

### Here are some useful QR codes:

#### ErstiWochen-Video

Our new video takes you into a magical world. Join the freshmen as they explore their new university and experience the magic of freshers' week! With wit, it shows you your upcoming ErstiWoche and all its highlights.



Scan the QR code and be enchanted.

### **Counselling Compass**

If you are looking for the right contact person for any problems related to the university, your personal situation or career, scan this QR code to access our university counselling compass. As this is located on the intranet, you must log in with your university credentials.



#### StuRa-Events Calendar

You want to know which events are organised by clubs on campus and when? Or are you simply interested in which club is open tonight? Then the StuRa Events Calendar is the best place for you. You can also export the calendar and integrate it directly into your own calendar!



### ErstiWochen-Instagram

Of course, there may also be changes to the ErstiWoche at short notice. Scan the QR code to quickly get the latest information on our Instagram account. There you can also ask us questions at any time and get exciting insights behind the scenes of your ErstiWoche.



Dear Fresher,

We are pleased that you have decided to study at the TU Ilmenau and would like to welcome you to the university on behalf of the ErstiWochen-Orga. To make your start in Ilmenau easier and to help you settle in quickly, we have put together this ErstiGuide.

You will receive tips on basic study matters and information on BAföG. In order to make your life in Ilmenau exciting besides your studies, we provide you introductions to some clubs and leisure activities. In addition, we explain who is behind the student council (StuRa) and what your faculty student council (FSR) does. A more detailed version of the ErstiGuide can be found at www.erstiwoche.de/en/erstiguide. We hope that this will make it easier for you to start your studies. If you find any information missing in this guide or if you have any other suggestions, wishes or criticism, please feel free to send them to erstiguide@erstiwoche.de. This will help us to make this guide even better next year.

Many greetings
Daniel, Alessa & Laetizia
Head of the ErstiWochen-Orga 2023

# **ErstiWochen-Orga**

We are a department of the StuRa whose main task is to organize the ErstiWoche. We consist of about 25 volunteers, many of whom are also active in other student or university organizations, such as the university committees.

#### **Team Management**

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Daniel Först Electrical Power & Control Engineering Enrolled 2020 Laetizia Musselmann Media & Communication Science Enrolled 2019

This is the head of the ErstiWoche.

They are the "heart" of the EWO. They coordinate all departments, communicate with representatives of the university, with the StuRa and are the contact persons for other external persons and organizations.

### **Quick Guide**

What should you be familiar with before and during your studies in Ilmenau?

- Read through this ErstiGuide and check online for more info at www. erstiwoche.de/en/erstiguide
- Register your **secondary residence**/**new main residence** in Ilmenau! If you register Ilmenau as your main residence, you can also apply for the student grant from the city (up to 100 € per year). If you don't re-register, you will have to pay an administrative fine in the worst case.
- Always have your thoska with you. It is your student ID and contains your matriculation number, which serves to identify you during your studies. That's why you need it along with your badge during the introductory week. You also need to have the thoska with you at all exams. It can also be used as a valid ticket for regional trains.
- You can find your lecture dates at opentimetable.tu-ilmenau.de. And at timetable.tu-ilmenau.de you can put together your very own timetable. Instructions can found at www.stura.eu/ew-ottbh.
- Don't forget to register online for **sports courses**, the **Studium Generale** and for **language courses**!
- You can check your university emails at www.webmail.tu-ilmenau.de.
- If you have to repair your bicycle you can go to the Bicycle Studio which is located between the houses B an D. Further information and opening hours can be found at www.stura.tu-ilmenau.de/en/projects/bicycle-studio.
- Register at the University Library (Leibnizbau). By doing so, you can easily lend books you need for your studies. After your registration, you can coordinate the lending of your books at www.tu-ilmenau.de/en/ub.
- As a student of the TU Ilmenau you have the opportunity to use different software licences for free, e.g. Microsoft Office, MatLab or Endnote. You can find more information on the website of the University Computing Center www.tu-ilmenau.de/en/unirz.
- You have the possibility to have a warm meal at lunchtime in the Dining Hall and Cafeteria Ehrenberg as well as the Cafeteria Röntgenbau. In addition, the clubs offer a daily breakfast organized by us during the ErstiWoche. If you bring your Ersti-Badge, the breakfast is free for you.
- To access the Internet, you can connect to the University WLAN on campus or use the PC pools in the University Computing Center.
- You have the possibility to do **laundry**, in the basement of the houses A, K and E on campus, as well as in "Heidi's Waschsalon"(Rottenbachstraße 34, 98693 Ilmenau). In the dorms, washing and drying costs 1 € each. You pay with your **thoska**.

## BAföG "In a nutshell"

#### **Asset Recognition**

- The BAföG rate is usually calculated on the basis of (1.) own assets, (2.) own income and the (3.) income of parents and spouses.
- The approval period (BWZ) is usually 12 months.

#### Own assets

 The allowance for a single person without a child is 15000 €. Proven debts and burdens can be taken into account negatively.

#### Own income

- Child benefit is not taken into account.
- Single students without a child are allowed to earn 6.251,04 € gross (520,92 €/month) during the entire grant period.

#### Income of parents and spouses

• Only the income of your natural parents or your adoptive parents will be taken into account. The income of stepparents is not taken into account at all.

#### **Funding duration**

- The maximum duration of funding for degree programs is generally based on the standard period of study.
- Extension of the eligibility period is possible in case of legally recognized reason (illness, pregnancy, child raising, disability, committee activity).

### BAföG for students without a German passport

 For foreign students, different rules apply in some cases. We therefore advise you to contact the BAföG office directly.

### BAföG and change of field of study

- If a change of field of study takes place, one usually starts again with the first semester of study.
- The change is unproblematic up to the third semester, after that you have to give comprehensible reasons.

### Repayment

- Generally, half of the subsidy is an interest-free loan.
- The loan debt is limited to a maximum of 10.010 €.
- Repayment begins five years after the end of the maximum funding period.

#### Address

Amt für Ausbildungsförderung (BAföG) Max-Planck-Ring 1 98693 Ilmenau 49 3677 69-2752

# University associations

Student life in Ilmenau is one of the richest in Germany. You can find a small overview here:

#### **Technical**

- FeM e.V. www.fem.tu-ilmenau.de/en/
- sci e.V. www.sci-ev.de
- SWING an der TU Ilmenau e.V. www.swing-ev.de
- Team Starcraft e.V. www.teamstarcraft.de
- UNIKAT www.tu-ilmenau.de/unikat

#### Media

- Studentenfernsehen iSTUFF www.istuff.de
- Hochschulfilmclub e.V. (HFC) www.hochschulfilmclub.de
- hsf Studentenradio e.V. www.radio-hsf.de/en
- Ilmpressions Filmproduktion www.ilmpressions.de

### Music

- Big Band "Second Unit Jazz" www.jazz.tu-ilmenau.de/
- Jazzclub Ilmenau e.V. www.jazzclub-ilmenau.de
- Kammerchor der TU Ilmenau e.V. www.tu-ilmenau.de/chor
- Akademisches Orchester der TU Ilmenau e.V.
   www.tu-ilmenau.de/orchester

#### Culture

- ISWI e.V. www.en.iswi.org/
- KuKo e.V. www.kuko-ev.de/?lang=en
- ILMPULS e.V. www.ilmpuls.de
- Bergfest e.V. www.bergfest-ev.de
- ILSC e.V. www.il-sc.de/en
- <bc> Club www.instagram.com/bc.studentenclub
- bc-Café www.bc-studentencafe.de/en/
- BD Club www.bd-club.de
- BH Club www.bh-club.de
- bi Club www.bi-club.de

### Other

- Ingenieure ohne Grenzen e.V. www.ingenieure-ohne-grenzen. org/ilmenau
- VDE https://www.vde.com/en
- KSG www.ksg-ilmenau.de
- Hochschul-SMD Ilmenau www.hochschul-smd.org/ilmenau/

# Living in Ilmenau

Ilmenau also has a lot to offer besides your studies! In addition to all kinds of leisure and evening activities, Ilmenau also has a great culinary variety, so here is just a small selection:

### Spare time

- Bowling centre www.ilmbowl.de
- Kinderland Ilmenau www.kinderland-ilmenau.de
- Indoor ice rink www.ilmenau.de/eishalle
- Indoor swimming pool www.ilmenau.de/schwimmhalle
- Outdoor pool www.ilmenau.de/freibad
- Racing sledge run www.ilmenau.de/rennschlittenbahn

### Gastronomy

- bc-Café
   www.bc-studentencafe.de/en/
- · Eiscafé & Pizzeria San Marco
- Sharma's www.sharmarestaurant.de
- Bravo-Pizzeria www.bravo-pizzeria-ilmenau.de/
- Restaurant Schortemühle www.schortemuehle.com/
- Haus am See www.hausamsee-ilmenau.de/

- China Haus www.china-haus-ilmenau.metro. bar
- Carlo's Pizzeria www.pizza-italia-ilmenau.de
- Irodion
   www.irodion-ilmenau.de
- Bobhütte www.bobhütte.de/

### Nightlife in Ilmenau

- <bc> Club ww.instagram.com/bc.studentenclub
- BD Club www.bd-club.de
- BH Club www.bh-club.de
- bi Club www.bi-club.de
- Cinema: Linden Lichtspiele www.kino-ilmenau.de
- · Shisha-Club Pyramide
- · Café Bohne Musikkneipe
- Aqui www.pub-aqui.de

You can find **more clubs** and **leisure activities** on the university homepage under the following link: https://www.tu-ilmenau.de/en/study/before-the-study/student-life.

# The Student Council of the TU Ilmenau (StuRa)

The Student Council (StuRa) is the elected representation of interests of the entire student body of the TU Ilmenau and represents the students vis-à-vis the university, the city, the state and the federal government. It consists of 21 equal members with voting rights. These are elected annually by the student body in the summer semester (usually at the beginning of June), with 16 of the members being directly elected. In addition, each of the five student councils sends a representative to the StuRa. Do you want to change something yourself, get involved or bring a breath of fresh air with new ideas to the StuRa? Then just drop by the public meetings, you can find the date and place online https://stura.tu-ilmenau.de/en/.

The StuRa has set up departments for a number of topics. In addition, working groups have been formed within the StuRa, mostly across departments, which deal with the realisation of concrete projects. If you are interested, you can always contact a member of the respective department. You can find all further information on the website

Listing of the departments:

- City Issues
- Culture
- Data privacy
- ErstiWoche
- Finances
- · Higher Education Policy
- Interclub
- International Affairs
- IT
- Political Education
- Promotion of Volunteer Work
- · PR Public Relations
- Social Affairs
- Sports, Environment & Health

Listing of the working groups

- Corona
- · Working Group on Diversity
- "Evaluierung von Alternativen"
- "Gesundheitsfördernde Universität"
- · "Internationalisierung"
- · "Mensaausschuss"
- · "Ordnungen"
- Doctoral candidates' representati-
- "Umbau"

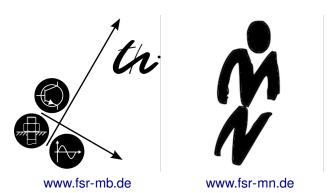


# **Department councils**

Each of the 5 faculties at our university has a department council. These are subordinate to the StuRa and represent the interests of the students to the faculty. A department council usually consists of 8 members elected by the students, as well as several active representatives. The main tasks of the department council are to support, represent and advise students with problems with professors, exams and general problems during their studies. Furthermore, the department council works in committees and commissions to make the degree programs and modules more student-friendly and to optimise them with the experience gained in practice. Of course, department council work is not just dry bureaucracy, because the student council members also organise various social events, parties, events for first-year students to get to know each other, interesting excursions and much more.

So if you have any problems or want to get involved, look out for the people with the black jumpers with red lettering and just talk to them, write them an email or come to their weekly meetings. You can find all the information on the website of your department council.







Assaultive behavior and intolerance have no place at the ErstiWoche! Watch out for each other and respect the boundaries of others.

If you feel unsafe, harassed or need help for any other reason, please contact the EWO team in orange. We will support you in any situation. Our awareness team is present on site for you as well.

# WHERE IS "EWONNE"?

OUR CODE WORD IS "EWONNE". ASK AN EWO MEMBER FOR "EWONNE" AND YOU WILL BE TAKEN TO A PROTECTED AREA.

We wish everyone a nice and pleasant ErstiWoche.



Here is some space to take notes:

