Student participation | Committee overview

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Committee or body	What it is about	Term of office	How to take part
University-wide committees			
Senate	Here you contribute to fundamental issues, central regulations and the development of the university.	Students: 1 year; other elected members: 4 years.	You run in the university election and are elected by the students.
Central Study Advisory Board	Here you bring the student perspective into university-wide questions on studies and teaching.	Students: 1 year; other members: 4 years.	If you want to get involved, contact the student members of the Senate. The Senate appoints the members.
Standing Committee for Teaching, Studies and Study Reform (SK1)	Here you help evaluate degree programs and further develop quality standards for studies and teaching.	Students: 1 year; nominated professors and academic staff: 3 years; ex officio members: for the duration of their office.	If you are interested, contact the Student Parliament. It nominates two student members.
Central Quality Improvement Commission	Here you deliberate on improvements to teaching and study conditions and on central quality improvement funds.	Students: 1 year; other members: 2 years.	Contact your student council (Fachschaftsrat). The student members are nominated via the student councils.
Committees in the faculties			
Faculty Council	Here you help decide important matters of your faculty and take part in electing the Dean's Office.	Students: 1 year; other elected members: 2 years.	You run in the faculty election and are elected by the students of your faculty.
Faculty Study Advisory Board	Here you advise on studies and teaching, in particular on the development of degree programs and examination regulations.	Students: 1 year; other members: 2 years; ends at the latest with the term of office of the Faculty Council.	Contact your student council. It usually proposes student members; the Faculty Council elects them.
Faculty Quality Improvement Commission	Here you deliberate on improvements to teaching and study conditions and on decentral quality improvement funds.	Students: 1 year; other members: 2 years; ends at the latest with the term of office of the Faculty Council.	Contact your student council. The exact procedure is set out in the faculty regulations.
Examination Board	Here you help shape general questions on examination regulations and examination procedures. For individual case decisions, statutory limits on participation apply.	Students: 1 year; members employed full-time at the university: 2 years.	If you want to get involved, contact your Fachschaft or faculty. The Faculty Council elects the members.
Student self-government			
Student Parliament (StuPa)	Here you decide on the budget, the statutes and fundamental matters of the student body.	1 year; new election at the earliest after 11 and at the latest after 13 months.	You run on an electoral list and are elected by the enrolled students.
General Students' Committee (AStA)	Here you represent student interests, implement the resolutions of the StuPa and shape advice and support services.	Until re-election or renewed confirmation; usually about 1 year following the annual StuPa election.	If you want to get involved, contact the AStA or the StuPa. The StuPa elects the executive board and the finance officer and confirms the officers (Referent*innen).
Conference of Student Council Representatives (FSVK)	Here you coordinate with other Fachschaften and work on topics that affect several of them.	No independent fixed term; the voting representation is tied to membership in the student council, usually 1 year.	First get involved in your student council. Each student council elects one voting member from among its members.
Student Council (Fachschaftsrat, FSR)	Here you represent the students of your Fachschaft and help shape everyday student life in your department.	Usually 1 year.	You run in the student council election and are elected by the students of your Fachschaft. Voluntary participation may also be possible.
Hardship Committee	Here you decide on applications for a refund of the mobility fee on social grounds.	Until re-election after the next StuPa election; usually about 1 year.	If you want to get involved, contact the StuPa or the AStA. The StuPa elects the members.
Working Group Civil Clause (Zivilklausel)	Here you work on peaceful, sustainable and public-interest-oriented science and on putting the Zivilklausel (civil clause) into practice.	No fixed term; participation is possible project by project.	Contact the AStA or the Department for Politics and Networking (Referat für Politik und Vernetzung).

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