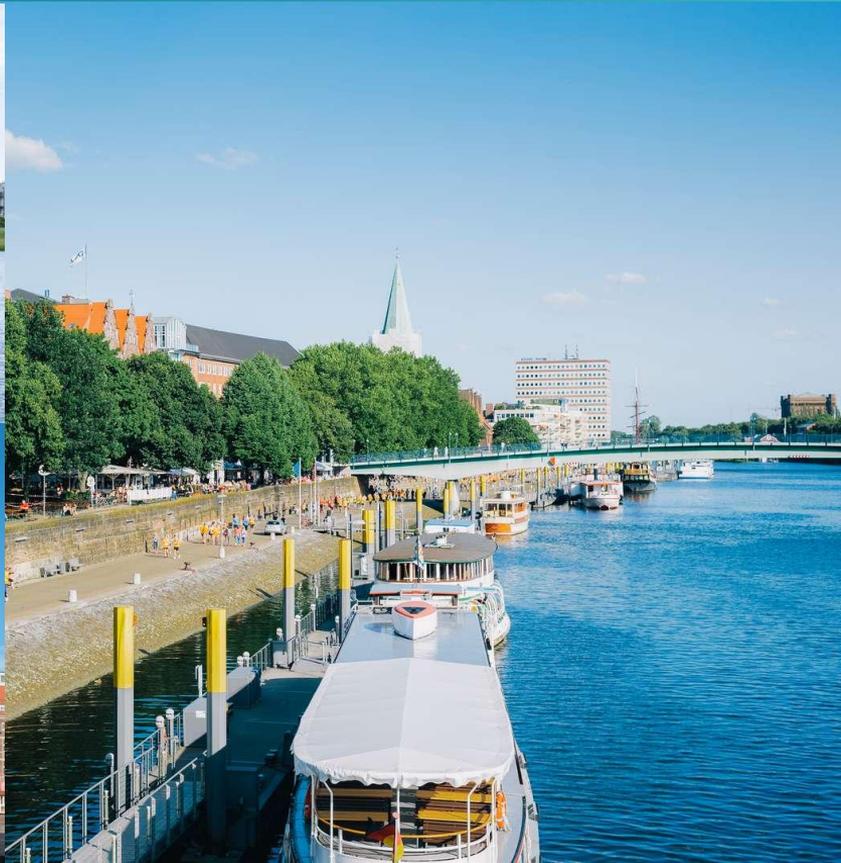


# MOIN!

Welcome to Bremen





## International Office

We support you with questions regarding:

- Enrolment
- Health insurance
- Payment
- City registration & residence permit
- Accommodation (Intorooms)
- Orientation week



Christiane Sgonina



Andrea Thode



Katharina Wittig

## Student Team



Madeleine



Lilli



Misuma

# TODAY'S WELCOME SESSION

- ✘ Hochschule Bremen
- ✘ Orientation week
- ✘ Legal requirements
- ✘ Bank account & money
- ✘ Transportation/ travelling
- ✘ Health & safety
- ✘ Leisure activities

<https://www.hs-bremen.de/en/information-for/exchange-students/>



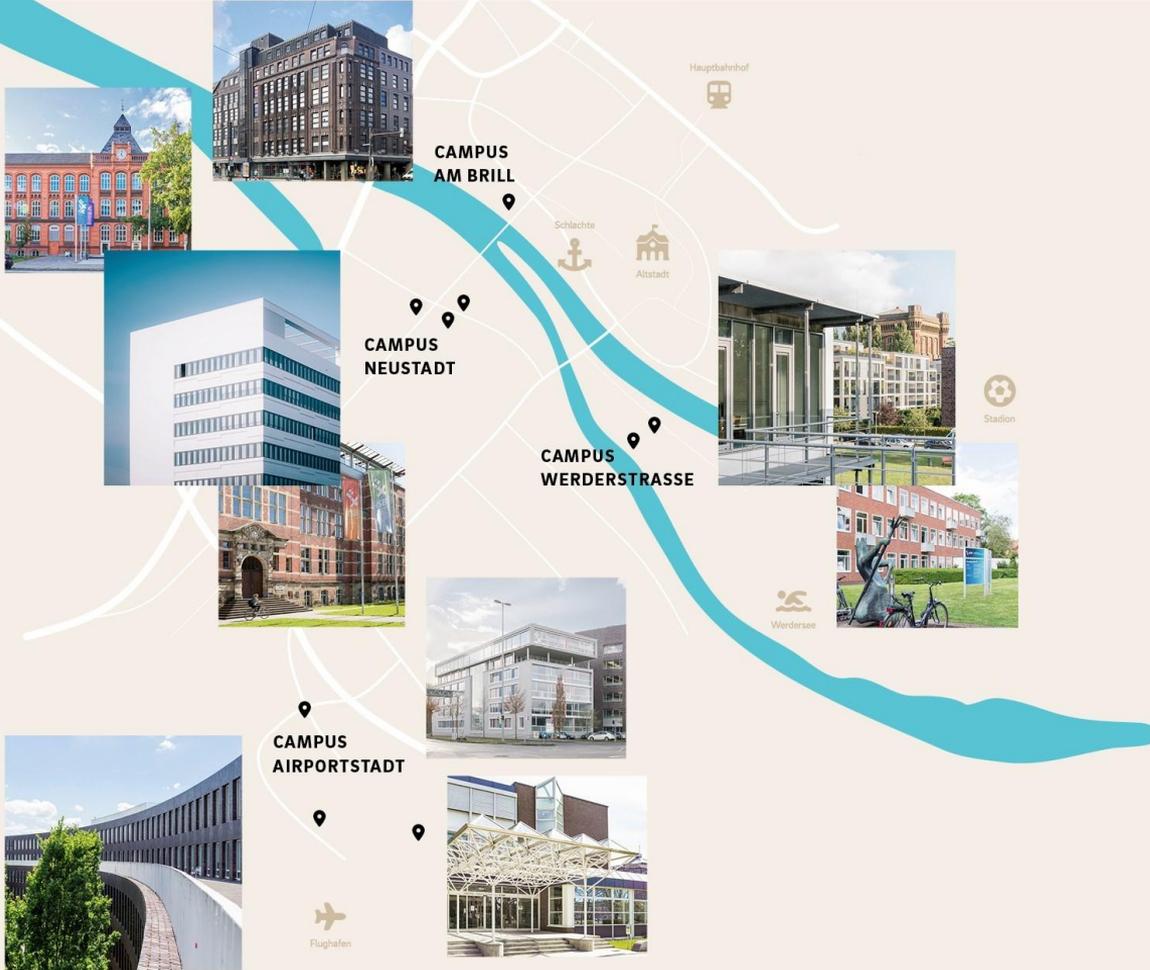
## Hochschule Bremen - Facts & figures

In 1799, it all began with the Bremen Navigation School, forerunner institution of today's Nautical Science and Maritime Transport Department - nowadays the HSB Faculty of Nature and Technology.

Today, HSB is the second largest scientific institution in the Federal state of Bremen.

- **72 degree programs** spread across **five faculties**
- Cooperation with **360 partner universities worldwide**
- Appx. 9.000 students:
  - 200 exchange students annually
  - 20% international students on campus

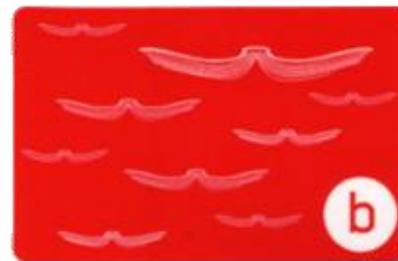




## HSB Campuses

No central campus but  
four locations in Bremen!

## Good to have



Library card



- Cheap meals starting at 2,00 €
- [Weekly menu](#)
- Get a Mensacard!
  - At all canteens (times may vary)
  - Bring student ID & 5€ in cash (for the card deposit)
  - Top up the mensa card by credit card
  - Get back the remaining balance at the end of the semester
- Fill in the [Online registration](#)
- Collect your card directly from the lending desk

## Behaviour at HSB - Advice



No dress code



Write formal!

- Dear Prof. XY/  
Dear Mr./ Ms.  
surname
- Kind regards etc.
- No emojis



Address staff and  
professors by their  
surname



Closed door? Knock!

No answer?  
Open the door and  
ask if it is possible to  
come in

## Accommodation service into rooms

Are you still looking for a place to live?

Do you have issues with your landlord from into rooms?



Madeleine



Andrea Thode

Questions?



Talk to Andrea during the break

Contact [intorooms@hs-bremen.de](mailto:intorooms@hs-bremen.de)





**Lokale Erasmus Initiative**  
Hochschule Bremen

HSB students support exchange students  
and organise activities, events and parties!  
[WhatsApp Group](#) for Summer Term 2026



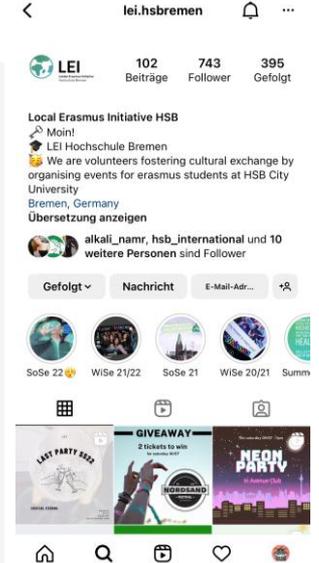
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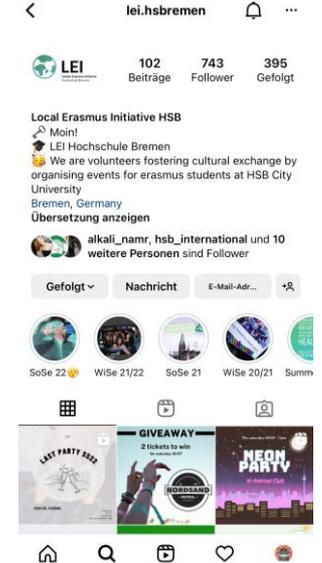


# LEI

**Lokale Erasmus Initiative**  
Hochschule Bremen

**First activities, events and parties!**

- |           |          |                            |
|-----------|----------|----------------------------|
| Tuesday,  | 7 April  | International Dinner       |
| Thursday, | 9 April  | Pub Crawl                  |
| Friday,   | 10 April | Opening Party at LILA EULE |



## Meet. Greet. Chat. Play.

We are very happy to see you:)))

Fridays 17 – 20h

Your Team from the Café International

[cafe-international@hs-bremen.de](mailto:cafe-international@hs-bremen.de)

[Instagram - Café International](#)



Andrea Thode



Misuma



Lilli

Café International 

WhatsApp-Gruppe



## University sports - Hochschulsport

Wide range of very cheap sports activities!



The fees must be paid by direct debit in order to register for the course.

Tip: [Wise](#) and [Revolut](#) are the best options for opening an online bank account instantly.

Courses run from April 7 to July 12, 2026.

Online registration starts on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 7:00 a.m.



**Check for registration deadlines!**

# Orientation week

Wednesday, April 1	Thursday, April 2	Friday, April 3	Saturday, April 4	Wednesday, April 8
<p><b>10:00 - 11:30</b>  <b>Welcome Session</b>  <a href="#">Neustadtswall Campus, AB building,</a>                      room AB 516, 5<sup>th</sup> floor</p>	<p><b>Faculty 1-5 Info Sessions</b>                      by your HSB coordinator</p> <p>Followed by <b>Campus Tours</b>                      Airport and Werderstrasse</p>			
<p><b>11:30 - 13:00</b>  <b>HSB's IT Applications</b>  <a href="#">Neustadtswall Campus, AB building,</a>                      room AB 516, 5<sup>th</sup> floor</p> <p>Followed by <b>Campus Tour</b>                      Neustadtswall</p>	<p><b>14:30 - 16:30</b>  <b>German Culture Workshop</b>  <a href="#">Neustadtswall Campus, AB building,</a>                      room S11/12, top floor</p>	<p><b>13:00 - 15:00</b>  <b>Bouldering Event</b>                      Registration required</p> <p>The invitation email has already been sent</p>	<p><b>13:00 - 15:00</b>  <b>German Language Rallye</b>                      Meeting point:                      City centre - at main stairs of the Bremen cathedral</p>	<p><b>13:00 - 16:00</b>  <b>Document Check</b>                      for Bremen City registration  <a href="#">Neustadtswall Campus, AB building,</a>                      room AB 106, 1<sup>st</sup> floor</p>
<p><b>16:00 - 18:00</b>  <b>International Get-Together</b>  <a href="#">Neustadtswall Campus, AB building,</a>                      room AB 516, 5<sup>th</sup> floor</p>	<p><b>16:45 - 18:00</b>  <b>Document Check</b>                      for Bremen City registration  <a href="#">Neustadtswall Campus, AB building,</a>                      room AB 106, 1<sup>st</sup> floor</p>			

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED FOR THE ORIENTATION WEEK (EXCEPT BOULDERING)

## Decentral International Offices - DIOs

### 1 School of International Business

Each of our 5 faculties has its own **DIO**, which is in charge of the organization and coordination of the program-related matters:

- Learning agreement
- Arrival confirmation
- Course choice
- Course registration
- Transcript of records



Claudia Kuhlmann



Stefanie Gössling



Anne Thormann



Julia Leonhardt

### 2 School of Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering



Antonia Ley

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### 3 School of Social Sciences



Jana Grünewald



Sabine Ganter

### 4 School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science



Birgit Averbeck

### 5 School of Nature and Engineering



Sven Kreyenhop



Verena Mertz

## Meeting with the DIOs – your HSB programme coordinators: Thursday, April 2

- 1 School of International Business**

Werderstraße Campus: 10:00 am, Followed by Campus Tour

Anne Thormann:		Room D103
Julia Leonhardt/Corinne Trümpfer:		Room D104
Claudia Kuhlmann:		Room D105
Stefanie Gössling:		Room D106
  
- 2 School of Architecture, Civil & Environmental Engineering**

Neustadtswall Campus, AB-Building – Antonia Ley

Environmental Engineering:	9:00 am	cafeteria foyer - ground floor
Architecture:	10:30 am	cafeteria foyer - ground floor
  
- 3 School of Social Sciences**

Neustadtswall Campus, M-Building

Jana Grünewald:	1:00 pm	Room M318
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Sabine Ganter: contacts leisure studies students for individual appointments
  
- 4 School of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science**

Airport Campus / Flughafenallee 10, Followed by Campus Tour

Birgit Averbeck:	10:30 am	Room 119
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- 5 School of Nature and Technology**

Neustadtswall Campus, M-Building

Verena Mertz:	10:00 am	Room M104
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## Friday April 3, 13:00h – 15:00h Bouldering Event

Bring your own shoes! Limited spaces available.

Registration is necessary, info email has already been sent.

**Lilli and Misuma will join you!**



# City registration & residence permit

## City registration (**ALL STUDENTS**) within 2 weeks after your arrival date

### Necessary documents:

- ❖ [Registration form](#) (in German)
- ❖ [Landlord confirmation](#) (in German)
- ❖ Copy of your ID/passport

Use our [Fill in instructions](#)



**All persons** living in Bremen need to register at the Bürger Service Center (BSC)!

Put your name on the post box & doorbell to receive your tax ID



## Need help with your city registration documents?

**Thursday, April 2, 17h – 18h** (after the German Culture Workshop)

AND

**Wednesday, April 8, 13h – 16h**

Bring all necessary documents **filled in & printed** out to our office at

Campus Neustadtswall, AB Building, 106



## Residence permit (CERTAIN STUDENTS ONLY)

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
APRIL			✈️				
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
MAY							
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
June							
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
July							

Within 3 months after arrival date

### Who needs to apply for a residence permit?

- ✂️ Students who are **not** a citizen of an EU member state, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway
- ✂️ If your visa is **not** valid for your whole stay
- ✂️ If you are from Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom or USA and entered Germany without a visa

### Where?

Bremen Service University (BSU)  
on campus of the **University of Bremen**

More information can be found [here](#).

# Bank account & money



## Open / unblock a bank account

**Complete the city registration**

**Put your name on your post box**

**Open / Unblock your bank account with:**

- Valid passport
- Certificate of enrolment

Submit later:

- Confirmation of city registration (Meldebestätigung)
- German Tax ID

➤ We recommend [WISE](#) as a simple and fast solution

## Payment in Germany

Cash!

There are still places that only accept cash especially in smaller towns or small shops as well as taxis.



# Transportation / Travelling

## Semesterticket



EC/IC/ICE Trains



Regional Trains (RE)

## Tips



### Hiking in the Harz mountains

Highest point of Northern Germany



Bremen Hbf  Bad Harzburg

2h 50 Min



### Netherlands

Bremen Hbf  Hengelo (3,5 h)  Amsterdam (+2h)

Bremen Hbf  Weener (2h)  Groningen (+1h)

## Tip: Rent a bike

*Swapfiets*

- Your “own” bike!
- Starting 12,90€ per month
- More information [here](#)



# Health & safety

## Get help



### Medical on-call service

Doctor's office closed?  
Acute illness/ injury  
**but not life-threatening?**

📞 **116 117**



### Pharmacy emergency service (Apothekennotdienst)

- night shifts
- opening hours on Sundays or public holidays
- Find a list of all participating pharmacies in every pharmacy

📞 **22 8 33**



### Ambulance/ emergency doctor

- life-threatening symptoms,
- after accidents (heavy bleeding or other serious injuries),
- suspicion of poisoning,
- for 3rd degree burns, etc.

📞 **112**

## Health insurance



Never forget to  
pay your fees!

Otherwise:

- no health insurance coverage
- no university enrolment
- no residence permit
- trouble with border control



Want to work in Germany while studying?  
EU student with EHIC card?

- original insurance becomes invalid
- get a German health insurance

## Statutory German health insurances



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# Leisure activities

## Kultursementicket – Culture Ticket

Students receive free admission to theatres, museums and stages in Bremen:

<https://kultursementicket-bremen.de/>

## Osterwiese



### Where?

Behind the Bremen Central Station at “Bürgerweide”  
(walk through the whole station  
- it starts behind the station)

### When?

March 27 – April 12, 2026

### Costs?

Free entry  
Individual costs for attractions

**Thank you and have  
a wonderful semester!**

