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Welcome Week Winter Semester 2019/20
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Stay tuned: RWTHApp

Find RWTH contact persons, events, buildings and lecture halls in one app!
General information

- Event for degree students
- Event for exchange students
- Event for exchange and degree students
- Event with limited spots. Registration required.
- Breaks and external social events (optional)
General information

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General information

- Presentation phase: approx. 2 hours
- All presentations will be published on our [latecomer website](#)
- Scan QR-Codes to access websites
- Bathrooms on ground floor and 1st floor
- Participation to Welcome Week free of charge
- Catering free of charge where indicated
- Daily reminder per email about upcoming events
- Stay tuned on Facebook and/or Instagram!
- Photos and videos will be made during Welcome Week events. Inform staff in case of non-consentement or write an email to [welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de)
General information
Coming up today: Welcome Day

9.00 – 10.00am Check-in

Welcome Week starter pack: Wristband, Welcome Guide and Welcome Bag
Coming up today: Welcome Day

10.00am – 12.30pm
Welcome to RWTH Aachen University

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<td>4.30pm – 7.30pm</td>
<td>Free time!</td>
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<td>Movie Night In cooperation with RWTH Alumni and Filmmstudio (Meeting point: RWTH main Building, AULA, Templergraben 55, 52062 Aachen)</td>
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PhD students only: Welcome Reception

4.00 – 7.00pm in Super C, 6th floor

Get to know the Welcome Center, Career Center and Family Service & other international researchers!
Coming up tonight: Movie Night

7.30 – 10.30pm in Aula, RWTH main building

In cooperation with RWTH Filmstudio & Alumni-Team.
Be early (approx. 15 min) to pick up a ticket & a snack.

Foto: Claudia Pankanin
## Day 2 – Getting organized

### Start and location for each target group:

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| 8.30am – 9.30am | **Degree students:**
|               | Studying at RWTH Aachen by the Student Advice Center                      |
| 9.30am – 10.00am | Important information about health insurance by the Techniker Krankenkasse (TK) |
| 10.00am – 10.30am | How to enrol with RWTHonline? by the RWTH Admissions Office              |
| 10.30am – 10.45am | Coffee Break                                                            |
| 10.45am – 11.45am | How to make use of my Network Services? by RWTH IT Center               |
| 11.45am – 12.00pm | Coffee Break                                                            |
| 12.00pm – 1.00pm | Learning Languages by RWTH Language Center                               |
| 1.00pm – 2.00pm   | Lunch Break at Mensa Academica                                          |
| 2.00pm – 3.00pm   | Finding a student job and preparing for the German job market by RWTH Career Center |

**Degree students:** 8.30am in Large Lecture Hall

**T.I.M.E. Double Degree students (not IntAc):** 8.30am in Red Lecture Hall

**Exchange and visiting students:** 9.30am in Red Lecture Hall

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Day 2 – Getting organized

Degree students:
You are already enrolled or you saw the presentations on Friday, 20 September?
Just skip this one!
Day 2 – German Country Evening

5.00 – 9.00pm in Audimax Large Lecture Hall

Meet INCAS & try out typical German food!

www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek
Day 3 – Getting in touch: How to apply for residence permit

9.00 – 9.30am in Audimax Large Lecture Hall

Relevant for non-EU students only!

www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek
Day 3 – Getting in touch: Freshers‘ Fair

9.30am – 12.30pm in Audimax Foyer

Meet many RWTH central services, the city of Aachen, your faculty coordinator and/or your faculty student council!
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9.30am – 12.30pm in Audimax Foyer

Walk-in event, free buffet, wheel of fortune with RWTH gifts…!

Campus tour, Library tour & Humboldt Haus Night tickets!

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Day 3 – Getting in touch: Global Village

5.00 – 9.00pm in Audimax

Presentation at 5.00pm in Large Lecture Hall
Meet RWTH international student clubs!
Day 3 – Getting in touch: Global Village

5.00 – 9.00pm in Audimax

Free photo at photobooth, free buffet!
Gather ten stamps on your Global Village passport and get a reward!
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<td>Team building by faculty and walk to Königshügel in Audimax</td>
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<td>Welcome Games At Königshügel</td>
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<td>2.00 – 4.30pm</td>
<td>Gym Tours (every 30min) RWTH Gym</td>
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<td>Grab a ticket at sport check-in</td>
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Day 4 – Karaoke Evening

From 8.00 pm in Tijuana (Markt 47)

Ten first singers get a reward!
Day 5 – Humboldt Haus Lunch

12.00 – 1.00pm in Humboldt Haus (Pontstr. 41)

Syrian and mexican food on the menu!
Day 5 – Deutschstunde: Relax & learn German

1.00 – 3.00pm in Humboldt Haus (Pontstr. 41)

Register for one of the 30 spots available on Friday, 27.09 between 9.30 am and 12.30pm at the Info Service Center (Super C, 3rd floor, Room 329)

Learn German with Welcome Week volunteers!
Day 5 – Humboldt Haus Night

6.00 – 10.00pm in Humboldt Haus (Pontstr. 41)

Tickets available at Freshers’ Fair & Global Village. Just ask ASTA!

FREE PIZZA, COCKTAILS AND LIVE CONCERTS!
in cooperation with ASTA and Queerreferat
Recurring events: Campus Tours

Monday 2.00pm
Tuesday 3.30pm
Wednesday 2.00pm

Meeting point: in front of Super C

Grab a ticket at Check-in desk today after the presentation or at Info Service Center desk during Freshers‘ Fair!

www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek
Recurring events:
Lunch Breaks at Mensa Academica

Load money on your BlueCard or guest card (2€ deposit) at one of the cards terminals in the foyer of Mensa Academica. Scan the QR code to check out this week‘s menus!
Weekend Events

Saturday
- INCAS Flea Market
- AISA Aachen entdeckt Indien

Sunday
- AISA Mind matters
- BEST Sunday Chill
- AISA Bollywood party

Interested?
Ask for more information at Global Village
Let‘s get to know you!

Stand up when your faculty is called upon and meet your peers!

Faculty 1 – Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences
Faculty 2 – Architecture
Faculty 3 – Civil Engineering
Faculty 4 – Mechanical Engineering
Faculty 5 – Georesources and Materials Engineering
Faculty 6 – Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
Faculty 7 – Arts and Humanities
Faculty 8 – School of Business and Economics
Faculty 10 – Medicine
Get to know your neighbours:
You have 5 minutes to find out three things about the persons sitting left and right from you!
You have questions/issues and you do not know where to go?
Advice and Assistance
www.rwth-aachen.de/beratung

Student Advice Centre

We help you with all questions about your studies - from choosing a course of study to beginning your career.

- Advising and Services for School Students and Prospective Students
- Advising and Services for Students
- Psychological Counseling
- Career Advising for Graduates
- Departmental Advisors
- Student Councils within Faculties
- ASTA
- Advising for Students with Disabilities
- Conflict Management
- Glossary

Support for International

Student Councils within

Mentoring
THE PLACE TO GO!

www.rwth-aachen.de/isc

GENERAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE, FAQ, CAMPUS TOURS

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Incoming Student Services

Information on Tuesday, 24.09. at 9.30am
Red Lecture Hall

www.rwth-aachen.de/exchange-students

SUPPORT FOR EXCHANGE & VISITING STUDENTS
CERTIFICATES OF ARRIVAL
Welcome Center for international researchers

SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL PHD STUDENTS; POSTDOC AND GUEST RESEARCHERS

Super C, 5th floor, Room 5.23

Office hours: Mo, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wed 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

PhD Reception on Monday, 23.09. at 4.00pm in Super C, 6th floor
Meet at Freshers’ Fair on Wednesday

INFORMATION & ADVICE ON HOUSING ISSUES
Meet at Freshers’ Fair on Wednesday

www.rwth-aachen.de/bebuddy
Admissions Office

ADMISSION & ENROLLMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
APPOINTMENT FOR ENROLLMENT REQUIRED!
Book one at the appointment booking engine.
Student Advice Centre (ZSB)

"Studying at RWTH Aachen" on Tuesday, 24.09. at 8.30am Large Lecture Hall

www.rwth-aachen.de/zsb

WORKSHOPS, STUDY COURSE ADVICE, PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING
Equal Opportunities Office & Family Service

www.rwth-aachen.de/equalopportunities
www.rwth-aachen.de/familyservices

FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDCARE, DISCRIMINATION ADVICE

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DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATORS
www.rwth-aachen.de/departmental-coordinators
Mentoring

Meet at Freshers’ Fair on Wednesday

http://www.rwth-aachen.de/mentoring

INDIVIDUAL STUDY SUPPORT
Faculty Student Councils (Fachschaften)

ACADEMIC ADVICE, PAST PAPERS, FRESHMAN WEEK

Meet at Freshers’ Fair on Wednesday

www.rwth-aachen.de/studentcouncils
Mini Intercultural Training – Understanding Germans

Dominika Dudzik
RWTH International Office

„Strength lies in differences, not in similarities“
(Stephen Covey)
Typical German?
Cultural Iceberg

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Culture clash
Cultural onion

Practices: What do the Germans do?  
Logic: Why do they do that?  
Which core values do they have?  

Cultural standards  

(Geert Hofstede)
German cultural standards

- Keeping deadlines, being on time       Reliability
- Following structures and rules        Efficiency, Fairness and Security
- Keeping distance (at first)           Privacy and Individualism
- Focus on facts and figures            Task orientation
- Direct (sometimes negative) feedback  Straight forwardness and honesty
- Looking for errors, focusing on problems Quality management / Optimization
How to avoid being stuck in the crisis

- Show self-initiative and look for help if you have any problems
- Show self-responsibility for your academic performance
- Make friends and create your own network
- Open up and share your own culture

…and benefit from what Aachen has to offer you!
Some last words

We all smile in the same language!

😊
What’s up after the Welcome Week? The Freshman Week!

From Tuesday, 1 October to Friday, 4 October

Freshman Week Organization team: ESA-Team cooperation between faculty student councils, ESA, RWTH Central Services and more than 2000 volunteers / tutors

Meet at Freshers’ Fair on Wednesday
What is the Freshman Week?

From Tuesday, 1 October to Friday, 4 October

Tuesday
Welcome by Rector
Assignment to tutor groups!

Wednesday
Tour of institutes / introduction to study program

Thursday
Day of German unity *(holiday)*
Program specific to faculty student council

Friday
Ersti-Rallye
Freshman Week Program

From Tuesday, 1 October to Friday, 4 October

For whom? all new RWTH Aachen students!

Why participate as international student?
• Contacts with local students within own field of study
• Subject-related preparation to studies
• Quick and intensive social integration
• Some english-speaking or Master tutor group. Check out your faculty‘s program: www.rwth-aachen.de/erstsemestereinfuerung
• It‘s really fun!

Important:
• Events mainly and mostly in German and for Bachelor students!
• Tutor groups mainly German-speaking
• Do not use glass bottles and do not leave trash behind
Do not miss the Ersti-Rallye!

When? On Friday, 4 October
Meet your Student Union AStA

Representation of RWTH students inside and outside the University!

- Semesterticket negotiation with ASEAG
- Consultation: housing, legal advice, examination law, working and insurance, studies funding, studying with a child
- Short- and long-term loans
- Ticket sale, refund of semesterticket, accreditation of documents, ISIC
- Events by students for students: check out their calendar!

Meet AStA at Freshers’ Fair and Global Village on Wednesday & pick up your Humboldt Haus Night ticket!
Meet your Foreigners’ Representation AV

Representation of foreign students at RWTH Aachen University!

- Consultation: housing, visa, permanent residence, asylum, working laws
- Consultation with a lawyer: General / Examination / Tenancy & Aliens law

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Meet AV at Freshers’ Fair and Global Village on Wednesday!
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Events by students for students (many English-speaking):

11 October: Start of guitar lessons
14 October: start of German Course for Beginners
16 October: start of book club in English
11 November: Christmas Bake-off
14 November: Movie Quiz Night

Check out their events on Facebook at www.facebook.com/avrwh
or on our Latecomer Website: www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/cjngl/lidx/1

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Meet the Welcome Week event team
Make the most of your time in Aachen…

…and keep in touch!