



Referat für internationale Studierende

Vote! And become active: For international solidarity!

NOW is the election for the student parliament and for the academic senate

!!! Everyone can vote at the university and at the Studienkolleg – no matter their passport !!!

These elections take place in a situation where the whole world is in a deep crisis - which started even before the pandemic. Enormous social movements in very different countries (whether Chile, India or here for example in the hospitals) and against this massive repression and reaction illustrate the deep contrasts: Everywhere people rise up for peace, dignity, social justice, and health, and everywhere fascists and political rights turn against them. At the same time, there is ideological and military rearmament and the danger of war, even in Europe, being conjured up.

This polarization corresponds to the huge social inequality worldwide and also in this country. Dignified working, studying and living conditions, health, education, science and culture for all are possible. But: they must be enforced politically! For this we all need cooperation in solidarity for mutual liberation. In this way we can convince and change society against the power of banks and corporations, against misanthropy, manipulative media and socially ignorant politics.

For this purpose, councils - assemblies for democratic co-determination - have been fought for at the university. The highest university council is the **Academic Senate (AS)**. Here, students, academic personnel and non-academic staff jointly decide on the organization and contents of studies, teachings and research. The university leadership is also elected here. In the Academic Senate, positions are discussed in order to go public with reasonable demands: for example, for better state funding of education and science or for the social opening of the universities.

In addition, with the **Verfasste Studierendenschaft** (the ensemble of all students) we have the right, the means and the possibility to make student politics: as part of international movements, for social and legal improvements here and everywhere. We (all students) elect the student parliament (StuPa). The StuPa, in turn, elects the General Student Committee (AStA), which is supposed to be the focal point and organizing center of political activity by students for students. This year is particularly about:

- Solidary campaigns for the improvement of the social situation of all **or** passing on the costs of the crisis to the population?
- Face-to-face courses with "3G" and hygiene concepts **or** digitalization and isolation without perspective?
- Struggle for better state funding of education and science as part of a movement of solidarity in the city **or** modesty and submission to "factual constraints"?
- Student engagement for science suiting the UN Sustainable Development Goals **or** limited learning for competition and economy?
- Student advocacy as part of social movement for human rights, peace and solidarity **or** egoism and at most superficial help "from above"?

Elect to become active yourself!

There are numerous lists running for both elections. Not all of them are as honest, as committed or as progressive as they claim to be. Despite this, and precisely because of this, it is important to vote informed!

- Student politics should be **internationalist and anti-fascist, engaged for peace and a social democracy.**
- Science and education should contribute to the **humanist solution of global problems.**
- **An end to austerity!** and good state funding for all areas of life, because not only universities, but also hospitals and theaters need money!
- **Academic reform** should aim at forming responsible personalities - it is not only about less pressure to perform, but also about **learning inquiringly, solidary culture in studies, time for deepening, delight in discussion and social engagement..**
- There are **flyers** and programmatic statements as well as election newspapers and videos. Often you will see active students at info tables that you can approach. Careful reading and open discussion will quickly reveal who is serious about what!!

For information about the **candidates for the student parliament:** <https://www.stupa.uni-hamburg.de/archiv/03-wahlen/wahl-21-22/wahlzeitung.pdf>

For information about the **candidates for the Academic Senate:** <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/uhh/organisation/stabsstellen/recht/wahlen/as-wahlen.html>

Together we have the power to decide what happens next: at the university, in the city and - together with many other active people everywhere - in the world.

All students are eligible to vote in the elections for the Student Parliament and the Academic Senate - even without a German passport! Pass the word!

Election to the Student Parliament (StuPa)

The Student Parliament is the main body representing student interests. This parliament elects the General Students' Committee (AStA), discusses and decides on its political guidelines and disposes of the student body's budget. The mail-in election concluded.

The ballot election takes place from 10-14/1/2022. On the main campus and at some more places. To vote at the ballot box, please go to one of **the ballot boxes in the university buildings with your student ID.**

Election to the Academic Senate (AS)

The Academic Senate (AS) is the highest body of the University. It participates in the election of the university presidium, discusses fundamental questions of university development and has decision-making rights (regarding examination regulations, distribution of funds, development of the university, etc.). The AS is composed of 10 professors, 3 students, 3 research assistants and 3 members of the technical, administrative and library staff. **The election is a postal vote.** The election documents including a postage paid envelope have been sent to you by the university. If you have not received your ballot or have received an incorrect ballot by January 07, 2022, you may have it delivered to the University Elections Office by January 24, 1:30 pm. **Completed election documents must be received by the Elections Office no later than 2 p.m. on January 24. They can either be mailed postage paid or delivered in person to the Elections Office.** The office is located at **Mittelweg 177, room S 4058.**