



# Buddy Program 2019 Volunteers

A SIMP-SON Presentation

# What is on the agenda today?

- Get to know each other
- Obtain more information
- Questions from your side
- Ideas and suggestions
- Discussion about next step (newcomers distribution)



**SIMP-SON** stands for

**Students International Mentoring  
Program - Social Organizational  
Network**



# Our SIMP-SON Team

- *Coordinators*

Ece Turan : IBE 6<sup>th</sup> semester,

Antonia Michalek : IBE 4<sup>th</sup> semester

- *Volunteers*

We are all together a team !

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# How does it work?

## SIMP-SON Coordinator tasks:

- Welcome letter
- Get in touch with newcomers
- Buddies distribution
- First contact buddy-newcomer



# First Steps in Magdeburg

1. Pick up
2. First nights stay (if room is not arranged upon arrival)
3. Accommodation search
4. Registration at *Bürgerbüro* (not later than 2 weeks after arrival)
5. Bank account
6. Health insurance
7. Enrollment at the University
8. Extension of visa at *Ausländerbehörde* (Residence permit issues)



# Pick-up service

- Personal contact before arrival between buddy and newcomer
- Updated info about his/her arrival (make sure)
- Arrange your first meeting in detail (date, time, place, possible delay options, phone contact)



# First nights stay

- Check hotels and hostels from our guide
- It is *necessary* to arrange it several days in advance
- Guest House on campus (Building 18)
- In emergency cases: turn to Moritz





# Accommodation

- Some newcomers have arranged this already
- Current situation in the housing market
- Check our guide for flat providers
- Facebook groups
- Read the contract carefully before signing
- Documents: admission letter, passport, German bank account data (can be handed in later)



# Residents Registration Office

- Mobile Bürgerbüro on Campus
- Bürgerbüro Mitte
- Waiting time (make an appointment before hand)
- **Documents**: passport, biometric photo, tenancy contract
- *Must be done within 2 weeks after arrival*



# Bank Account

- Blocked account for non-EU (around 800€/month)
- Documents: admission letter, city registration paper (Meldebescheinigung), a valid passport
- Jugendkonto
- Bring Immabescheinigung after enrollment



# Health Insurance

- A prerequisite for enrollment
- A private insurance *may not* be accepted
- EU citizens can use their European Health Insurance Card, but need to register at AOK
- Documents: admission letter, German bank account data, passport, city registration paper (Meldebescheinigung). After enrollment the newcomer needs to hand in an Immatrikulationsbescheinigung to the company.



# Enrollment

- Follow instructions on the admission letter
- Between Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> - Oct 10<sup>th</sup>
- Activate OVGU online account
- Show your IBE newcomer how to register for language classes as soon as possible, one week before lectures start!!!!



# Visa extension

- Ausländerbehörde (Bürgerbüro Mitte)
- Make an appointment online
- Documents: passport with a valid visa, a biometric photo, certificate of enrollment and student identity card, health insurance certificate, proof of adequate financial means/ Sperrkonto , the confirmation of registration from the Residents' Registration Office tenancy contract, application form





# Our Events from 2018-19





# Parliament Visit





# Christmas





# MDR ( Regional TV station) Tour





# Boat Tour



# Certificate

- Indicates your social engagement
- Supports your application for internships, scholarships, etc.



**THANK YOU!**

