

Erasmus-Guide

What do I have to consider before departure?

1) Language knowledge

Please consider that the course language in all degree courses is **German**. There is only a limited offer of modules in English language at the moment.

2) Living Costs

In Germany the living costs range between 900€ to 1000€ per month. As Erasmus-student you are exempted from study fees and enrolment fees.

3) Accommodation

Please inform yourself about the actual housing possibilities in Buxtehude. The International Office will help you to find a room in the following student residences:



student dormitory "Estebrügger Strasse"

At the outskirts of Buxtehude, situated in walking distance to hochschule 21 there is the student dormitory "Estebrügger Strasse", which is under direct control of "**Studentenwerk Ostniedersachsen**". There you have the possibility to choose between single or double apartments, as well as rooms in double apartments or rooms in units for 4 students. In units for 4 students there are mostly rooms available. The rooms have to be booked for 6 months normally,

but in 4 persons units you sometimes have the chance to get short-term contracts. At the "Studentenwerk" you also have the possibility to book a starter-package "mattress" or "bed".



student dormitory "buxbau"

The **student dormitory "buxbau"** offers apartments for singles (only if you stay for minimum one year) or flats for groups from 2 to 6 persons (with a single room for each person). If you want to buy a bicycle for your daily ride to the university, please ask for it at the student hall administration. Mattress, pillow or duvet will be provided for "buxbau", but please bring your own bed sheet, pillow cover and duvet cover with you.

4) Health Insurance

According to German law students enrolled at German universities will be insured in legal health insurances up to their 14th term and to a maximum age of 30 years. The insurance certificate has to be presented at times of enrolment. Private insurances from foreign countries will not be accepted. As EU-citizen you will get a so-called "certificate of exemption" for hochschule 21 after presentation of the health insurance certificate from your home country to local insurances in Germany. EU insurance cards are accepted.

5) Enrolment

For enrolment at hochschule 21 please take the following documents with you:

a) for Engineering Courses and Mechatronics:

- identity card or passport
- tabular curriculum vitae
- one recent passport photo

- health insurance certificate

b) for Physiotherapy (in addition to the documents mentioned above):

- an actual **health certificate** (in German or English)
- an official certificate of good conduct (in case you stayed in Germany the year before)
- an acknowledged copy of your birth certificate (in German or English)
- an enrolment certificate of your home university (in German or English)

How to get to Buxtehude?

Buxtehude is situated in the northern part of Niedersachsen, south-west of Hamburg. If you want to take the **aeroplane**, Hamburg is the nearest airport. From Hamburg airport you take the suburban train S1 (-> direction Wedel, about 27 minutes) to Jungfernstieg, then change to the suburban train S3 (-> direction Stade or Buxtehude, about 42 minutes). There are 13 stops the S3 needs to arrive in Buxtehude. Please inform the International Office of hochschule 21 about your arrival date and time. We can organise someone to pick you up at Buxtehude main station, if requested.

What happens after my arrival?

The International Office, hochschule 21, Harburger Str. 6, Room 402, helps you with your enrolment at hochschule 21. You will get information about the exact date and time of enrollment in time. At our reception desk in the main entrance on the right side you will get help with finding your way through the university building.

What else does hochschule 21 offer to me?

- **Library**
The modern university library invites you to stay for a while.
- **Use of Computers and Internet**
The university **computing centre** is responsible for everything concerning computers. At the beginning of every term there is an introduction to computer usage on our welcome day. Every student is informed about access to internet via WLAN and gets his own e-mail address.
- **Meals**
On the first floor of the university building there is the new **university canteen-café**. During the lecture period it offers warm dishes in addition to beverages and snacks. But as Buxtehude's city centre is close by, it is possible to dine out as well.

- **Sports and More**

At hochschule 21 the students of the student organization "Stuver" are your contact persons for sport and other leisure time activities in Buxtehude and its surroundings. As highlight for students hochschule 21 offers a skiing trip to Switzerland together with vocational school "Winsen" every year.

- **Events**

Additional to enrolment celebration, science night and practical day every year there is the traditional bridge festival, where students of engineering translate their theoretical knowledge into practice. Much fun for visitors and participants.

And much more...

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the International office via schmidt@hs21.de.

We wish you an interesting stay at hochschule 21.