



NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT



Winter 2026

Dear Subscribers,

For the semester break, our Winter Edition is here to inform you about upcoming events and workshops — such as the Academic Writing Week, Career Week, creative workshops, and social events — as well as to share a wide range of good-to-know infos about job searching and working especially during the semester break.

As always, the Newsletter is available via our mailing list and on our website in [English](#) and [German](#).

Advising and Support During the Semester Break

- ⇒ As you plan for the upcoming semester, are you interested in getting academic advice on, for example, how many courses to take or how best to design your course schedule?
- ⇒ Or would additional support during the exam period and/or for upcoming deadlines be especially welcome right about now?

Our team of advisors are also available during the semester break! For questions and a wide range of support services, always feel free to contact the [Info-Service](#), [General Academic Advising](#), [Psychological Counseling](#), and [support.points](#). They are always there to support you throughout your studies.

We wish you all the best for upcoming exams and deadlines as well as a wonderful semester break!

All the best,
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DURING THE SEMESTER BREAK: JOB SEARCHING & WORKING

Working during your studies with a residence permit for study purposes

Since 01.03.2024, the residence permit for study purposes entitles the holder to work for a total of **140 full working days per calendar year**.

- During the lecture-free period, however, there is no time limit for employment, so that even in the case of full-time employment, only 2.5 working days per calendar week are credited to the working-day account.

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JOBS POSTINGS: Jobs for Students

- [Job Postings at Freie Universität Berlin](#): For students as well as professors and staff
- [Studierendenwerk Berlin's Job Portal](#) – Jobs during your studies

DURING THE SEMESTER BREAK: COURSES & EVENTS

Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling

In addition to [academic advising](#) and [psychological counseling](#), the Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling regularly offers [workshops](#).

- [Neustart ins Studium](#) (A fresh start to your studies). Open session. In German.
- [Ein Workshop gegen das Prokrastinieren](#) (Workshop on Overcoming Procrastination) 25.02.2026. In German. Wednesdays on 04.03., 11.03., 18.03. und 25.03.2026.

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Diversity and Antidiscrimination Office

The [Diversity and Antidiscrimination Office](#) organizes lectures, workshops, and advising for professors, staff, and students at Freie Universität Berlin.

- ASS FU Berlin | Treffen für autistische Studierende und Promovierende (Meeting for autistic students and doctoral candidates). In German. [20.02.26](#); [06.03.26](#); [20.03.26](#).
- [Survey on Discrimination in Germany](#). Participation is possible until 28.02.2026.

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Academic Writing Week: 16.02.2026 – 20.02.2026

With the support of department libraries and colleagues from various areas of Freie Universität, the University Library and SchreibGeist – Geisteswissenschaftliche Schreibwerkstatt offer a week of events on academic writing.

- [Program - Courses in German](#)
- [Program - Courses in English](#)

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Career Week: 23.02.2026 – 27.02.2026

From February 23 to 27, 2026, the Career Week of universities in Berlin and Brandenburg will take place the third year in a row. During this special week, you have the opportunity to get to know the diverse offers of Career Services in Berlin and Brandenburg.

Preview | From the [Program of Events Organized by the Career Service](#):

- [Workshop | Berufseinstiegchancen im Gesundheits- und Bildungsbereich für Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaftler*innen](#) (Career opportunities in the health and education sectors for humanities and social science graduates). 23.02.2026. In German.
- [From Application to Your First Job: How to Succeed in Job Search and Beyond](#). 24.02.2026. In English.
- [Workshop | Erfolgreich präsentieren im digitalen Vorstellungsgespräch](#) (Successful presentations for online interviews). 25.02.2026. In German.

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Career Day: 19.03.2026

On March 19, 2026, TRANSFORM will offer a unique platform for job seekers and companies with its Career Day. In a variety of formats, both sides will have the opportunity to present themselves in person, make valuable contacts, and set the course for a successful professional future.

Use the invitation code CAREERDAY26 to get a free “student ticket” in the [ticket shop](#).

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Dahlem Research School

The [Dahlem Research School](#) provides information and advice on all aspects of doctoral research and offers a comprehensive qualification program.

- [DRS Open Door Talk "Doing your doctorate at FU Berlin / Financing the Doctorate"](#). 11.03.2026. In English.

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Language Center: Courses during Semester Break and Summer Semester

The [Language Center](#) is the center of foreign language education at Freie Universität. It is responsible for the language practice in numerous Bachelor's and Master's degree programs, including general career preparation.

REGISTRATION PERIODS

- [Courses during Semester Break](#) (February/March 2026): (*Courses for Hebrew, Italian, and Spanish*) February 2, 2026 until 1 week before the start of the respective course.
- Courses for the Summer Semester 2026: March 16-April 7, 2026, 9:00 (Please note: [Different registration deadlines apply for German as a Foreign Language](#))

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Central Library of the Freie Universität (University Library)

The Central Library (formerly the University Library) has a program to support and to improve users' information literacy.

- e.g., [BibBasics – Services der Bibliothek effektiv nutzen](#) (Using library services effectively). 18.02.2026. In German.

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studierendenWERK BERLIN

The [studierendenWERK BERLIN](#) (stW) offers a range of services, including [counseling for financing your studies](#), [psychotherapeutic counseling](#), [counseling for barrier-free studies](#), as well as [writing tutoring](#). The [Centre for Student Refugees](#) is also located at studierendenWERK BERLIN, which provides prospective students and students with refugee backgrounds extensive information about studying in Germany as well as advise on asylum and residency, and much more. Below, please find an upcoming workshop.

- [Darkroom & DJ Workshop: Learn how to develop analogue film and mix sets at the DJ decks](#). 21.02. and 22.02.2026. In English and German.

[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

Berlin University Alliance (BUA)

- [Lecture](#) | FDM@BUA Online-Event: Active and Sustainable Research Data Management in project consortia and research groups: The RETAIN Fellowship Program. 11.02.2026. In English.

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