



Saving energy: mobile working over the turn of the year

Like all Berlin universities, Humboldt-Universität must save energy this winter. Due to the busy teaching and research schedule, however, we have not yet been able to achieve the target of at least ten per cent savings set by the State of Berlin, particularly in the area of electricity consumption. All Humboldtians are therefore called upon to continue to take into account the measures already known and to save energy wherever possible at the University. With the upcoming holidays at the turn of the year, there is a new opportunity to increase savings. Therefore, the following additional measures will be taken.

Building closure until the new year

From 24 December to 2 January 2023, Humboldt-Universität will close its buildings to save energy. Exceptions are laboratory buildings, buildings with experimental long-term and live experiments as well as the premises used by the Technical Department, the Budget and Personnel Department and required for the SAP implementation and for the IT support of the Computer and Media Service.

Employees who have not planned recreational leave or the use of time credits during this period are encouraged to work from the home office or mobile. If the activities do not allow this in principle, alternative tasks are to be agreed with the respective manager or time credits are to be used if possible. "I urge all employees and department heads to work together to find constructive solutions so that the University can achieve its energy-saving goals," says Julia von Blumenthal, President of Humboldt-Universität.

Restricted opening hours of the University Library

The rooms of the Grimm Centre and the branch libraries will also be closed from 24 December to 1 January 2023 inclusive. Restricted opening hours already apply at the Grimm Centre in the interest of energy savings. In agreement with the Energy Taskforce, the building will close two hours earlier, i.e. at 10 pm instead of midnight on weekdays. In this way, about 1000 kilowatt hours can be saved every day. Extrapolated to the heating period, the HU expects savings in the high five-digit range.

Extension of the opening hours of the refectory

In order to still provide students with places to stay and work, the dining hall of the Mensa Süd in the main building of Humboldt-Universität will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. in cooperation with StudierendenWerk Berlin.

Further information on the topic of energy saving at the HU

[Overview of energy-saving measures and current information](#)

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