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Dear Students,

Welcome to Freie Universität Berlin! We would like to congratulate you on your admission and are delighted that you have chosen to study on our campus.

For many of you, enrolling at Freie Universität Berlin is the first step in your student career. But whether you are coming straight from high school, have been working or doing an internship, undertaken a period of volunteer work, or already started studying at another university, we hope that you will quickly get your bearings. Even if things often seem confusing at first, we are confident that you will soon find your way around and figure out how things work. We are here to help you, and our Student Service Center is happy to provide any advice or counsel you need.

These are indeed strange times to launch this new phase of your life as a student. The pandemic, but also the war in Ukraine have altered everyday life in ways no one could have predicted – and that includes life on campus and throughout the world of education. It has been a challenging time for all of us in many respects, which gives us all the more reason to congratulate you on your decision to study at Freie Universität Berlin. Rest assured, our dedicated staff is here for you to help you find your way and support you as you make the transition into student life at Freie Universität.

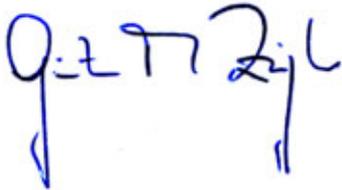
We are writing this letter in May 2022 in the face of developments related to the pandemic that can suddenly force an unexpected change of plans. At this point, we are working under the assumption that your first semester at Freie Universität – the 2022/23 winter semester – will involve a significant amount of teaching and learning activities on campus, even if this is still in combination with digital education and services. We are well aware that it is important to be able to experience things in person, especially when you are starting a new phase of your life or learning something new. That is why we are doing our best to make sure that the university and its campus continue to be a place that you can experience in person to the extent that the present situation allows.

We are currently finalizing our plans for which courses will be offered in the various departments of our university, so please check the university's website regularly for the latest

updates regarding your studies. There you will find answers to questions about the content and the structure of your degree program as well as where things stand with our preparations for the 2022/23 winter semester.

We wish you a great start at Freie Universität Berlin and hope that your time spent here will be exciting, motivating, and successful.

Sincerely,



Prof. Dr. Günter M. Ziegler  
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