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The International Office of Osnabrück University, in collaboration with JOIN-OS (JOint Cultural Programme for INternational Students in OSnabrück) offers you the following services:

- Information Package
- Pick-up Service
- Accommodation
- Tutorial Programme in Student Housing
- Welcome Week
- LINK-OS Contact Programme (exchange students)
- Assistance with Bureaucratic Procedures
- International Cultural Programme
- German Language Courses (parallel to regular classes)
- Tandem Language Learning
- Intercultural Mentoring Programme (imos) (degree-seeking students)

**Information Package**

Before their arrival, exchange students will receive a package containing information about the University and the City of Osnabrück. Degree-seeking students receive their information package upon enrollment.

**Pick-up Service**

On request, a tutor can pick you up at the train station in Osnabrück on the arrival day and take you to your place of residence.

**Accommodation**

If you are taking part in an exchange programme, the International Office, together with Student Services Osnabrück, will reserve a room for you in student housing. All other international students should apply for a student room directly through Student Services (Studentenwerk).

**Tutorial Programme in Student Housing**

This tutorial programme aims to help you get settled into your housing complex.

**Welcome Week**

Before semester commences the International Office organises a welcome week to enable students to become acquainted with the city, university and other students. Furthermore, student tutors help the students with all necessary formalities.

**LINK-OS Contact Programme**

German and international students would like to help exchange students during the early period of their stay. If you are interested in finding:
- a contact person in Osnabrück or
- someone to spend free time with
then this programme can enable you to find the right match.

**Assistance with Bureaucratic Procedures**

The staff of the International Office will assist not only with necessary formalities at the Foreigners’ Office and with registration at the University, but also with opening a bank account or finding the right doctor, if necessary.

**International Cultural Programme**

In order to help you get used to your new surroundings and to get to know Germany, JOIN-OS offers a wide range of activities, such as:
- Seminars on Germany and German culture
- Excursions
- Visits to the theatre, cinema and museums
- Hikes and bike rides, etc.
Programmes are obtainable from the International Office.

**German Language Courses**

The Language Center offers German language courses at all levels parallel to regular classes. These courses offer oral, listening and reading exercises as well as a review of grammar structures. In addition, students are able to gain an insight into the society, culture and political system of the Germany.

**Tandem Language Learning**

Learning languages “in tandem” is when two native speakers of different languages teach each other their mother tongue.

**Intercultural Mentoring Programme (imos)**

International degree-seeking students can participate in the intercultural mentoring programme. Student mentors will assist them individually in getting acquainted to the German university system as well as to German culture and society.

More Information is obtainable from the International Office.