



News about the events in Ukraine, the summer semester 2022 & the use of the self-chosen name in HU systems

Dear students,

I would like to inform you about current developments concerning Russia's war against Ukraine, the coming summer semester and the use of the self-chosen or lived name in internal systems.

Support for students and academics affected by the war

The Presidium condemned Russia's attack on Ukraine on 24 February. Since then, the Presidential Board has been in constant exchange with the relevant departments about further offers of support. So far, the following measures have been taken :

1. On 3 March, 2022, an event was set up for the Ukrainian students where they could express their questions and needs. We have taken their suggestions on board and are preparing new measures on this basis.
2. For Ukrainian refugee students and academics a collective e-mail address has been set up. It is: int.refugees@hu-berlin.de
3. A central website will be developed. Until then, essential information can be found at the [international department](https://www.international.de) at [hu-berlin.de](https://www.hu-berlin.de).
4. Within the framework of "Refugees Welcome @ HU" and "Scholars at Risk", Ukrainian students and academics will receive comprehensive advice on residence issues and social concerns.
5. The Presidium will set up an emergency aid fund. More information will follow.
6. Student leave of absence requests will be made more flexible to allow requests after the application deadline and also for students in their first and second semesters.

The Faculties were asked to implement the following:

- **Deadline extensions:** In view of the immediate burdens for Ukrainian students, but also in view of the civil commitment that many of our students are currently showing, the examination boards have been asked to treat requests for extensions of deadlines for the processing of written papers from all students as favorably as possible.
- **Shortened withdrawal periods:** The shortened withdrawal periods for the examination periods in this winter semester, which have already been made considerably more flexible in the context of the Covid 19 pandemic, should also be made possible in view of the war in Ukraine.
- **Fair granting of disadvantage compensation:** The examination boards were asked to be as accommodating as possible when granting compensation for disadvantages (Nachteilsausgleiche). Mental health concerns of students should also be accepted as reasons.
- **Hybrid courses in the summer semester of 2022:** Ukrainian students at Humboldt-Universität are currently asking whether they can also participate in courses digitally. Despite plans for a largely face-to-face semester, which are still in place, faculty and instructors have been asked to create hybrid formats for Ukrainian students. Solutions are currently being developed regarding the participation of refugee Ukrainian students in the regular course offerings. Language courses for Ukrainian refugees are also being planned.

Summer semester 2022

In January 2022, I sent you a letter of intent for a face-to-face summer semester. We are continuing to pursue this goal. Unfortunately, due to the pending Senate resolution on the implementation of the nationwide opening plans we are not yet able to predict which conditions we will be facing for the summer semester.

Therefore, the 3G rule applies until further notice. Admission requirements for all members of the university are proof of vaccination or convalescence or proof of a negative test result, which must not be older than 24 hours, or 48 hours in the case of PCR tests. The FFP2 mask requirement also remains in place.

We are currently working on making the 3G controls possible throughout the summer semester, if they should still be required then. You will of course receive more detailed information on this as soon as we have it.

Use of the self-chosen or lived name

As of April 1, 2022, it will be possible to use the self-chosen or lived name in our internal systems.

In order to take advantage of the possibility to register the self-chosen or lived name, a corresponding application can be made via the contact form at [hu.berlin/kontakt](https://www.hu-berlin.de/kontakt). As proof, only a digital copy of the DGTI supplementary ID card has to be attached. After registration, the lived name is used in all connected systems. This includes in particular the portal "AGNES", the teaching and learning management system Moodle as well as the video conferencing services Zoom and Big Blue Button.

Last year, the Presidium already advocated the use of the self-chosen or lived name on documents with external impact as well. In addition to the comprehensive effect for the students concerned, this would also have enabled faster implementation. However, Berlin's Senate Administration continues to maintain its view that the use of the self-selected name on documents with external effect (enrollment certificates, performance overviews, campus card, etc.) is illegal. The Presidential Board is in contact with student representatives and representatives of the affected students at Humboldt-Universität in this regard.

Best regards

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