Online Info-Session

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kompass international

What is kompass international?

- kompass international is a program within the International Office of the University Bremen
- We carry out **international and intercultural projects** and **support the international Student Communities** within Bremen
- Our programs and events **bring foreign and German students together**.
- We provide **orientation, broaden horizons, highlight points in common and build bridges** for your professional future.

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Our Communities



- Bangladesh Community Bremen
- Cameroonian Community in Bremen e. V. (CCB)
- Chinesische Student Community in Bremen
- Ghanaian Students in Bremen (GSIB)
- Guineische Studenten Verein in Bremen
- Indian Students Association Bremen (ISAB)
- Ivorische Community
- Nigerian Student Community
- Pakistan Students Association at University of Bremen (PSA)
- Türkische Studierendengemeinschaft Bremen (TSB)

What is important for your start in Bremen?



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Insurance

Statutory health insurance is compulsory for students at German universities

- Different providers, for example, tk, hkk or aok.
- They offer the same services but provide additional benefits, such as gym discounts.
- If you are still in your hometown and, due to visa problems, unable to be in Bremen in time for the start of your studies, please contact the study centre of your department immediately. Together, you can discuss how to proceed: Academic Advisory Office, Career Orientation Office and Academic Advisor - Universität Bremen.
- Find information on health insurance here:https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/international- students/offers-for-international-students/preparation-from-abroad

Bürgeramt in the city center

Takes care about:

- Registration in the city of Bremen (Stadtanmeldung)
- Welcome Money (Begrüßungsgeld) apply here: *https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/formalitaeten/tuition-fee-1/application-for-welcome-money*
- International students must make an appointments by telephone: (0421) 361-88662
- Address: Pelzerstraße 40, 28195 Bremen or Stresemannstraße 48, 28207 Bremen
- ***The best time to make an appointment is between 07:00-09:00 in the morning***

bsu (Bürger-Service-Center at Uni)

Takes care about:

- Residence Permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis/ Aufenthaltstitel)
- The application will be sent to bsu@migrationsamt.bremen.de together with all required documents as one pdf file.
- Attention: Due to the large number of applications, **the processing time is currently up to 6 weeks.**

Check out more information here: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/bsu/news

Bank account

- Different banks available for example Sparkasse, N26 or ING
- N26 and Revolut are Online-Banks (easy to register)
- Sparkasse has an ATM and an office on campus
- Attention:
  - Bring your ID card and Student ID
  - Download the official app of your bank to use online services

Arrival in Bremen

Optional first steps:

- Pay your student fees in the beginning of the semester to get The **Deutschland semester ticket** (only for busses, trams and regional trains; no ICE)
- Get a German SIM card
- Look for a part-time job
- Look for a german course - *This makes it easier to find a (part-time) job*

Arrival in Bremen

Recommendations to bring on arrival:

- Cash money for the first days before you can open your bank account (food, rent etc.)
- Roaming data package
  (for Internet and emergency calls in the first days)
- Warm, water-resistant clothes, umbrella (it tends to rain suddenly)

Arrival in Bremen

First words (good to know):

- "**Moin**" → Hello, Hey, can be used at any time of day
- "**Tschüss**" → Goodbye
- "**Schnacken**" → to talk, other word for "*reden*"
- Check out our Instagram page for more german sayings

What is important on campus?



Zentrum für Netze (ZfN) (Centre for Networks)

The university account is the key to **central IT services** such as e-mail, WiFi, Stud.IP learning platform, MOIN platform and the FlexNow 2 PABO platform.

- Access will be sent with per mail.The account must then be activated here: https://onlinetools.zfn.uni- bremen.de/aktivierung/?switchlang=en
- Further information be found on the Homepage of ZfN: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/zfn
- Opening times can be found here: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/dezernat5/it-servicedesk
- You can always contact the IT-Service via E-Mail: servicedesk@uni-bremen.de

WiFi

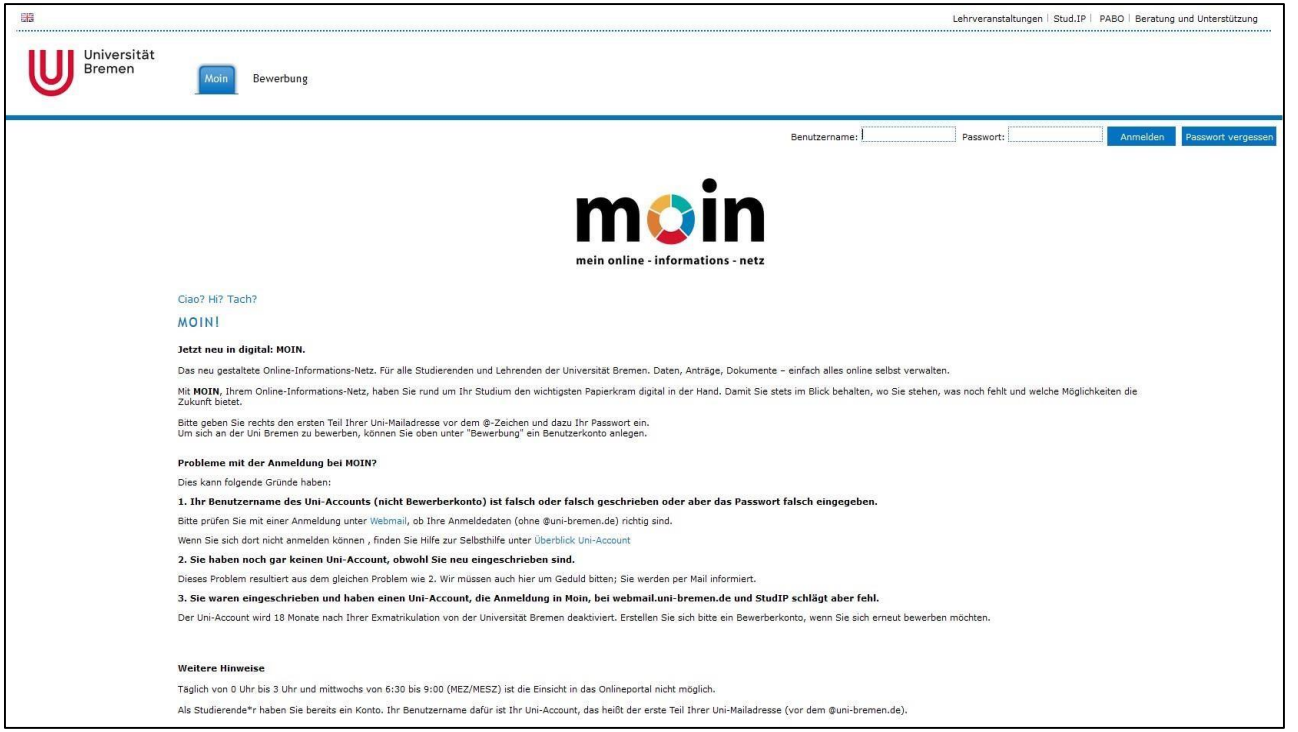
1. Download the Configuration Assistant Tool or get the "geteduroam“ App in the App store
2. Search for ‘University of Bremen’, choose ‘eduroam (@uni-bremen.de)’ and log in using your ZfN account (wlan password)

- *Problems? Here you will find instructions:* https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/zfn/wifi/overview-wifi

Moin-Portal

Get the main documents from the University such as your

"Enrollment Certificate"

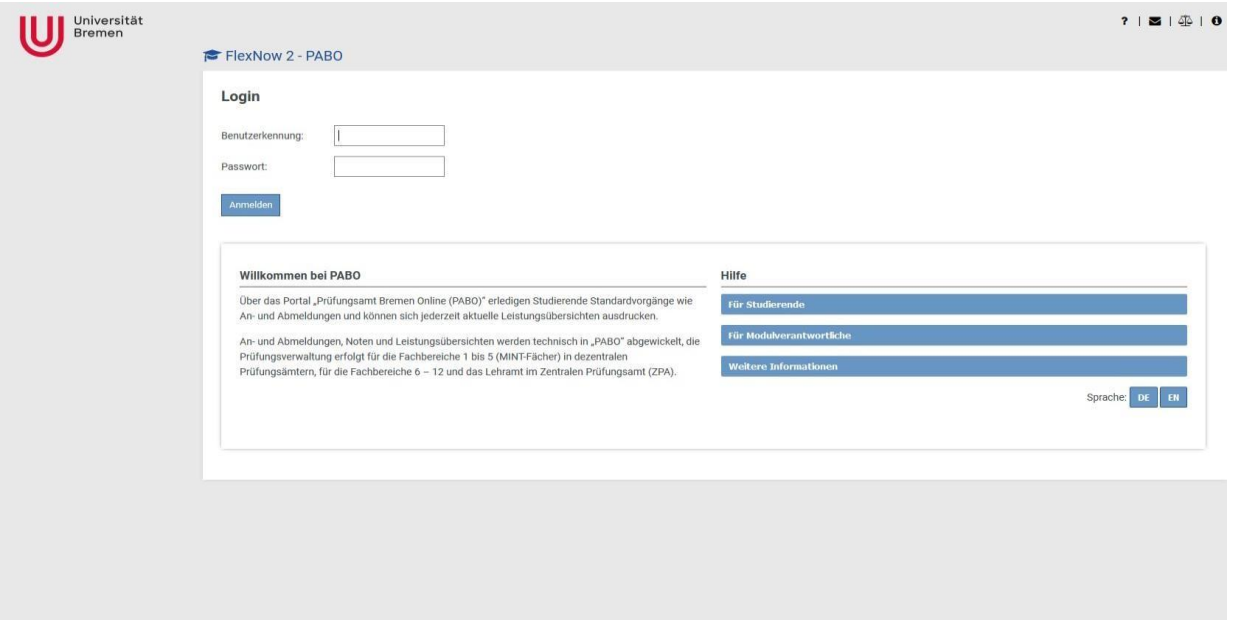


https://moin.uni-bremen.de/

FlexNow 2 - PABO

- Sign up for exams

- Overview of your accomplished CP in your major.



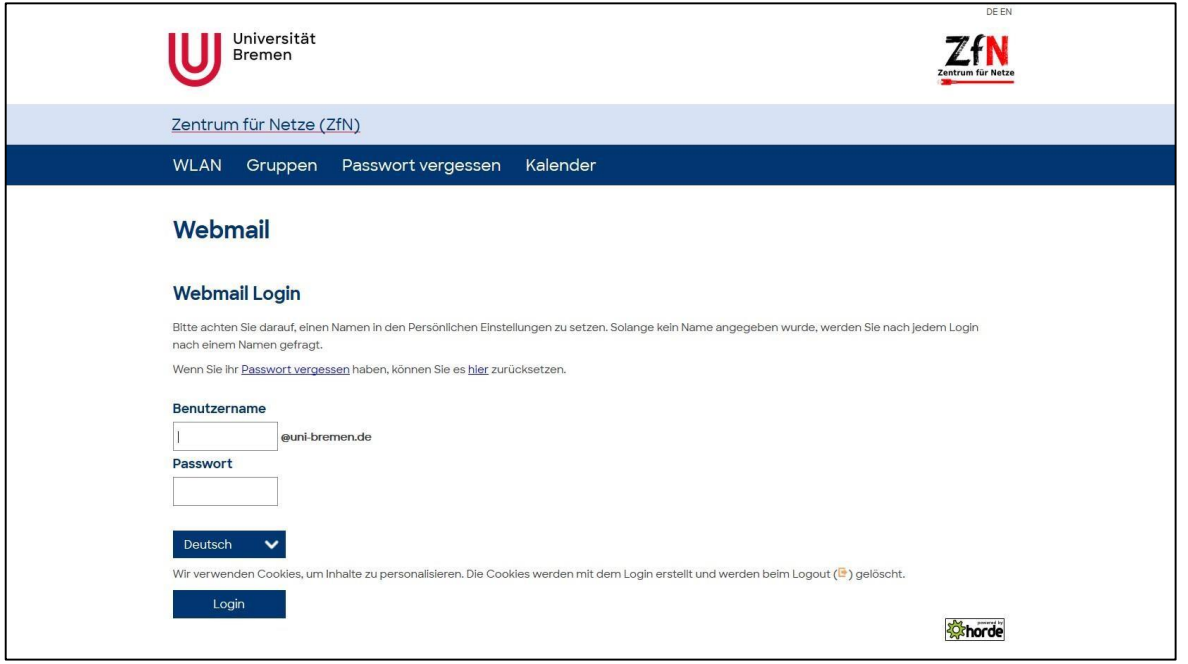
https://fn2.vwg.uni-bremen.de:8443/FN2AUTH/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5lrpuw8VWI

E-Mail-Account of the University

Get all official e-mails here!

We advise you **to check this account on a regular base**, or to activate the transfer to another e-mail account.



https://webmail.uni-bremen.de/

Campus App

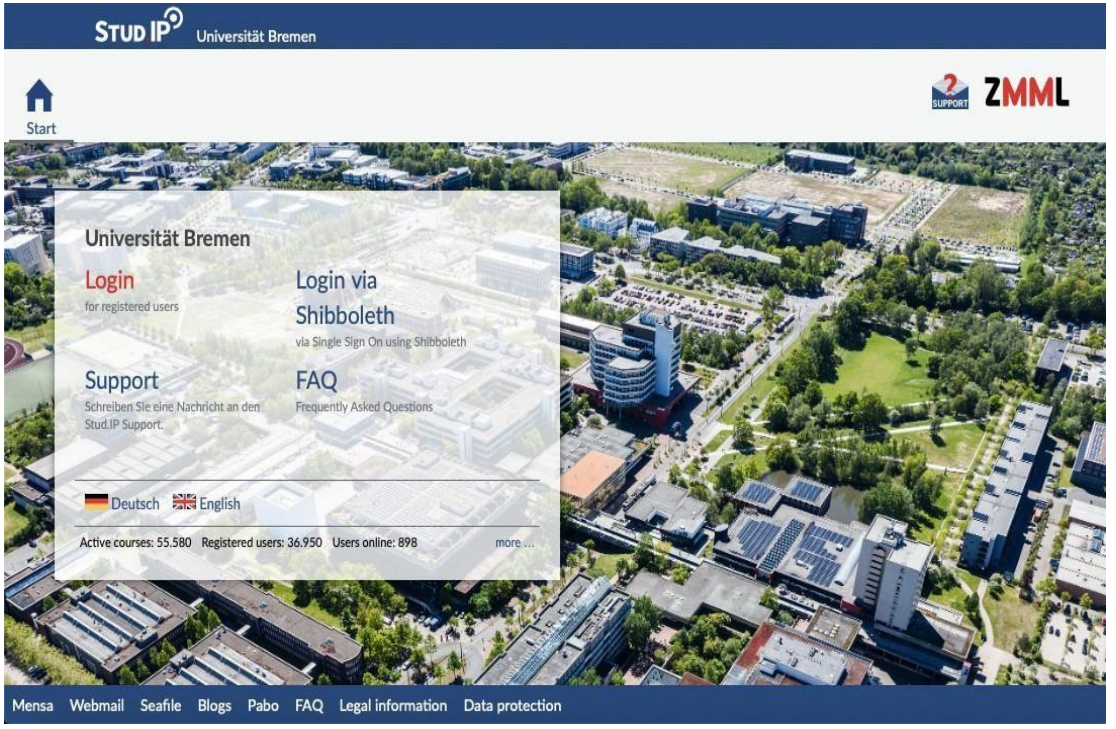
Semester documents will no longer be sent by mail.
All documents will be available in the app or on the MOIN portal

- Contains the digital student ID, Germany semester ticket, and the European Student Card
- Once downloaded, the ID card can also be accessed offline
- Download it here: *https://studo.app/?app=unibremen*



Stud.IP

- Here you sign up for your courses
- Oranize your semester/ studies
- Get in contact with other students or professors
- Youtube: Stud IP Uni Bremen



https://elearning.uni-bremen.de/

State and University Library (SuUB)

- To read, borrow and download books you need to have an account and a

  library card

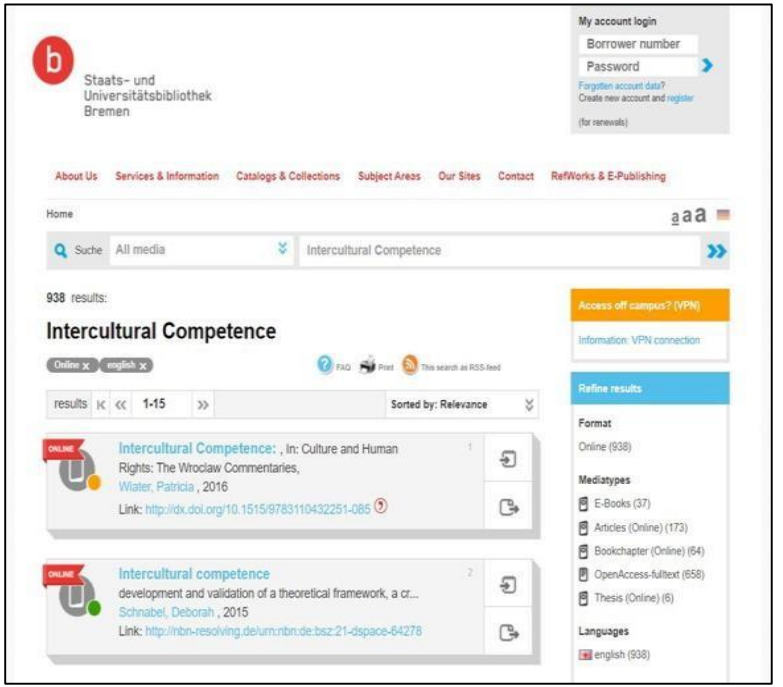
  - How to get a Library Card: Anmeldung bei SuUB

    Enter your data online and pick it up (bring ID/ passport and student ID)

  - How to find a book (only german):

    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZv4EPNwFCo&ab_channel=SuUBBremen

  - Note: The library has multiple locations.



Mensa & Canteen

- **Meal plan**: https://www.stw-bremen.de/en/canteen/
- **Mensa card**:

  You can get your Mensa card at the service point in the Mensa. Bring your student card + 10€ (5€ deposit, 5€ initial charge).

  ➢ Opening hours of the Service-Point: Monday to Friday: 11



Verein für Hochschulsport e.V.

University Sports

- The Hochschulsport at the University of Bremen offers students a wide range of inexpensive sports courses in the sports facilities on campus or in sports facilities in the city.

  → Be sure to register on the first day of registration opening!

Current Courses and Dates to register:
https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/hospo/current-courses

Sprachenzentrum (SZHB)

Language Center

- Learn or improve a language alongside your studies: You can choose from 600 courses at the

  Language Center:
  https://kurse.sprachenzentrum-bremen.de/?semester=winter-2024

- You can also find German courses here.

Good to know as a student

- **Sick leave:** https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/zpa/infos/infos-a-z/k/notification-of-illness

- **Semester Fee:** https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/formalitaeten/re-registration-and-semester-fee

- **Academic year:** https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/academic-year

Student Support



StugA

- A **student council** (in the Bremen study program committee or StugA for short) is the student representation at subject level and as such the first point of contact for all students with questions about the course of study and problems during the studies (https://stugen.de/)

AStA



- The **General Student Committee** (AStA)
  - More informations, office hours and contact details on the AstA Homepage: https://www.asta.uni-bremen.de/geaenderte-oeffnungszeiten-im-asta-buero-changed-opening- hours-in-asta-office/

Counselling of the Studierendenwerk Bremen

Studierenden werk BREMEN

- **Psychological Counselling:** The Psychological Counselling Center can help with study-related and personal problems: https://www.stw-bremen.de/en/counselling-social/psychological-counselling/
- **Social Counselling:** The Social Counselling service supports students who need help and information in personal, social and financial matters: https://www.stw-bremen.de/en/counselling-social/social-counselling/

- For the current opening times and contact details, please refer to the specified pages.

  Counselling is free of charge and all staff members are bound to confidentiality.

ADE

- The ADE (Administrative Unit - Equal Opportunities | Antidiscrimination) is there for students who need support in dealing with conflicts, feel discriminated against or have experienced danger. This also includes experience with bullying, sexual violence and stalking.
- Counselling is free of charge and confidential.

Need more information?

Visit these two websites:

- https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/international-students/offers-for-international-students
- https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/international-students/offers-for-international-students/kompass/hist-bremen

Tips for survival outside the university



Where can I find accommodation?

- Studierendenwerk: https://www.stw-bremen.de/en
- Classifieds:
  - https://schwarzesbrett.bremen.de/
  - https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/
- Especially for shared apartments: WG-gesucht
- More useful information: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your- studies/international-students/offers-for-international-students/preparation-from-abroad

Studierendenwerk Consultation for accomodation

•Starting September 4, 2025, the Studierendenwerk Bremen will resume offering regular in-person consultation hours for housing.

•Location: Studierendenwerk Bremen, Bibliothekstr. 7, 28359 Bremen (on campus)

Opening hours:
Monday: 12:00 – 14:00
Thursday: 10:00 – 12:00

•More information: stw-bremen.de – consultation hours for housing requests

WG-Casting





- If you are looking for a room in a shared apartment, you can hardly avoid a WG casting.
- Various WGs try to find the perfect candidate for their apartment. So, a short and important tip for WG casting: You should tell a lot about yourself.
- Listen to our kompass podcast:

  How I met my WG - the culture of student living in Bremen:

  https://open.spotify.com/episode/15cDsxecmHMW53MFTzLzEG
- It's like a marriage proposal :D

Rundfunkbeitrag

- Rundfunkbeitrag is a fee for German public broadcasting. This money is used to produce public TV and radio and online programs.
- It is important to know that **you have to pay this fee.**
- The whole fee has to be paid **by one household**.
- Current fee: 18,36 Euro per month.



Deposit System

For most carbonated drinks in the supermarket, kiosk, etc., you have to pay a deposit of up to 25 cents per bottle/can. If you return the bottle or can to a special machine marked ‘Pfandrückgabe’ or ‘Leergutannahme’, you will receive a voucher that you can either use for your purchase in the same shop or to get the cash back directly at the cash office.



Waste seperation

Environmental protection is a high priority in Germany. All cities have a waste separation system with different coloured bins for residual and organic waste, paper, packaging and plastic.



Public Transport

You can download these free Apps:

DB Navigator: Germany-wide passenger transport 

VBN Fahrplaner: Perfect for use within Bremen and the surrounding area. 

Grocery supermarket

There are many different shops and supermarkets to buy groceries. Just search for the category online (e.g. Asian market Bremen). The area ”Viertel” has a lot of diverse shops. The most common grocery shops in Bremen are:

REWE

Netto Marken-Discount

EDEKA

LIDL

ALDI

PENNY

Drugstores







Get (cheap) stuff (click on the logo for the website)

kleinanzeigen

Get used products for a cheap price

Vinted

Get used clothes for a cheap price

UNiDAYS

Student Discount

Swapfiets

Get a rental bicycle

cambio

CarSharing

Good to know



Fire brigade: 112



Police: 110



Ambulance: 112

Good to know

Cycle paths in Germany:

Please be careful:
walking on the cycle paths in Germany is not allowed.



Good to know

Where I can go out?

Check the following websites:

- https://www.bremen.eu/tourism/bremen-for/bremen-for-night-owls
- https://www.bremen-city.de/en/quarters/das-viertel/
- https://www.bremen.eu/tourism/activities

More good to know

- More useful information about language cafés, venues, gastronomy, shopping, doctors, public holidays can be found here:
  - https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/international-students/offers-for-international-students/living-in-bremen
  - https://welcometobremen.de/en/

kompass International

International Office - University of Bremen



Some of our Programs



URBAN GARDENING



STUDY BUDDY



KOMPASS EVENTS

Urban Gardening

One Garden, Many Cultures; Together for a Greener Campus.



- Creates a space for **international and local students** to connect
- Promotes **intercultural exchange** and **ecological awareness**
- Encourages **community building** through shared gardening activities
- Contributes to a **greener, more inclusive campus**

STUDY BUDDY

Connecting Minds; Across Cultures, Across Semesters.



- Per semester, 60–120 pairs (an international first-year student and a “local” from a higher semester).
- In exploring the campus and the city together, the participants experience an intercultural change of perspective in a practical way.

kompass Events

Connecting People, Creating Community.



- Support communities in hosting **cultural festivals**, **community days**, and **interactive gatherings**
- **Bring people together** to celebrate diversity through shared experiences
- Foster **intra- and inter-community connections** across the university
- Include special event series like **“Happy Places”** – spaces for relaxation, creativity, and intercultural exchange

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Email: kompass@uni-bremen.de

Instagram: kompassinternational.unibremen

Whatsapp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/HZ1KgLWVGYaIeMqd3pq5XQ

kompass international

Orientation Week WiSe 26/27



All details on our Instagram ;)

kompass Events

Upcoming Events



✨ **Explore Bremen with us!** ✨
Join our City Tour in Bremen for a fun afternoon of walking, discovering, and playing. You'll be divided into small groups, and along the way there will be quiz questions and challenges. 📝✨

The fastest group to finish wins a **small prize** at the end! 🏆

📅 Friday, 9th October, 2026
⏰ 2 PM – 5 PM
📍 **Meeting point: McDonald's at Domsheide**

Whether you're new to the city or already know your way around, this is a great chance to explore Bremen, meet new people, and enjoy the weekend!
Everyone is welcome!



Thank you for your time!