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Welcome to the West Coast University of Applied Sciences



Exchange Guide



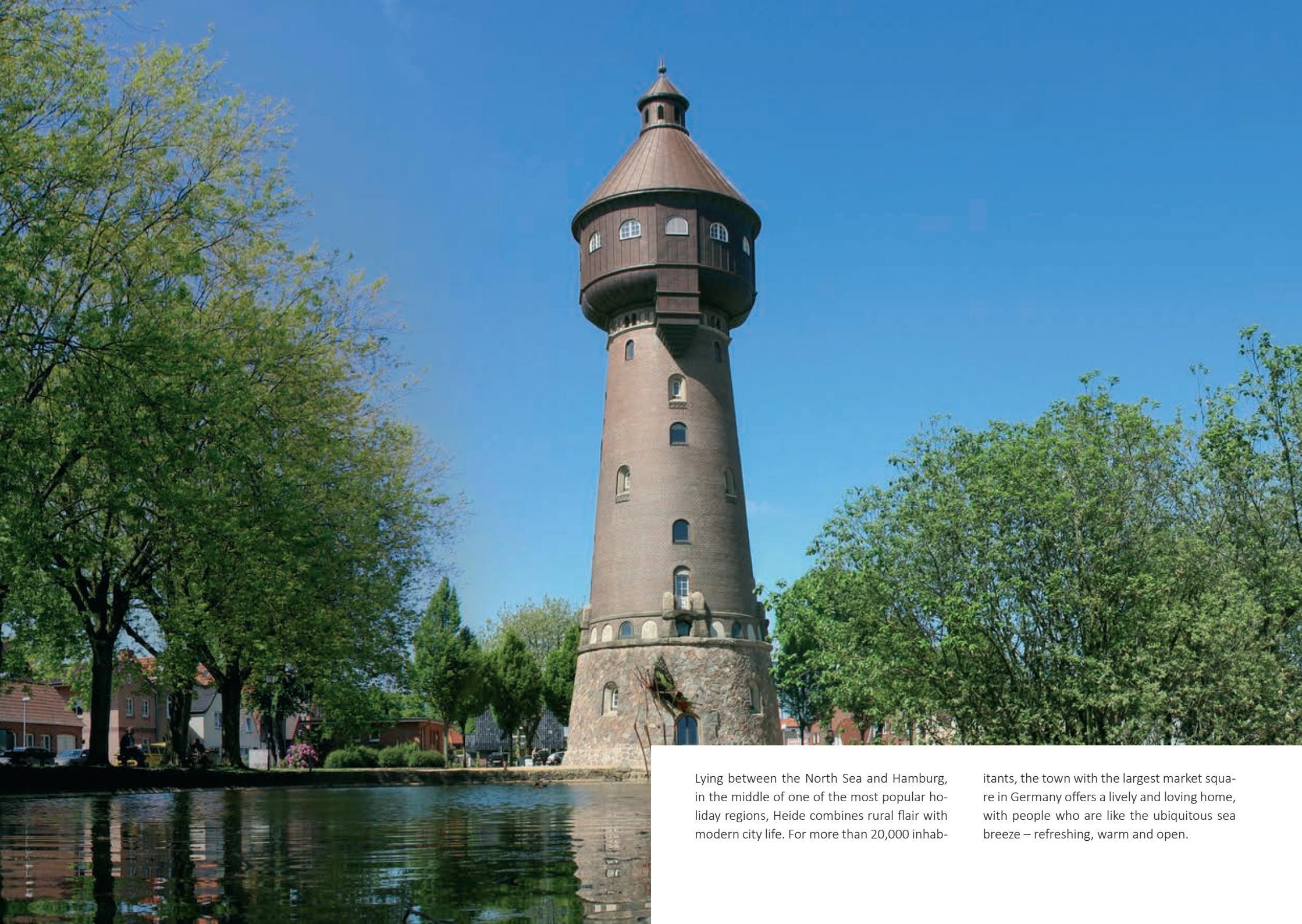
***Moin* and welcome to the West Coast University of Applied Sciences**

A short distance from Hamburg, beautifully situated between the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, lies Heide, the home of the West Coast University of Applied Sciences.

Our university is young, modern and places a lot of value on its personal, family-oriented atmosphere. Our students don't just come from all over Germany, but rather from all over the world. Our doors are always open.

If you would like to find out more about our university and staying in Northern Germany, we would like to invite you to browse further. Have fun and hope to see you soon.

International students quickly feel at ease on our modern, compact campus with the library, its bright rooms and good technical equipment. Our university is characterised by small learning groups which ensures that individual questions are also taken into consideration.



Lying between the North Sea and Hamburg, in the middle of one of the most popular holiday regions, Heide combines rural flair with modern city life. For more than 20,000 inhab-

itants, the town with the largest market square in Germany offers a lively and loving home, with people who are like the ubiquitous sea breeze – refreshing, warm and open.



Campus Life

At the West Coast University of Applied Sciences, we place great importance on personal and family coexistence. This includes our international students. We take care of them competently and individually right from the beginning. Their first contact partner is the team of the International Office, which offers a welcome meeting directly after the student's arrival and also helps answer all questions that may arise concerning their stay and university life.

Additionally, many of our students are involved with the Student Union (AStA) and help our international students feel at home. They are at their side during their first steps in Heide, help with administrative procedures and plan joint activities with their fellow students from all over the world. International students can take part in musical, cultural and sporting events as well as excursions and get-togethers during the semester. This way, exchange students can get to know other students as well as the country and the people.

The first days of the winter semester are another special highlight for all new students: Representatives of the university and the student tutors from the later semesters introduce the new students to everything that is important at the West Coast University of Applied Sciences. Student rallies are a traditional part of the program. They lead all over the campus and further into the city and are great fun for everyone involved.

During the semester, there is a personal contact partner for every course of study who can provide advice and take action in all academic matters.

In case of personal problems like homesickness or grief, the International Office and the Studentenwerk are of course always willing to listen and lend a helping hand.



For the breaks, we have a great canteen (Mensa), that offers different menu choices (made from local ingredients) every day and that has reduced prices for students. The can-

teen also offers a cafeteria area for snacks, coffee specialties, tea and cold drinks. And the student dormitories are only a few steps away from the university.

Facts about the West Coast University of Applied Sciences as a partner university



ERASMUS+ Code	D HEIDE01
Contact information for the International Office	Fachhochschule Westküste International Office Fritz-Thiedemann-Ring 20 D-25746 Heide Tel.: 0049-481-8 555 -171/-172/-173 Fax: 0049-481- 8 555 101 E-Mail: international@fh-westkueste.de
Faculties	Faculty of Business Studies and Faculty of Technology
Study cycles	Bachelor's and Master's
Lecture languages	German and English
Language requirements for exchange students	German: B2 (for lectures in German) English : B2 (for lectures in English)
German courses for exchange students	A two week orientation course before the beginning of lectures, a German course for exchange students during the semester. Attendance is compulsory for exchange students who do not have German as their first language
English language modules for exchange students	Our website for exchange students contains helpful information and the course list with subjects taught in English for exchange students. bit.ly/fhw-exchange

German language modules for exchange students	As long as exchange students have sufficient knowledge of German, they can also choose from the regular modules. They can be combined with English taught modules. The course catalogue for the German taught modules can be found at bit.ly/fhw-courses .
Nomination and application deadlines	The nomination and application deadline for the winter semester: 15th July for the summer semester: 15th January
Semester periods	Winter semester: 1st September to 28th February Summer semester: 1st March to 31st August
Cost of living	735 – 1,000 Euro (depending on your individual spending habits and your choice of residence)
Special features	Accessible campus, no study fees, low semester contribution of approx. 75 Euro per semester

All you need to know
about the FH Westküste



Grade and Credit Point System

The West Coast University of Applied Sciences uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). 30 ECTS credits correspond to one semester in full-time study mode. The grades from certificates and the academic transcript are depicted below in the local and in the

ECTS grading systems. The maximum grade that can be achieved is 1.0 in the local grading system, which would equate to an 'A' in the ECTS grading scale. The minimum grade required to pass an examination is 4.0, which would equate to an 'E'.

Local Scale	ECTS Scale	
1.0	A	Maximum passing grade
1.3	A	
1.7	B	
2.0	B	
2.3	C	
2.7	C	
3.0	C	
3.3	D	
3.7	E	
4.0	E	Minimum passing grade
Below 4.0	F	Fail

Courses of Study at the West Coast University of Applied Sciences

BACHELOR - FACULTY OF BUSINESS STUDIES

- ▶ International Tourism Management
- ▶ Business Psychology
- ▶ Economics and Law
- ▶ Business Administration
- ▶ Business Administration Trial Model
- ▶ Real Estate Business Studies

BACHELOR - FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ Electronics/Information Technology
- ▶ Management and Technology
- ▶ Green Building Systems

MASTER - FACULTY OF BUSINESS STUDIES

- ▶ International Tourism Management
Conducted in English:
Start in the summer semester
Conducted in German:
Start in the winter semester
- ▶ Business Psychology
- ▶ Economics, Media and Psychology
(Online-course, work accompanying)
- ▶ Green Energy
(associated with both faculties)

MASTER - FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ Automation Technology
- ▶ Microelectronic Systems
- ▶ Green Energy
(associated with both faculties)
- ▶ Industrial Engineering - Digital Business Administration





Living in and around Heide

The most popular accommodation during studies is a room in the student dormitory. The modern and attractive residential complex is located right next to the campus. Many rooms are furnished, the internet connection is included in the rent and exchange students are able to get in touch with their fellow students quickly. The residents usually share the kitchen and the bathroom, but for sleeping or studying they are able to close the door to their room. For a room in the student dormitories, please apply directly via the online portal of the Studentenwerk of Schleswig-Holstein at bit.ly/fhw-dorm.

In addition to the dormitories, there are also private flatshare possibilities in Heide or the surrounding area. Some students also live alone. However, most apartments in Germany are rented completely unfurnished. We therefore recommend the dormitory option to our incoming students. The International Office is always happy to provide further information about locations and to give tips for finding suitable student accommodation.

Please don't come to Heide before having organized a place to stay. It is almost impossible to find a room in one day.

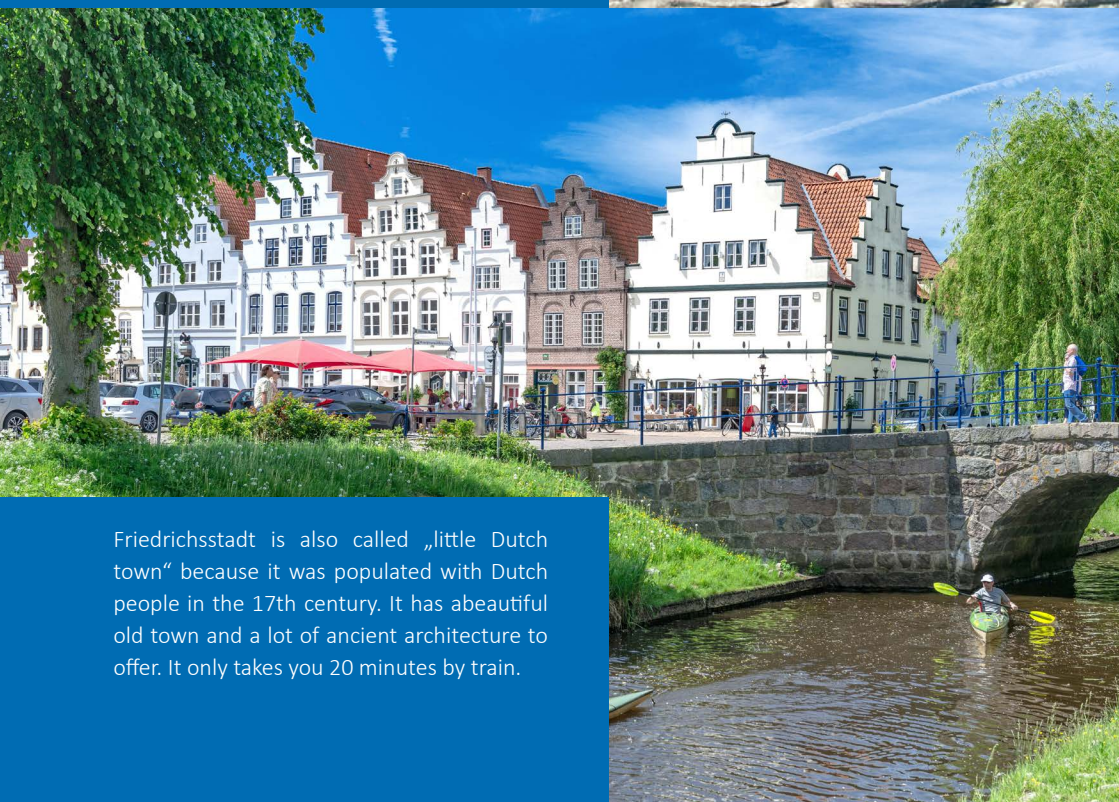
Please make sure to inform the International Office about the exact date and time you will arrive in Heide three days before your arrival at the latest so that we can plan a welcome meeting and get help for your first steps. Please also inform your landlord or facility manager about your date of arrival.



Did you know?

Public Transport is very well developed in Germany. Thus, you can easily reach the small towns of Friedrichsstadt and Husum or the beautiful beach of St. Peter Ording in no time!

The beach of St. Peter Ording is 12 kilometres long! Whether you're looking for a place for swimming and relaxing, for long walks or for all kinds of beach activities and surfing - the town is always worth a visit.



Friedrichsstadt is also called „little Dutch town“ because it was populated with Dutch people in the 17th century. It has a beautiful old town and a lot of ancient architecture to offer. It only takes you 20 minutes by train.



The town of Husum is very famous for its Krabbenbrötchen - a bread roll with a topping of the tiny shrimps that are traditionally fished in the North Sea. You can buy them directly from the fishing boats.

#day trip

#weekend trip



The North Sea shore is just out the front door. Meet your lovely neighbors who protect the banks and who are characteristic for Dithmarschen, the region that Heide is capital of.

The metropolis of Hamburg is only a one hour ride away. As one of Germany's largest and most popular cities, it has a lot of history and culture and a great nightlife to offer.



The Baltic Sea shore is not far away and offers beautiful beaches, great nature and old Hanse cities like Lübeck and Rostock. The island of Fehmarn is a popular spot for surfers and kiteboarders.

Schleswig-Holsteins capital Kiel is only 80 km away. The city is host of the Kieler Woche (Kiel Week), one of the biggest fairs in northern Europe and a world known sailing event.



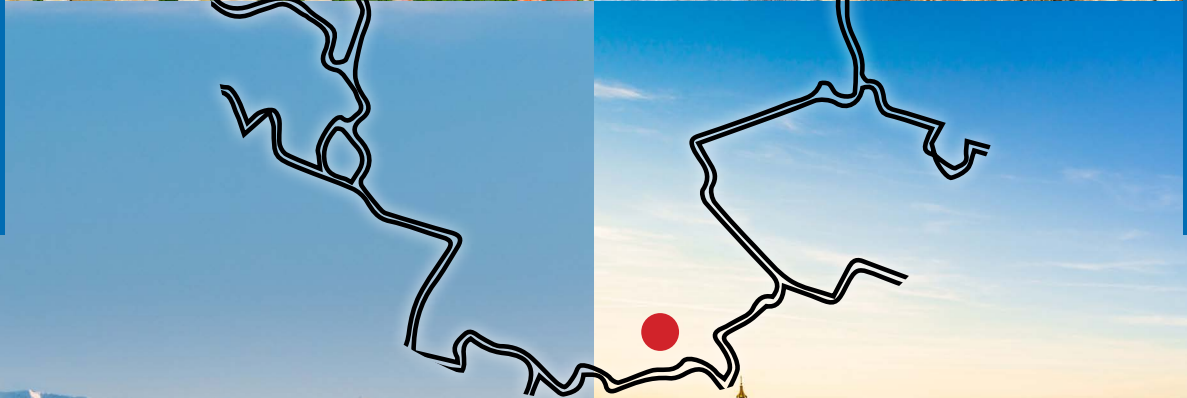


In the West, Germany shares a border with the Netherlands with Amsterdam as a capital. The city is known for the many canals that were used for transport once and attract tourists now. You can reach it within eight hours.



Copenhagen is the Capital of Denmark, Germany's northern neighbor. It is a beautiful city with many historical relations to Schleswig-Holstein. It can be reached within a five-hour train ride directly from Hamburg.

Munich is Germany's southernmost metropolis. You can decide between a visit to its beautiful old town or a hiking trip to the nearby Alps. Munich is host of the world-known „Oktoberfest“.



Berlin, Germany's capital and largest city, can be reached within four hours. Its inhabitants are known to be very open-minded and welcoming to everyone.



#holiday trip

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How do I become an exchange student at the West Coast University of Applied Sciences?

Your way to become an exchange student with us is very easy:

In the first step, the ERASMUS+ Office or International Office at your home institution nominates you to the West Coast University of Applied Sciences. You should inform yourself about the application procedure at your university as early as possible.

After having received your nomination, we will send you the link to our application portal and guide you through the next steps at our institution.

Those steps include you giving us detailed information on your stay dates, degree programme and qualification as well as us providing you with everything you need to know about your semester in Heide.

Once you have completed the application as the final step, you will receive a letter of admission and further information on your enrolment from us.

We're happy to welcome you to the West Coast University of Applied Sciences!



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