



The Buddy Team is looking forward to meeting you!

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A warm welcome away from home

You have decided to study abroad. Congratulations - we cannot but compliment you on that decision. Ahead of you lies a challenging experience, an experience that will benefit you throughout your life - no matter which career path you finally choose. You will meet **students from all over the world**, some of whom may become friends for life. You will encounter a variety of new ideas and perspectives. Hopefully a pleasant part of this experience will be the **International Office's Buddy Team**.

Who are „The Buddies“?

We are a network of students at the University of Applied Sciences who aim to help international students start their new lives in Bielefeld. We provide assistance and give advice throughout the exchange semester, and promote active interchange between German and international students. We hope that your stay abroad will be pleasant and unforgettable.

The Buddies will take care of you right from the moment when you arrive in Bielefeld. Your personal Buddy will pick you up from the train or bus station and help you with annoying formalities (registration at the university, health insurance, Ausländeramt [Foreigners' Registration Office]...), everyday things like shopping, buying a bicycle etc and introducing you to Bielefeld's student life (pubs, cinemas, night clubs...). We will also help you organize your studies, and are always happy to further your knowledge of the German language.

At the beginning of the semester, there will be a welcome party for you and the other international students. This is the perfect occasion to meet other people from the university and some of your future professors.

During the semester the Buddy Team organizes a wide variety of events and activities, such as excursions and day trips, company tours and parties. If you have any problems - we will be there for you and we will try to provide as much assistance as possible.

