



Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
Erlangen-Nürnberg

WELCOME DAY & WELCOME WEEK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2025

ON 6 - 10 OCTOBER 2025

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 September** and city tours for all international students who arrive early to attend the FIT-courses. **In October**, the Central Office for 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 Day in November** to help you catch up on essential information. 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](#).

Last update: 01.10.2025



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 SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

01:30 PM – 03:00 PM	City Tour Nürnberg (registration required! Click here) <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Henkerhaus, Trödelmarkt 58	
03:45 PM – 05:15 PM	City Tour Fürth (registration required! Click here) <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: At the Corner of Marktplatz and Gustavstraße	

SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER

11:30 AM – 01:30 PM	City Tour Erlangen (registration required! Click here) <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Hugenottenplatz	
02:30 PM – 04:00 PM	City Tour Erlangen (registration required! Click here) <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Hugenottenplatz	

Same tour, choose one!



For more updates and information follow us on Instagram
[@uni_fau_internationalaffairs](#)



Please note that the photo and video material produced during the events might be published later on our websites, in social media and in print media. Please approach the photographer directly if you do not want to be pictured.

!! Important Arrival Information: We strongly recommend that you plan your arrival for **October 1st or 2nd at the latest**. Please note that **moving into student dormitories is not possible on weekends or public holidays such as the 3rd of October**. 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 October due to visa issues, we have organized a late arrival Day on November 17th.

WELCOME WEEK PROGRAM OCTOBER

SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER

04:00 PM – 05:30 PM	City Tour Nürnberg TOUR FULL <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Henkerhaus, Trödelmarkt 58	
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SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER

05:00 PM – 06:30 PM	City Tour Erlangen TOUR FULL <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Hugenottenplatz	
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MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER

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 – 11:00 AM	Formalities I Living in Germany and Studying at FAU <i>Mine Lorenz, Central Office for International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Formalities II City Registration and Bank account <i>Isabel Zier, Central Office for International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Q&A and International Student Network <i>Isabel Zier, Central Office for International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
12:00 PM – 02:30 PM	Lunch in Cafeteria (for free!) <i>With tutors and Central Office for International Affairs</i> Cafeteria Langemarckplatz	
02:30 PM – 03:30 PM	Working as an International Student in Germany <i>Katharina Bucher, Career Service</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
03:30 PM – 04:00 PM	Psychosocial Counseling Services of the Studierendenwerk Erlangen-Nuremberg <i>Elisabeth Provan-Klotz, Sabine Eschelbach, Stephanie Gruber from the Studierendenwerk</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER

09:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Introduction to the FAU Language Center <i>Frank Mielke, FAU Language Center</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Health insurance <i>Mine Lorenz & Andreas Schaller Central Office for International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Formalities III Residence Permit <i>Mine Lorenz Central Office for International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	BREAK	
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Your success and wellbeing at FAU <i>Monika Stärk & Harriet Ziegler, Office of Equality and Diversity</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
03:00 PM – 04:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Main Library TOUR FULL <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
03:00 PM – 04:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Science and Engineering TOUR FULL <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
03:00 PM – 04:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Economics and Social Science TOUR FULL <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
05:00 PM – 06:30 PM	City Tour Erlangen TOUR FULL <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Hugenottenplatz	

Parallel events, choose one

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**WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER**

09:30 AM – 11:30 PM	Essential Tips for getting started at FAU <i>Celina Henning, Student Advice Center</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Introduction to Campo <i>Astrid Semm & Thomas Lintner, Campo Support</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19	
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	BREAK	

01:00 PM – 02:30 PM	My FAU Story – Real Talk from experienced international Students <i>Paraskevi Sakkou, Divya Mittal, Vamshidhar Enugala, international Students</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
02:30 PM – 04:00 PM	Understanding the Germans <i>Kerstin Sommer; Central Office for International Affairs</i> Room: Anatomie 1, Universitätsstr.19
05:00 PM – 06:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Main Library TOUR FULL <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library
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THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER

08:30 AM – 09:30 AM	Library and Catalogue Basics for International Students <i>FAU library</i> Online: via Zoom
09:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Discover the International Student Servicepoint <i>Anne-Marie Lipphardt, Competence Center Education</i> Online: via Zoom

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	StudOn <i>Anna Vogel, Competence Center Education</i> Online: via Zoom
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Need Help Writing? Services Offered by the Writing Center <i>Julia Ellis-Simpson & Deirdre Reiker, Schreibzentrum</i> Online: via Zoom
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
Please visit their [webpage](#) for more information.

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Scavenger Hunt <i>Central Office for International Affairs</i> Meeting Point: Marktplatz Erlangen, in front of the Paulibrunnen	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Pay your excursion fee in person <i>Central Office for International Affairs</i> Erlangen, Helmstr. 1, Ground floor	
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Main Library TOUR FULL <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
01:00 PM – 02:30 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Science and Engineering (registration required! Click here) <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
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ARRIVAL CHECK-LIST



- ☐ Contact family and friends back home and let them know that you have arrived safely
- ☐ Attend all Welcome Days 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 buddy
- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Join our **Buddy Program** here
- ☐ For more updates and information follow us on Instagram @uni_fau_internationalaffairs