



BUDDY PROGRAMME

Guide for international Students

WHO CAN GET A BUDDY?

All international students are eligible to join the programme once they have **enrolled** at the University of Erfurt. The programme focuses on first-semester students, but depending on our internal capacity, students in higher semesters may also get a buddy.

YOUR BUDDY HELPS YOU WITH

- the first steps in the city and at the university (see the checklist below)
- integrating and meeting new people
- questions on general university matters (e.g. thoska, library, enrolment in courses, re-registration)

DO'S AND DON'Ts

- Spend time with your buddy and get to know each other – there are certainly lots of new things to discover together! For example, you may like to invite your buddy over and cook a typical dish.
- Please keep in mind that the buddies join the programme as volunteers. Therefore, they are not responsible for providing you with, for example, a place to stay, help in financial emergencies or translation services. Buddies may offer you help with university assignments and procedures if they are able to.
- Take part in the Buddy Programme's meetings and activities along the semester!

CONTACT

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Checklist

To-Do	Exchange students	Degree-seeking students
Pay the semester contribution	x	done beforehand
Get a health insurance	x	done beforehand
Pick up the student ID-card (Thoska)	x	x
Activate the university login	x	x
Activate WIFI on campus (URMZ)	x	x
Housing appointment	x	x
City registration (Bürgeramt)	x	x
Open a bank account	for non-EU students	x
Get a mobile phone/internet contract	x	x
Apply for a residence permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis) at the Foreigner Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde)	for non-EU students	for non-EU students
Course registration (Belegung)	x	x
Apply for an extension of the residence permit		for non-EU students