What is the Buddy-Programme?

The Buddy-Programme facilitates and strengthens contact between new international students and experienced students.

It is designed to help international students find their way at Ulm University, and to facilitate their settling in Ulm and Neu-Ulm. Experienced students, on the other hand, gain a new perspective on their surroundings and become part of an international community.

The Buddy Programme is essentially based on the voluntary efforts of Ulm University’s students. The International Office backs the Buddy-Programme with regular events like intercultural training, excursions or group meetings.
Reasons, to become a Buddy!

- As a Buddy you become part of an international network and also discover Ulm with a new perspective.
- Acquire key skills that are in high demand on the job market and in many professions.
- Participation in Buddy-Programme events (Intercultural training, Welcome event, Stammtische) is free of charge.
- You have the possibility to become active in an international environment.
- Buddies receive a booklet with vouchers for cultural and leisure activities in our region.
- The Buddies receive a certificate of their social and intercultural commitment from the International Office, on request.
To become a Buddy, no special previous knowledge is necessary. **Openness**, **enjoyment in dealing with other people and cultures**, as well as **personal reliability** form the basis for a successful experience. Furthermore, **English** is an advantage.

As an experienced Buddy, you are a contact person for a new international student. You should support she/him to get acquainted with the city and initiate **leisure activities**. In the beginning of the semester you might also **assist** her/him with **formalities** such as their mobile phone contract, bank account or dealing with authorities.

You can **share your time freely** and plan your activities independently. However, especially during the start-up phase, you should plan a little more time (4 to 8 weeks maximum) and accompany your Buddy for a **complete semester**. Of course, there is no expectation to be available 24 hours a day.
How to become a Buddy?

Registration:
Please fill out the registration form and send it by email or post to the International Office. The more information you give, the easier it is for us to find you a suitable partner.

Confirmation:
Once we have received your registration you will receive a confirmation from us along with further information about dates and events.

Matching:
We will arrange a Buddy partner based on the information and preferences on your registration form and will then provide you both with the important information.

Let’s go!
Now you are free to organise further cooperation with your Buddy partner. The International Office is always there to assist if needed and will support you both with regular events.
Registration, current events and more information about the Buddy-Programme can be found on our homepage

https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=21130

register with our mailinglist:

buddy[at]lists.uni-ulm.de

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> Support for international students in the beginning of their studies and with their life in Ulm

> Become part of an international community