Information meetings for INTERNATIONAL DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS (winter semester 2020/2021)

The International Office offers a multitude of information meetings held in English every semester for all international students of the University of Konstanz on different current topics. This semester all information meetings will exceptionally be held online/virtually, therefore the dates and times indicated below are referring to Konstanz local time (CEST or UTC+2). The exact local time can be observed here: https://bit.ly/2zh1pniX


D1 Working in Germany
This presentation will give you fundamental information about working in Germany. In addition to current figures and developments on the German labour market, you will learn what employers in Germany expect from career starters and how you can prepare for your professional life while studying at the University of Konstanz.

☐ Thu, 27.10.2020; 17:00 – 18:30 in a Digital Auditorium

D2 Virtual Job Application Café
"Vier Augen sehen mehr als zwei", „two heads are better than one“ – does your native language also know a saying which stresses that you can reach better results as a team? This statement is also true for your job hunt, where exchanging ideas and experiences with others can be a crucial factor for success. You might just have a piece of information which sets someone else on the right path, and you might receive useful tips and strategies to take your next step from someone who’s in the same boat right now. After a short input on a current job search topic by the Career Service, you are invited to share your experience in small groups with other students and graduates on job or internship hunt. Help each other, get a fresh look on your job application process and share ideas with your peers in a relaxed atmosphere. International and German students and graduates are welcome!

☐ Tue, 10.11.2020; 15:00 – 16:00 in a Digital Auditorium

D3 Information on the German mandatory license fee (Rundfunkbeitrag)
Every adult (18 years and older) registered in Germany is obliged to register for the license fee for the public-service broadcasting. Every household has to pay the fee (17,50 EUR per month). You have received a letter from ARD, ZDF, Deutschlandradio Beitragsservice? Your flatmate is collecting a share of the license fee from you? One flatmate even claims to not having to pay the fees? What is it all about? All answers here.

Please have at hand: ☐ all letters you have so far received from the Beitragsservice
☐ if a flatmate is paying the fees for your household:
  Full name, date of birth and “Beitragsnummer” of flatmate (in header of last letter)

☐ Tue, 17.11.2020; 17:00 – 18:30 in a Digital Auditorium

D4 Job Application Documents in Germany
The standards for job application documents in Germany might differ severely from those of your home country. Join us and learn how to write a "German" application. The presentation will cover the following topics among others: What should be written in the cover letter and how is it structured? How does an application by letter differ from an online application? Which details should you not forget if you want to convince a German employer? What should you not include? There will be plenty of time to discuss further questions.

☐ Tue, 17.11.2020; 17:00 – 18:30 in a Digital Auditorium

D5 Preparation for kontaktpunkt – digital career fair
Kontaktpunkt goes digital – the Career Service will hold our first virtual career fair this year. For you, this is an excellent opportunity to get in contact with potential employers and learn more about future career perspectives. How does it work and how can you use this event best for you? Join this presentation to find out.

☐ Mon, 23.11.2020; 10:00 – 16:00 in a Digital Auditorium

D6 kontaktpunkt – digital career fair
Our successful annual career fair has moved - from campus to the internet. And there are still plenty of opportunities for you to meet potential employers, ask your questions and establish valuable contacts with exciting companies. Check the website kontaktpunkt-see.de for more info.

☐ Wed, 25.11.2020; 10:00 – 16:00 in a Digital Auditorium
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D7 Legal requirements for working in Germany after graduation
Germany needs you! As a Non-EU graduate of a German university, you have access to attractive career opportunities in Germany. The German immigration law gives you the chance to stay in Germany for job search after your graduation. What are the requirements for extending your stay? Which options for residence permits for employment are there? After an overview, we will discuss your questions.

- Mon, 30.11.2020; 17:00 – 18:00 in a Digital Auditorium

D8 Preparation for a job interview in Germany
How can you prepare for a job interview? Which are typical questions and how do you best answer them? What should you not do or say? And what are "forbidden questions"? This lecture will help you to prepare for job interviews in Germany. Questions are welcome!

- Tue, 01.12.2020; 17:00 – 18:30 in a Digital Auditorium

D9 Non-EU/EEA: Application for a residence permit
This meeting is for international students who do not have an EU/EEA citizenship and require a visa or a residence permit for their studies. The International Office will assist you in applying for your residence permit. For that, we request your registration in advance as you will have to prepare a set of documents for your application to be successful. We will guide you through the process and will tell you step-by-step what to do before we meet on the actual date. Please register in advance to be prepared for the actual event: degree.students@uni-konstanz.de

- Wed, 02.12.2020; 16:00 – 18:00 in a Digital Auditorium (per invitation after registration only)
- Wed, 03.02.2021; 16:00 – 18:00 in a Digital Auditorium (per invitation after registration only)

D10 Preparation for an Assessment Center
The assessment center is still a popular instrument for personnel selection. The terms applicant day or selection day also often refer to an assessment center - or at least these days are enriched with individual exercises or elements from assessment centers. The presentation will cover the following topics: What can an assessment center look like? What are the common types of tasks? What is measured? What can you prepare for and how can you prepare yourself? What should you pay attention to?

- Tue, 15.12.2020; 13:30 – 15:00 in a Digital Auditorium

D11 Virtual Job Application Café
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- Tue, 12.01.2021; 15:00 – 16:00 in a Digital Auditorium

D12 Reflections on intercultural contexts as you experience them during your studies
Online-Reflection workshop for students in their final phase
The following topics will be discussed in an interactive workshop: increased competence, exchange of experience, knowledge transfer, intercultural competencies, employability. In this three-hour workshop you will become aware of your intercultural competences and learn how to present them in the job application process. In cooperation between International Office and Career Service. Information and registration: agnieszka.vojta@uni-konstanz.de

- Thu, 14.01.2021; 14:00 – 16:00 in a Digital Auditorium

D13 Mock Interview – Practise your Job Interview
Rehearsal - we simulate your job interview to prepare you for the real event. Please note: Individual, half hour appointments are given, therefore only a limited number of students can participate in this workshop.

- Tue, 19.01.2021; 15:00 – 17:00 in a Digital Auditorium

D14 Non-EU/EEA: Residence permit for studies in Germany
Now that you are a student at a German university, you need to see that you get or renew your residence permit regularly. Would you like to know what the rules of the game are? We will sketch a typical non-EU/EEA student's case and will take time to explain the pitfalls and difficulties you might encounter during your studies. It is best to avoid falling into those traps so not endanger your ability to finish your degree successfully.

- Wed, 20.01.2021; 16:00 – 17:30 in a Digital Auditorium

D15 International Alumni on Campus – Insights into Working in Germany
You would like to start a career in Germany but you wonder what you can expect? Our guests know! We have invited international alumni who have successfully started a career in Germany to share their experience. How was the job search in Germany? What does the everyday working life look like? What was different than expected, what was exactly as expected? Hear hints and stories from those who were once in the same situation like you, and use the opportunity to ask your own questions. This event will take place in early 2021, more info coming soon.