



## Distributed Campus Online Coaching for International Students

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# Freie Universität Berlin International

## Freie Universität Berlin student numbers (2007)

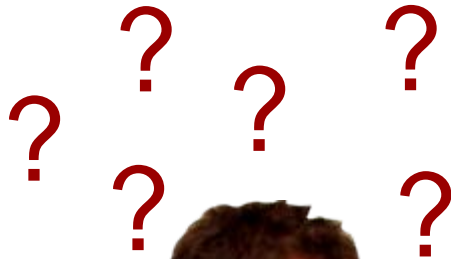
- 33.800 students
- 5.400 (16 %) international students

## From the following countries (amongst others):

- Poland (700)
- Russia (350)
- China (250)
- France (240)
- USA (220)
- ...
- Colombia (41)



# Motivation



internship      German      seminars  
Berlin      medical support      bank  
friendships      host university      passport  
credits      registration  
academic work  
German culture  
insurance  
everyday life

# Online coaching

Before studies - online





# Online coaching

## Beginning of studies – online



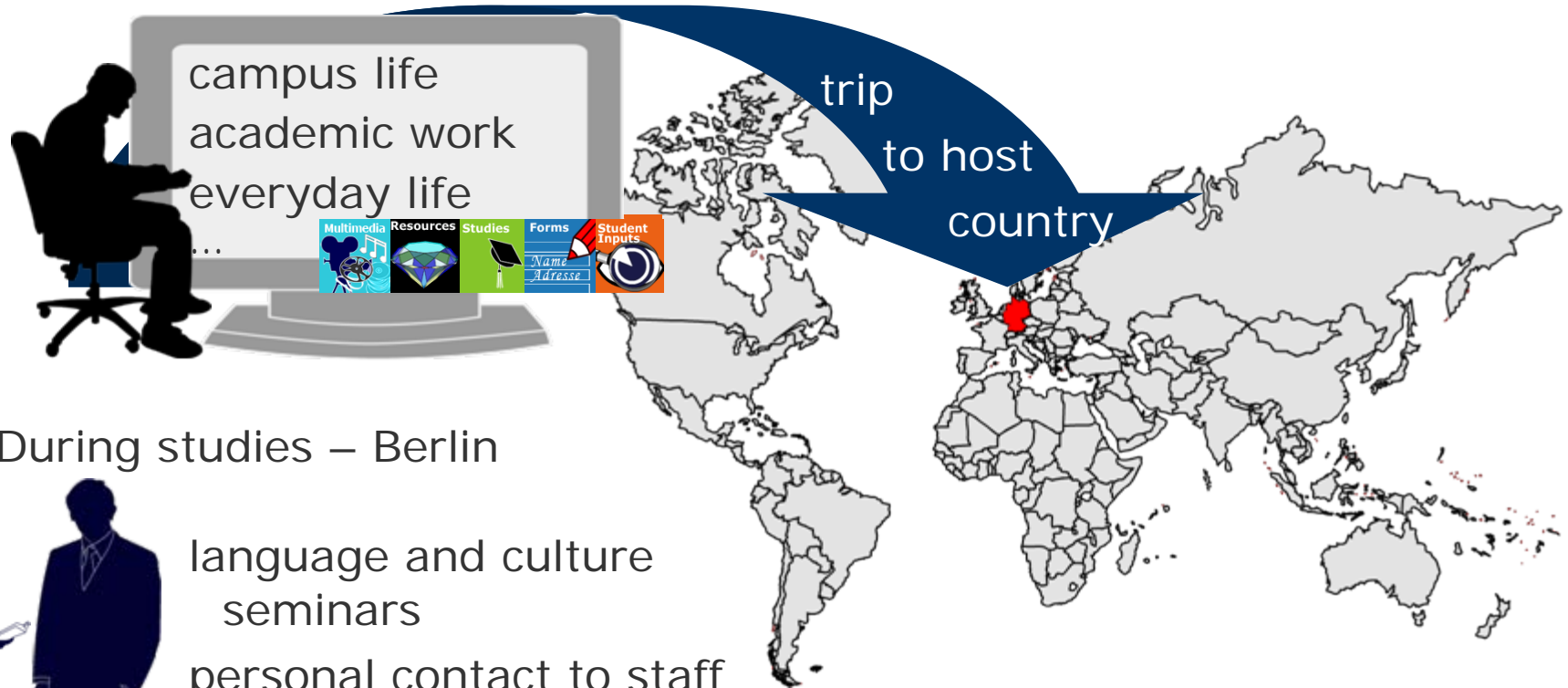
## Beginning of studies – Berlin



orientation days  
personal contact to staff  
on site

# Online coaching

## During studies – online



## During studies – Berlin



- language and culture seminars
- personal contact to staff on site
- contact to other students of the group

# Distributed Campus in Use

## Law

- Masterprogram LL.M.
- Themis-Program Joint Certificate in International and Business Law

## Political Sciences

- Journalists International

## Veterinary Medicine

- Joint Master-Program Veterinary Public Health

## Geological Sciences

- International Research Master in Metropolitan Studies (in evaluation)

## International Office

- Direct exchange
- ERASMUS / Sokrates

## Direct student exchange programs

- Duke in Berlin Program, Duke Summer School
- Berlin Consortium for German Studies

## Further programs

- European Journalists Fellowships
- FU-BEST
- Stanford University in Berlin
- Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies

# Development Distributed Campus

## Phase 1



2003 – 2005 (FU)

DC in use with US  
American partner  
institutions and programs

undergraduates

## Phase 2



2005 (DAAD)

DC in use with Eastern  
European partner  
institutions

undergraduates  
post-graduates  
further education programs

## Phase 3



2006 – 2007 (DAAD)

DC in use for all international  
students at the Freie  
Universität Berlin

undergraduates, graduates,  
incl. international master  
programs



## Experience: Students

### Use at the Freie Universität Berlin & partners

- better pre-departure preparation and ongoing support on site
- more communication possibilities to other students and staff
- up-to-date materials
- authentic, multimedia materials
- one central, reliable platform

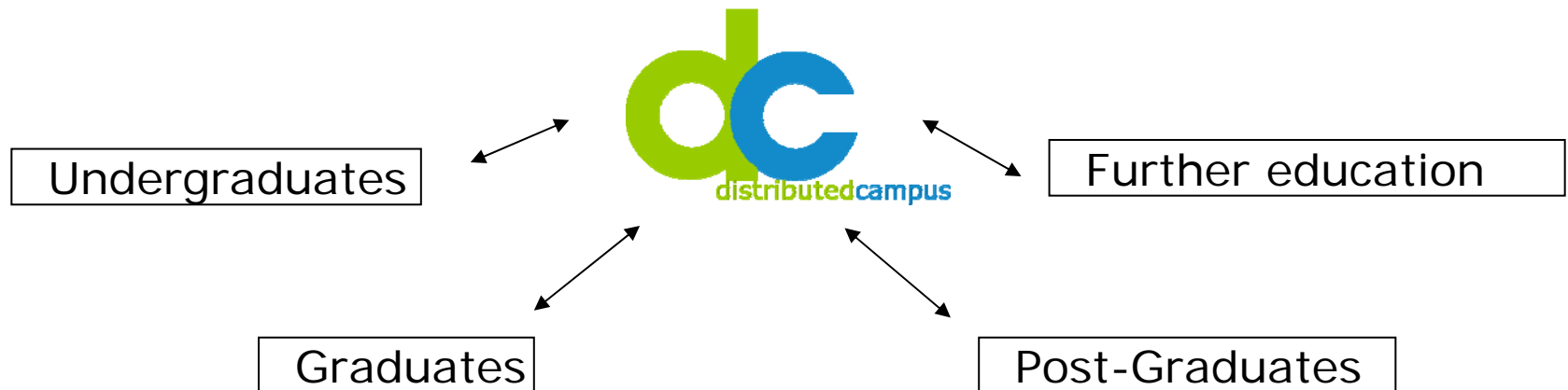


Greater students' satisfaction!

## Experience: Staff

### Use at the Freie Universität Berlin & partners

- easy decentralized content updating
- group specific content
- higher flexibility (time / place)
- central content for the whole university



Greater satisfaction of staff!

# Development Open DC



2007 - 2008 (DAAD)  
Open Source product  
for use  
in German higher education

**Aim:** Integration of Distributed Campus into individual university structure

*Potsdam University and Jena University*



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