

## Checklist for International Students

### Before Departure – Get Organized

- Check passport validity (must be valid for the entire stay)
- Proof of financial resources for visa (blocked account, declaration of commitment, or scholarship)
- Health insurance (required for visa – can be private or public)
- Apply for a visa
- Look for accommodation or arrange a temporary solution
- Translate important documents (if not in English or German)
- Book your flight or train to Bremen
- Inform your bank about your stay abroad (to avoid card blocks)
- Register for orientation week / participate in online info sessions

### After Arrival in Bremen

- Get to your accommodation
- Buy a SIM card (for German phone number & mobile data)
- Install useful apps (e.g., VBN FahrPlaner, DB Navigator, currency converter app)
- Save emergency contacts and important phone numbers (e.g., police 110, fire/ambulance 112, university emergency service +49 421 218-07, health insurance)
- Activate your university account and set up Wi-Fi & university access (eduroam) at ZfN
- Register with the City of Bremen (mandatory and you'll receive a welcome allowance)
- Make an appointment at Bürger service center (BSU) – at least 6–8 weeks before your visa expires
- Open a bank account
- Switch to a public health insurance provider (better healthcare)
- Apply for the welcome allowance at the BSU
- Get a German liability insurance (Haftpflichtversicherung – optional but highly recommended)
- Explore student discounts (e.g., public transport, museums, ISIC card)
- Optional: Join the Study Buddy Program

💡 Tip: Join student groups on social media (e.g. Facebook, WhatsApp, Telegram) to connect with others!



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### Important Documents to Bring

- Passport (valid for at least 6 months)
- Visa (if required)
- Admission letter / enrollment certificate from the University of Bremen
- Proof of health insurance
- Proof of financial resources (e.g., blocked account or scholarship)
- Rental contract or proof of accommodation
- Copies of all important documents
- Cash in euros (for the first few days)
- Passport photos (for ID, registration, etc.)

### Practical Items to Bring

- Power plug adapter (Type F)
- Medication (with doctor's note if necessary)
- Laptop, charger, headphones
- translation app (e.g. DeepL Translator)
- Some snacks & toiletries
- Small lock (for lockers or shared spaces)
- Warm clothes for autumn/winter & Rain protection / umbrella – highly recommended in Bremen



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