



PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES - 2005

A warm welcome..... to all of you to this New Year with the Open University, whether you started your course in October / November or will be doing so in February. We hope this programme will be of use to you, both to stimulate your interest now and as a reference document in the future.

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Useful Web Addresses

Hamburg University and the OU, information about OU Events	http://www.aww.uni-hamburg.de/ou/
Local Open University events	http://www3.open.ac.uk/near-you/
Background education info from the British Council	http://www.britishcouncil.de/e/education/
Carl Duisberg Centren – English courses, IELTS tests, and locations of Cologne and Munich study centre	http://www.cdc.de
OUSA is the Open University Student Association	http://www2.open.ac.uk/ousa

Country Co-ordinator / Local Representative



HAMBURG- Marion Bruhn-Suhr

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“I am your local contact point if you run into administrative difficulties or if you need advice. The best time to reach me by phone is between 10.30 to 12.30 and 14.00 and 15.00 Wednesday to Friday, but you can always leave me a message on the answering machine or send an email to ou@aww.uni-hamburg.de.”



COLOGNE- Bettina Schwerdtfeger

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“Hello, I’m the Co-ordinator for the OU for Berlin, NRW, Hessen, Rheinland-Pfalz, Thüringen and Sachsen. I am here to advise you on any questions you may have which are not directly course-related. Any problems with course materials delivery, say? Or do you want to discuss anything concerning your future course(s)? Or get in touch with the Open University Student Association branch in your area? Call me! You can normally reach me by phone on Mon and Wed, 10.00 – 12.00 hrs, and on Tues, Wed and Thurs, 14.00 – 17.00 hrs, or you can leave a message on my answering machine or send an email.”



MUNICH- Matthew Hawkes

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“Hello, I am Matthew Hawkes, your local OU contact if you are in Bavaria or Baden-Württemberg (near Munich or Stuttgart). I moved during 2004, so check that you have my latest contact details (see above). 2005 will be my 10th year as OU Co-ordinator for South Germany. In that short time, much has changed in the way the OU uses technology to help support students studying at a distance. You have access to all kinds of information on the OU website about courses, preparation, learning skills and current news. However, I still feel that being able to contact someone directly with a question is important – even if the need never arises, it’s good to know you could.”

If you are attached to the centre in Berlin and would like to discuss any aspect of your study with someone “local”, you might like to contact Bob, whom you will also meet at student meetings held in Berlin.



BERLIN- Bob Hatton

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(you can also leave a message
during daytime)
e-mail: robert@hatton.de

“Hello to all of Berlin’s October 2004 and February 2005 students. I am your Berlin location adviser and an associate lecturer with the OU. Looking forward to seeing you at the Beginning of Year meeting in the Centre Francais when we will be discussing tips and advice on how you can make distance learning work well for you. I am available: evenings 17:00 – 19:00 should you need to talk directly to someone local.”

NEWS ROUNDUP

What is new in 2005?

For the second year running, The **Open University** was rated 5 out of approximately 90 UK universities for the quality of teaching in a national table published by the Sunday Times in mid-September 2004.

The **Open University Business School** has been granted accreditation by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) - an achievement that puts the School in an elite group worldwide to be accredited by all three premier management education associations.

Only nine of the 100-plus business schools in the UK are accredited by the three leading organisations in the UK, Europe and the US. OUBS is also the first exclusively distance learning school to be awarded the AACSB International accreditation, which follows a comprehensive peer review of the School and its programmes and activities. It already holds EQUIS accreditation granted by the European Foundation for Management Development (efmd), and its MBA programme has been accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA) since 1986.

The Open University in Germany

**** E-Newsletter ****

In order to keep enquirers and interested people up-to-date, the Germany team (Co-ordinators Bettina, Matthew and Marion) issued the first four e-newsletters. We will update subscribers about events, study opportunities, new developments and other interesting issues regarding the OU in Germany. If you are interested or want friends to receive information go onto Hamburg University's homepage <http://www.aww.uni-hamburg.de/ou> and subscribe the newsletter by providing your email-address.

British Day in Hamburg –

same procedure as last year, and the year before,...and yet always a new exciting event!

This year, we - OU students, friends, family - covered quite some ground for our picnic along with the big open air concert.

Should you feel that it might be fun to be involved, and therefore be willing and able to help for the next event on 27 and 28 August 2005, 11 – 18 hrs, please get in touch.

Preparing for the British Day picnic after a hard day's work at the stand



Preparing for traditional "The last night of the proms" concert on the Hamburg Polo ground.



Yes, we are offering higher education!



Recognition of OU Psychology degrees

Especially those of you who are aiming at training courses for becoming a therapist will be pleased to hear that there is now a group trying to achieve official documentation about recognition and entry requirements for the courses and training offered by the official associations and societies. Let's keep fingers crossed that Hilary from Newcastle and Barbara, an OU graduate, will succeed very soon.

OUSA NEWS

A very warm welcome from the Open University Students Association (OUSA). All students registered with the Open University (OU) are automatically members of OUSA (unless they choose to opt out), and there are no membership fees! The main function of the Association is to represent the views of its students to the University. OUSA has representatives on all OU committees, both nationally and regionally. Whenever the University wants to know what students think (and often when it does not), it is to OUSA that it turns. At the local level (branches), active members of OUSA meet for business and social events from once a month to four times a year. You choose your branch (via the catchment area) when you register for an OU course or change your address. Below you can see the contact details of the branches in Germany. Now the only thing for me that is left to say is: Good luck with your studies and see you soon.

Your current OUSA Executive Committee Member (ECM) for Northern Europe **Tina Ruttkowski**

Come and Join us in FirstClass:

FirstClass (FC) is the Open University's Computer Conferencing System. All branches have their own conference in FirstClass. To access it, write a simple message to "ousa controller", subject: "OUSA <insert your branch name> branch access". State your full name, OU personal identifier and your FC logon ID in the main body of the message.

Frankfurt Branch

The chair of the branch is:
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Hamburg Branch

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Munich Branch

The Munich area has no official OUSA branch as yet. If you are interested in becoming involved let us know:
Brigitte Spatz
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Berlin Branch

The Berlin branch welcomes you. If you would like to join our group, please contact the Regional Forum representative:
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Neuss Branch

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ECM Northern Europe

Your OUSA Executive Committee Member (ECM) for Northern Europe is Tina Ruttkowski
(See Hamburg branch for contact details)

STUDENT MEETINGS

BEGINNING OF YEAR MEETINGS:

Invitations to these sessions will be sent in good time, with the full programmes.

NEUSS , Study Centre	15.01.2005	11 – 17 hrs	Including: how does OU study work – “story-telling” session
HAMBURG , Study Centre	22.01.2005	10 – 17 hrs	
STUTT GART Hotel Kronen, Kronenstrasse 48	29.01.2005	11 – 16.30 hrs	Including: how to succeed in your studies with the OU
BERLIN Centre Francais, Müllerstrasse 74 (Wedding)	26.01.2005	19 – 21 hrs	
MUNICH , Forum am Deutschen Museum	29.01.2005	13.30 -17.30 hrs	
OBERURSEL , Frankfurt International School, An der Waldlust 15	29.01.2005	11 – 17 hrs	Including: time management session and First Class workshop

LEARNING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT / MID-YEAR REVIEW / COURSE CHOICE MEETINGS

We try to arrange tutorials, where appropriate, to coincide with these workshops to make the travel worth your while.

LEARNING SKILLS SESSIONS:

NOTE-TAKING and REPORT-WRITING

Munich, Forum am Deutschen Museum	26.02.2005	10.30 – 12.30 hrs
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ESSAY WRITING SKILLS

Munich, Forum am Deutschen Museum	12.03.2005	10.30 – 12.30 hrs
Cologne, CDC, Hansaring 49 - 51	02.04.2005	14.00 – 16.00 hrs
Oberursel, Frankfurt International School	23.04.2005	11.00 – 14.00 hrs
Hamburg Study Centre	30.04.2005	11.00 – 13.00 hrs

REVISION and EXAM PREPARATION

Frankfurt, Philipp-Jakob-Spener-Haus, Dominikanergasse 5	03.09.2005	14.30 – 16.00 hrs
Hamburg Study Centre	10.09.2005	15.00 – 17.00 hrs

COURSE CHOICE MEETINGS - MID-YEAR REVIEW:

Some of these meetings happen at the same dates as Open Events, and they are planned to be social events as well as study sessions. We hope to see as many of you as possible to meet each other, Associate Lecturers, your Co-ordinator / Location Adviser, and enquirers to whom you could give information on OU study from a student perspective.

BERLIN

Centre Francais, Müllerstrasse 74 (Wedding)	24.05.2005	19.00 – 20.30 hrs Open Event 20.30 – 22.00 hrs Mid-Year Review
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Oberursel, Frankfurt International School	21.05.2005	11.00 – 13.00 hrs Open Event 14.00 – 16.00 hrs Mid-Year Review
Philipp-Jakob-Spener-Haus, Dominikanergasse 5	03.09.2005	11.00 – 13.00 hrs Open Event 13.00 – 14.30 hrs Course Choice 16.00 – 17.00 hrs Beginning of Course meeting for October course starts

HAMBURG

Study Centre	10.09.2005	11.00 – 15.00 hrs Course Choice
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MUNICH

Forum am Deutschen Museum	12.06.2005	14.00 – 16.00 hrs Mid-Year Review
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NEUSS

Neuss, Study Centre	18.06.2005	11.00 – 13.00 hrs Open Event 14.00 – 16.00 hrs Mid- Year Review
Cologne, CDC Hansaring 49- 51	17.09.2005	11.00 – 13.00 hrs Open Event 13.30 – 15.00 hrs Course Choice 15.00 – 16.30 hrs Beginning of Course meeting for October course starts

Country Link Form

Please return by **18 February 2005**

To: Your Country Link Co-ordinator in Germany:

Marion Bruhn-Suhr: Hamburg
Bettina Schwerdtfeger: Berlin, Neuss, and Frankfurt
Matthew Hawkes: Stuttgart, Munich

I agree to the release of the following information for circulation to other Open University students in my country of residence.

First Name: Last Name: Title:

Personal Identifier: Current Course:

Previous courses studied:

Address:

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Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Preferred E-Mail address or Identifier:

(This information will only be used for the purposes of circulating personal details among Open University students, tutorial and counselling staff and Co-ordinators / Local Representatives in Germany)

Signature:

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