

# Distributed Campus – online coaching for international students

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# Distributed Campus at Freie Universität

Distributed Campus (DC):

online coaching platform for more efficient and effective preparation and support for international students and researchers (PhD, staff...) → incoming as well as outgoing

Central DAAD project since 2007:  
„well-proven coaching tool“

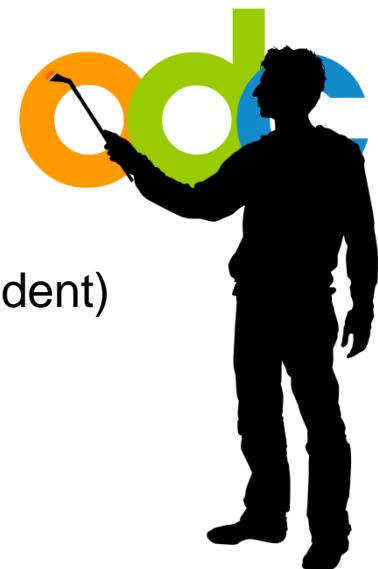


→ Individual configuration for each higher education institution



# Open DC – for HEI

- one central online platform for all – students and staff!
- completely web-based infrastructure for editing - anytime, anywhere
- very easy online editing (comparable to MS Word), no special knowledge necessary
- flexible program-specific assistance / online support
- structured guidance through all necessary preparation steps for the specific term (Timeline/Tasks)
- direct links to important services of the respective HEI
- very easy administration / configuration
- flat hierarchy in editing (maineditor – program specific editor - student)



→ Verifiable reduction of enquiries from students!



# Open DC – for students, researchers...

- „online bridge“ between home and host university thanks to web-based pre-departure preparation
- intercultural, language and academic aspects for „immersion“ into host country and host institution
- higher acceptance and greater attractivity in comparison to print products / static web pages
- chronological, individual real-time checklist for all preparation issues
- interactive participation in the content creation (comment, rating)
- time and space independent use
- communication with other students and with university staff already before arrival at host university



→ Target groups show easier integration in everyday and academic life

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Target groups:

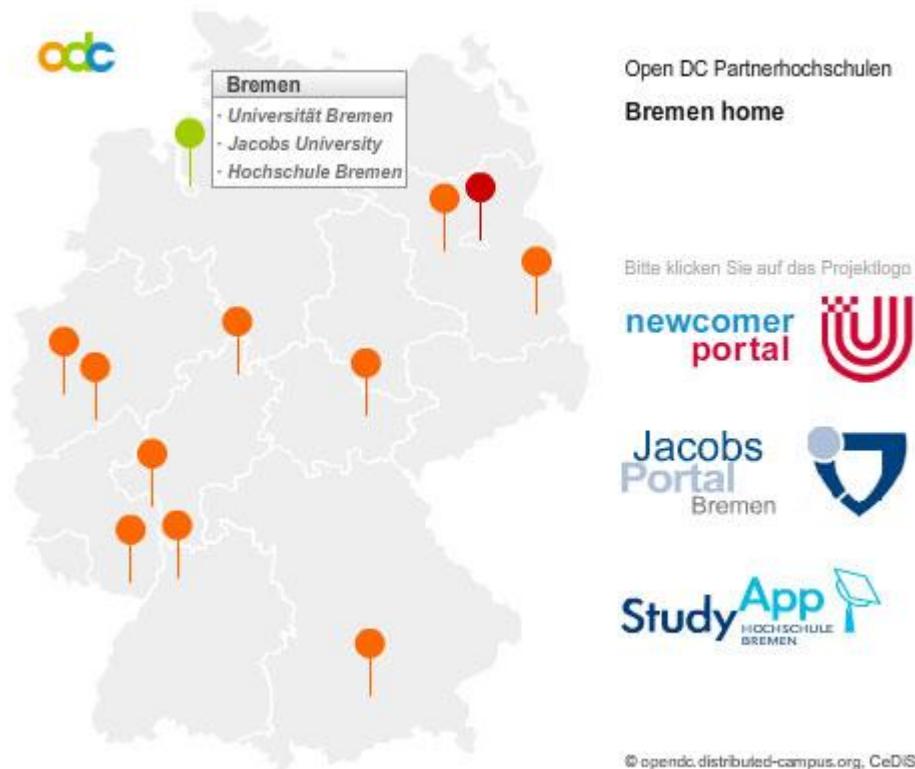
- **FU-Exchange:** exchange students incomings (ERASMUS, ...)
- **FU-Outgoings:** in preparation (Apartment Swap!)
- Master programs: LL.M., MBL (Law department); MAVMA (Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology)
- Summer Programs: FUBiS (Freie Universität Berlin international Summer University); Duke-Rutgers Summer Program
- Direct exchange programs: Duke in Berlin; Stanford Overseas Campus
- ERASMUS Mundus ECW

<http://distributed-campus.org>





# Open DC network



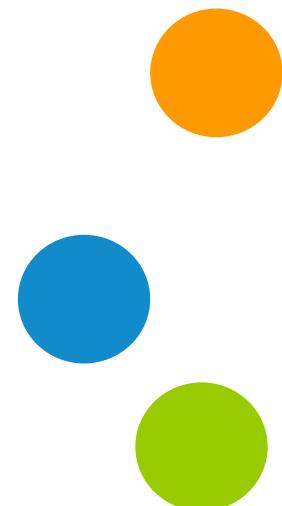
NEW: Westfälische HS

- Freie Universität Berlin
- Universität Potsdam
- Universität Jena
- Universität Bremen
- TU München
- Universität Mainz
- Jacobs University
- Universität zu Köln
- TU Kaiserslautern
- BTU Cottbus
- HS Bonn-Rhein-Sieg
- HS Bremen
- Universität Kassel
- Universität Mannheim



# Target groups / use scenarios

- exchange programs incomings (all ODC partner institutions)
- exchange programs outgoings (U Potsdam, U Jena, FU)
- Master programs (U Jena, Jacobs U Bremen, FU)
- Summer / Winter Schools (U Mainz, FU)
- applicants (U Köln, BTU Cottbus, HS Bremen)
- regular international students (TUM, U Bremen)
- International Graduate Center (HS Bremen)
- researchers (U Bremen, U Köln)
- PhD (TUM, U Mainz, U Köln, Jacobs U Bremen)
- staff mobility (Westfälische HS)
- Alumni (U Köln, BTU Cottbus)
- internal communication (!)



→ Very flexible group / program configuration



# Thank you very much!



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<http://opendc.distributed-campus.org>

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