

International Student Guide

Summer Semester 2025

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS



Join us on our virtual tour through Frankfurt





Welcome at the Goethe University Frankfurt!



We appreciate your interest in Goethe University Frankfurt and the Faculty of Economics and Business. It is our pleasure to welcome you to our vibrant international community. Students from all over the world join us, whether pursuing a full degree or participating in exchange programs through our network of 140 partner universities. Many of our faculty members also come from diverse international backgrounds, contributing to the dynamic and globally-minded academic environment.

At Goethe University, you will experience a truly international atmosphere—both on campus and in Frankfurt, a city where nearly half the population has a migration background. We encourage you to make the most of your time here by learning, networking, meeting new people, and immersing yourself in an exciting environment and a rich cultural experience.

With our support, we hope you will make this chapter one of the most rewarding times of your life. We look forward to welcoming you to the Faculty of Economics and Business and hope you will carry the spirit of Goethe University Frankfurt with you as an ambassador to the world.

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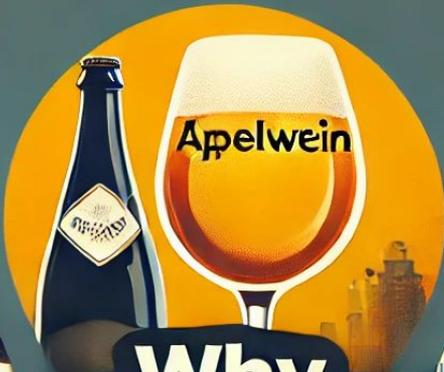




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Why Frankfurt?

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Nomination and Application Deadline

Nomination Deadlines

Summer Term: 15.11

Winter Term: 15.5

Application Deadlines

Summer Term: 1.11 - 15.12

Winter Term: 1.5 - 15.6



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Living in Frankfurt



Frankfurt is Germany's most international city, a hub for the financial industry, and much more. Here, you'll encounter diverse cultures and hear a variety of languages. The city thrives on its multicultural atmosphere and welcoming spirit.

This diversity is reflected in Frankfurt's architecture. Its striking skyline of bold high-rises contrasts beautifully with the historic charm found across the Main River. There, a remarkable collection of museums showcases, everything from classical paintings to contemporary media.

When people think of Frankfurt, the airport, the Paulskirche, Goethe, the Stock Exchange, the Book Fair, and the iconic skyline would cross their mind. Without a doubt, Frankfurt seamlessly blends contrasts in a captivating way.

Green Surroundings

Feldberg (Taunus Mountains)
Frankfurt am Main River Bank
Several Parks
Frankfurt Green Belt (Grüngürtel)
Palmengarten

Cultural Offering

Around 50 museums and exhibition halls
Frankfurt Book Fair
European Central Bank Cultural Days
Opera House
Old Opera
English Theater, International Theater
Numerous of dancing clubs
Festivals

Financial Center

+300 national and international Banks
German Central Bank
European Central Bank
German Stock Exchange
House of Finance

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 book 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 book an appointment via E-Mail beforehand

Further Information: Global Office
incoming@uni-frankfurt.de

Accommodation

Finding Accomodation in Frankfurt

Exchange students from partner universities of the Faculty of Economics and Business 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 1st June for the summer semester and 1st December for the winter semester. You will receive an application link after you are officially nominated by your home university.

Contact: **Julia Freier, Nina Schnauer** [Global Office](#)

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
Deutschherrnufer 12 - 60594, Frankfurt am Main

[Website](#)



Accommodation

Private Accomodation

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](#)

[Wohngemeinschaft](#)

[Housing Anywhere](#)

[Studenten Wohnung](#)

[Easy](#)

[ILive](#)

Facebook Groups

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

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





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. The journey 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 Germany. To reach your destinations within Frankfurt you can also use the excellent infrastructure of bike lanes throughout the town for free.





Dornbusch

Bornheim



Günthersburg-park

Ice Sport Arena
Frankfurt



Goethe University
Frankfurt

Nordend



Botanic Garden

Grüneburg-park

Bockenheim



Ostpark

Westend

Old Opea

Frankfurt Zeil



Zoo

Ostend

Main Tower

City Hall Römer

Frankfurt Main Station



Main

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 staying period. 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

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

Frankfurter Sparkasse

Reuterweg 71, 60323 Frankfurt
+49 (0) 69 26411045

Commerzbank Bank

Bockenheimer Landstr. 51, 60325
Frankfurt
+49 (0) 691708850

Frankfurter Volksbank

Platz der Republik 6, 60325 Frankfurt
+49 (0) 69 217212460

Postbank

Goetheplatz 6, 60325 Frankfurt
+49 (0) 228 4333111

Living Costs

Below you will find examples of costs you will face during your studies in Frankfurt:

Study fees (per Semester) **348,28 €** (Semester ticket included)

Accommodation in a dormitory **200 € to 350 €**

Privately rented rooms **280 € to 500 €**

Lunch at the cafeteria **3 € to 6,50 €**

Evening in a Frankfurt Club or Bar around **25 €**

You will need between **700 and 950 €** for your monthly expenses

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

The Goethe University Frankfurt

Goethe University Frankfurt is a vibrant, urban, and cosmopolitan institution that fosters an inspiring environment for research, study, critical thinking, and creativity. Founded in 1914 through private funding, the university reflects Frankfurt's unique blend of dynamic research, Enlightenment values, and the strong civic engagement of its citizens in advancing international trade and industry.



As one of Germany's leading institutions of higher education, Goethe University Frankfurt is dedicated to offering a broad range of disciplines in research and teaching. It strives for excellence, pioneering new approaches by leveraging the benefits of interdisciplinary collaboration. Competing with top universities nationally and internationally, Goethe University Frankfurt upholds its commitment to education through performance and openness. It also strongly supports the practical application of knowledge, grounded in rigorous fundamental research.

Faculties at the University

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

Map of Campus Westend

Faculty of Economics and Business



CAMPUS WESTEND

Anbau Casino	8
AStA Campusoffice	6
Casino	7
Exzellenzcluster »Die Herausbildung normativer Ordnungen« (ExNO)	20
Goethe-Card	18
Haus der Stille (Interkulturelles Begegnungszentrum)	16
Hörsaalzentrum (HSZ)	13
House of Finance (HoF)	9
IG-Farben-Haus	1
Immobilienmanagement-Container (IMM)	17
Kindertagesstätte (KITA)	5
Max-Planck-Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte (MPI)	11
Nebengebäude (NG)	3
Norbert Wollheim Memorial (Gedenkstätte)	2
Präsidium und Administration (PA)	10
Psychologie, Erziehungswissenschaften und Gesellschaftswissenschaften (PEG)	12
Rechtswissenschaft und Wirtschaftswissenschaften (RuW)	14
Seminarhaus	19
Seminarpavillon	21
Studierendenwohnheim der Kirchen (ESG/KHG)	15

The Faculty of Economics and Business

The Faculty of Economics and Business at Goethe University Frankfurt owes its foundation and identity to the strong connection between business and academia. In 1901, Wilhelm Merton, founder of the renowned German industrial firm Metallgesellschaft, established by the Academy for Social and Commercial Studies as Frankfurt's commercial college. This institution became Germany's first faculty for economics and business administration and later served as the cornerstone for Goethe University Frankfurt, established in 1914 by the citizens of Frankfurt. It was during this time that the following key characteristic shaped the study of economics and business: strong emphasis on theoretical analysis, an interdisciplinary approach linking economics and an openness to a broad spectrum of theoretical, practical and policy-oriented issues.



With over 6000 students enrolled in business, economics, and business education, the Faculty of Economics and Business is one of Germany's largest and most prestigious in its field. Its graduates are highly regarded in both national and international business circles, as reflected in numerous rankings. In 2005, it became one of the first academic institutions in Germany to earn AACSB International accreditation, marking a significant achievement in academic excellence.



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 modern campus
- Strong Support from Student Services and a Buddy Program
- International student community
- Frankfurt: financial and service center of global importance



Academic Calendar

The academic year is divided into 2 semesters:

Summer Semester 1 April – 30 September

Winter Semester 1 October – 31 March

Lecture Periods

Summer Semester 2025:

22. April 2025 - 25 July 2025

Winter Semester 2025/26:

13. October 2025 - 13. February 2026

Examination Periods

Examinations take place during two weeks following the lecture period:

Summer Semester:

28. July 2025 - 8. August 2025

Winter Semester:

16. February 2026 - 27. February 2026

Courses

Continuously updated information on all courses offered at the Faculty of Economics and Business and other Faculties of the University is available through the [the LSF system](#) online. The Faculty of Economics and Business offers part of the academic program in English.

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 modules. Since the course and exam registration is combined, except for seminars, we recommend you to attend a broad choice of classes in the first two or three weeks of the semester and then decide which sessions are most suitable for your needs. The workload for one semester is 30 ECTS (European Course Credit Transfer System) credits. Please make sure with the coordinator of your home University that the lectures you attend here will be recognized for your studies. Some classes 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

Examination



Examinations usually take place at the end of the semester after the lecture period. Please note that the registration for exams happens via form which is available on the website of the [International Office](#) of the Faculty of Economics and Business. 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.

[Examination Registration](#)

University Accounts

Every student gets two different types of accounts at the Goethe University Frankfurt, 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. 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

Students Initiative

Our students are involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Here, there are numerous opportunities to get involved and 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 lasts forever.

Some of our Initiatives

[AIESEC](#)

[Enactus](#)

[Bachelor Meets Business](#)

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

[180 Degrees Consulting Frankfurt](#)

[Impress! e.V.](#)

[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 our partner universities.

What is Our Motivation?

Our initiative aims to get to know you and to support you during your new study environment at Goethe University Frankfurt. Our buddies are students of the Faculty of Economics and Business and therefore brilliant partners for those who need assistance. You can contact your Buddy already before your arrival in Germany, so then she or he can assist you in organizing your stay. As soon as you are here, we will help you getting to know the University and exploring Frankfurt as well as introducing you to fellow students. We regularly organize activities as 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!

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Your WiWir Buddy Team

Sports at the University

Students, members, and affiliates of Goethe University Frankfurt are entitled to attend the wide range of courses of the high quality program 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.

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