

Safety First



Dear Student,

Soon, you will be starting your study abroad experience in Bremen, Germany. We are already looking forward to welcoming you and we hope you will enjoy your stay on our international campus!

There is a lot for you to learn here at HSB, and this includes how to stay safe. Studying abroad can be a really fun and unique experience. However, some critical and unexpected situations cannot always be avoided.

This quick check list and guide may serve as an impulse for you to make sure you are doing everything you can to stay safe.

With this in mind: Have fun, enjoy your time in Bremen and take good care of yourself!

Before departure

Get informed about your host country

[Discover Germany](#)

[Travel advices for Germany](#)

[All about money](#)

Take care of your health

Check your vaccination certificate and /or ask your family doctor

[Compose a first-aid kit](#)

[Check your health insurance!](#)

[Please note: In order to get enrolled at a German university, sufficient health insurance coverage is mandatory!](#)

Take copies of the most important documents and numbers!

Have these documents always ready! (Hardcopies and online, e.g via email or in a cloud)

Passport, visa, ID, birth certificate (if necessary)

Insurance documents, vaccination certificate

Driver´s license, credit and/ or debit cards etc.

Save emergency numbers!

[Police, fire department / ambulance and non - emergency medical services](#)

Get numbers for blocking your bank account / credit card / direct debiting procedure

In Germany

Ensure reachability!

Communicate your new German address and telephone number(s)

Charge your mobile phone, check emails regularly

Stay up-to-date!

Follow independent, local news

Make sure to note important addresses and phone numbers (hospitals, embassy, etc.)

Reduce risks!

Carry small amounts of cash only

Carry a copy of your passport / ID and store the original in a safe place

Watch out for pick pockets, esp. at crowded public gatherings

At night, travel with others in well lighted areas. Avoid taking shortcuts through dark or deserted districts.

In case of emergency: Stay calm!

Call the police and / or follow the instructions of security forces

Stay in contact with friends and family!

Get help at your embassy in Germany

Inform the decentral international office of your faculty at HS

Inform your home university

In case of illness, accident etc.: returning to your home country is an option. Inform your home university, and HSB's International Office about your decision.