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Pre-Bachelor Semester

Freshie Journey Spring 2024

Dear Students...

...we are looking forward to meeting you on campus soon! 😊

On the following slides, you will find useful information about:

- **Pre-degree team members and their contact details**
- **The PBS arrival and onboarding schedule**
- **Pre-arrival preparation**
- **The PBS academic program**

Get to know us!

Pre-degree Team



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Agenda

- Campus Support Network
- Pre-Arrival Information
- PBS Orientation Schedule
- Important Semester Dates
- Academic Program



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Campus Support Network



Guidance & Support

Student Welfare



Pre-degree Faculty

Academic Advising

- Course Information
- Course and major selection
- Progress monitoring

Pre-degree Team

Support Network

- Guidance
- Coaching
- Problem solving
- Administration

Campus Life

Non-Academic Advising

- Resident Mentors
- Support
- Assistance
- Contact person in case of emergencies

Career Development

Personal Coach

- Career Building
- Self-Management
- Professional Skills

Campus Map

Where to find us?

University Club Building

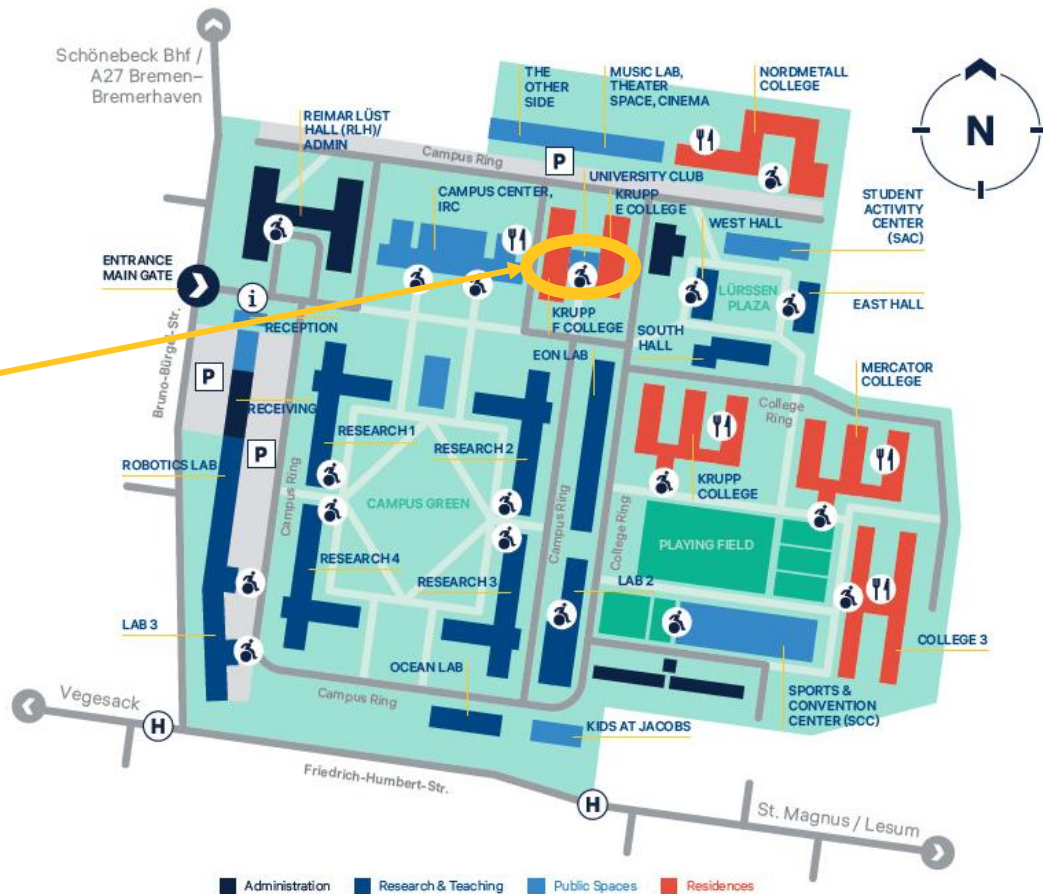
(located between Krupp E & F College)

PBS Class Rooms

Pre-degree Faculty Office

Pre-degree Team Offices

You can find our offices on the
1st floor upstairs.



On Campus Living

On our residential campus, four modern colleges provide attractive housing options.

Each college contains:

- its own cafeteria's and dining facilities (full board), serving both local and international cuisines
- rooms fully equipped with all essential furniture
- group and individual study areas
- group meeting rooms
- recreational lounges



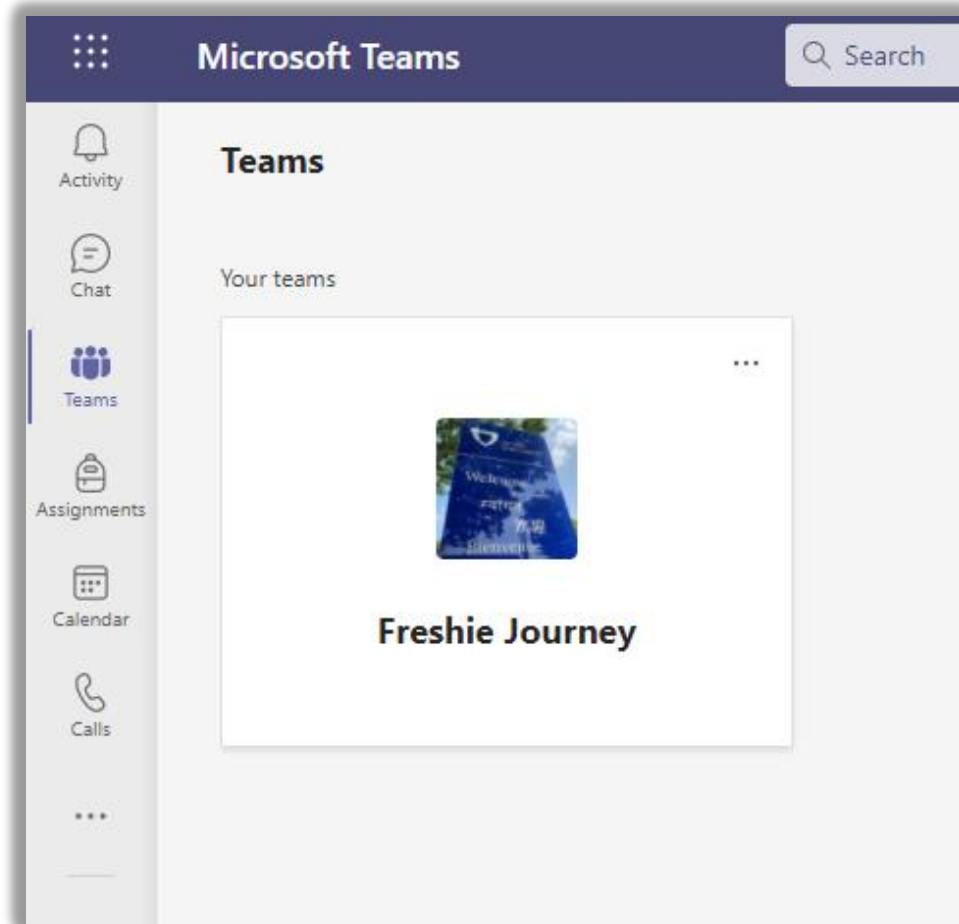
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Pre-Arrival Information



PBS Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Become a member of German Health Insurance
- VISA (in case you need to apply for a visa)
- Submit your Study Contract digitally
If you are under 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must also sign.
- Submit your Housing Contract and bring a hard copy to campus
If you are under 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must also sign.
- Complete Constructor University's Freshie Journey
- Check out the information for new students on the website:
<https://constructor.university/hello-new-students>
- Inform the Pre-degree team about your arrival date



Packing List

Must haves

- Passport(s), Visa / Travel documents
- Insurance information (ex. travel insurance, confirmation from German insurance company, insurance card)
- Other forms of identification (ex. driver's license)
- Medical documents / records
- Final school transcripts and high school diploma (all documents indicated by admission department that you may have to hand in as a hard copy)
- Banking information
- Hard copy of your Housing contract
- Copies of ALL aforementioned important documents

Information for Minors: Contracts have to be signed originally by your parents!

Money

- Credit and / or debit card
- Some cash (Euros €) for when you arrive or for emergency cases

Laptop & Mobile Phone

- Bring a laptop/computer with microphone and webcam capabilities.
- Please bring a Lan cable adapter for your laptop that allows you to connect to a stable internet connection for all courses.
- Mobile phone and laptop with chargers (plug adapters for plug types C and F and voltage adapters if necessary)



Packing List

Clothing

- Everyday attire (jeans, t-shirts, shorts, shoes)
- Winter clothes like sweaters, hoodies, winter jackets, boots, scarves, sweatpants, cardigans, etc.
- Socks and underwear
- Some formal outfits (blazers, formal dresses)
- "Going-Out" / Party clothing
- Workout clothing
- Rain jacket, umbrella, rain boots or waterproof shoes

Essentials

- Your own towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap etc.
- Books / eBooks, games, puzzles etc.
- Sentimental items that remind you of home

Please find a more detailed packing guide within the orientation information for new students on Constructor University's website!

<https://constructor.university/hello-new-students>



Residence Permit

- ✓ All PBS students who's visa is expiring before the end of the program need to apply for a residence permit in Germany after their arrival
 - ✓ Students will receive full support from the university and pre-degree team
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- Info Session about Residence Permit application process in the beginning of spring semester
 - Guidance during application process and support in obtaining the required documents
 - Guided visit of BSU office



Dear Students...

On the following slides, you will find **important semester dates** for the Pre-Bachelor Semester study program.

You will also find the PBS specific **Schedule for Arrival and Orientation Week**.
Please plan accordingly in order to attend all mandatory events.

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PBS Orientation Schedule



PBS Orientation Week & Important Dates

29. January – 01. March 2024

Monday, 29.01.2024 & Tuesday, 30.01.2024	Wednesday, 31.01.2024	Thursday, 01.02.2024	Friday, 16.02.2024	Friday 23.02.2024	March, 01.03.2024
<p>Arrival Day 29.01.2024</p> <p>Late Arrival Day 30.01.2024</p>	<p>Mandatory PBS Orientation Day Location: UC, Seminar Room 3 09:00 AM – 11:30 AM</p> <p>Mandatory PBS Rules & Regulations Location: UC, Seminar Room 3 11:30 AM – 12:45 AM</p> <p>Mandatory Academic Advising Location: University Club, Office and committee room 02:00 PM – 06:00 PM. Individual appointments will be provided</p>	<p>Mandatory PBS Class Starts Location: UC (University Club in between Krupp E&F) Or Individual Building/ rooms for UGE modules Or Hybrid Teaching Location: MSTeams (online students ONLY will be invited to join the class with Microsoft Teams) Time: As per class schedule available on CampusNet or per E-Mail list</p>	<p>Last Day of Hybrid classes</p> <p>Hybrid classes will not continue after 16.02.2024</p> <p>All students are expected to be on campus to complete their enrollment requirements.</p>	<p>Last Day of Arrival</p> <p>All students are expected to be on campus to complete their enrollment requirements.</p>	<p>Mandatory Residence Permit Introduction Location: UC, Seminar Room 3 (University Club in between Krupp E&F, Seminar Room 3 on the first floor) Time: TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicable to all International students with study visas Info on Application for Residence Permit Follow up appointments Date & Time of Appointment with the Bremen Immigration office for students Please bring your passport & documents as per E-Mail notification

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Important Dates

Date	Time	Event	Place
Saturday, 03 February 2024	01:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Intercultural Training	to be determined
Tuesday, 06 February 2024	02:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Community Standard Workshop	to be determined
Wednesday, 07 February 2024	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	College Info Sessions	In all Colleges
	09:00 PM - 11:00 PM	College Social Night for all students	In all Colleges



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Important Semester Dates



Semester Dates Pre-Bachelor Semester

Semester	Early Arrival Days	Arrival on Campus	PBS Orientation Program on Campus	Start of PBS Classes	End of PBS Classes	Final Exams	Amount of Weeks
Spring 2024 Semester PBS	27 + 28 January 2024	29 +30 January 2024	31 January 2024	1 February 2024	15 May 2024	17 – 31 May 2024	14+1

Academic Calendar

- You can access and download the PBS academic calendar in your online **welcome package**.
- Please also find the academic calendar on the following slides.



25 January 2024	Course Registration Begins, Spring Semester
29 January 2024	Arrival Day
30 January 2024	Late Arrival
31 January 2024	Orientation & Academic Advising
01 February 2024	PBS & UGE Classes Begin, Spring Semester
04 February 2024	Course Registration Ends, Spring Semester
15 February 2024	Deadline for Adding & Dropping Courses, Spring Semester
18 March 2024	PBS Midterm Examination Begins
23 March 2024	PBS Midterm Examination Ends PBS Deadline for Students to Submit Midterm Assignments
25 March 2024	Spring Break Begins
01 April 2024	Spring Break Ends
03 April 2024	Grade Submission Deadline for Midterm Examination
01 May 2024	Public Holiday "Labor Day" - No classes
09 May 2024	Public Holiday "Ascension Day" - No classes
15 May 2024	PBS Classes End

17 May 2024	PBS Final Examination Begins
25 May 2024	PBS Final Examination Ends
20 May 2024	Public Holiday “White Monday” - No Examination
21 May 2024	UGE Examination Begins
29 May 2024	PBS Grade Submission Deadline for Final Examination
31 May 2024	UGE Examination Ends
10 June 2024	Graduation Rehearsal
11 June 2024	Graduation Commencement Gala
12 June 2024	Graduation Ceremony
13 June 2024	Start of move-out period for pre-degree students
19 June 2024	PBS Make-Up Examination Begins
22 June 2024	PBS Make-Up Examination Ends
26 June 2024	Grade Submission Deadline for Make-Up Examination
30 June 2023	Colleges Close, End of move-out period for pre-degree Students
22 August 2024	UGE Make-up Examination Begins
31 August 2024	UGE Make-up Examination Ends

Pre-Bachelor Semester Academic Program



Constructor University Study Programs

Interdisciplinary, with highest standards in research & teaching

2 Pre-Degree programs:

- International Foundation Year (IFY)
- Pre-Bachelor Semester (PBS)

17 Bachelor programs:

- Computer Science (BSc)
- Computer Science and Software Engineering (BSc) (Online)
- Data Science and Software Development
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (BSc)
- Robotics and Intelligent Systems (BSc)
- Biochemistry and Cell Biology (BSc)
- Chemistry and Biotechnology (BSc)
- Earth Sciences and Sustainable Management of Environmental Resources (BSc)
- Mathematics, Modeling and Data Analytics
- Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology (BSc)
- Physics and Data Science (BSc)
- Global Economics and Management (BA)
- Industrial Engineering & Management (BSc)
- International Business Administration (BA)
- International Relations: Politics and History (BA)
- Integrated Social and Cognitive Psychology (BSc)
- Management, Decisions and Data Analytics (BSc)

6 Master programs:

- Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Data Science for Society and Business
- Data Engineering
- Supply Chain Management
- International Relations: Global Governance and Social Theory
- Psychologie

WHAT IS THE PBS PROGRAM?

Interested in Constructor University but do not want to wait 9 months before the Fall semester begins? Then our Pre-Bachelor Semester (PBS) program is your gateway to start your academic journey in the Spring semester!

The PBS offers a variety of courses, transferable credits and the opportunity to learn German, gain interpersonal skills and acclimate to a new environment.

Through PBS, we offer the unique opportunity to start your classes in the Spring semester and gain guaranteed admission to your desired bachelor's program in the Fall.



WHAT ARE THE ACADEMIC ELEMENTS?

- ✓ **Career Orientation and Development with Psychometric Testing* and Coaching**
- ✓ **Academic English Literacy or Applied Mathematics**
- ✓ **Introduction to Coding and Computational Thinking**
- ✓ **Transferable Credits up to 10 ECTS**
- ✓ **German Language or Humanities modules**
- ✓ **Intercultural Skills**

*Psychometric tests are used to help students learn more about careers that match their strengths and abilities.



The Academic Program

- A **one-semester program** delivered on campus
- **1 intake** in February
- Academic curriculum divided into:
 - **Core** modules
 - **UG transfer** options



What Courses are Included?

Semester 1 , Spring 2024	Weight/ Credits	Transferable
CORE Module (Computational Thinking and Coding I)	2.5 CP	no
CORE Module (Career Development)	2.5 CP	no
CORE Module (Mathematics or Academic English and Literacy)	5 CP	no
UGE CHOICE Module (without pre-requisites)	7.5 ECTS	yes
UGE German Language or Humanities Module	2.5 ECTS	yes
UGE Intercultural Competence and Cultural Sensitivity	2.5 CP	no
TOTAL	<u>22.5 CP</u>	<u>10 ECTS</u>



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Schematic study plan – PBS

Schematic Study Plan

Spring Semester	Undergraduate CHOICE (7.5 ECTS)	Undergraduate LANGUAGE or HUMANITIES (2.5 ECTS)	Undergraduate Intercultural Competence and Culturally Sensitive Communication (2.5 CP)
	CORE Mathematics or Academic Literacy (5.0 CP)	CORE Computational Thinking and Coding (2.5 CP)	CORE Career Development (2.5 CP)

Language Placement Tests

- Mandatory for all students that are interested in taking a German language module more advanced than A1.1 / beginner level
- Deadline to submit Placement Test: **01 February 2024**
- **Link to German Language Placement Test Instructions:**
<https://constructor.university/sites/default/files/2023-07/Placement%20Test%20Fall%20Semester%202023%20Instructions.pdf>



Thank you for your attention!
Please contact us in case of any questions or concerns.

