

# GERMAN INTENSIVE SUMMER PROGRAM 2025



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# **HELLO THERE!**

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Welcome to the HSU family! We are very excited that you chose to come to Hamburg for an exchange and we hope to make your time here the best possible!

You decided to participate in our GISP program before the start of the trimester and this brochure is just a quick overview of what to expect.

In the following pages you will find overviews of the language program, the excursions and more! Please read everything carefully, so you are well informed.

If you need help, please feel free to contact the International Office and speak to our Incoming Coordinator, Marine Masmaud.

You can find us on the main campus (Holstenhofweg 85) in the building H1. We are situated on the first floor in Room 1172/1173.

We look forward to seeing you here!

Yours, The International Office





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#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The weekend will be spare time for you to enjoy and to get to know the area. Make sure to go grocery shopping, as the dining hall (Mensa) is not open during the weekends.

#### Fun fact: all shops are closed in Germany on Sundays!

Internet in the dorms might not be available the first week of your stay, until your enrollment to HSU has been successful. In most of the rooms you have free access to Wi-Fi. Ask your roommates for help!

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## **SCHEDULES**

This section will provide you an overview of the three weeks program of your GISP. Further information in terms of meetings points, etc. can be found in the detailed description of the single events.

The weekends are held free, so you can use your time by yourselves.

In the last part of this brochure, you can find some inspiration and ideas for activities in your spare time.

All classes take place on the main campus in the building H1.

SCHEDULE WEEK 1			
Date	Time	Event	Meeting Point
Monday, 01.09.2025	08:30 – 12:30	Informational event; Afterwards: language classes	Room 1158
	14:00 – 17:00	Welcome BBQ	KHG Maximilian-Kolbe- Haus (Oktaviostraße 76)
Tuesday, 02.09.2025	08:30 – 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1) Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	Afternoon	Freetime	
Wednesday, 03.09.2025	08:30 – 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1) Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	13:30 – 17:00	Walking Tour & Harbour Cruise	Gate at Main Campus (Holstenhofweg 85)
Thursday, 04.09.2025	08:30 – 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1) Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	Afternoon	Freetime	
Friday, 05.09.2025	08:30 – 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1) Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	13:30 – 18:00	Visit European Hanseactic Museum in Lübeck	Gate at Main Campus (Holstenhofweg 85)

# **SCHEDULES**

SCHEDULE WEEK 2			
Date	Time	Event	Meeting Point
Monday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
08.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	13:30 – 17:00	Walking Tour & Visit	Gate at Main Campus
		Miniatur Wunderland	(Holstenhofweg 85)
Tuesday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
09.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	Afternoon	Freetime	
Wednesday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
10.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	Afternoon	Freetime	
Thursday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
11.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	Afternoon	Freetime	
Friday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
12.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	13:30 - 18:00	Visit German Tank	Gate at Main Campus
		Museum in Munster	(Holstenhofweg 85)

# **SCHEDULES**

SCHEDULE WEEK 3			
Date	Time	Event	Meeting Point
Monday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
15.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	13:30 – 17:00	Visit Emigration	Gate at Main Campus
		Museum BallinStadt	(Holstenhofweg 85)
Tuesday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
16.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	Afternoon	Freetime	
Wednesday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
17.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	13:30 – 16:30	Afternoon at Urban	Gate at Main Campus
		Apes (Climbing and	(Holstenhofweg 85)
		bouldering)	
Thursday,	08:30 – 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
18.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	Afternoon	Freetime	
Friday,	08:30 - 12:30	Language class	Room 1160a (A1)
19.09.2025			Room 1156a (B1/B2)
	13:30 - 18:00	Military Basic Fitness	To be determined
		Test & Goodbye BBQ	



### **EXCURSIONS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...**

Your time in Germany goes far beyond the classroom! During the GISP, you will have the opportunity to explore Hamburg and northern Germany through a variety of cultural, historical and fun excursions.

Hamburg, Germany's second-largest city, is known for its vibrant harbour, rich cultural scene, and unique blend of tradition and modern life. From the historic Speicherstadt to the trendy neighbourhoods of Sternschanze and St. Pauli, there is always something to discover.

Beyond the city, Northern Germany offers charming coastal towns, scenic landscapes, and important historical sites.

#### WELCOME BBQ at KHG – 01.09.2025

We kick off the program with a classic German-style BBQ on the afternoon of your first day. While "Grillen" (barbecuing) is a beloved summer tradition in Germany, this event is about more than just good food – it is the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow international students, make new friends and enjoy a relaxed start to your time in Hamburg!

A little tip: Don't eat too much at lunch – the BBQ starts at 2 p.m.

#### WALKING TOUR & HARBOUR CRUISE – 03.09.2025

On your second day in Hamburg, we will take you on a relaxed city walk to explore the heart of the city. Starting at Hamburg Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) we will stroll down the main shopping street (Mönckebergstraße) towards the impressive City Hall (Rathaus), where we will take a short break to admire the beautiful inner courtyard and architecture.

From there we will continue our walk to the Landungsbrücken, Hamburg's famous waterfront promenade. At 3:30 p.m. we will board a cruise for a one-hour harbour tour – a must-do in Hamburg! You will get to see the bustling port, massive container ships and the historic Speicherstadt from the water.

We will travel to the city using public transportation. If you haven't already done so, we recommend downloading the app for public transport in Hamburg (HVV) to help you find your way around the city.

<u>A little tip:</u> A warm jacket could be useful because it might get windy on the water! Please bring enough water for the tour! There will be stops for food.

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## **EXCURSIONS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...**

## • VISIT OF THE EUROPEAN HANSEACTIC MUSEUM IN LÜBECK – 05.09.2025

As part of the program, we will take an afternoon trip to the historic city of Lübeck, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its medieval architecture and long-standing trading traditions. A guided tour (in English) through the European Hanseactic Museum (Europäisches Hansemuseum) will offer insights into the rise and influence of the Hanseactic League and Lübeck's central role in Northern European trade.

<u>A little tip:</u> We will travel by private coach, so please be punctual and arrive at the agreed meeting point on time!

#### WALKING TOUR & VISIT OF THE MINIATUR WUNDERLAND 08.09.2025

On this day, we will continue discovering Hamburg on foot. Our walk will take us through the Speicherstadt, the city's historic warehouse district and a UNESCO Heritage Site, with its picturesque canals and red-brick buildings. We will also pass by the impressive Elbphilarmonie, Hamburg's world-famous concert hall.

At 3:10 p.m., we will visit one of Hamburg's most popular attractions: the Miniatur Wunderland – the world's largest model railway exhibition. It is not just for train lovers: you will find entire miniature cities, landscapes and even airports brought to life with incredible detail.







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#### • VISIT OF THE GERMAN TANK MUSEUM IN MUNSTER – 12.09.2025

This day's excursion takes us to the German Tank Museum (Deutsches Panzermuseum) in Munster – a unique institution that represents the history of armored vehicles from World War I to the present. With its extensive collection of tanks, military equipment and historical exhibits, the museum offers both technical insight and historical context. The museum is directly next to a military base and is also frequently used for education purposes in German officer training.

<u>A little tip:</u> We will travel by private coach, so please be punctual and arrive at the agreed meeting point on time! Please bring enough water and snacks to last you through the day.

## **EXCURSIONS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...**

#### VISIT OF THE EMIGRATION MUSEUM BALLINSTADT – 15.09.2025

Next, we will visit the BallinStadt Emigration Museum, located on the historic grounds where millions of people once began their journey to a new life overseas. The exhibition tells moving stories of migration, with a focus on the people who left Europe through Hamburg in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century.

We will travel to the museum using public transportation. Audio guides are available in three languages (English, French and Polish) and can be accessed directly on your smartphone via the museum's website. Alternatively scan the following QR-Code:



A little tip: Please don't forget to bring your own headphones!







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#### AFTERNOON AT URBAN APES CLIMBING & BOULDERING – 17.09.2025

Get ready for a fun and active afternoon at Urban Apes Hamburg Ost, where you will have the chance to try out climbing and bouldering in a relaxed, beginner-friendly environment. Whether you are an experienced climber or trying it for the first time – this is all about movement, challenge and having a good time together.

A professional trainer will guide the session and climbing shoes will be provided, so you don't need to bring any special gear. A little tip: Just show up in comfortable clothes – and most importantly: have fun!

#### MILITARY BASIC FITNESS TEST AND GOODBYE BBQ – 19.09.2025

After lunch on the final day, you will have the optional chance to take part in a Military Basic Fitness Test, organized by our student assistant, Tim Heidrich. Don't worry – it is just about having fun, and you can take it at your own pace. Whether you are looking to challenge yourself or just curious to see what is it like, everyone is welcome to join! And no matter how intense (or relaxed) your workout was – at 2 p.m., we will all come together one last time for our farewell BBQ. Good food, great company and a chance to celebrate the end of the program.

## **INSPIRATION FOR YOUR FREETIME / INSIDER TIPS**

When you are not in class or on an excursion, there is still plenty to explore! Hamburg is a dynamic city full of hidden corners, local favorites, and unforgettable experiences. Whether you are into museums, nature, nightlife or just want to enjoy a quiet coffee by the canals – there is something for everyone.

In this section, you will find a collection of insider tips, student favorites and personal recommendations to help you make the most of your free time in Hamburg.

Get inspired, go explore and make the city your own!

#### MUST-SEE SIGHTS & MUSEUMS

- St. Michaelis Church ("Der Michel"): One of Hamburg's most famous landmarks.
- **Hamburger Kunsthalle**: A major art museum covering works from the Middle Ages to contemporary art.
- **International Maritime Museum**: Dive into centuries of seafaring history in a former warehouse in the HafenCity.
- Chocolate Museum: Learn how chocolate is made and taste it along the way!
- Spicy's Gewürzmuseum: A small but fascinating museum dedicated to spices from around the world, located in the Speicherstadt.

#### PARKS & NATURE IN THE CITY

- Planten un Blomen: A beautiful inner-city park with themed gardens, water features and summer light shows.
- **Botanical Garden** (Loki-Schmidt-Garten/University of Hamburg): Located in Klein Flottbek, it is a quiet and inspiring place to walk and explore plant diversity.
- **Alster Loop** (8 km walk): A scenic route around the Außenalster lake, popular with locals walking, jogging and enjoying the city from a different angle.







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## **INSPIRATION FOR YOUR FREETIME / INSIDER TIPS**

#### HAMBURG LIKE A LOCAL – HIDDEN GEMS & LOCAL FAVORITES

- **Beach Övelgönne**: Take Ferry 62 from Landungsbrücken for a mini harbor cruise, then relax at this riverside "beach" with cafés and container ship views. With a regular HVV ticket you can hop on and off the public ferries (especially lines 62 and 72).
- **St. Petri Church Tower**: Climb the narrow staircase for one of the best (and lesser-known) views of Hamburg.
- **Airbus Factory Tour**: For tech and aviation enthusiasts: explore one of the world's largest aircraft production sites.
- **Elbphilarmonie Plaza**: Take the curved escalator up to the public viewing platform of Hamburg's iconic concert hall (it is free, but you still have to take a ticket at the entrance!).
- **Old Elbe Tunnel** (Alter Elbtunnel): Walk or bike under the Elbe through this historic tunnel from 1911 and enjoy a unique view back toward the harbor skyline.
- **Fischmarkt** (Sundays 5-9 a.m.): A wild mix of early birds and late-night partygoers. Live music, fresh fish and unforgettable characters.
- **U-Boat Museum**: Step aboard a real Soviet submarine near the Fischmarkt (not for the claustrophobic, but very impressive!)
- **Bunker St. Pauli**: A WWII air-raid bunker turned into a cultural space, rooftop garden and soon a hotel.
- **Treppenviertel Blankenese**: A maze of stairs, alleys and white houses on the hillside above the Elbe, perfect for a peacefull afternoon walk with stunning views.







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# **INSPIRATION FOR YOUR FREETIME / INSIDER TIPS**

#### • WEEKEND IDEAS – DAY TRIPS IN NORTHERN GERMANY

- **Lüneburg**: A postcard-perfect old town just 30 minutes away with train.
- **Stade**: A quiet, picturesque town with traditional architecture and Elbe-side flair.
- **Timmendorfer Strand / Travemünde**: Easy-to-reach Baltic Sea beaches for a refreshing getaway.
- **Cuxhaven**: Explore mudflats (Wattenmeer) or watch the massive container ships come and go.







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## **IMPORTANT ROOM AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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**Language center:** Building H1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Rooms 1119 and adjacent

Sven Hansen: Room 1123

Other Language teachers reachable via front desk: Room 1155

## **PACKING LIST FOR DAY TRIPS**

To make the most of our excursions and explore comfortably, here is a short list of things you should bring along on our day trips:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Umbrella or rain jacket (Weather in Northern Germany can change quickly. Be prepared!)
- Snacks & water
- Cash (Fun fact: In Germany, cash is still commonly used, especially in small cafés and kiosks. Always carry a little with you in case)

<u>A little (local) tip:</u> Try a Franzbrötchen, Hamburg's cinnamon pastry specialty! One of the best spots to get it is **Franz & Friends**.

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# **STARTER VOCABULARY FOR EVERYDAY LIFE IN HAMBURG**

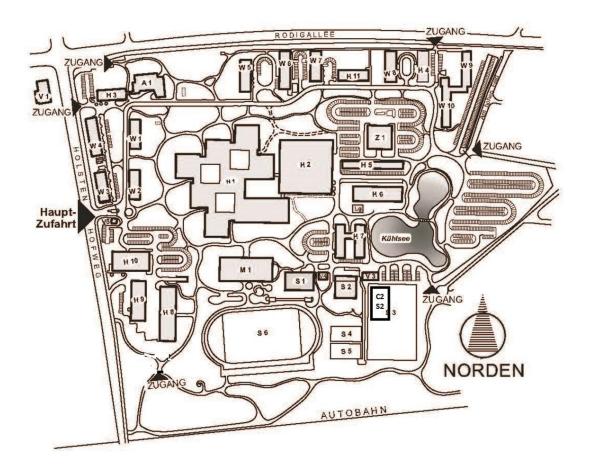
Learning a new language takes time, but knowing a few key words can make daily life a lot easier and a lot more fun! Below you will find some essential German vocabulary to get you started, plus a few typical Hamburg or Northern Germany expressions you might hear around the city.

Don't worry if you can't pronounce everything perfectly, just give it a try. Germans will appreciate the effort!

Everyday German Vocabulary			
German	English		
Hallo / Guten Tag	Hello		
Tschüss / Auf Wiedersehen	Bye		
Bitte	Please / You are welcome		
Ja	Yes		
Nein	No		
Danke	Thank you		
Entschuldigung	Excuse me / Sorry		
Wie geht's?	How are you?		
Mir geht es gut	I'm good		
Ich heiße	My name is		
Ich spreche kein Deutsch	I don't speak German		
Sprechen Sie Englisch?	Do you speak English?		
Wo ist?	Where is?		
Wie viel kostet das?	How much is that?		
Ich hätte gerne	I would like		
Die Rechnung, bitte	The check, please		
Alles klar	Alright / Got it		
Ich habe mich verlaufen	I got lost		
Northern German & Hamburg Slang			
Moin	Hi / Hello (any time of day)		
Jo	Yes (casual)		
Schnacken	To chat / talk casually		
Tüddelkram	Small stuff / random things		
Butter bei die Fische Get to the point!			
Na?	What's up?		
Schietwetter	Bad weather		
Dat passt!	That works!		

## **MAPS**

Main HSU-Campus: Douaumont-Bereich



## Lageplan Universitätsbereich

#### HOLSTENHOFWEG

H 1-11 Hochschulgebäude Auditorium Maximum A1

M 1 Mensa

ZVA Zentrale Versorgungsanlage Z1

S 1 Sporthalle S 2 Schwimmhalle S 3-6 Sportplätze

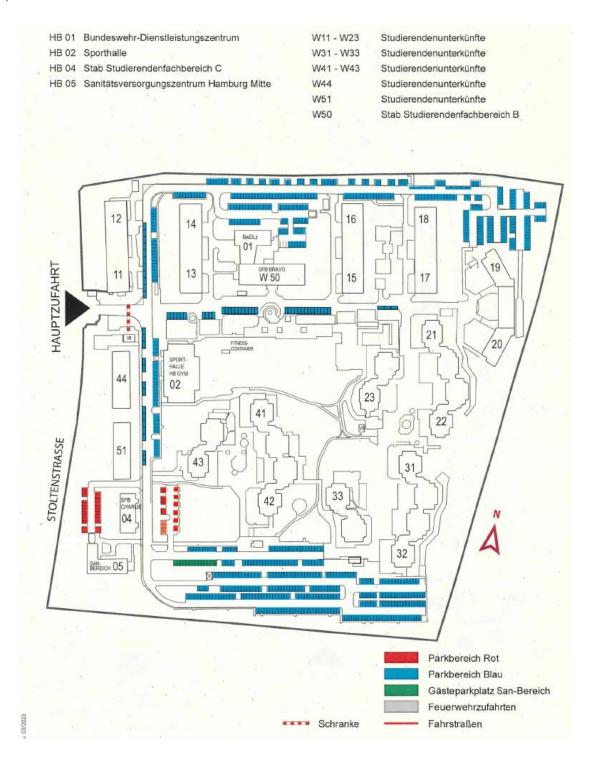
W 1-10 Studentenunterkünfte

V1 Betreuungsgebäude / Offizierheim V3 Lager Chemikalien / Schrott

V4 Lager Dez. II V 5 Pförtnerhaus

## **MAPS**

#### HSU-Campus: Hanseaten-Bereich



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