



be available to answer any further questions, especially in the first two weeks. In addition, participation in at least two events is required for the certificate.

HOW DO I DOCUMENT MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM?

You will receive a record sheet from us in which you can enter the activities you have taken part in. The compulsory events will be stamped on your form. You will also take part in a final survey about the buddy program, in which you can add a short statement to motivate future buddies.



"The Buddy Program is a great opportunity to get to know new cultures and people. For the buddy, you are the first point of contact in the event of difficulties or problems. But this can also develop into a friendship in which you have an exciting and enjoyable time together. The most important thing is to keep an open mind and welcome your buddy with open arms, because for him/her the semester abroad is an important and special experience of which you become a part."

Sarah Rippinger and her buddy Maryam Corrado



FURTHER INFORMATION

Learn more about the program and apply here on our homepage:

www.hochschule-trier.de/go/buddy

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAM

The International Buddy Program gives Trier students and international students the opportunity to connect with each other. Students at Trier University of Applied Sciences can support international students and welcome them to Germany. The buddies get involved on a voluntary basis and can take part in activities with international buddy partners in order to get to know each other better as a group.

YOUR TASKS AS A BUDDY

As a buddy, you are responsible for looking after one or more newcomers from abroad. You should always be prepared to answer the international student's questions and support them with organizational matters.

To do this, you need to get in touch with each other in advance and ideally be in Trier before the semester starts.

Participation in joint events is also important.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES

Various events, activities and excursions, such as:

- Welcome breakfast
- City tour
- International potluck
- Language evening
- Excursions to places in the surrounding area
- Scavenger hunt

You will have the opportunity to exchange experiences and get assistance with typical challenges faced by international students at the start of their studies.

INTERCULTURAL TRAINING

At the beginning of the semester, you will attend a training course on intercultural communication; participation in this course is compulsory. This training provides you with an introduction to communicating with other cultures, which will help you to minimize misunderstandings and problems with your buddy.

WE OFFER YOU

You will receive a certificate of participation for your social and intercultural commitment. Furthermore, we offer you the opportunity to take part in interesting activities and excursions free of charge or at a reduced rate. The program also gives you the opportunity to practice your

language skills, acquire intercultural competence and meet interesting people.

You will receive support by the International Office.

REQUIREMENTS: HOW CAN I BECOME A BUDDY?

You can become a buddy if you have already studied at Trier University of Applied Sciences for at least one semester. You should also be able to communicate in English and be open to other cultures.

HOW MUCH TIME SHOULD I COMMIT?

It is up to you and your buddy to decide how much time you want to spend together. Ideally, you should greet your buddy on the first day and