

ErstiGuide

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StuRa

Studierendenrat der TU Ilmenau



Here are some useful QR codes:

Advisory 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-Links

Would you like to know which events are held by organizations on campus and when? Or are you simply interested in which club is open tonight? Do you need support with your studies? Or you simply don't know where to find certain information? Then the link overview from StuRa is the best place for you to go.



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

Kira & Marius

Head of the ErstiWochen-Orga 2026

ErstiWochen-Orga

We are a department of the StuRa whose main task is to organize the ErstiWoche. We consist of about 20 volunteers, many of whom are also active in other student or university organizations, such as the university committees.

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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 information 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. You must also always have your **thoska** with you for all exams and it can be used to pay in the Mensa.
 - You can find your **lecture dates** at campus.tu-ilmenau.de. There you can select your courses and put together your very own timetable. Instructions can be 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 webmail.tu-ilmenau.de.
 - If you have to repair your bicycle you can go to the **Bicycle Studio** which is located next to house B. Further information and opening hours can be found at www.stura-ilmenau.de/en/for-you/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.
 - 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, every day during Freshers' Week, we organize a daily **breakfast** (which is free with a freshers' badge).
 - To access the **Internet**, you can connect to the **University WLAN (eduroam)** 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, E, K, P and Q on campus. In the dorms, washing and drying costs 1 € each. You pay with your **thoska**.
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IT-Guide

Which platforms and services should you be familiar with, and where can you find more information?

- Are you looking for your enrollment certificate, grades, outstanding bills, or do you want to create your class schedule? With our new **Campus Portal**, you can find all of that in one place! You can find all the information related to your studies at campus.tu-ilmenau.de. Since there's so much to discover here, we recommend checking out the Administrative Guide from the Student Affairs Office!
 - Your semester fees also cover a **train ticket** for the respective semester. This counts as a Deutschlandticket. However, you'll need to take action yourself to be able to use it! If you'd like a chip card, you'll need to contact the local IKV (local transit provider) center. If the app version of the ticket is sufficient for you, you'll need to download the **IKV Mobile App** and book the ticket at www.stura-ilmenau.de/en/for-you/semester-ticket. Access to the online booking system is only available from within Germany!
 - As a student at TU Ilmenau, you have the opportunity to obtain various software licenses—such as Microsoft Office, MATLAB, or EndNote—free of charge. You can find the current list of available software under the corresponding tab by logging in with your university credentials at <https://intranet.tu-ilmenau.de/site/unirz/SitePages/IT-Services.aspx>.
 - Most lectures have accompanying **online courses** where you can find the lecture slides, recommended reading, exercises, and much more. You can log in at moodle.tu-ilmenau.de and use the search function to find your courses. Your tutor will certainly be happy to help you if you have any questions. If the course requires a **password**, it is usually provided at the beginning of the class.
 - Are you about to start your first group projects and want to share documents with your classmates or simply manage your own documents online? With your university login, you also have access to the university's **cloud**. There, you have **20GB** of storage available at cloud.tu-ilmenau.de. Using the share feature, you can share documents with all members of the university community!
 - Do you need to send an email to a private individual but aren't sure of the address? When you compose a new email in the university's **webmail** system webmail.tu-ilmenau.de, you'll find a search function for the university's **address book** on the left!
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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 15,000 €. 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 7,236 € gross (603 €/month) during the entire grant period.

Income of parents and spouses

- The allowances for parents' accounts are made up of absolute allowances depending on marital status and relative allowances depending on additional children.

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)

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University associations

Student life in Ilmenau is one of the richest in Germany. Whether you want to get involved in academic, cultural or university political involvement, there is a suitable club for everyone at the TU Ilmenau. A list of all student initiatives can be found on the initiatives can be found on the student council website. A small overview can be found here:

Technical

- Research Association for Electronic Media (FeM) e.V.
- student consulting ilmenau (sci) e.V.
- Studenten des Wirtschaftsingenieurwesens und der Wirtschaftsinformatik (SWING) an der TU Ilmenau e.V.
- Team Starcraft e.V. (Formula Student Team)
- Workshop UNIKAT
- Engineers without Borders (IOG) e.V.
- Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies (VDE) e.V. - university group
- Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (VDI) e.V. - Hochschulgruppe: VDI Young Engineers Ilmenau

Media

- Student television iSTUFF
- University film club e.V. (HFC)
- hsf Student radio e.V.
- Impressions film production

Music

- Big Band „Second Unit Jazz“
- Jazzclub Ilmenau e.V.
- Chamber choir of the TU Ilmenau e.V.
- Academic Orchestra of the TU Ilmenau e.V.

Culture

- Initiative Solidarity World Ilmenau (ISWI) e.V.
- Cultural coordination (KuKo) e.V.
- Bergfest e.V.
- Ilmenau student clubs (ILSC) e.V.
- Ilmenau eSport e.V.

Other

- Catholic Student Community (KSG)
- Hochschul-SMD Ilmenau (christian university group)

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

- Kinderland
- Ice rink
- Indoor swimming pool
- Leisure pool

Nightlife in Ilmenau

- bc-Keller
- BHD Club
- bi Club
- Cinema: Linden Lichtspiele
- Pub: Café Bohne
- Pub: Aquí

Gastronomy

- bc-Keller
- Eiscafé & Pizzeria San Marco
- Sharma's
- Bravo-Pizzeria
- Restaurant zur Schortemühle
- Haus am See
- China Haus
- Carlo's Pizzeria
- Irodion
- Ratskeller
- Café Victoria
- Café zum kleinen Eisbär
- Genusswerkstatt Ilmenau
- BeeBee Sushi & more

More local associations, cultural and leisure activities can be found on the homepage of the town of Ilmenau.

In addition to regular activities, there are many event highlights on campus and in Ilmenau throughout the year. For example, every year in the middle of the summer semester, the Bergfest takes place with its legendary "beerathlon". Every two years, the TU Ilmenau welcomes many students from all over the world during the "international student week ilmenau". In addition, the Nikolausvorlesung (St. Nicholas Lecture) takes place every year in December, where your lecturers give Christmas lectures. The winter semester kicks off with events such as the inova career fair, and classical music lovers will enjoy the New Year's Concert. Don't miss the summer cinema in the last week of lectures in the summer semester! You can find many more events in the StuRa event calendar.



The Student Council of the TU Ilmenau

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 19 equal members with voting rights. These are elected annually by the student body in the summer semester (usually at the beginning of June).

Would you like to contribute your own ideas for events or projects on campus? Would you like to get politically involved at the university? Do you like ErstiWoche? Do you need a room for a small, private event? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, please contact the StuRa or the relevant department directly. Just drop by the public meetings or get in touch by e-mail. You can find the date, location and contact details online www.stura-ilmenau.de.

The StuRa has set up responsible departments for a range of topics. Working groups have also been formed in the StuRa, mostly across departments, which deal with the realization of specific projects. If you are interested, you are welcome to contact a member of the respective department at any time. You can find all further information on the website.

Listing of the departments:

- Data privacy
- Promotion of Volunteer Work & Culture
- ErstiWoche
- Finances
- Higher Education Policy & Political education
- Space Management
- International Affairs

- IT
- PR – Public relations
- Social affairs
- Sports, Environment & Health
- City & Mobility

Listing of the working groups:

- Mensa Committee
- Sustainability
- Regulations

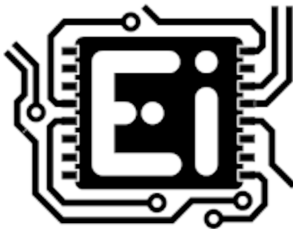
The logo for the Student Council (StuRa) of TU Ilmenau. It features the word 'StuRa' in a large, bold, black, stylized script font. The 'S' and 't' are connected, and the 'R' is particularly large and prominent. The 'a' is smaller and follows the 'R'.

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Student councils of the faculties

Each of the 5 faculties at our university has an own student council (abbr. FSR). These are subordinate to the StuRa and represent the interests of the students to the faculty. A student council of the faculty usually consists of 7 members elected by the students, as well as several active representatives. The main tasks of a FSR are to support, represent and advise students with problems with lecturers, exams and general problems during their studies. Furthermore, a student council of the faculty works in committees and commissions to make the degree programs and modules more student-friendly and to optimize them with the experience gained in practice. Of course, the councils work is not just dry bureaucracy, because the board members also organize various social events, parties, events for first-year students to get to know each other, interesting excursions and much more.

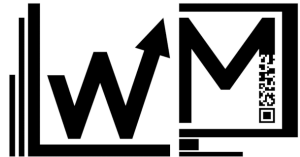
So if you have any problems or want to get involved, look out for the people with the black jumpers with red lettering and just talk to them, write them an email or come to their weekly meetings. You can find all the information on the website of your faculty's student council.



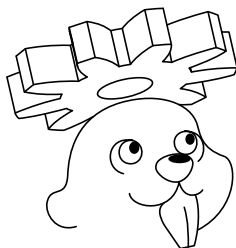
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FSR MB

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A W A R E N E S S

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.



Sustainability

Whether you live on campus, in a dorm, or in the city, sorting your trash properly is important everywhere. This allows recyclables to be recycled, conserves resources, and prevents unnecessary landfill waste. To help you know right away what goes in which bin, here's a quick overview of trash sorting.





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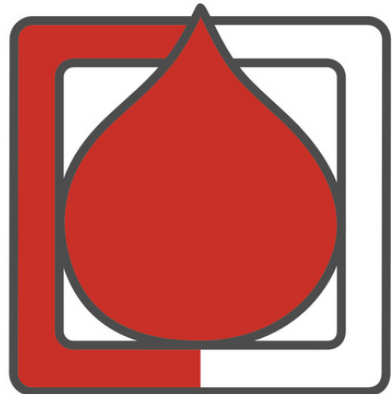


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