

# International Student Guide

Faculty of Economics and  
Business

Winter Semester 2023/24

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# Hello from Frankfurt and welcome to Goethe University!

We appreciate your interest in Goethe University and the Faculty of Economics and Business and will be happy to welcome you in our international community. Students from all over the world are part of it, either aiming for a degree or coming as exchange students from one of our 140 partner universities.

Many of the Faculty's academics come from abroad or have an international educational background. An international atmosphere is highly evident on campus as well as in Frankfurt, a city in which half of the population has a migration background.

Enjoy your time with us by learning, networking, meeting new people, experiencing an exciting environment and a different culture. Make it to be the best time of your life with our support!

We hope to host you soon at the Faculty of Economics and Business and to win you as ambassadors of Goethe University to the rest of the world.

**Bianka Jäckel**

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Regional Traditions



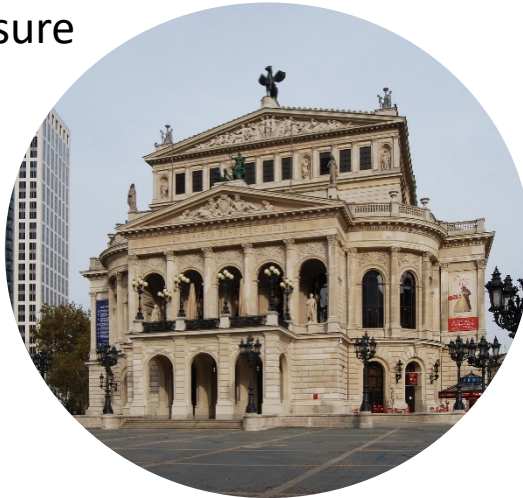
Clubs & Bars



Financial  
Center



Cultural & leisure  
activities



Top Ranked  
University



Why  
Frankfurt?



Multicultural

# Nomination and Application Deadlines

## Nomination deadlines

Summer term : 15 November

Winter Term: 15 May

## Application deadlines

Summer term: 15 December

Winter term: 15 June

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# Living in Frankfurt

Frankfurt is known for being Germany's most international city, center for financial industry and a lot more. You will discover many different cultures in Frankfurt, and hear numerous different languages. The city shines through his diverse cultures and the hostable atmosphere.

This starts with the city's architecture. The view of Frankfurt's bold high-rise architecture is just as attractive and yet very different. Directly opposite the high-rise buildings, on the other side of the Main, a unique collection of plenty museums has been developed and these are devoted to different works of art, from classical paintings to modern media.

Those who think of the city on the Main, think of the airport, the Paulskirche and Goethe, think of the Stock Exchange, the Book Fair and the skyline. There is no doubt about it; Frankfurt brings opposites together in a charming way.







## Financial Center

300 national and international banks

[German Central Bank \(Bundesbank\)](#),

[European Central Bank](#)

[German Stock Exchange](#)

[House of Finance](#) at Goethe University

## Cultural Offerings

Around [50 museums and exhibition halls](#)

[Frankfurt Book Fair](#)

[European Central Bank Cultural Days](#)

[Opera House](#) (several times opera of the year)

[Old Opera](#)

[English Theater](#), [International Theater](#)

[Numerous of dancing clubs](#)

[Festivals](#)

## Green Surroundings

*Feldberg* (Taunus Mountains)

Frankfurt Main river bank

Several Parks

Frankfurt Green Belt

(*Grüngürtel*)





## Registration at the Residence Registration Office

All international exchange students have to register at the Residence Registration Office (*Einwohnermeldeamt*) within a week after their arrival in Germany. The location of the Residence Registration Office for students who live in Frankfurt is:

Residence Registration Office  
(*Zentrales Bürgeramt*)  
Lange Straße 25 - 27  
D-60311 Frankfurt am Main

**Note:** You have to make an appointment online beforehand.

## Foreigners' Registration Office

Non EU citizens have to register at the Foreigners' Registration Office in addition.

Foreigners' Registration Office (*Ausländerbehörde*)  
Rebstöcker Straße 4  
60326 Frankfurt am Main

**Note:** You have to make an appointment via E-Mail or mail beforehand.

*Detailed information concerning this subject can be obtained from the Global Office of Goethe University or from the department of foreign affairs.*

[Website](#)

# Accommodation

## Students Dormitories

Exchange students from partner universities of the Faculty can apply for a room in one of the student dormitories. Most of the dormitories are maintained and administered by the *Studentenwerk* (student services organization). Due to a shortage of rooms, only a limited number of exchange students can be hosted there.

Please apply at the Global Office of the University for a room in a student dormitory. Application deadlines are June 15 for the summer semester and December 15 for the winter semester. You will receive an application link after you are officially nominated by your home university. Contact: **Julia Freier, Nina Schnauffer** Global Office, [Email](#)

## Temporary Accommodation

If you look for temporary accommodation the youth hostel in Frankfurt may be a good location for you.

Youth Hostel Frankfurt

*Haus der Jugend* , Deutschherrenufer 12 60594 Frankfurt

☎ +49 (0) 69 - 61 00 150

[Email](#)

[Website](#)





## Private Accommodation

Should you not wish to live in a student dormitory or should you not apply successfully for a room there and look for a private accommodation please notice the following links for shared private flats:

[WG Gesucht in Frankfurt](#)

[Housing Anywhere](#)

[Easy WG](#)

[Wohngemeinschaft](#)

[Studenten Wohnung](#)

### Facebook Groups:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wg.wohnung.frankfurt>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wg.und.wohnung.frankfurt.am.main>

Please also see [here](#).

# Transport

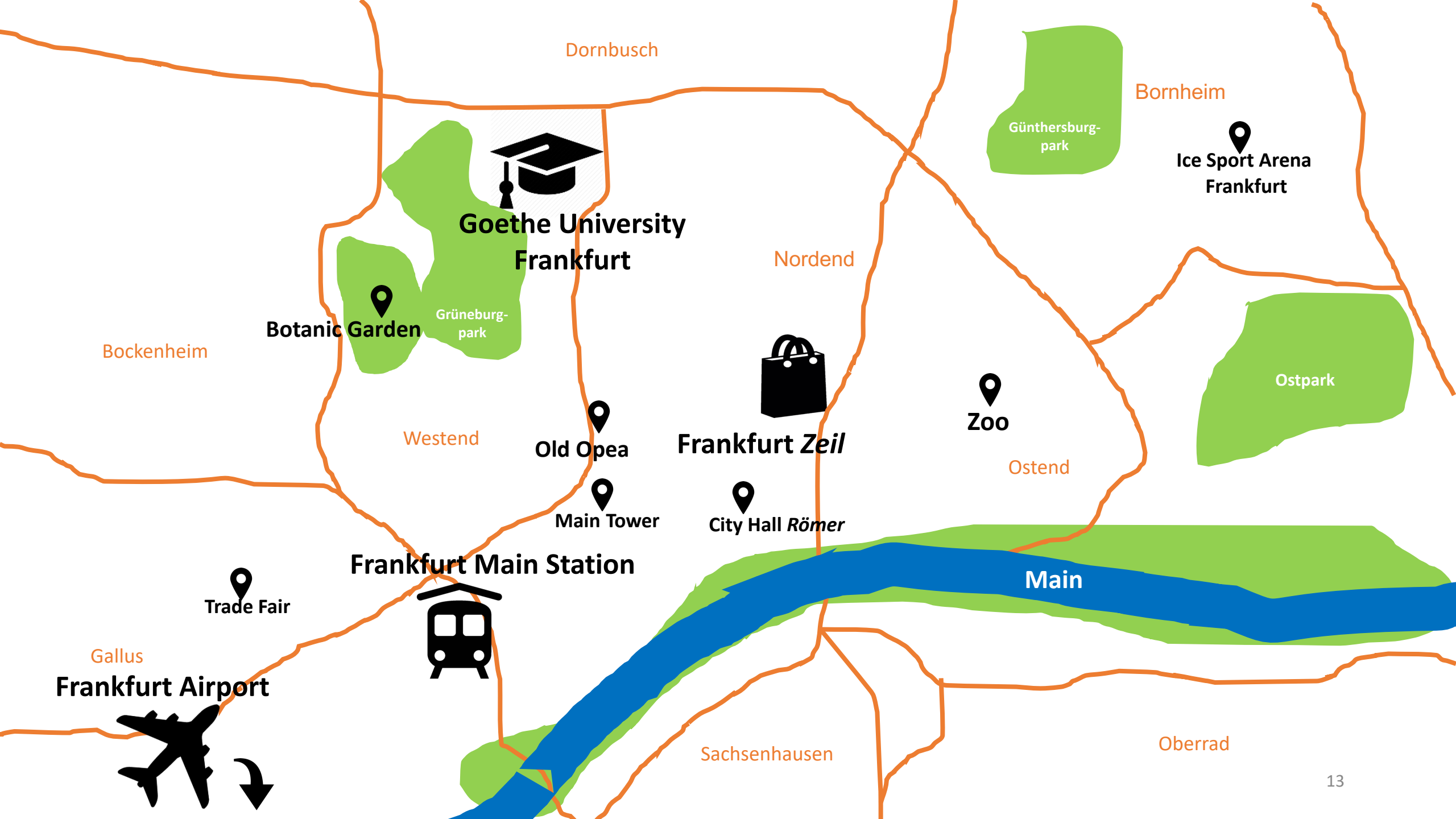
Frankfurt has a very well-developed inner-city network of public transport including bus lines, underground lines and tram lines organized by the *Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund*. If you take the subway (U-Bahn, line 1,2 , 3 or 8) to reach the Campus, please depart at *Holzhausenstraße*.

Frankfurt Airport is located outside the city. Should you arrive by plane, you can reach Frankfurt/Main station in about 20 minutes by commuter train (S-Bahn). From the main station the journey to the University takes less than 10 minutes by underground. Should you come from Frankfurt-Hahn Airport, you can travel to Frankfurt by bus. This takes about 1.5 hours.

All students enrolled at Goethe University receive a semester ticket (approx. 230 €, included in the semester fees of 380 € approx.), allowing them to use public transport in Frankfurt and surroundings. To reach your destinations within Frankfurt you can also use the excellent infrastructure of bike lanes throughout the town.







Dornbusch

Bornheim



Günthersburg-park

Ice Sport Arena Frankfurt

Nordend

Goethe University Frankfurt



Grüneburg-park

Botanic Garden

Bockenheim



Ostpark



Zoo

Ostend

Westend

Old Opea



Frankfurt Zeil



Main Tower



City Hall Römer

Frankfurt Main Station



Trade Fair

Gallus

Frankfurt Airport



Sachsenhausen

Oberrad

# Insurance

It is strongly recommended to all international exchange students to have a valid health insurance for the whole period of their stay. German health insurance companies offer special student coverage for approximately 60 Euros per month.

Students from EU countries may keep their own home health insurances as well as their own private insurances and may bring their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which in case of illness is also valid in Germany.

To cover claims by third parties arising from personal liability cases, a personal liability insurance is recommended. Accident insurance while pursuing study activities is provided free of charge by the Federal Government of Germany. The special DAAD-Group Insurance Scheme comprises sickness, personal accident, and private liability.





# Bank Accounts

On arriving in Germany, you should open a bank account. Here are some addresses of banks which are close to the University:

## **Frankfurter Sparkasse**

Reuterweg 71, 60323 Frankfurt

☎ +49 (0) 69 26411045

## **Frankfurter Volksbank**

Platz der Republik 6, 60325 Frankfurt

☎ +49 (0) 69 217212460

## **Commerzbank Bank**

Bockenheimer Landstr. 51, 60325 Frankfurt

☎ +49 (0) 691708850

## **Postbank**

Goetheplatz 6, 60325 Frankfurt

☎ +49 (0) 228 4333111



# Costs

Below you will find examples of costs you will have to bear during your studies in Frankfurt:

Study fees (per Semester)	394,69 € (Semester ticket included)
Accommodation in a dormitory	200 € to 350 €
Privately rented rooms	400 € to 700 €
Lunch at the cafeteria	2 € to 5,50 €
Evening in a Frankfurt Club or Bar	around 25 €

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All in all, you will need between **700 and 1100 €** for your monthly expenses

Please see also the information of the Federal Statistical Office Germany.

# The University

Goethe University is a lively, urban and cosmopolitan university that provides an excellent atmosphere in which to research, study, think, and create. The university was founded in 1914 through private funding. Thus, the university owes its establishment to the link – which is characteristic for the city of Frankfurt – between dynamic research, the legacy of the Enlightenment, and the conscious commitment of the citizens of Frankfurt to the fundamentals of international trade and industry.



As one of the major institutions of higher education in Germany, the university is committed to providing a wide spectrum of disciplines in research and teaching, to generating outstanding achievements, and to breaking new ground through the targeted utilization of the advantages and synergies of interdisciplinary work in research and teaching. In competition with the best national and international universities, Goethe University aims to fulfill its training and educational mandates through performance and open-mindedness. The University supports the practical application of knowledge based upon solid fundamental research.





## FACTS AND FIGURES

### Number of Students (2021/22)

- Overall Number of Students: 47.334
- International Students: 7.254

### Number of Staff

- Full and Associate Professors: 580
- Research Staff: 3.056
- Administration: 2.038

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## FACULTIES AT THE UNIVERSITY

- Law
- **Economics and Business**
- Social Sciences
- Educational Sciences
- Psychology and Sports Sciences
- Protestant Theology
- Roman Catholic Theology
- Philosophy and History
- Linguistics, Cultural Studies & Art
- Modern Languages
- Geosciences and Geography
- Computer Science and Mathematics
- Physics
- Biochemistry, Chemistry and Pharmacy
- Bio Sciences
- Medical Sciences

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# Map of Campus Westend

Faculty of Economics  
and Business



# The Faculty

The Faculty of Economics and Business at Goethe University owes its existence and identity to the link forged between business and academia.

In 1901, the Academy for Social and Commercial Studies was established by Wilhelm Merton, founder of the renowned German industrial organization *Metallgesellschaft*, as the commercial college for the city of Frankfurt.

This college, the first faculty for economics and business administration of its kind in Germany, formed the nucleus for Goethe University, established in 1914 by the citizens of Frankfurt. It was during this time that those features characteristic the study of economics in Frankfurt emerged: a focus on theoretical analysis, the close connection between the disciplines of economics and business and the open approach towards a broad spectrum of theoretical, practical and policy-oriented issues.

With more than 5,500 students studying business, economics and business education, the Faculty is not only one of the most prestigious, but also one of the largest Faculties of business and economics in Germany. Graduates enjoy an excellent reputation in the national and international business world, as indicated in numerous rankings.

In 2005, the Faculty of Economics and Business, became one of the first academic institutions in Germany to successfully complete the accreditation process of AACSB International.







# Your Benefits

- Committed professors - internationally leading experts
- Courses held in English
- Practice-oriented teaching by renowned guest lecturers from the business community
- Jobs and internships at your doorstep in an economically strong region
- Excellent study conditions on a new campus
- Strong Support from Student Services and a Buddy Program
- International student community
- Frankfurt, financial and service center of global importance

## FACTS AND FIGURES

- 2 Bachelor- and 5 Master Programs
- Over 5500 students
- approx. 1200 international students
- 8 Teaching- and Research Departments
- Over 65 Full-tenured Professors
- 13 Assistant and Adjunct Professors
- 20 Honorary Professors
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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year is divided in 2 semesters:

Summer Semester 1 April – 30 September

Winter Semester 1 October – 31 March

### Lecture Periods

Winter Semester 2023/24:

16 October 2022 – 9 February 2023

Summer Semester 2024:

15 April 2023 – 19 July 2023

### Examination Periods

Examinations take place during two weeks following the lecture period:

Winter Semester:

Mid February - end February

Summer Semester:

Mid July - end July

Mid July - end July

Summer Semester:

Mid February - end February

Winter Semester:

January/February

Examinations take place during two weeks following the lecture period:



# Courses

Continuously updated information on all courses offered at the Faculty of Economics and Business and all other Faculties of the University is available through [the LSF system](#) in the internet. The Faculty of Economics and Business offers part of the course program in English. You can find these courses [here](#).

Should you wish to attend graduate courses please check with the corresponding lecturer if you meet the academic prerequisites and are allowed to attend these courses. Since there is no course registration, except for seminars, we recommend to attend a broad choice of courses in the first two or three weeks of the semester and then decide which courses are most suitable for you.

The normal work load for one semester is 30 ECTS (European Course Credit Transfer System) credits. Please make sure with the coordinator of your home University that the courses you attend here will be recognized for your studies.

Some courses offer tutorials in addition to the lecture. These courses are taught by senior students or assistants and help you to better understand the content of the lecture.



# Grading System

Grade	In Words	Explanation	ECTS Grade
1 / 1,3	Very Good	A very good achievement	A / A
1,7 / 2,0 / 2,3	Good	An achievement that considerably surpasses the demands set	B / B / C
2,7 / 3,0 / 3,3	Satisfactory	An achievement that satisfies average demands set	C / C / D
3,7 / 4,0	Sufficient	Sufficient	E / E
5,0	Not sufficient	An achievement that does not meet demands set	F



# Examinations



Examinations usually take place at the end of the semester after the lecture period.

Please note that a registration for exams via a form which will be provided by the *Auslandsbüro* in the information and welcome session is mandatory. The completed form has to be sent to the examination office of the Faculty. The deadlines only end during the semester, which is why you do not need to worry about this before your arrival.

Examinations usually last 90 minutes, depending on the amount of credits of the corresponding course.

# University Accounts

Every student gets three different types of accounts at the University, which can be a little confusing at the beginning of your stay.

## 1. HRZ-Account

The HRZ account is mainly used for the portal “QIS” and “OLAT”.

## 2. WiWi-Account

With the WiWi account, you are able to surf in the internet.

## 3. Goethe-Card

The Goethe Card is the most important student ID during your stay at Goethe University. This card can be used as semester ticket as well as for the free entrance to Botanic Garden (*Palmengarten*) in Frankfurt.



This is your  
Student ID





# Student's Initiatives

Our students are involved in a variety of and extra-curricular activities. Here, there are numerous opportunities to get involved or gain experience alongside your studies. Initiative, creativity, organisational talent and a sense of responsibility are challenged and encouraged. Through joint commitment, friendships and networks develop that last beyond the time of study.

[Website](#)

## Some of our Initiatives

[AIESEC](#)

[Enactus](#)

[Bachelor Meets Business](#)

[Green finance consulting e.V.](#)

[180 Degrees Consulting Frankfurt](#)

[ROCK YOUR LIFE!](#)

[Founder Club Frankfurt](#)

[MTP—Marketing zwischen Theorie und Praxis e.V.](#)

# WiWir Buddy Programm

We are the WiWir Buddy Program, a student initiative of the Faculty of Economics and Business, and we support all incoming exchange students of the partner universities of the Faculty.

## What is Our Motivation?

Our initiative aims to get to know you and to support you in your new study environment at Goethe University and in Frankfurt. Our buddies are students of the Faculty and therefore brilliant partners for those who need assistance.

You can contact your Buddy already before your arrival in Germany, so that she or he can assist you in organizing your stay. As soon as you are here, we will help you with getting to know the University and exploring Frankfurt as well as with introducing you to fellow students.

We regularly organize activities like parties, bar crawls and enterprise visits, and you are more than welcome to join.

Please feel always free to get into contact with us or your Buddy. We look forward to welcoming you in Frankfurt!

Your WiWir Buddy Team

[Facebook](#)  
[ssixbuddy@googlemail.com](mailto:ssixbuddy@googlemail.com)





# Sports at the University

Students, members, and affiliates of Goethe University Frankfurt are entitled to attend the broad range of courses of the high quality programme of the University Sports Centre (*Zentrum für Hochschulsport*). Sports at the University Sports Centre are purely recreational and hence emphasize a good time and offer a break from the daily routine.

## Address:

Zentrum für Hochschulsport (ZfH)

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