





To the election newspaper

In your hands you are holding the election newspaper for this year's university elections from 16 - 18 May 2022!

In the newspaper you will find all relevant information about the Student Parliament (StuPa), which will be newly elected in May. There is also an overview of university policy and all relevant committees!

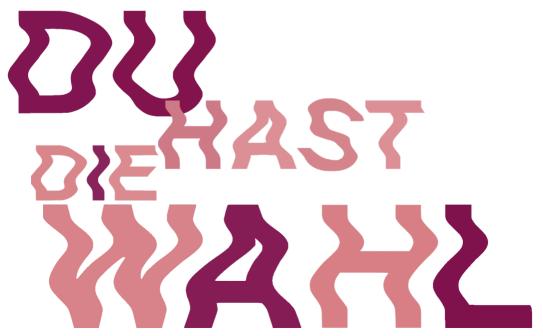
Feel free to flip through the paper and find out which list you want to vote for to sit in the new (17th) StuPa.





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[You have the choice!]

Higher education politics

- what does that actually mean?

Your studies and life on campus are largely influenced by the policies of the state of Lower Saxony, but also by national and European policies. However, universities also have a certain autonomy (academic self-administration).

As the student body itself, we are also our own autonomous sub-corporation (student self-administration).

This means that important decisions can also be made directly on campus. The procedure is often similar to "big" politics, because there are also legislative and executive bodies. Committees are groups that are set up according to a constitution and can make official decisions.

Well-known student bodies are the **Student Parliament (StuPa)**, **the General Student Committee (AStA)**, the **representatives of the subject groups (Fachschaften)** and the **student councils (FGVen)**.

The central tasks of self-administration are laid down in the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG). The work of the student body consists of representing students in social, cultural and (university) political matters. It is also responsible for political education. In order to carry out these tasks, the executive bodies must be democratically legitimised by all members of the student body, i.e. by YOU. This happens through a direct or indirect election. In addition, a contribution is also raised from all students. This finances the work of the Fachgruppenvertretungen (FGVen), the AStA, student initiatives, university sports and the StuPa.

Through your enrolment you are automatically a member of the Lüneburg student body and therefore entitled to vote in all student elections.

The student parliament - who or what is behind it?

The Student Parliament (StuPa) is the highest decision-making body of the student body. Essentially, the StuPa's work consists of distributing and administering the student budget, co-determining the (university) political course of the student body and adopting regulations, statutes and guidelines. The budget is distributed to various student bodies, subject groups, etc.

For example, EliStu, university sports and the DSi are supported.

The StuPa also regularly takes a stand on political conditions and events that are relevant to the university. The StuPa is elected every year: Individual students or lists can stand for election. These lists behave a bit like parties. They usually have a programme and when you vote for one person on the list, you vote for the whole list. The **17 seats** are distributed on the basis of the total votes.

Photo of the 16th Student* Parliament



What is elected?

This year's university election is an election for student representation. To be more precise, this time the 17. New Student Parliament is elected!

From 16 - 18 May 2022, all students at the University of Lüneburg will elect a new StuPa - short for Student Parliament.

This year, 5 lists are running. These lists behave a bit like parties. They usually have a programme and when you vote for one person in the list, you vote for the whole list. The 17 seats are distributed on the basis of the total votes.

Why are we voting again?

Wasn't the last election just now? That is absolutely right!

The last (16th) student parliament was only elected for a 6-month term, as the Corona pandemic had postponed the legislature.

Therefore, elections will now take place again in the summer semester - the new StuPa will then be in office again for a whole year!

Why should you vote?

- 1. Every vote counts! With your vote you strengthen the democratic structures at our university!
- 2. As a student, you have the chance to have a direct influence on university policy and thus on your everyday life at university!
- 3. Election is also a privilege not every university values student influence!
- 4. By voting, you exercise your basic democratic right.
- 5. Committees like the StuPa and the Senate are indispensable for a functioning university even if you are not directly involved in committees, you can support the representatives with your vote!
- **6.** With the elections, we students also always draw a picture of the mood on campus.
- 7. It's about your money! Our student body has a budget of around € 370,000 per year the StuPa, which you elect, decides on this!
- 8. The composition of the StuPa has a direct impact on your everyday life at the university e.g. regarding the semester ticket or the semester fee.

...Last but not least: If you vote, you can automatically take part in the lottery by the Wahlausschuss (committee for elections) - there are many big and small prizes to be won!



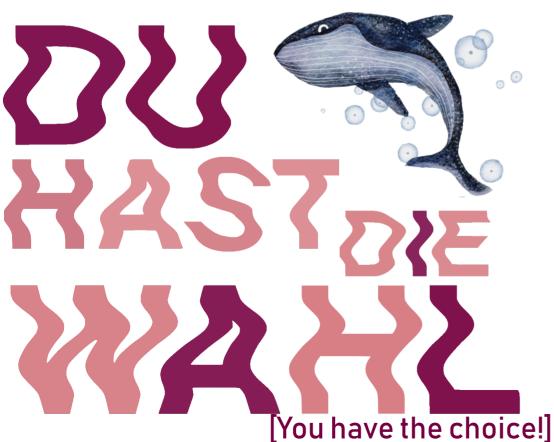
Where and when can you vote?

The election will be held from 16.05. - 18.05. May 2022 at the back of the Mensa.

The polling station will be open on the following days at the following times:

Monday, 16.05.2022, 10 am – 4 pm Tuesday, 17.05.2022, 10 am – 4 pm Wednesday, 18.05.2022, 10 am – 2 pm

Students must be able to identify themselves for voting at the polling station by means of a valid student ID and a valid photo ID.



Who can you vote for?

Information on the StuPa candidates

This year, we sent the StuPa lists questions in advance, giving them the chance to present their positions. As a result, on the following pages you will find information about the individual lists that are running for the Student Parliament in this election. This year, we have decided to first give a short overview of the individual lists

Therefore, you will find a short introduction on the first pages. On these pages you will also find the dates for the election days and information about the internet presence of the individual lists as well as a group picture and the logo.

Under the heading "Questions to the lists" you will find, as in previous years, the answers of all the lists to the questions we posed, allowing you to compare the individual positions and find out which StuPa list best reflects your personal views.

Info: The information, answers and pictures printed here have been taken over unchanged in the German version of the election newspaper. The order of the lists printed here was drawn at random and does not represent any preference of one list over another.

ATTENTION: The answers were translated afterwards with a translation programme. No guarantee for change in grammar or expressions due to the translation process is given.



Campus Grün

- For a better climate at our university!



Three matters at our heart:

Sustainability, Intersectional Feminism, Free Studying

Campaign stalls:

Friday, 13 May 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday, 16 May – Wednesday, 18 May (during election days) from 11:30 am – 3 pm

For more information:

Facebook: @campusgruen Instagram: @campus.gruen_lg Website Federal Association: www.campusgrün.de



Group picture campus.grün

Die vom Fach

- From the subject, for everyone!



Three matters at our heart:

I. A campus for the future II. Promotion of student engagement III. Internationalisation & Integration

Campaign stalls:

16.05. & 17.05. 10:00 pm – 4:30 pm 18.05. 10:00 am – 12:30 pm Either at the Mensa or at the ZG!

For more information: Instagram: @dievomfach.lg



Group picture Die vom Fach

Juso Hochschulgruppe Lüneburg

- Study as you like, we'll take care of the rest!



Three matters at our heart:

Participation, justice and solidarity. We are in solidarity with our fellow students and stand up against discrimination and for participation.

Campaign stalls:

16. - 18. May in front of building 9

For more information: https://www.instagram.com/jusohsg_lg/



Group picture Juso HSG Lüneburg

Die Linke SDS Lüneburg

- Tackle education problems at their neoliberal roots!



Three matters at our heart:

Social justice and climate justice for alli

Reduce tuition costs & enable participation for all!

World politics to the left of SPD and the Greens in the StuPa

Campaign stalls:

In the run-up to the StuPa election, you can print bags and fabrics on campus! You can find more detailed information on our channels.

For more information:

Instagram: dielinke.sds.lueneburg Facebook: DieLinke.SDS Lueneburg



Group pictureo Die Linke SDS Lüneburg

RCDS

- Pragmatically ahead - The new student centre



Three matters at our heart:

- International Support
- Hybrid teaching
- Freedom of language

The RCDS list, unfortunately, did not answer the questions about election campaign stands and an internet presence.



Group picture RCDS

Second photo campus.grün.



Second photo Juso Hochschulgruppe Lüneburg.





Second photo Die Linke SDS Lüneburg.



Second photo RCDS.

Info: Unfortunately, the list "Die vom Fach" did not provide a second photo

Questions for the StuPa lists

What specific things do you want to change at the university? What are you campaigning for?

Answers::

Students at our university all have their own individual backgrounds, which also accompany them in their everyday university life. That is why our concerns are:

Remove as many barriers as possible to successful study

Enable a non-discriminatory and anti-racist learning environment to promote the concept of awareness at our university.

Create diverse and openly accessible retreat opportunities

In terms of sustainability, there is still a great need for improvement, among other things:

a vegan canteen
the consistent separation of waste in the buildings
a sustainable approach to the finances of the student body
no sale of Coca-Cola products in the refectory
more protected bicycle parking spaces

Campus Green is also committed to:
a minor "Studium Individuale" for all
the integration of the "VHS" offer in MyStudy
unlimited additional CPs

- Campus Grün

Our aim is to identify problems and challenges of the entire student body through the unification of different subject groups and subject bodies. We strive for a service-oriented university policy that represents student interests to the university and the public and benefits campus life.

Due to the internationalisation of many degree programmes, we currently consider it particularly important to give international students the opportunity to actively participate in university politics and to remove existing barriers to this. Another project that close to our hearts is the publication of a digital publication booklet. The aim of this is to publish theses that have already been submitted online in the form of an anthology in order to enable students to exchange information and to provide assistance in writing their own theses.

We are also committed to promoting student initiatives and student projects.

With us, you will always find someone who will stand up for you and your interests. In concrete terms, we want to improve the situation of the "Studentenwerk", for example.

For you, this means: Finally, evening meals again, cheap living in the student housing and the expansion of the psychological counselling centre.

We are also campaigning for a reduction in semester fees and more rights to have a say. We want to be a strong voice for the students in all areas. We are well networked and want to make the student body even more visible, on campus and in the city - for you!

- Juso Hochschulgruppe Lüneburg

We advocate for the funding of the university so that it is not dependent on third-party funding from companies, but can guarantee independent and socially critical teaching. We advocate genuine democratic co-determination for students. This would mean that students have more than just 15% of the seats in the senate. We demand the recognition of the dgti supplementary identity card, which offers a low-threshold possibility for trans* and non-binary people to have their name and status recognised in the university context. We stand for peace politics at the university, e.g. in the form of the civil clause. We want to expand the support structures for students with their own or family's experience of long-term unemployment. Furthermore, we advocate for an expansion and price reduction of the vegan and vegetarian offer in the Mensa. Overall, we want the university to offer spaces for exchange, networking and political activities, which we can shape collectively. Further ideas are always welcome!

- Die Linke SDS Lüneburg

Many international students complain about the lack of choice in English modules or language courses. The seminars and lectures planned in English must also be consistently taught in this form. Internationals often complain that the language of instruction changes during the course. We find this unacceptable. In addition, many internationals are often confronted with the hurdles of German bureaucracy. BAföG and other concerns can often be very gruelling. Although the AStA already offers a competent contact point for this, an expansion of the mentoring programme would undoubtedly be beneficial.

We advocate that lectures in particular without substantial exchange between participants continue to be recorded in order to make them available to students independently of time and space.

We stand up for the freedom to decide for oneself whether to gender or which form of gendering to use. We firmly reject any compulsory gendering imposed by the university, as well as subtle and informal pressure from fellow students and lecturers.

What do you think are the biggest challenges at our university?

• the permanent implementation of free trials also after Corona.

- Juso HSG Lüneburg

Answers:

The university should not take democracy for granted. It is essential to significantly increase voter turnout in student and academic elections.

In addition, a broader engagement of the student body is needed to have a strong voice! For a sustainable university and at the same time the commitment to global peace, a quick divestment of university funds is inevitable.

If university finances support fossil fuels, this also fuels authoritarian systems!

Teaching is at the heart of the university. A sensible way must be found with regard to internationalisation so that no one is excluded. German and English courses should be offered equally.

This context also includes the simplification of admission and the creation of a tolerant learning environment.

-Campus Grün

We see a problem in the fact that up to now there has been a lack of knowledge that there is a funding pot for student projects. We want to inform you about this and encourage you to become creative in order to realise your idea of living and learning together. Together with you, we want to turn previously unused resources into results. We are looking forward to your ideas!

- Die vom Fach

The university gets away with too much: Millions spent on fossil fuels and weapons, tens of thousands of euros in donations from the car industry and appeasing "we're talking about it" statements. There is no social or ecological way, both have to be thought together and won together with radical demands! In the university context, this also means giving a voice to civil disobedience and political movements that tilt to the left! On the one hand, we are not afraid to educate the student body in weekly inputs about socialist ideas and struggles, on the other hand, we also like to invite people to the current affairs hour in the StuPa who unplannedly paint the central building in order to give radical activism a voice! We mustn't become too well-behaved, because that's not the way to get a say. With us, you get 68er fighting spirit and a list that dares to talk about socialism instead of just having it in its name!

- Die Linke SDS Lüneburg

In many degree programmes, the range of courses is limited, although this could be expanded through more cooperation between the faculties, as recently shown in a Master's programme. Accordingly, we advocate for more cooperation between the faculties in order to increase the range of courses.

In some seminars, subtle political messages are conveyed that make it difficult to critically examine the topic from different political directions. Particularly often, a left-wing mindset is represented, which makes it difficult to accept middle-class positions.

One issue that many students who have previously studied at other universities have brought to our attention is that some of the lectures are taught in a scientifically inaccurate manner. We would also like to address this issue in order to further improve the quality of teaching.

- RCDS

The biggest challenges we want to address are:

- the return to presence teaching without leaving behind useful digital tools (and students).
- a massive reduction in semester fees to ease the burden on students,
- · stronger support for initiatives and student councils,
- the creation of a completely non-discriminatory campus and

Why are university politics and the StuPa important to you?

Answers:

For us, the StuPa and university politics in general means full commitment to the social, political and cultural interests of the student body. Through university political commitment, great changes can be made on campus!

What should our semester contribution be used for? The StuPa decides directly on the student contribution!

We also see ourselves as a political student body that influences social issues and represents a voice for students in public debate.

We want to live democracy at our university - this also includes a lively university politics!

- Campus Grün

As the highest decision-making body of the student body, the StuPa plays an active role in shaping campus life, but also bears responsibility for the representation of the student body. As the StuPa, we want to become more visible to you, be transparent and involve you in our decisions. We want you to not only feel that we are your voice, but also that we are your voice.

- Die vom Fach

We are open and democratic! Everyone who is committed to the values of freedom, justice and solidarity can join us! We bring our values into university politics at different levels. Be it in academic or student self-administration! We want to make the university a truly democratic place and use our structures and our people power to move it forward. You are also welcome to join us at any time! Because here you will find motivated people who want to realise their visions of a solidary, just, democratic and free university! If you want to read more about us, take a look here: @jusohsgn on Instagram!

-Juso HSG Lüneburg

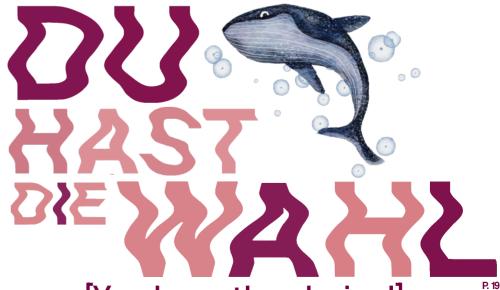
The work is important to us because anti-capitalist perspectives are needed in all areas of society. Our last motion (on the initiative of the SDS, in cooperation with campus.grün and Jusos) dealt with a survey for students who have had experience with HartzIV - this puts a system that was introduced by the Greens and SPD under the microscope by party-affiliated university lists. These and many other critical ideas need representation in the StuPa!

- Die Linke SDS Lüneburg

The university forms the basis for our future. It not only educates us academically, but also gives us a free space in which we can develop and grow personally. In order for all students to feel comfortable in this space, we would like to work constantly for a broad centre here and stand up for their interests in a non-ideological and much more pragmatic way.

To date, the turnout for the StuPa elections has unfortunately been very low. One reason for not voting, which has been brought to our attention by many, is that up to now there has been no possibility to vote for a political list from the middle. We would like to close this gap in (university) politics and representation and hope that this will also help to increase voter turnout.

- RCDS



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How do you imagine the work in the StuPa?

Answers:

We want to work constructively, with each other and across lists. It is always important for us to seek discourse and to work together to change something. This is then expressed, for example, in jointly developed motions in the StuPa.

- Campus Grün

We want a student parliament that is characterised by openness and respect. However, our focus is primarily on the feasibility of the motions. We don't want to stop discussions or exclude topics, but rather take a practical approach and ask what is feasible from a realistic perspective. We are looking forward to a good and successful cooperation with all the other lists in the StuPa.

- Die vom Fach

We work democratically and collectively. At our Juso HSG meetings, we discuss the various points with an open mind and want to shape the university in a sustainable and stable leftwing way! To achieve this, we are involved with many people at all levels, want to remain an active part of the StuPa and always be approachable for all the students' concerns. Furthermore, we want to involve you more in the work of the StuPa and ensure more transparency.

-Juso HSG Lüneburg

In the StuPa, we offer a left-critical perspective on the work of the university and other lists, as well as motions for more social justice and environmental and climate protection. However, we do not see our work in the StuPa as just writing motions, but also include other activities on campus. For example, we take concrete action on issues that affect students. In the StuPa and on campus, we deal with Hartz IV and pressure to perform, plan lectures on feminism, anti-racism and other social struggles. In this way, we want to offer space for exchange and at the same time create low-threshold offers for political education.

- Die Linke SDS Lüneburg

In the StuPa, we would like to accompany the work of the AStA and the other student initiatives constantly. Nevertheless, we will have a critical eye when it comes to the budget and political topics that have no obvious connection to the university. As far as content is concerned, we want to shine through our motions and will try to work as closely as possible with the other lists in order to get the best for all of us. With the substantive motions, we want to address and implement the issues raised in our election programme.

- RCDS



Your vision of the University of Lüneburg 2025: How do you imagine the perfect university in three years?

Answers:

The university is a space that reflects on racism and discrimination, where people with different life realities can study freely and happily.

Refugees are enrolled as students without any financial and bureaucratic hurdles or disadvantages, according to the principle #UniWithoutBorders.

The university sees itself as political and educational justice in general is also ensured. Free learning in any form also takes place in open spaces.

The student body is involved in various initiatives and bodies of the university. Individual personality development is at the forefront of studies.

Pressure to perform is a foreign word, because students are free to put together their own study content and less bureaucracy further reduces their workload.

- Campus Grün

The past few years have shown us more clearly than ever how much can change in three years. By 2025, we would like to bring back with you what the study programme is all about (a good mix of living and learning together) and take it up a notch (even more joint events, student projects on the agenda, more exchange and more interdisciplinary interaction).

Together, let's create a campus of opportunities where we can take on challenges, develop visions and grow them into reality!

- Die vom Fach

We want to be part of a university where everyone can develop freely and not be (structurally) discriminated against on the basis of any characteristics! Our student body should critically question its own university and have a say in all issues. To achieve this, we need to strengthen the structures and ensure that students can actively participate. Specifically, we want to achieve by 2025:

- Permanent possibility of digital participation in courses
- Weather-protected outdoor workplaces
- Gender equitable spending of student funds
- Sustainable investment of university funds
- Student Member of the Presidium
- a wide range of food trucks on campus

The university as a discrimination-free place where people can research, learn and teach regardless of their gender, origin, sexuality, age, health and prior academic experience. We want no fossil fuel investments, no restrictions due to standard study periods and more student representation in the senate.

The university must remain a place for political debate and progressive social criticism. This is only possible if the enormous pressure to perform is reduced. Studying in a standard period of study means being fully occupied, which leaves little time for political engagement, friendships, helping to shape teaching and deeper engagement with the content of the course. All this does not have to be the case.

- Die Linke SDS Lüneburg

True to the motto "everything can, nothing has to", our vision for the University of Lüneburg is one in which the focus is once again more on academic achievement, coupled with a wide range of courses in different languages and especially more German courses, so that we become a university that is truly inclusive for all students and in which there is no fragmentation of the student body. For an inclusive university, it is necessary to represent the whole of society. Thus, we as RCDS strive to close the political representation gap in Leuphana's higher education politics landscape. Students from the political centre must also be heard and must by no means be scorned and discredited as "right-wing" by the left. What is needed is a lively and factual debate that unites all democratic voices.

At Leuphana, interdisciplinary and scientifically precise cooperation takes place in order to develop solutions for the problems of our time.

Healthy and balanced nutrition plays a major role for us. We are committed to ensuring that in future there will not only be a vegetarian but also a vegan meal on offer every day, which should not be priced higher than a meal with meat. However, it is not the Mensa's task to decide on the eating habits of the students. We therefore reject a general ban on meat or cola.

- RCDS

Can't decide who to vote for? Then try out the Wahlbot!

Simply scan the QR code or visit the Univativ website::



www.univativ-magazin.de/wahlbot-2022/

Overview over committees

Student Parliament (StuPa)

-Management of the stud. Budget, Statutes and Regularities -Political work in committees and with statements

Council of FGVen

Student Councils (FGVen)

- -Representation of students of a major, e.g. towards the university.
 -co-determination of the study programme
- -Organisation of various event

Student Commissions (StuKos)

-Allocation of the teaching offer -Staffed to the half with students

Board of trustees (Stiftungsrat)

-officially the highest body of the university

General Student Committee (AStA)

- -Political representation of the student body to externals
- -Counselling and services for all students
- -political, cultural and social work in societies, where everyone can participate

Senate

- -political representation of the university towards the outside
- -Decision on overarching regulations
- -appointment of professors and election of the Presidium

Presidium

-Management of the affairs of the university and representation to the outside

Faculty councils (FKR) -Decision of the Major a Minor Teaching Program -Consultation on internal for

-Decision of the Major and Minor Teaching Programmes -Consultation on internal faculty issues and objectives -Election of the Deanery

Deanery

-Management of the affairs of the faculties

Your vote counts!

The Politikreferat

The political society supported the election newspaper again this year. As a department, we deal with general and university policy issues, so we work on a large and small scale both inside and outside the university.

What do we do?

Sustainability and justice can only be thought of together and can only have an impact across the whole spectrum from the local to the global. That is why we try to work as diversely as possible. We deal with local issues of the university and the city, but also with all kinds of other issues – including the big questions of our time!

Our task as a society of the AStA is first and foremost to promote political education on campus. We want to promote exchange between students and encourage discussion. To do this, we bring topics that interest us to the fore. We want to contribute to a more sustainable and just society of tomorrow and see ourselves as representatives of the student body, as part of the AStAs and as an incubator for ideas - from political education to empowerment to transformative action.

We are always happy to welcome new members and interested parties, whether for long-term commitment or for one-off project-oriented cooperation. You can find our regular meetings on the AStA website.

Would you like to become part of the political society? Then come to our meeting or send us an email to: politik@asta-lueneburg.de.

You can find more information about the society at:

asta-lueneburg.de/mitmachen/politik/ Instagram: Politikreferat Facebook: facebook.de/peng.astalg





More information on university politics, the StuPa and AStA and the latest election news can be found at:



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Impressum

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The AStA accepts no liability for the content of the material provided by the lists



