



Graz, am 20.10.2024

Studierendenlaborbericht für die 1. ordentliche Sitzung im Wintersemester 2024/25 der Universitätsvertretung der HTU Graz am 24.10.2024

Referat für internationale Studierende

1. International Welcome Days

In September we organized the **International Welcome Days** for 40 new international students. The event included:

- **Presentations:** Tailored sessions focused on study-specific information.
- **Campus Tour:** A guided tour to familiarize students with key areas of the university.
- **Group Lunch:** An informal lunch to help students network and get to know each other.

Overall, the event went smoothly, continuing our tradition of providing a welcoming start for incoming students.

2. Recruitment and Team Expansion

With some team members finishing their studies, we've shifted focus to recruiting new members. So far:

- We've onboarded **two new members** who are now integrated into the team.
- Ongoing recruitment efforts are planned to ensure the team remains active and effective as the current members transition out.

3. Monthly Informal Meetups

We're launching **monthly informal meetups** at the HTU office to create a relaxed environment where international students can connect with us. These will be casual gatherings with:

- **Open-door format:** Encouraging students to drop by, meet the team, and chat.
- **Social activities:** Cooking, drinking, and casual discussions to help build a sense of community.

These meetups will begin next month and will be promoted through our social media channels.

4. Email and Communications Management

- Regularly responding to all email inquiries.
 - Held two in-person meetings this month for students seeking additional information and support.
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5. Social Media and Digital Outreach

We've been actively working on our **social media presence** to engage the student community.

6. TU Graz Video for International Students

I also filmed an official **TU Graz video** for the International Office. The video:

- Is published on the TU Graz website.
- Introduces the HTU and highlights resources available to international students.
- Focuses on **studying law**, providing essential information for incoming students.

The updated video serves as a key resource for new students and will replace the current version on the site.

7. Office Hours and Student Support

We've established regular office hours, which will as usual take place on **Fridays from 12:00 to 14:00**. These hours provide an opportunity for:

- **In-person consultations:** Students can visit for support and advice.
- **Information sharing:** Updates on key programs and events like the Fördertopf and International Days.

