

## RWTH ONLINE WELCOME WEEKS

### KICK-OFF EVENT

1 SEPTEMBER 2020

### QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED

#### QUESTIONS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE KICK-OFF

- **Where can I find the Online Welcome Weeks program?**

Visit our website [www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek) and check the event registration at the subpage ([Online Welcome Week Events](#)). We strongly recommend downloading the Welcome Brochure for further information about the events.

- **Must we come to every Zoom Meeting or can we select only some of them?**

You should check which events are relevant for you in the program. For example, if you have already found accommodation in Aachen, you do not necessarily need to attend the Zoom Meeting. However if you have not found any place to stay, we strongly advise you to register for it and attend the event. You can find the events open for registration [here](#).

- **I missed the event registration deadline / I have not received the Zoom Link and password despite my registration. Can I still participate in the event?**

Yes, please send an email to [welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de) to get the according Zoom link and password at the latest one hour before the event start. After that, we cannot guarantee that we will see your email in time since we will be preparing the online session already.

FYI: The Zoom links and passwords are sent out on the day before the event around 4/5pm (German time). If in the evening you have not received anything, please notify us.

- **Are the Welcome Week Sessions recorded? I have missed the event, where can I see the event material?**

The online zoom sessions (light blue in the program) will be recorded and made available to the students on the [Latecomer website](#) but also on the [Discord Server](#) created at the beginning on the Online Welcome Weeks. Please note that it takes a few days after the events until the recorded session is available on our website. FAQs and the PowerPoint presentations will also be posted there.

- **Will we receive goodies (like the Welcome Bags) when we reach Aachen?**

Yes, we are currently preparing the Welcome Bags for our new international students. Please note however, that we have ordered a limited amount of bags and therefore these will be handed out on a specific date on the basis of first come first serve. This date will be announce to all new international students as soon as it has been set.

- **How can we get to know other students during the online Welcome Weeks?**

There are many ways to meet fellow students from your course of studies or courses:

- [Discord Server](#) of the Welcome Weeks
- [Facebook Group](#) "RWTH Welcomes Internationals"
- Participate in the Global Village on Wednesday, 9 September
- Participate in the Faculty Fair on Wednesday, 16 October
- Register for an on-site Campus Tour if you are already in Aachen

- **What is the quarantine policy as international student in Aachen?**

If you are traveling from a risk area, you can find the link to the current list of [risk areas](#) on the Robert Koch Institute website. Then you are obliged to report at the [public health department](#) of Aachen – you can do it by email by sharing your last name, first name, date of birth, country you are traveling from and address where you will stay during quarantine. Then you need to go into the obligatory 14 days quarantine.

If you are staying at a Studierendenwerk dorm and have reserved a room with shared bathroom and/or shared kitchen, please note that you cannot do your quarantine period in your room as you would need to use common facilities. You are responsible for booking a temporary place to stay to do so. It can be a hotel room or an Airbnb. The Studierendenwerk does not bare any costs for this quarantine accommodation and cannot shorten the rent either.

Please note that you have the possibility to take a COVID-19 test upon your arrival at the airport or in Aachen at the public health department, which results are usually available upon three days. In case you can show results of a negative test which are not older than 48 hours, then your quarantine period can be shortened by the public health department in Aachen. We also recommend downloading the [Corona App](#), as you can receive your test results directly via the app.

## **SECONDARY TOPICS**

- **Will the winter term 2020/2021 take place online or on campus?**

The classes will take place mostly online but some seminars might be on campus, which you will need to attend in person. Exams are planned to take place on campus.  
You need to contact your faculty advisor (degree students) or departmental coordinators (exchange students) to find out which courses will take place online and which ones will be on campus for your course of studies.  
Find your faculty advisor: [www.rwth-aachen.de/Fachstudienberatung](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/Fachstudienberatung)  
Find your departmental coordinator: [www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/febz/lidx/1](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/febz/lidx/1)  
You can have the chance to meet your faculty or departmental coordinator at the Faculty Fair on Wednesday 14 October.
- **How could we register for the semester courses on RWTH-Online?**

We recommend contacting your [Faculty Student Council](#) for help. You will find their contact details here and on the [Discord Server](#).
- **Will it be a problem if my visa is delayed and I arrive later in Aachen?**

A delayed arrival should not be a problem as the complete enrollment procedure is done online this winter term. However, we recommend informing your faculty or departmental advisor to make sure that you do not miss any on-site seminars.
- **Where can I get information and support on job opportunities related to my course of studies?**

You can either contact your faculty advisor to find out if they have any cooperation with extern companies or you can get in touch with RWTH Career Center at Freshers' Fair on 16 September or attend their online zoom session on 22 October to find out more about improving your future career prospects in Germany.
- **How long does it take to get the residence permit from the the RWTH Branch of the Immigration Office after enrollment?**

Please register for the online meeting "Getting and Extending your residence permit" on Monday 14 September to have your questions about residence permit answered.
- **Where can I ask questions related to Housing?**

Attend the online Zoom Meeting "Finding Accommodation in Aachen" on Monday, 7 September.
- **How far can we travel with the semester ticket?**

You can travel with your Semesterticket with all kind of transportation within North Rhine Westphalia and up to Maastricht in the Netherlands, except for first class and fast trains (Thalys, ICE).
- **Can we enjoy on-site city tour in small groups?**

You can register for one of our on-site campus tours. The group are limited to 10 persons, including the guide.
- **Is there any financial support when moving to Aachen (i.e. Umzugsbeihilfe, Begrüßungsgeld) in Aachen?**

Unfortunately we do not have something like that for the reason that we have thousands of students it it wouldn't be doable in a huge University like ours.
- **Is the BeBuddy Program available to students from RWTH Business School & RWTH International Academy?**

Unfortunately our BeBuddy is not available for students of International Academy and Business School. They offer a similar program called P2O. Please contact your course coordinator for more information about their program.
- **Is the content of the intercultural training the same?**

Yes, the content of the intercultural trainings offered during the online Welcome Week are more or less the same. This is why you should not register for or attend several trainings. If you have questions regarding the contents of the trainings, you are welcome to contact Ms. Dominika Dudzik at [dominika.dudzik@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:dominika.dudzik@rwth-aachen.de)