Ukraine war: Information and support

Students who have economic, study organisation or personal problems due to the current situation in Ukraine and the sanctions against Russia can contact our Counselling Centre for Social and International Affairs - BeSI. Our team from the Social Counselling Centre supports all students affected by the Ukraine war in clarifying individual questions.

We have compiled important information to answer initial questions. These are certainly especially helpful for those who fled the war and have only recently arrived in Hamburg. However, all other students whose lives in Hamburg have been affected by the war will also find advice here and can contact the Counselling Centre for Social and International Affairs - BeSI at any time if they have any questions in this regard.

The situation in Ukraine and the developments here in Germany are very dynamic, so we have mainly listed links that reflect the current state of knowledge, but which can change at any time. We make every effort to list only reliable sources here, but cannot guarantee the correctness, completeness and continued up-to-dateness of the linked pages.

Arrival & Residence Law

IMPORTANT: Soon after your arrival in Germany, you will have or have had to deal with various authorities, e.g. the Foreigners’ Registration Office, the Citizens’ Registration Office, the Social Welfare Office and/or the Jobcenter. It is best to seek advice at the Counselling Centre for Social and International Affairs - BeSI as early as possible, as there are a number of things to consider here (examples: You may receive a residence order and then no longer be allowed to move to another place without further ado; or housing costs can only be paid in the place where you are registered, but not elsewhere without further ado).

- International students: Visas, residence and work permits before, during and after studies: Informationen für internationale Studierende - hamburg.de
- Legal Counselling - Hamburg Welcome Portal - hamburg.de; Counselling, if necessary, also at the Counselling Centre for Social and International Affairs - BeSI
- Residents’ affairs, vaccination offer, initial application for social assistance for persons seeking protection, ÖRA (Public legal information), ...:
  Digitales Terminmanagement (hamburg.de)
- Legal advice for Ukrainian refugees: Refugee Law Clinic Hamburg – Aktuelles und Interessantes aus der und über die Refugee Law Clinic Hamburg (rlc-hh.de).

Orientation offers Germany

- Стартова сторінка (germany4ukraine.de)
- BAMF - Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge - Information for refugees from Ukraine
- BMAS - Fragen und Antworten für Geflüchtete aus der Ukraine
- Informationen für Geflüchtete aus der Ukraine - BMBF
- Ukraine | Handbook Germany
- Інформація для біженців з України | Verbraucherzentrale.de
Orientation offers Hamburg

- Ukraine Krieg: Offizielle Informationen aus Hamburg - hamburg.de
- FAQ: Informationen für Schutzsuchende - hamburg.de
- Ukraine- Hamburg Welcome Portal - hamburg.de

Organising life in Hamburg

- Finding a room, e.g. Online application: STW Hamburg (studierendenwerk-hamburg.de)
- Job search, e.g. stellenwerk Hamburg - Das Hochschul-Jobportal für Hamburg

Studying and money in Hamburg

- Check your BAFöG entitlement! Advice on this in the Counselling Centre for study financing - BeSI
- Advice on scholarships and student loans also in the Counselling Centre for study financing - BeSI
- Scholarship Database - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
- Diakonie Hamburg | Notfonds für internationale Studierende (diakonie-hamburg.de)
- Emergency fund Studierendenwerk Hamburg: Counselling Centre for Social and International Affairs - BeSI

Study preparation and studies

- National Academic Contact Point Ukraine - DAAD Ukraine (daad-ukraine.org)
- Assessment of foreign certificates and qualifications: Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (kmk.org)
- Information for refugees from Ukraine, e.g. from the Universität Hamburg: UHHhilft Ukraine : Universität Hamburg (uni-hamburg.de)
- Hamburger Wissenschaftsbrücke in die Ukraine - hamburg.de (including links to Ukraine-specific websites of the individual Hamburg universities)
- Refugees: Preparation for studies Welcome - Bildungsberatung Garantiefonds Hochschule GF-H (bildungsberatung-gfh.de)
- Psychological Counselling: Universität Hamburg: analogue at other state universities in Hamburg.

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