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# HfG Buddy Program

# What is the Buddy-Program?

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In the frame of the Buddy program HfG students support international exchange students to get a good start at HfG Offenbach.

The program offers the opportunity to establish international contacts and intercultural and linguistic exchange.

# Conditions for participation

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- Willingness to deal with minor and major intercultural problems
- Tolerance and open-mindedness
- Reliability
- Knowledge of the HfG study system/environment
- Local knowledge about Offenbach & Frankfurt
- Availability from September/October (WS) or March/April (SS)

# The advantages of your commitment

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- Participation in various events of the Buddy program
- Opportunity to make new international contacts and gain intercultural experience.
- Improvement of your foreign language skills
- Certificate of your voluntary commitment
- Advantages for scholarship applications
- Additional credit points

# Tasks of a Buddy

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## **BEFORE the BEGINNING of the semester:**

- Email contact before arrival
- Assistance in finding accommodation, general tips concerning studying and living in Offenbach

## **AT the BEGINNING of the semester:**

- Pick-up from the airport/railway station
- Accompaniment to the flat/student residence
- Availability during the first days of the semester
- Support during the matriculation
- Dealing with authorities (health insurance, bank, citizens' office, foreigners' authority...)

# Frequently Asked Questions:

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- Where can I find what at the HfG (website)?
- How do I register for courses?
- Where can I find the course catalogue?
- What about legal advice, psychological support, sports programme, ...
- Workshop guidelines
- How do I use the library?
- How can I find out about events at HfG?
- How do I get W-LAN access?
- How does the RMV ticket work?
- Where can I find what in Offenbach and Frankfurt?
- Where can I buy a SIM card?
- What about the Pfand system, waste separation, doctor's visits etc. in Germany?
- Opening hours and public holidays in Germany

# Contact

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