

# WELCOME TO PACS!



## INTRODUCTION DAYS 2024

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# Fachschaft - PACS Student Council



The PACS Fachreferat is the student council of the MA Peace and Conflict studies. We are a group of motivated students that want to represent your interests towards the faculty and chair. We regularly organize get-togethers, trips or academic events to enjoy the PACS community, have a good time and discuss and learn together. You can also talk to us about questions, feedback or issues related to the study program - we are happy to stand up for the students' perspective! If you want to get to know us better don't hesitate to contact us and join our bi-weekly meetings Mondays at 6 pm. We are looking forward to get to know you!

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Upcoming office hours: On Tuesday and Thursday (08 & 10 of October) from 9am to 11 am

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# PACS Program Introduction Days 2024

**Thursday, October 10**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Introduction to PACS and Technical Introduction to PACS**

All new students will get the chance to get together at the university and be welcomed by Prof. Alexander Spencer at 9 am. It will take place in building G40, B-entrance, Room 332. Other lecturers and members of the PACS community will be there to say hi as well! After the welcome we, your tutors, will explain the details of the program to you and also show you how all the technical stuff works, how the e-learning platform runs etc.

**12:00 am - 1:00 pm: Campus Tour and Lunch**

We will have the chance to get together! In small groups, you can grab some tea, coffee or any other beverage of your choice. Each of the groups will do a little walk with the tutors and student representatives of the Fachschaft (student council). This event will start in front of building G40B. If you like you can grab a drink at the café next to the building or somewhere throughout the tour. The tour will lead you to the canteens where you can eat lunch. There you can only pay with a validated and charged student ID. If you don't have that yet, we will figure something out.

After that you will have some free time.

**2:00-3:00 pm: DAAD Scholars Meeting (new batch only) w/ Prof. Dr. Kristina Roepstorff**

**The meeting with Professor Kristina Roepstorff only applies for the new DAAD Scholars.** In this hour the new batch of DAAD Scholars will have the chance to clarify any doubts related to the scholarship and the programme. It will take place in building G40, B-entrance, Room 332.

**4:00-5:30 pm: PACS Alumni Talks/ PACS Experiences Workshop**

We have invited *alumni* and students to share their experiences with you. Daniel Beck and Felix Hänche will share their experiences about jobs after PACS in Room 331 and in Room 330 Michelle Hofmann & Pilar Montaña will talk to you about their respective experiences during the study programme. Mario Clemens will host a workshop in room 333 about how the science of learning can help the PACS experience with a focus on taking notes.

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# PACS Program Introduction Days 2024

## Thursday, October 10

### Starting from 5:30 pm: PACS Welcome Party

After this long day full of information, we can finally get to know each other in a more informal setting. It will be a potluck dinner, so please bring your own tableware and cutlery! It would be great if you have time to prepare or buy some food to share. Lecturers, alumni and the upper batches are invited too. We are gathering on the 3rd floor in G40, Room 332. Feel free to prepare a performance or improvise a song, dance, poem or whatever you feel like. That is optional, so please don't be scared if you are shy.

You can also add music you like to a shared playlist. We will send you the link soon via email!

## Friday, October 11

### 11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Info Event - G40 R332

- [Information Event Examination Office](#)
- [International Student Adviser](#)
- [Psychosocial Counselling for Students](#)
- [Introduction about Fachschaft](#)

### Starting from 2 pm: Emergency Consultation Hour

This emergency consultation hour is done by us, your tutors. You could come and talk to us with insecurities or questions arising out of these first events. Our office is in building G40B, Room 327. We will have an open-door policy, so that more than one person might be present during the talks. If you wish for a private appointment, please send an E-mail to [pacs@ovgu.de](mailto:pacs@ovgu.de) in advance. We have regular office hours with an open-door policy once a week and you can always schedule an appointment throughout the semester too. That means we will still assist you after this first week.

### Starting from 3 pm: Fachschaft Picnic Hangout

To have a chill ending to these Introduction Days, the Fachschaft is planning a picnic at a really nice spot at Stadtpark. There will be a chance to walk together from the university's campus. Other PACS batches are invited to join as well, so you can get a hang of the other people studying the program. It will only take place if the weather is nice and otherwise be postponed to another day. To get the picnic started the Fachschaft will provide some snacks and drink but please also bring your own and a blanket to sit on if possible. All kinds of games are welcome too.

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# Timetable first semester PACS (Winter term 2024/25)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9 am – 11 am</b>	Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies & European Studies: An Overview*	Tutorial: Methods in PACS: An Overview			
<b>11 am – 1 pm</b>				Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies	
<b>1 pm – 3 pm</b>		Conflict Analysis			Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies – Tutorial
<b>3 pm – 5 pm</b>					
<b>5 pm – 7 pm</b>					

## Compulsory Courses in the first semester:

- Introduction to PACS (6 ECTs)
  - Introduction to PACS – Tutorial (4 ECTs)
  - Conflict Analysis (6 ECTs)
  - Methods of Peace and Conflict Studies:
    - Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies: An Overview (10 ECTs)
- + One Optional Compulsory Course (Module 6,7,8 or 9 for 4 ECTs)**

# Recommended Plan of Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, Prüfungsordnung 2016

Semester	1	2	3	4
	Compulsory Module 1: Theories and Approaches of Peace and Conflict Studies	Compulsory Module 4: Applied Conflict Management	Optional Compulsory Module 6,7,8 or 9	Master's Thesis
	Theories PACS: Lecture (6 CP, graded) Tutorial (4 CP, not graded)	Applied Conflict Management (10 CP, graded)	Seminar 1 (4 CP, not graded) Seminar 2 (6 CP, graded)	Research Seminar (5 CP) Master's Thesis (25 CP) Oral Defense
	Compulsory Module 5: Methods of Peace and Conflict Studies	Compulsory Module 2: Concepts of Securing Peace	Optional Compulsory Module 6,7,8 or 9	
	Methods of PACS: Seminar (10 CP, graded)	Concepts of Securing Peace: Seminar (10 CP, graded)	Seminar 1 (4 CP, not graded) Seminar 2 (6 CP, graded)	
	Compulsory Module 3: Conflict Analysis and Theories of Conflict Management	Optional Compulsory Module 6,7,8 or 9	Internship	
	Conflict Analysis/Management: Seminar: Analysis (6 CP, graded)	Seminar 2 (6 CP, graded)	6 Weeks duration Internship Report (8 Pages)	
	Optional Compulsory Module 6,7,8, or 9	Compulsory Module 3: Conflict Analysis and Theories of Conflict Management		
	Seminar 1 (4 CP, not graded)	Seminar: Management (4 CP, not graded)		
	<b>30 CP</b>	<b>30 CP</b>	<b>30 CP</b>	<b>30 CP</b>
	To-Do: Ideas and research looking for a suitable internship	To-Do: apply for an internship	To-Do: topic for the master thesis	

- Of the 4 optional compulsory modules 6, 7, 8 and 9 only 3 have to be chosen. Each module totals 10 CP and needs to be completed with a 4 CP and 6 CP seminar.
- The internship is to be organized independently. It is recommended to start researching for a position from the first semester onwards.
- Master thesis: A first idea of what your thesis shall be about should be taking form at the beginning of the third semester.

# Your Homework for the Introduction Days 2024

**ATTENTION** → **Validate your student ID** (possible in G40!)

Other options: Building 06 (hallway), Building 18 (Campus Service Center, room 153), Building 26 (outside auditorium 1) or Office of Students' Dean (Campus of the university's Clinical Center/ building 2)

→ **Check out your E-mail account:** [webmailer.ovgu.de](mailto:webmailer.ovgu.de)

→ **Check out your LSF account:** [lsf.ovgu.de](https://lsf.ovgu.de) → Start to search for your courses and enroll in them.

→ **Check out your e-Learning account:** [elearning.ovgu.de/](https://elearning.ovgu.de/) and enter the PACS internal Group (search for it in e-Learning)

The login details should be the same for the E-mail account, for LSF and for e-Learning. Try to familiarize yourself with these platforms. Start to log into the e-Learning rooms for your next semester if they don't have a password.

→ Go through the commented lecture directory (find it attached in this E-mail or in the PACS internal Group in e-Learning) and look for one seminar in Module 6, 7, 8 or 9 that seems interesting to you. Remember, in the first semester, you only need one additional seminar for 4 ECT points!

→ Log into eduroam (the campus wifi), you can find further instructions here: <https://www.urz.ovgu.de/eduroam-path-204,616,646.html>

→ If you are interested on doing a language course, on October 9, 2024 at the main entrance of the G40, the Language Center SPRZ teachers will provide information about the foreign language offerings, answer questions, and arrange later appointments for more detailed consultations. For further information click here: [sprz.ovgu.de](https://sprz.ovgu.de)

→ You can register for sport courses from the university starting on October 17, 9 am. Sport courses for the winter semester will be visible two days before registration. However, before you can register, you have to create an account here: [spoz.ovgu.de](https://spoz.ovgu.de)

ⓘ Check out all the documents we've sent you. If questions arise or if anything is unclear, let us (the HiWis) know!

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