

MSc Earth System Dynamics and Evolution

Step-by-step guide for online applications

The full application process can be divided into two steps:

1. **Online application:** Submitted through the Campo portal-outlined in this document
2. **Interview:** Applicants will take part in an interview to complete their application

Non-EU students must pay an [application fee](#) of €100 to complete part 1.

If you are unsure whether you fulfill the requirements please contact es-masters@fau.de before submitting your application.

Before beginning the application process, please ensure that you meet the academic admissions criteria and have acquired the required documents.

Academic admissions requirements:

1. Bachelor's degree in Geosciences or a related field (e.g. Earth Sciences, Biosciences, Environmental Sciences, Palaeontology). The outcome of this degree must be equivalent to or better than a German grade 2.5. You can find an online conversation tool [here](#).
2. Good English language skills equivalent to at least B2 level CEFR (i.e. upper intermediate). More information on the comparability of internationally recognised language tests can be found on the FAU webpage [here](#).

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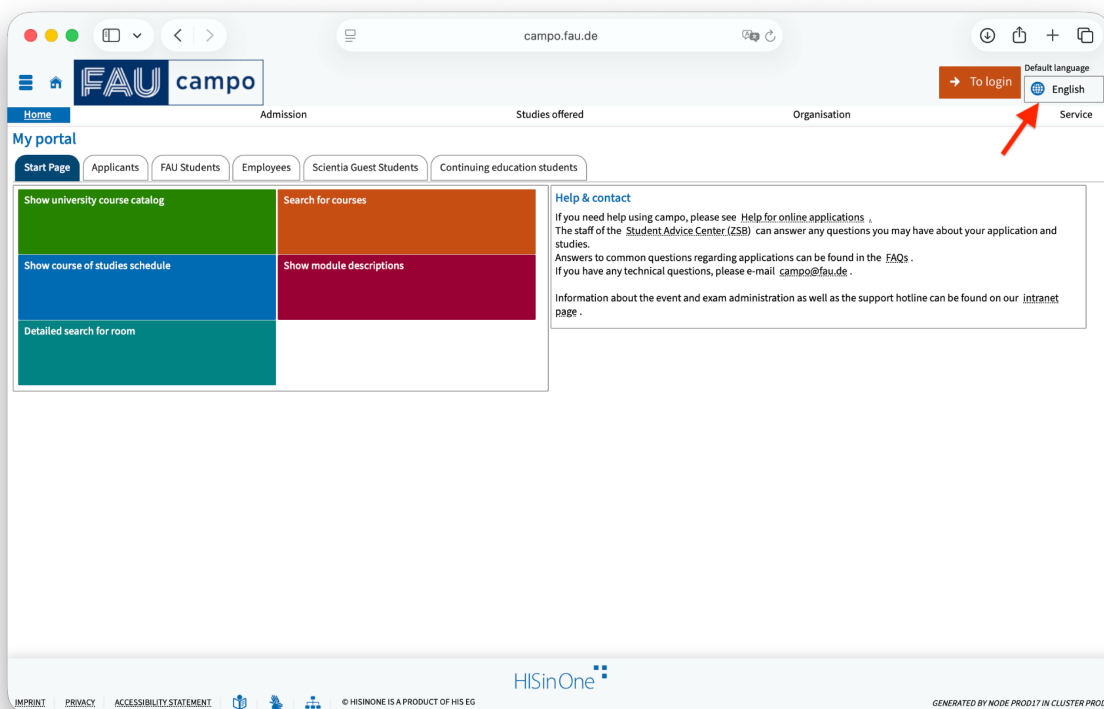
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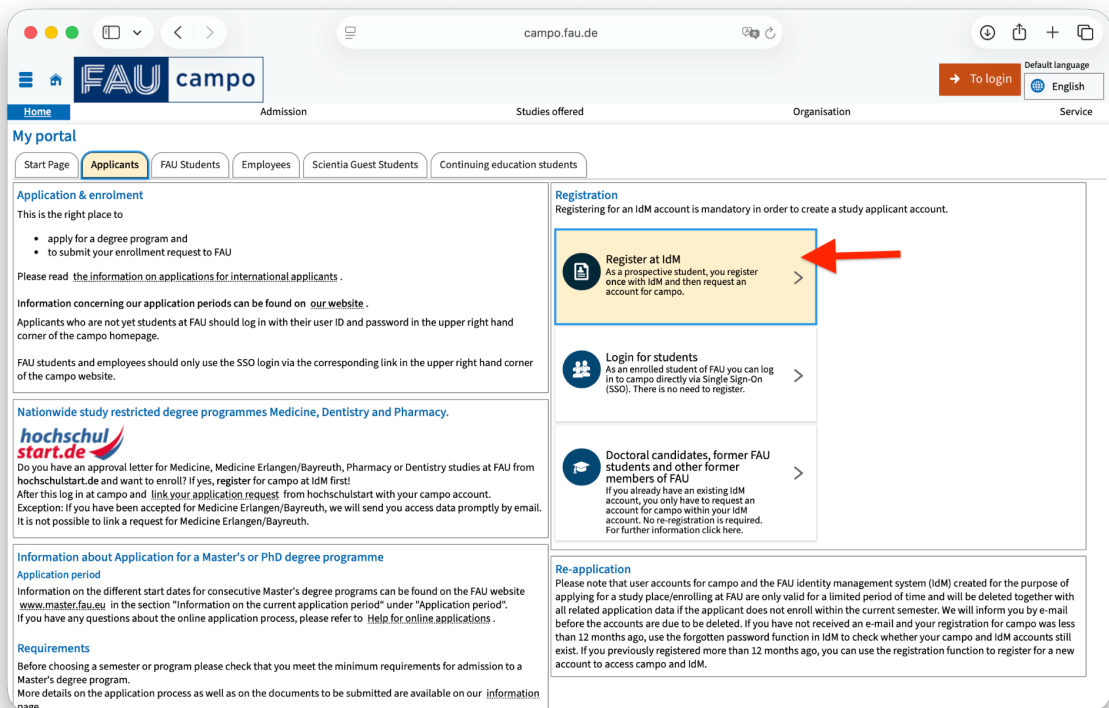
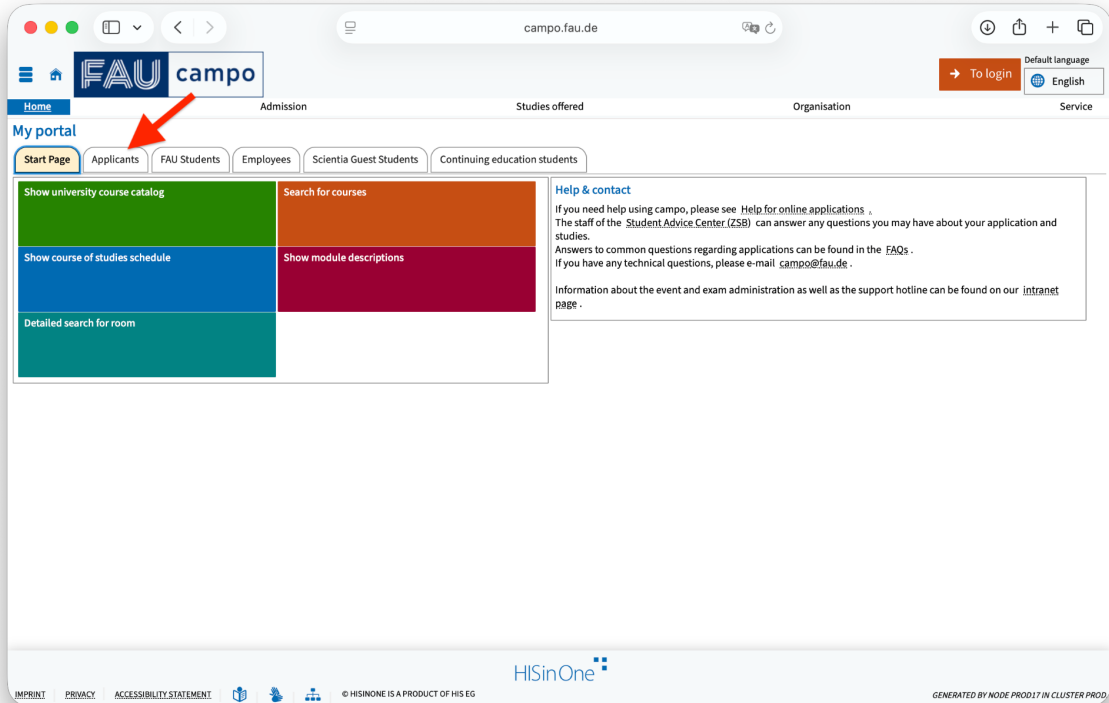
Part A: Registering for a Campo account

This part of the application process will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

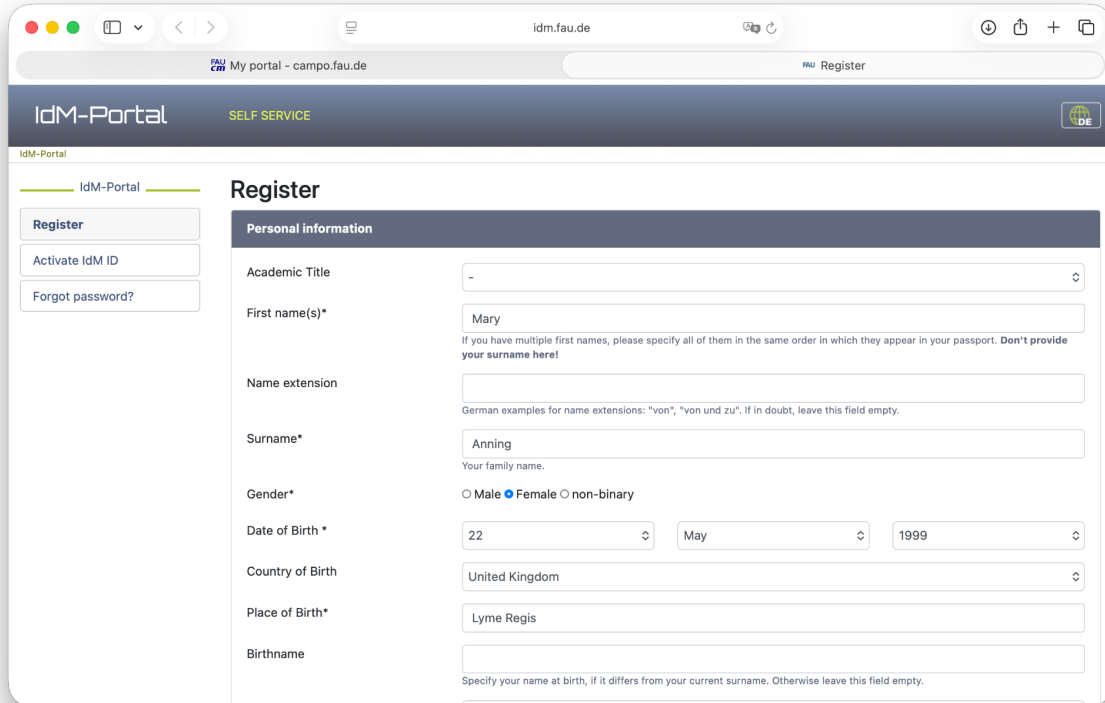
1. Go to campo.fau.de. The language can be switched to English by clicking on the language icon in the top right corner (see arrow in image below).



2. Click on the **Applicants** tab in the menu row near the top of the page and choose Register on IdM as highlighted in the image below. This will open a new window.



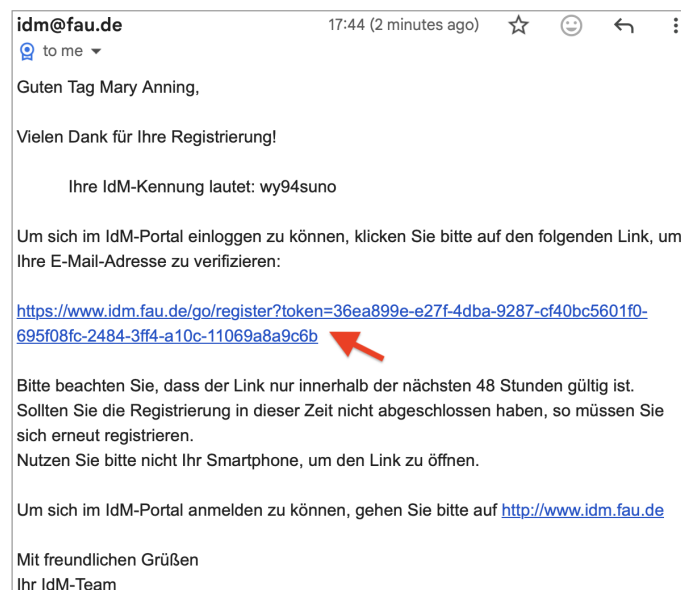
3. On this form, **fill in** all the necessary information. You must provide a telephone number (you can use the same number twice). When complete, at the end of the page, check the box to confirm you have read the Privacy policy and the Terms of Use, and click **submit**.



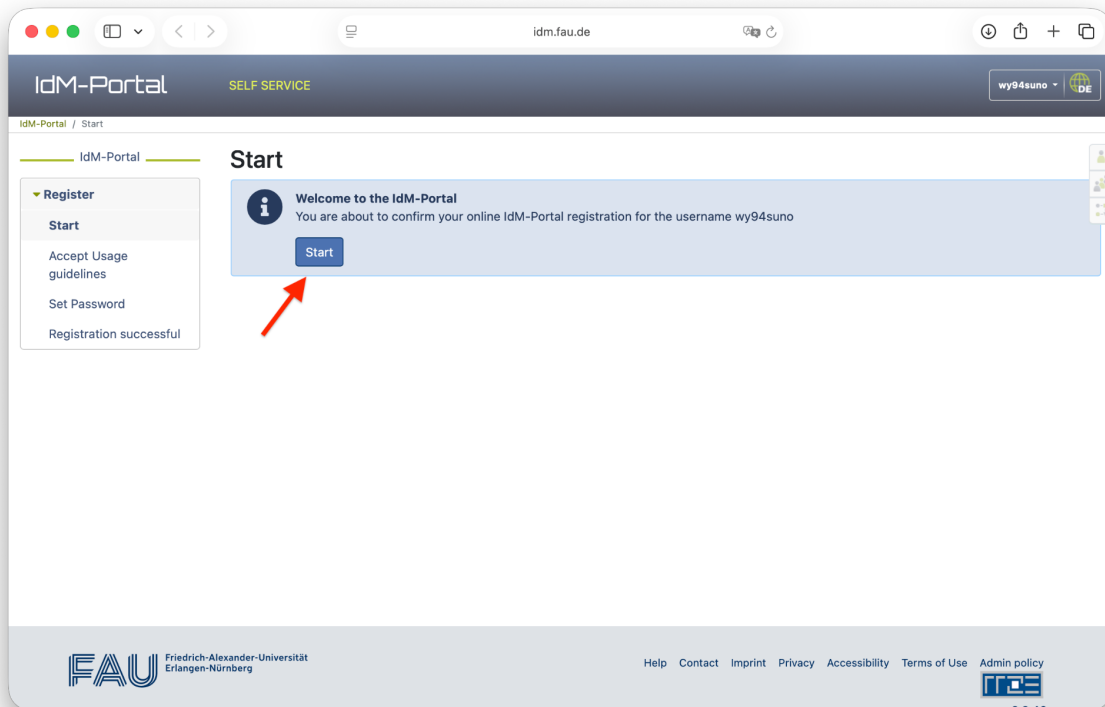
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `idm.fau.de`. The page is titled "IdM-Portal" and "SELF SERVICE". On the left, there are buttons for "Register", "Activate IdM ID", and "Forgot password?". The main content area is titled "Register" and contains a "Personal information" section. The form fields are as follows:

- Academic Title: A dropdown menu with a minus sign.
- First name(s)*: A text input field containing "Mary". Below it, a note says: "If you have multiple first names, please specify all of them in the same order in which they appear in your passport. Don't provide your surname here!".
- Name extension: A text input field. Below it, a note says: "German examples for name extensions: 'von', 'von und zu'. If in doubt, leave this field empty."
- Surname*: A text input field containing "Anning". Below it, a note says: "Your family name."
- Gender*: Radio buttons for "Male", "Female" (selected), and "non-binary".
- Date of Birth *: Three dropdown menus for day, month, and year, containing "22", "May", and "1999" respectively.
- Country of Birth: A dropdown menu containing "United Kingdom".
- Place of Birth*: A text input field containing "Lyme Regis".
- Birthname: A text input field. Below it, a note says: "Specify your name at birth, if it differs from your current surname. Otherwise leave this field empty."

4. This will trigger an email. Once you receive this email (which will be in German), click on the *first link* to **verify your email address** as shown below:

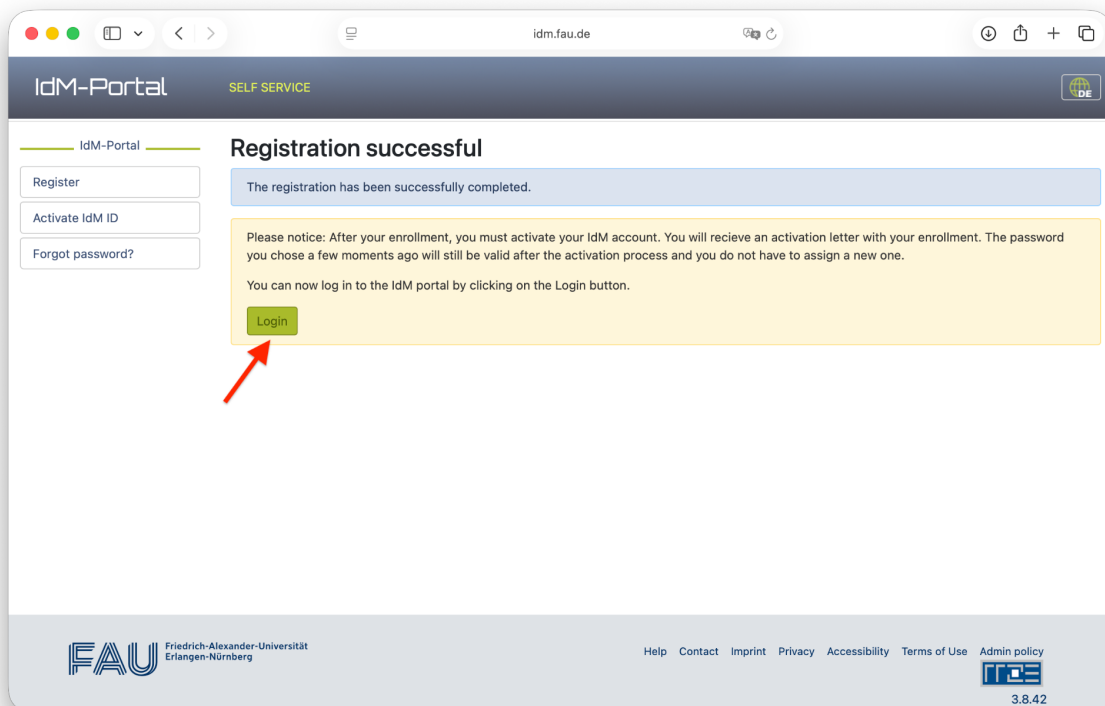


5. This will bring you to the idM-Portal where you will confirm your registration with your new username.

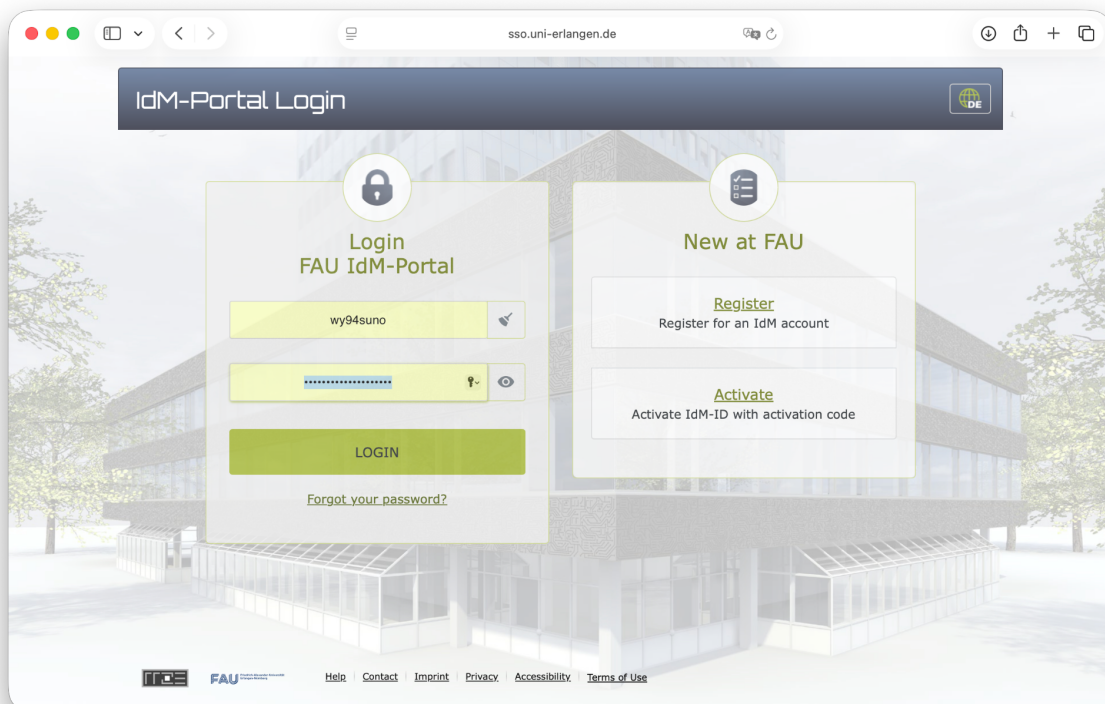


6. On the next page, click Start and scroll down to check the box (to confirm you accept the Terms of Use).
7. On the next page, you will have the opportunity to set a recovery email address. This step is optional. You can click 'skip' to move on.

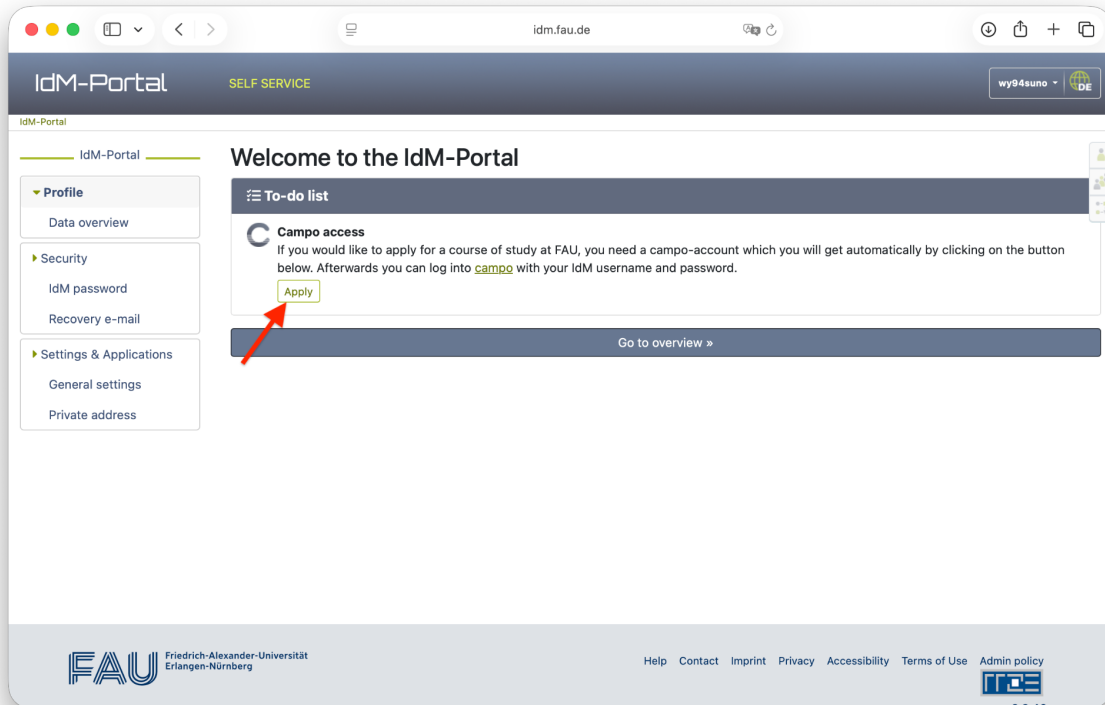
8. Next, you will then need to set up a password. Once you have set a password, you should see a message to say your registration has been successful:



9. It's time to login to your new IdM account! On this new page, enter your username and password and click login:



10. Once logged in, you will see an option to apply to gain Campo access. Click **Apply** and on the next page, under campo (study application) click **Request**. A pop-up box will ask you to confirm your request. Activation will take a few minutes. You can **refresh** the page to check if activation has completed.



11. Once activation is complete you will see a message telling you that you can log in. Click on the link to **campo.fau.de** and login with your IdM username and password. (The language can be switched to English by clicking on the flag icon in the top right corner, as you did in step 1.)

Before continuing to **Part B**, please check that you have the required documents to hand. If necessary, log out and continue the application when all documents have been acquired. Translations of certain documents are necessary if they are not already in English, German or French - these are marked with an asterisk below. For further details, please [see here](#).

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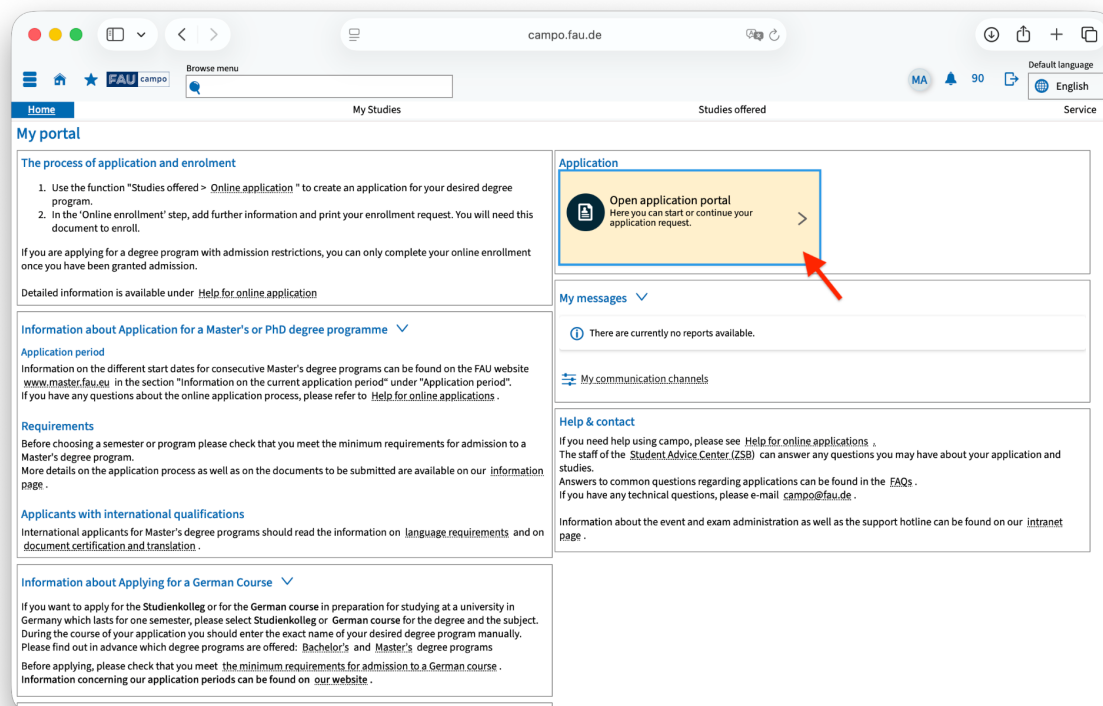
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Part B: Submitting an application on Campo

This part will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete.

You can now open an application portal to begin your application for the masters programme. Note Campo will timeout after 30 minutes of inactivity.

1. While logged into Campo, click on **Open application portal**.



2. On the next page you should see 'Semester: Winter semester 2026/27' at the top. Click **Add request**.

The screenshot shows the FAU campo application portal. The browser address bar displays 'campo.fau.de'. The page header includes navigation links like 'Home', 'My Studies', and 'Studies offered'. The main content area is titled 'My applications' and shows the semester 'Winter semester 2026/27'. It states 'There are no documents in your inbox yet.' and 'Requests currently being prepared'. A red arrow points to a green 'Add request' button. The right sidebar contains 'Personal information' (Applicant number: 822301), contact details for Anning, Mary, and links for 'Edit personal agreements' and 'Print control sheet'. The bottom section is 'Help and contact'.

3. Next, you will need to enter these details (also shown in the image below):

- **Desired degree:** Master
- **Subject:** Earth System Dynamics and Evolution

The following will be filled out automatically:

- **Degree programme:** M.Sc. Earth System Dynamics and Evolution (PO 20262)
- **Subject semester:** 1. Subject semester

Once entered, scroll down and click **Continue**.

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The next steps involve you entering information on your qualifications, previous degrees, and other information.

4. **University entrance qualification** (i.e. school leaving certificate) – this is normally issued by your secondary or high school. Using the drop-down menus, provide details of your university entrance qualification. Click on the 'info' buttons for additional guidance. When you're done, click

Note for international applicants:

- Applicants for Master's degree programs please choose "General university entrance qualification earned outside Germany".
- Applicants with foreign qualifications should enter 4.5 here.

The screenshot shows the 'Data of my entrance qualification' section of the FAU application portal. The form is titled 'Data of my entrance qualification' and includes a 'Help' icon. The instructions state: 'Please provide details of your university entrance qualification here. Your foreign high school diploma or school-leaving certificate that entitles you to enroll in a study program at a university in Germany. In Germany it is e.g. the *Abitur*. International applicants with university entrance qualifications earned outside Germany must enter the value 4.5 in the "University entrance qualification grade" field.'

The form fields are as follows:

- * Acquired in: Abroad (dropdown menu)
- * Country: United Kingdom (dropdown menu)
- * Type of university entrance qualification: General university entrance qualification earned outside Germany (dropdown menu)
- * University entrance qualification grade: 4.5 (text input field with an info icon)
- Please enter the grade of entrance qualification. This must be between 1 and 4.5. A maximum of 1 decimal places is allowed.
- Applicants with foreign qualifications should enter 4.5 here.
- * Date on which university entrance qualification was acquired: 06/30/2016 (calendar icon)

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'To overview' and 'Continue'.

The right sidebar contains the following information:

- Personal information**
 - Applicant number: 822301
 - Name: Anning, Mary
 - Address: 28 Broad St, DT7 3QE Lyme Regis
 - Edit personal agreements
 - Print control sheet
- Help and contact**
 - Information for students in all degree programs for working professionals. For questions regarding enrollment, please contact zuv-ww@fau.de, Students Records Office at studierendenverwaltung-ww@fau.de or your respective program coordinator.
 - Information on online enrollment for degree programs without admission restrictions on the FAU website.
 - The staff at the Student Advice Center (ZSB) can answer any questions you may have about enrollment and studying. If you have any technical questions, please contact campo@fau.de.
 - Information for all international applicants with international qualifications: If you must submit your application form with all required documents before the application deadline (no otherwise information on the application form), please ensure that these documents are complete (see checklist attached to the application). This applies to degree programs both with and without admission restrictions. To Studienkolleg applicants and to

5. Once complete, click **Continue** to save your data and move on. The next page will show you a summary of the data you've just entered. Click **Continue** again to proceed.

Steps 6- 7 apply to international students only.

6. For students applying from outside the EU, the next section will ask whether you agree to pay the [application fee](#) of €100. You should select 'Understood' from the drop down menu. Click **Continue** to proceed.
7. On the next page, you will be asked to check whether your entrance qualification is acceptable in Germany. Two links are provided to help you with this check: one to [Anabin](#) (website in German) and another to [DAAD](#) (website in English). Further instructions for using Anabin can be found [here](#). Then, using the drop-down menus, you must **confirm** that you have read and understood this information. Click **Continue** to proceed.
8. The next page asks whether you have applied for the same degree program during a previous year or semester. If this is your first application simply select **No** from the dropdown menu and click **Continue** to proceed.
9. Next, upload your school leaving certificate. If this is not already in English, French, or German, please also upload a translated version.
10. **University degree.** Enter the details about your previous degree(s) (e.g. Bachelors degree).

You will have to provide information about your university's grading system. You can find an online conversation tool [here](#).

At the end of the page you will also be asked to upload the following files:

- **Transcripts** of your results
- **Final academic record**, if you have already completed your degree and received your certificate
- Official **translations** (if required)
- A document clarifying the **grading scale** used by your university

If you have completed a degree but have not yet received your certificate you will be asked to upload **confirmation from the university** that your degree has been completed and of the final grade.

Note if you don't upload the necessary documents at the end of this page, it will ask you again for these documents on subsequent pages.

Note to German students: if you first entered a country that is *not Germany* and then correct it to *Germany*, the system might tell you that a document clarifying the **grading scale** used by your university is required. If this happens, to avoid further warnings, you should simply upload the grading scale used by your university.

11. If you attended a university outside Germany, on the next page you will be asked to enter your **University ID**, which you can find via [this link](#). Copy and paste the number into the box and click **Continue**.

12. If you selected 'degree completed, but certificate is not yet available', you will be asked to upload **confirmation from the university** that degree has been completed and of the final grade. Alternatively, if you selected 'not yet complete', you will be asked to upload additional files, if available (e.g. confirmation that your thesis has been submitted).

13. If you have more than one degree, you can add it on the next page ('Add Additional academic stages'). Click **Continue** to proceed.

14. Right of examination. The next page will ask you if you have already studied a comparable degree programme at a university in Germany. If so, and you performed poorly in assessments, you may not be permitted to continue your studies in this field. If this does not apply to you (as in the case of the majority of applicants), please choose **No** from the drop-down menu (as shown below). Click **Continue**.

- 15. German language skills.** The Masters programme is fully taught in English and does not require any knowledge of the German language. Unless you have certificates of your German language proficiency that you wish to upload here, select **No Language skills** next to level achieved and **None** next to certificates. Click **Continue**.
- 16. Proof of proficiency in English.** As the language of the Masters program is English, unless you are exempt, it is necessary to provide certificates of English proficiency. Further information is available [here](#). Exemptions include being a native English speaker and completing a previous degree through English. In the case where you have completed a degree through English, please follow [this letter template](#) and upload your version in place of the language certificate. Choose the relevant qualifications from the menus provided. Click **Continue**.
- 17. Professional experience.** Professional experience is not necessary for the Masters program. However, if you think that you would like to share relevant information with us, you can upload it on this page. Otherwise, click **Continue**.
- 18. Additional information.** Here you should upload the following documents, all in English:
- **CV** outlining your qualifications and experience (max. 2 pages).
 - **Motivation letter** outlining why you are interested in studying the Earth System Dynamics and Evolution Masters programme at FAU and how it fits into your future career aspirations (max. 700 words).
 - Details of **prior programming and/or data analysis experience**. This can include a list of relevant courses and skills gained in those courses, or examples of project related work (max. 300 words).
- 19. Further questions.** Next you will be asked whether you have ever say any university entrance exams. You can simply select **No** from each menu and click **Continue**.
- 20. Other information.** The next page provides an opportunity to add any relevant information that you have not had an opportunity to mention in the previous sections. You will also be asked to indicate how you learned about the degree program.
- 21. Study at FAU in the past.** If you have previously been a student at FAU, please indicate this and if necessary provide your matriculation number on the next page. If not, select **No** from the drop-down menu and click **Continue**.

22. Study start newsletter. Next, please choose whether you would like to receive information for freshmen at FAU by email, and in which language you would prefer. Click **Continue**.

23. Submission. Please now review your application and ensure all details are correct. Tick the box at the bottom of the page to confirm the information is correct, then click **Submit application**. You will soon receive a confirmation email.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `campo.fau.de`. The page has a navigation bar with links for Home, My Studies, Studies offered, and Service. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Previous studies at FAU in the past?** A form with a dropdown menu set to "No".
- Study start newsletter** A section with a "Help" icon. It contains text about receiving information and a form to select a language (English is selected).
- Confirm details and submit application** A section with a disclaimer about the application process and a checkbox that is checked. Below the checkbox are three buttons: "To overview", "Back", and "Submit application".

At the bottom of the page, there is a yellow box containing the following text: "General deadline for submitting this application: until Jul 15, 2026. Important: For undergraduate degree programs (Bachelors degree, State Examination) the stated deadline applies only to German applicants. See [deadlines for undergraduate programs for international applicants](#)."

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We look forward to reviewing your application! We will contact you soon about the status of your application and details about the interview process, if applicable.

If you have any queries, please contact us via email (es-master@fau.de).