



Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
Erlangen-Nürnberg

WELCOME WEEK

ON 2-10 APRIL 2026

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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](#).

Last update: 02.04.2026



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

!! 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: Schlossgarten, Erlangen, next to Student Advice Service → here		
Same time, choose one!	01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Main Library (Register here – fully booked) <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
	01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Science and Engineering (Register here – fully booked) <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
	02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Economics and Social Science (Register here) <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	

FRIDAY, 3 APRIL

05:00 PM	Trivia Night Register here <i>With the StuVe International Student Group</i> Meeting Point: Medical Valley Center
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SATURDAY, 4 APRIL

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	City Tour Nürnberg Register here <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Henkerhaus, Trödelmarkt 58
04:00 PM	Trip to Frühlingsfest in Nürnberg <i>With the International Student Network (ISN)</i> Sign up here

SUNDAY, 5 APRIL

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Campus Fun Run <i>With the StuVe International Student Group</i> <i>Come in sports clothing!</i> Register here Meeting Point: Gebbertstr. 123B
TBD	Trip: Hike Nürnberger Land <i>With the International Student Network (ISN)</i> Sign up here

MONDAY, 6 APRIL

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	City Tour Erlangen Register here <i>Geschichte für Alle</i> Meeting Point: Hugenottenplatz
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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>Kerstin Sommer, Head of international Office</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 (Register here) <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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From 07:00 PM	Pub Crawl- Bring your Buddy! <i>With the International Student Network</i> Meeting point: Schlossplatz



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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: 02.4613 (2nd Floor), Freyeslebenstr.1	
11:00 AM – 11:30 PM	Guided Library Tour: Library of Science and Engineering (Register here) <i>FAU Library</i> Meeting Point: Entrance area of the library	
12:00 PM – 05:00 PM (Times vary, please check the website)	Faculty Day The faculties of Engineering, Science, 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.

Faculty of Science
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FRIDAY, 10 APRIL

09:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Library and Catalogue Basics for International Students (Register here) <i>Regina Schmidt, Katarina Rantova, FAU Library</i> Online: via Zoom	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	StudOn <i>Anna Vogel, Competence Center Education</i> Online: via Zoom	
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Need Help with Writing? Services Offered by the Writing Center <i>Deidre Rieker, Writing Center</i> Online: via Zoom	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Psychological Counseling Services of the Studierendenwerk Erlangen-Nürnberg <i>Stefanie Gruber, Sabine Eschelbach, Studierendenwerk</i> Online: via Zoom	
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	Working as an International Student <i>Career Service</i> Online: via Zoom	
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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.



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