delays in visa processing, which is why we offer a hybrid presentation," says Carolina Winkler from the International Office.

Former **WFY participants**, exchange students, double and joint degree students as well as full-time students who had completed the application process were invited.

The persons are enrolled in the study programmes European Business Management, European Management (Master), Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Logistics, Business Informatics, Aeronautical Engineering/Aviation Logistics and Business Administration and come mainly from the following countries: India, Bangladesh, Syria, Poland, Pakistan, Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

## On the first day

The 12th of September finally started with about half of the invited people, whereas about 40 were present on site and 20 in Webex hybrid," Carolina Winkler summarises. The day started with an ice-breaker and various introductions to life and study in Wildau.

The StuRa and TH-College also introduced themselves. At the end of the day, Ulrike Tippe, President of our university, also attended the kick-off and welcomed the new students to our ranks.





### The rest of the week

The international students were invited to attend the presentations of each degree programme as well as the central welcome on Friday, 16 September. For this purpose, a German course was held during the week from Tuesday to Thursday.

The orientation week was then concluded on Friday with an excursion to Berlin, which was also enthusiastically and numerous attended.

