

# SIMP-SON Winter Semester 2022-23



## Studying in Germany & SIMP-SON Study Groups Kickoff

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## How is the school system structured in Germany?



Frankfurt Allgemeine Zeitung

# The school system in Germany



**Universität**  
University



**Fachhochschule**  
University of Applied Sciences

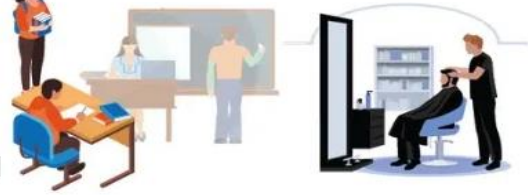


**Berufsschule**  
Vocational School

dual system

**Fachschule**  
Technical College

**Betrieb**  
Company



**Fachoberschule (FOS)**  
Specialized Secondary School



**Gymnasium**  
Academic  
High School



**Gesamtschule**  
Comprehensive  
School



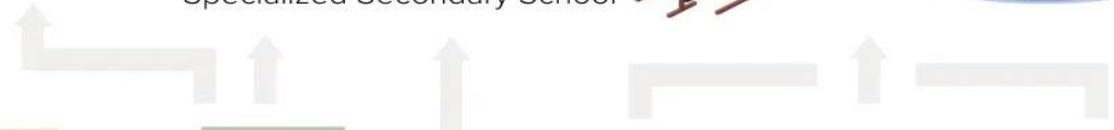
**Realschule**  
Secondary  
School



**Hauptschule**  
Lower Secondary  
School



**Förderschule**  
Special  
School



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- New: university structure, try your find your way, find necessary information on your own, asking for help at the right time
- New teaching, studying system and methods
- University: different from school
- Developing professional skills and personal development
- Be flexible, self-responsible, handle your “freedom” smartly, self-convenient
- For many: first time on your own
- Life-study balance

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## Which skills do German employers await from their employees coming from university?

**Personal responsibility, analytical skills, independent problem solving, team skills, punctuality, high motivation, open mindedness, kind personality, flexibility, reliability, honesty, high communication skills, high education, professionalism, advanced language skills, high intercultural skills and high knowledge of your major ...**



How to overcome this “huge” challenge?

**1. Focus on your study program!**

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- Studies, personal things, free time, *study groups*
- Plan according to day, week, semester, year, ...
- Lower your stress levels by being aware and in control
- Confidence is key
- Don't miss deadlines, preparations, **networking events**, career fairs, free workshops...
- Study German; get in touch with Germans to master your language skills
- Result: receiving pleasant grades and expansion of personal global network

*... and don't forget about the fun things.*





## 2. To-Do List: **Stay Structured**



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- Many new challenges to survive:
- Be a savvy **MANAGER of YOUR personal STUDY LIFE:**
- Take care! (health, happiness, fun, hobbies, ... )
- Find the right structure for your own life and way.

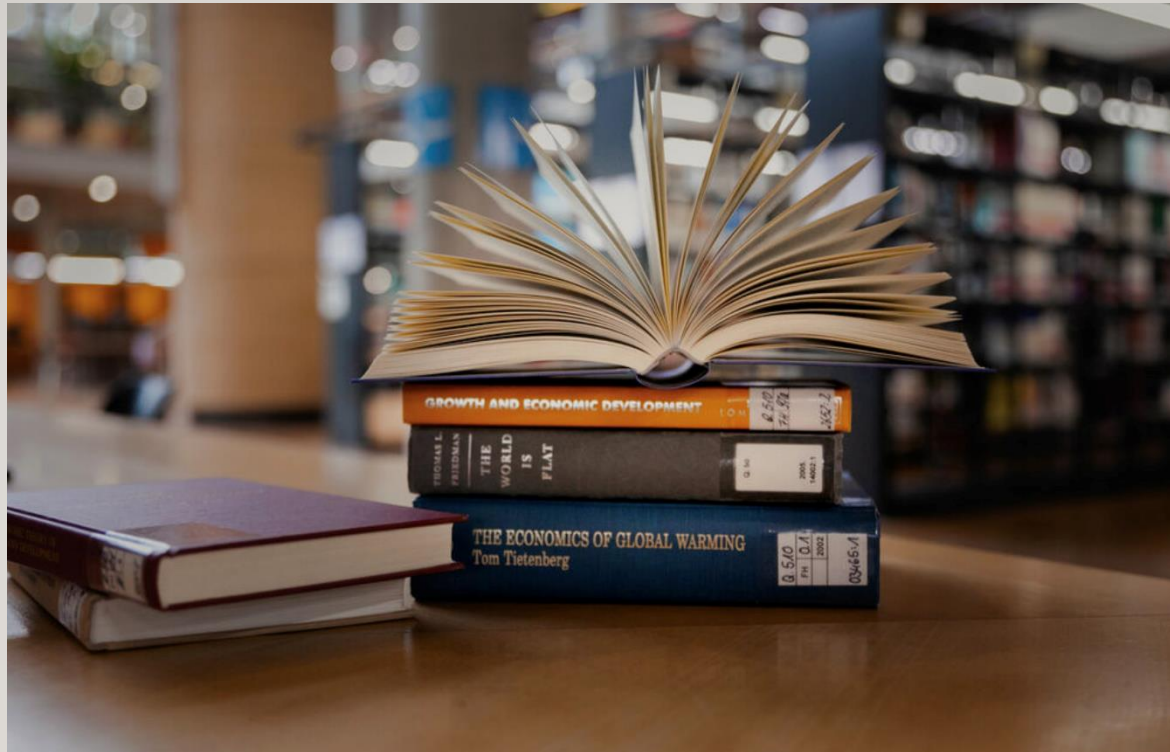
*... only you can find out what is the best, what personally works nicely for you*



## 3. To-Do List: Time Management

- **Time management during studies is very important!**
- Plan your time: smartphone apps  
Divide your time into various categories and dedicate specific times for different things
- Studies, personal things, free time,... with a calendar, note, *study group* ...
- Follow your personal needs (biorhythm, sleep etc.)

- **Coordinate and structure your learning style and studies:**
- Which is the best way for me -> study methods
- Get your personal learning strategy -> receive structure, set up goals
- What is good for you:
- Analog learning or digital?
- Study groups or studying on your own?
- **Start right now to be successful!**



## 4. To-Do List: Be a Leader

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- **Take all examinations seriously!**
- Exams only once per a semester
- Doesn't matter if the semester went great or if the lecturer is nice
  - the exam is the goal and is the sign of a successful study semester
- Focus each semester on each exam!
- Don't listen to higher semester students too much.
  - Everybody is different and impressions vary! Some may find it hard; some easier
- Don't be discouraged
- Don't be over-confident; be realistic!
- **Take each exam as a challenge and treat them with respect!**



5. To-Do list:  
**Stop procrastinating**  
Prepare for upcoming challenges now!



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**6. To-Do List:**  
**Carefully observe Documents in Germany**  
**Know the rules, and your rights!**



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The **written word** is important in Germany – That's the law!  
Study and Examination Regulation document (SPO)

Be prepared and always check it out.

Check the published information in journals, books, websites!  
Nobody has to inform you – you must check it and find the  
rules, rights yourself. Word-of-mouth carries “little” value!



## 7. To-Do List:

**Control your own destiny!**

Be self-sufficient, have a strategy, be reliable and flexible.



## 8. To-Do List: **Stick to it!**

Talent and intelligence is not a guarantee for study success.

**Self discipline, the power of endurance, ability for structured learning, effective study methods is most important!**

**BE**  
**YOUR OWN BIGGEST**  
*cheerleader*

9. To-Do List:

**Be your own CHEERLEADER!**

Believe in yourself, and reward yourself for accomplishments. Take the advantage of the SIMP-SON team offerings and other student fellow experiences. Help lower semester students!



## 10. To-Do List: **Seek Discomfort!**

Improve and evolve; achieve bigger goals, fulfill bigger dreams and live life to the fullest. A continuous process of improvement.



## 11. To-Do List:

### **Strength in Numbers**

Teamwork: achieve goals, and hold each-other accountable!  
Sharing and practicing.

- Team Building Activities & Ice-Breakers
- Opportunity to get to know each other
- Formation of the Study Groups for WS 22-23
  - According to study program
  - Modules and preferences
  - Organize yourselves; choose a group leader;
  - Rent a room on campus if you need a shared space
- Snacks & Drinks



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Take part in our study groups and find your personal learning style!  
Help needed? Contact SIMP-SON via [isp@ovgu.de](mailto:isp@ovgu.de)

Study Program Details and News:  
[www.isp.ovgu.de](http://www.isp.ovgu.de)

- Formation of Study Groups
  - Establish a group leader, who will
    - Create a WhatsApp group
    - Fill out the form to rent a room at OVGU
    - Keep the group together and on top of things

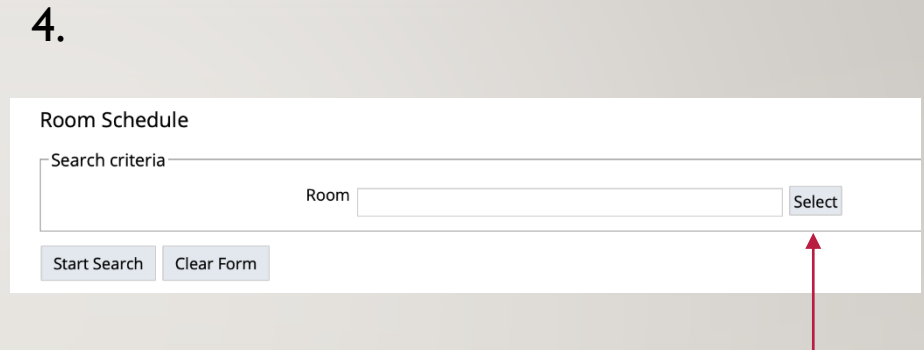
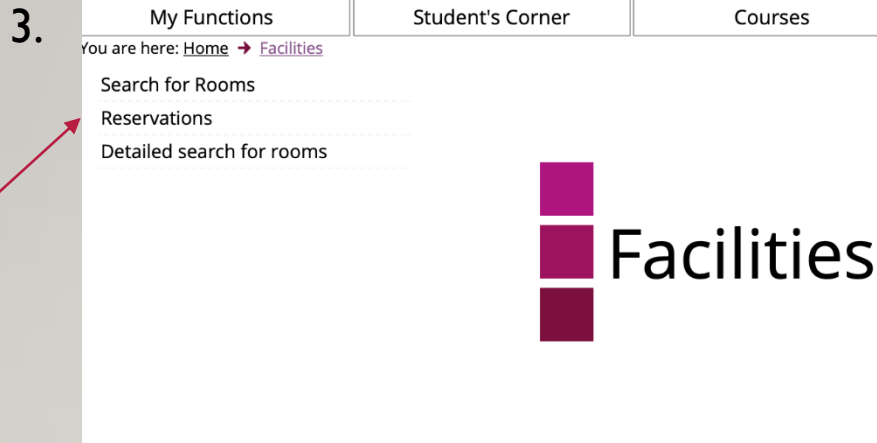
Figure out times which work best for you and group members!

Your group members aren't here today?

We will provide info of members through their registration and preferences.

Rather meet online?

Let us know and we will arrange a Zoom room for your group.



5. Then search the available rooms which are free at a suitable time for your group

6. View the schedule of each available room to see if it's free

7. Fill out the form available on this website:

[www.ovgu.de/Universitat/Organisation/Verwaltung/Kanzler/Dezernate/Studienangelegenheiten/Raum\\_+und+Stundenplanung-highlight-raum-p-11033.html](http://www.ovgu.de/Universitat/Organisation/Verwaltung/Kanzler/Dezernate/Studienangelegenheiten/Raum_+und+Stundenplanung-highlight-raum-p-11033.html)

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