

# Studying in Germany

## Studying at the University of Bonn

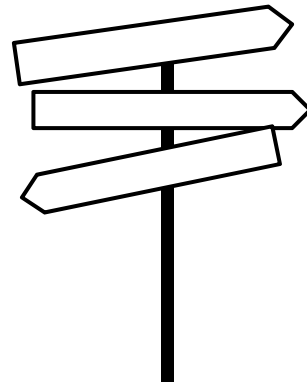


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Welcome Days at the University of Bonn

# WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

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1. 'STUDY CULTURE'
2. ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES
3. COUNSELING & SERVICE



# 'STUDY CULTURE'



## Interactive education system

- Active learning attitude expected
- High level of autonomy & self-reliant studying expected



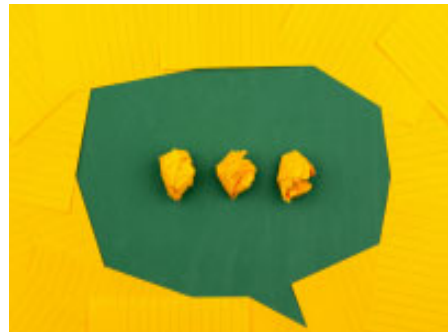
## Time management

- Daily / weekly workload not controlled by anyone
- Time management = one key factor for studying successfully



## Attendance & active participation

- No *universal* compulsory attendance
- Attendance regulations announced in online course catalogue  
“BASIS” → [basis.uni-bonn.de](https://basis.uni-bonn.de)



## Attendance & active participation

- 'Qualification goal' of a class often believed to be hardly achievable without regular attendance & active participation!
- Aim: **Development of key skills**
  - essential skills for future job
  - requires a high level of (inter)activity





## Research skills

- Critical selection, analysis & presentation of information
- Assessment of trustworthiness & relevance of sources (Internet sources in particular)
- Importance of transdisciplinarity

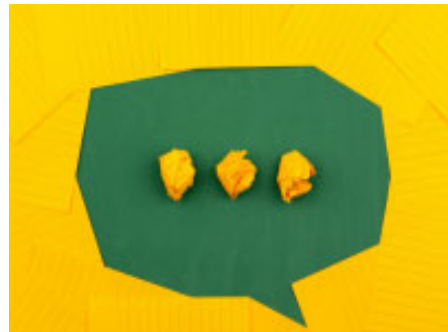




## Getting in touch with teachers/ instructors

- Via consultation hours
- Urgent questions can usually be asked after (or during) class

Check out departmental website(s) for contact information!



# ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES



**“Vorlesung”/ “Plenum” | Lecture**

**“Seminar” | Seminar**

**“Übung”/ “Tutorium” | Tutorial**



# ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES | “S.T.”/ “C.T.”

10 s.t. = 10 am

10 c.t. = 10:15 am

**s.t.** (“sine tempore”) = without time = **at the stated time**

**c.t.** (“cum tempore”) = with time = **15 minutes later**

*Akademisches Viertel* = “academic quarter of an hour”

→ Check course announcements in  
BASIS (online course catalogue)!



## German grading scale

- 1,0 – 1,5 = “sehr gut”
- 1,6 – 2,5 = “gut”
- 2,6 – 3,5 = “befriedigend”
- 3,6 – 4,0 = “ausreichend”
- 5,0 = “nicht ausreichend”  
→ failed

## Get to know your degree program (structure, possible focus areas, ...)

- Study schedules (“Studien(verlaufs)pläne“)
- Module guides
- Examination/study regulations

→ via website of your degree program on  
[uni-bonn.de/studienangebot](https://uni-bonn.de/studienangebot) (EN)



# ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES – SUBJECT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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**Get to know your subject-specific study advisor(s)  
(Fachstudienberatungen) &  
departmental student council(s) (Fachschaften)!**

**+++Highly  
recommended+++**

## → **Subject-specific information**

- Registration procedure at your examination authority and registration procedure for courses
- Class schedule via online course catalogue BASIS
- Your subject-specific advisor(s) and departmental council(s) may inform you on potential orientation events!

→ [uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung](https://uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung)

→ [uni-bonn.de/fachschaften](https://uni-bonn.de/fachschaften)



## Uni-ID =

- **your personal Uni Bonn *account***
- **your personal Uni Bonn *email address***
  - [Uni-ID@uni-bonn.de](mailto:Uni-ID@uni-bonn.de)
  - To be used as soon as your Uni-ID has been activated: [mail.uni-bonn.de](mailto:mail.uni-bonn.de)

→ **Access to all central digital services:**  
BASIS, eCampus, Sciebo cloud, ...  
[hrz.uni-bonn.de/en/all-services](https://hrz.uni-bonn.de/en/all-services)

Presentation “Digital Services at the University”:  
Today at 2pm  
[uni-bonn.de/welcome-days](https://uni-bonn.de/welcome-days)

The HRZ IT help desk  
is happy to help you!

+49 (0)228 73 2751  
[info-hrz@uni-bonn.de](mailto:info-hrz@uni-bonn.de)

HRZ YouTube Channel  
and Insta account

# ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES – UNI BONN APP → DIGITAL STUDENT ID

DOWNLOAD THE UNI BONN APP NOW

## The University of Bonn App—Your Handy Everyday Companion

The University of Bonn app combines your student ID, staff ID and canteen menus in a single, user-friendly application. We are constantly working to improve it and welcome your opinion, so please don't hesitate to give us feedback and be part of the development phase. Download the app now and make your day-to-day life at the University easier, more digital and more sustainable with just a few clicks.

### Student ID

The University of Bonn app is your gateway to a digital student ID! Wave goodbye to scrabbling around for your paper ID card and simply prove your identity electronically.

### Staff ID

The University of Bonn app is introducing a digital staff ID for all University employees for the first time.

### Mensa menus

The University of Bonn app provides an overview of what's available in the Studierendenwerk Mensa canteens that's updated daily, letting you find out quickly and easily what's cooking at the canteen today.

[uni-bonn.de/de/studium/uni-bonn-app](https://uni-bonn.de/de/studium/uni-bonn-app)

## 1. *Course* registration within registration period

- With Uni-ID: via BASIS
- Without Uni-ID: Contact instructor/ “Fachstudienberatung” (subject-specific study advisor(s)) via email
- Registration can be withdrawn
  - Mind the ‘withdrawal period’

## 2. *Exam* registration

- Uni-ID required for registration via BASIS
- No automatic or compulsory exam registration
- Registration can be withdrawn
  - Mind the ‘withdrawal period’



## People who may help you (register):

- Your “Fachstudienberatung” (subject-specific study advisor(s))  
[uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung](https://uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung)
- Your teacher/ instructor
- Other contact persons
  
- BASIS support & FAQ  
[basis-support.uni-bonn.de](https://basis-support.uni-bonn.de)



# ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE – BASIS.UNI-BONN.DE

## Indigenous Religions in North America - Single View

Nr.: **556002301** **Seminar** SoSe 2022 2.0 Hours per week in term

Language: English

Präsenz/digital: Presence Event

Curricula: kein Abschluss Pool I: Anglistik  
Bachelor of Arts English Studies (B.A.)  
Bachelor of Arts English Studies (Zwei-Fach-B.A.)  
kein Abschluss Pool Institut VI

Lecturer: **Dr. Matt Sheedy**;

Dates/Times/Location:  →	Day	Time	Room	Lecturer	Max	Remarks	Duration
	Thu.	18 (c.t.) to 20 woch	<a href="#">Hauptgebäude-RPW5 - 1.003 (Übungsraum B)</a>		35		07.04.2022 bis 14.07.2022

application period:



Description:

Indigenous religions are both easy and hard to define. In one sense, they are easy to recognize in the long history of Western representations—for example, in art, comics, and film—that have created particular associations in the popular imagination, such as shamanic rituals, smoking peace pipes, and communicating with the spirit world. When one digs beneath the surface, however, Indigenous religions are hard to define for at least two reasons. First, they have largely been represented on outsiders' terms throughout the long history of settler-colonialism and forced Christianization. In this sense, "Indigenous religions" is a relational concept that must be considered in connect to Christian cultures, including the particular forms of state secularism that are practiced in Canada and the United States. Second, as Suzanne Owen points out, many Indigenous communities reject the term "religion," preferring terms like "spirituality" in order to distance themselves from organized forms of Christianity. What is more, many Indigenous communities view the relationship between culture, "spirituality," and politics differently than is commonly understood in Euro-Western societies, and thus need to be considered on their own terms. This includes Indigenous forms of knowledge, which tend to stress the relationship between humans, animals, and the land over human-centred notions of progress and development. In this class, we will begin by looking at how Indigeneity has been defined by settler-colonial societies and how this has impacted the ways in which Indigenous communities have defined themselves. We will also explore "new age" appropriations of Native America spirituality, Native American forms of Christianity, as well as the growing resurgence in Indigenous forms of knowledge and practice that increasingly challenge Western notions of religion, science, and progress.

Prerequisites:

**Course Requirements (Studienleistungen)**

# ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES

## ECAMPUS – [ECAMPUS.UNI-BONN.DE](https://ecampus.uni-bonn.de)

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- Electronic teaching and learning management system
- Communication tool between teachers and students
- Upload of course material

eCampus | Learning management system of the University of Bonn





# ORGANIZING YOUR STUDIES – SCIEBO (CAMPUS CLOUD)

Ministry of Culture and Science  
of the German State  
of North Rhine-Westphalia



FEATURES

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| HELP

| REGISTER

| LOGIN

| MY SCIEBO

| DEUTSCH



**Status:** Up-to-date information on updates and malfunctions can be found on our social media channels



**sciebo**  
theCampuscloud

Contact

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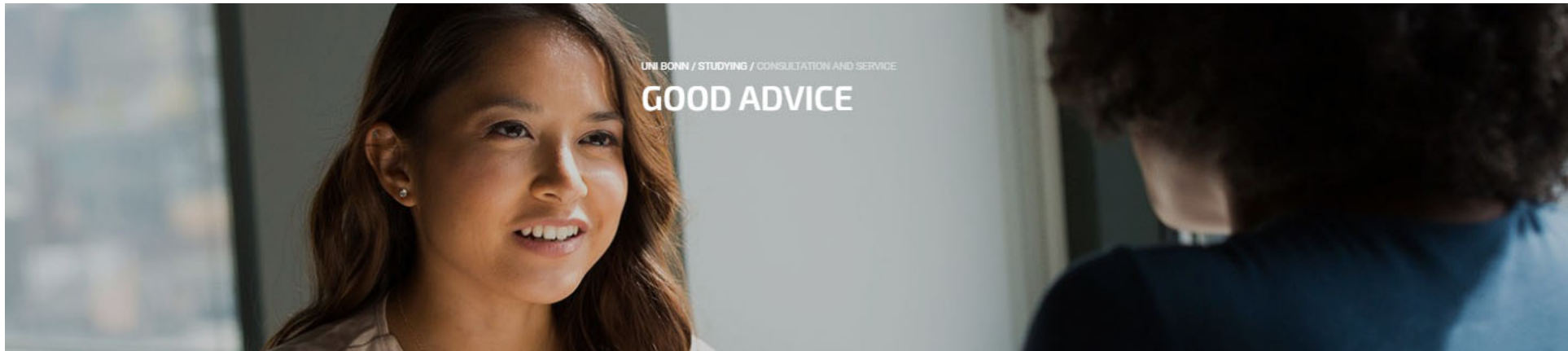
→ [hrz.uni-bonn.de/en/for-students](https://hrz.uni-bonn.de/en/for-students)



# COUNSELING & SERVICE



Reach out!



## Advising and Service

The University of Bonn offers a wide range of advising opportunities and services for you to use at all stages of university studies. Our advising and service network is here to help you with everything related to academic orientation, application and enrollment, degree progression, academic problems, personal challenges, stays abroad and career counseling. These services are supplemented by various student-run advisory bodies and the services of Studierendenwerk Bonn in the areas of funding, housing and social affairs.



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### Subject-Specific Study Advisory Services

The subject-specific study advisory services provide help with detailed questions concerning program contents and progression, modules and examination regulations, and the opportunities for setting academic priorities during your studies. They are also the persons to contact if you want to discuss the modalities of earning transfer credit for previous coursework and examinations before submitting your application.

[Go to subject-specific study advisory services](#)



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### Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service

The Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service (ZSB) guides prospective students through the process of gathering information and making decisions, offers advice on choosing a degree program and applying for admission, and helps new students get started at the University. For current students, it serves as a general resource providing guidance and support in periods of academic re-orientation and when students experience doubts about their studies or personal problems.

[Go to Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service](#)



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### Student Registry

The Student Registry is responsible for handling applications, admissions and enrollments. It manages leaves of absence, deregistrations, data changes and semester fee payments as well as many other issues in student management.

[Go to Student Registry](#)

## International Office

The University of Bonn's International Office is the contact point for all issues revolving around international and intercultural programs and activities: How and when do I plan a stay abroad? What are potential destinations? How do I pay for everything and how do I prepare myself in the best possible way? Comprehensive counseling services are also available for international students to help them structure their studies in Bonn in the best possible way.

[International Office](#)

## Advice and support from fellow students

### Student councils

The student councils provide information and support from the student's perspective. Student councils are a key point of contact, especially for first-year students, because their activities at the start of studies offer good opportunities to forge initial contacts and familiarize yourself with the University environment. Many student councils offer study scripts, help arrange language exchanges and learning partnerships, and organize subject-related excursions.

[Go to student councils](#)

### General Students' Committee (ASTA)

Aside from representing students' political interests, the General Students' Comm tasks are counseling and service. Their expertise covers a wide range of topics: at federal financial aid (BAFG), advice for students with children, social and legal consultations, advice for international students, and advice for queer students. In is the place to go to for help and advice on just about any issue.

[Go to ASTA ↗](#)

## Zentrale Studienberatung – “ZSB” (Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service)

- Study Advice and Support
- Workshops & Coachings (in German and English)

→ [uni-bonn.de/study-advisory-service](https://uni-bonn.de/study-advisory-service)



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## TACKLING PROBLEMS, FINDING WAYS FORWARD.

### Psychological Counseling

In personal meetings, you can obtain counseling – including preventive advice – regarding psychological concerns, insecurities or problems that can have a negative impact on your quality of life or academic success. Our counselors will help you develop new perspectives, your own constructive solutions and strategies to tackle challenges. If needed, we can also advise you on finding therapy and/or put you in touch with someone who will be able to help. In addition, you can take advantage of our group sessions, which focus on specific issues and target groups.

### Our counselors



Dipl.-Psych. Claudia Kerp, (PP)

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### Further counseling services and emergency contacts

You can find a selection of the counseling services and institutions available in Bonn in several places, including our **Psychosocial Counseling flyer**.

[Psychosocial Counseling flyer \(PDF\)](#)



# WORKSHOPS “RESSOURCENSTARK DURCH'S STUDIUM” (WITH STRONG RESOURCES THROUGH STUDIES)



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## RESSOURCENSTARK DURCHS STUDIUM

With strong resources through studies



### Note

Most workshops and coaching sessions are only offered in German.

## RessourcenStark durchs Studium

The series of workshops entitled „RessourcenStark durchs Studium“ (corresponds “With strong resources through studies”) help you improve your skills and abilities with lasting effect and strengthen your own resources.

When putting together our new workshops and coaching sessions, we focused on the topics that students have mentioned in consultations and surveys as being particularly important for successful studying and their own personal circumstances. The events will be held both during lecture periods and in semester breaks, and all of them will be led by trainers with a wealth of experience in psychology and/or teaching. Needless to say, they are free of charge for University of Bonn students.

## Fachstudienberatung (subject-specific study advisors



- Subject-specific counseling with “Fachstudienberater\*innen” “Studiengangsmanager\*innen”, ...
  - Advice regarding your choice of focus areas, course of studies, ...
  - **Help with your individual class schedule**
  - Help with coordinating more than one subject/ degree program
- [uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung](https://uni-bonn.de/fachstudienberatung)

## Fachschaften (Departmental student councils)

- Represent student interests of a certain degree program
- Contact & advice for new students
- **Connect co-students, provide orientation**

→ [uni-bonn.de/fachschaften](https://uni-bonn.de/fachschaften)





## Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss – “AStA” (General Students’ Committee)

- International Students Department
- Social services / counseling
- AStA shop
- ... and much more

→ [asta-bonn.de](http://asta-bonn.de)



## Gleichstellungsbeauftragte & team (University gender equality commissioner & team)

- Support students and employees in matters of equality
- Counseling in case of discrimination and harassment

→ [gleichstellung.uni-bonn.de/en](https://gleichstellung.uni-bonn.de/en)



## Career Service

- Focus on transition from student life to professional life
- **Consultation hours**  
→ email your CV prior to the appointment
- **“Career Service Appointment” for English-speaking students**
- Seminars on career orientation and career entry planning (e.g. job application, job interviews, etc.)

→ [uni-bonn.de/careerservice](https://uni-bonn.de/careerservice)







**Career Day  
 (“Karrieretag”)  
December 4, 2024**



## Planning your career in Germany? **iStart**

### We offer for international students:

-  ➤ Intensive Career Program
  -  ➤ Events for all international students
  -  ➤ Grammar correction of job applications
  -  ➤ Information about career entry
- +** much more support!

Join us  
on eCampus!



**More info:** [www.uni-bonn.de/istart](http://www.uni-bonn.de/istart)

**E-Mail:** [start@uni-bonn.de](mailto:start@uni-bonn.de)

## Schreibberatung (Writing Consultation)

[studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/counselling-social-affairs/writing-consultation](https://studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/counselling-social-affairs/writing-consultation)



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## WRITING CONSULTATION



WRITING ADVICE | YOUR CONCERNS | THE WRITING ADVISOR | GETTING AN APPOINTMENT | COUNSELLING ULB

### Writing advice - because you can learn to write

Would you like to write your thesis efficiently and with pleasure? Do you want to professionalise your work strategies? Do you have any questions or just do not know what to do?

Our professional writing advice concentrates on your individual writing process and the structure of your text. In a personal consultation, you have the opportunity to ask your questions in peace and to get a text feedback that is independent of evaluation.



**Literature** divided into

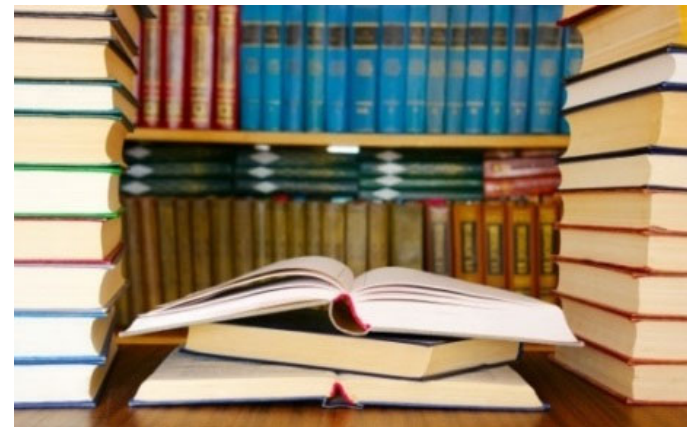
→ main library

→ departmental libraries



## Departmental libraries

- *Specific* literature
- Free of charge
- ‘Offline use’ and ‘online use’



- Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek (“ULB”)  
(Main library | University and State Library)
- Abteilungsbibliothek MNL  
(MNL branch library)





## How to use the libraries

- Introductory sessions to using the libraries (digital + on-site)
- FAQs for new students

[ulb.uni-bonn.de/en/information-for/first-semester-students](http://ulb.uni-bonn.de/en/information-for/first-semester-students)



**YouTube channel:  
“ULB Bonn”  
→ „Using the USL Bonn“ etc.**

# WEB PORTAL “STARTING YOUR STUDIES”

## UNI-BONN.DE/STARTING-YOUR-STUDIES



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### Organizing your studies

Navigating the formalities, settling into university life, planning the start to your studies – you will find tips on ideal organization of your studies and additional information and advice here.

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### Counseling & service

You still have questions but don't know who to ask? This overview will help you navigate key topics and contacts.

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### University life

Your studies have started, and now it's time to discover your lovely new university city on the Rhine. Comprehensive information about university life can be found in this section.

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### International Study Programs in Bonn

You are an international undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral student interested in studying at the University of Bonn? International Study Programs in Bonn can provide support and advice. Our pages contain information on the various programs and formalities involved with studying for an undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral degree at the University of Bonn.

[Go to Portal for International Students](#)

### Study and Internship Abroad

There are many ways to make a stay abroad part of your studies: through spending a semester abroad in Helsinki, doing an internship in Chile or carrying out research for a thesis in Africa. International Outbound Mobility advises and supports you in your individual plans, while of course bearing in mind the current restrictions.

[Study and internships abroad](#)

# “INFO AND TIPS FOR YOUR TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BONN” + “STUDIENKOMPASS 2024-25” (IN GERMAN)



Get your personal printed copy of the „Studienkompass“ at the “Infobox for studies“!

→ Poppelsdorfer Allee 49

## Downloads:

- [uni-bonn.de/en/international/campus-international/welcome-days/incoming-guide\\_en.pdf](https://uni-bonn.de/en/international/campus-international/welcome-days/incoming-guide_en.pdf)
- [uni-bonn.de/starting-your-studies](https://uni-bonn.de/starting-your-studies) → “Studienkompass“



# ZENTRALE STUDIENBERATUNG ("ZSB") | [UNI-BONN.DE/ZSB](https://uni-bonn.de/zsb) CENTRAL STUDY ADVISORY AND COUNSELING SERVICE



We are always  
here for you  
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# ANY QUESTIONS?

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!  
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