Service Data of the Carl von Ossietzky University
Integration Pilot Service

mid-April 2008 to December 30, 2018

Personal assistance, accompaniment and support

- **306** students were cared for individually (being assisted with meetings at public authorities, health insurances and BAföG office, given IT support, assisted with forms and the search for apartments and scholarships, given language mentoring etc)
- **776** proofreading jobs were carried out (482 assignments and less voluminous corrections plus 247 diploma/bachelor/master theses and dissertations)
- **61** students were coached individually (preparing personality profiles and application papers, supporting the search for jobs/internships and helping with company interviews)
- **32** language tandems were arranged within the pilot service team (e.g. International Coffee Hour) or forwarded to the university language tandem office
- **2** German language courses were carried out bridging semesters
- **9** Cooking experiences such as Indonesian, Chinese, Taiwanese, Syrian, Cameroonian and Vegetarian
- **21** regularly-held summer and Christmas parties together with international students since 2008

Integration Pilots being contact persons at

- the Information stall (carried out 79 times: cafeteria, library, „Markt der Möglichkeiten“)
- roll-ups (put up in the Mensa foyer 242 times plus distributing flyers replacing the info stall, starting October 2009
- the “International Coffee Hour” organized as meeting point for students (**255 times**, each first and third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 pm plus time for preparation and clearing up)

Integration Pilots attended

- the German language courses of the university language centre
- receptions for newly arrived exchange students
- information and training meetings referring to the integration pilot program
- the press conference of the Niedersachsen Department of the Interior
- the three-day event “Tag der Niedersachsen” in Winsen/Luhe
- integration pilot meetings organized by the city of Oldenburg
- the Osnabrück meeting of the Niedersachsen Integration Council
- the meeting by the Oldenburg branch of the Niedersachsen Cooperative on Migration
- the Hannover discussion meeting of the students’ advisory coordinating office
- the Federal conference of integration and foreign citizens coordinators in Oldenburg
- the Hannover presentation of the university integration pilot project
- the university round-table meeting
- the organization of the international summer parties in 2010/2014/2015
Continuation of Integration Pilots attended:
– the Long Night Against Procrastination 2014/2015
– the meeting by „foreigners studying in Lower Saxony“ 2011
– „Why not?” round-table meeting
– the meeting „Integration of International qualified employees“, Berlin 2013

Public Relations
– Press (local paper Nordwest-Zeitung, church paper Evangelische Zeitung, University Info)
– TV O1 Oldenburg (film on five years Uni-Lotsen)
– Radio Oldenburg (interview) and Campus-Radio (interview)
– NDR radio/tv (film on Niedersachsen Integration Pilot Services)
– Article in „Blickpunkt Integration“
– NWZ Article „10 Years Uni-Lotsen“
– the event 1st Voluntary Work Fair in Oldenburg in 2011
– Pilot service websites (http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/uni-lotsen) in both German and English languages
– Posters, leaflets, flyers, roll-ups, leaflet holders, pens, buttons

Internal communication and organization
– monthly meetings (80 jour fixes so far)
– further group meetings when necessary (on topics such as going public, coaching, sustainability, proofreading)
– Yahoo forum deleted, new university account available: uni-lotsen@uni-oldenburg.de
– organizing and carrying out of the 5-year Uni-Lotsen event, 10-year-celebration is being organized
… and sometimes there is even time to have a party or barbecue (in spring, in summer or during the Christmas season.
– Workshops: 2017 for proofreading pilots, 2018 educational workshops by Ms. Goerres and workshops „Psychologischer Beratungs-Service“ by Mr. Schumann

Financing, sponsoring
– the printing of posters, flyers, and business cards is being paid for by the university and by the pilots’ personal contribution
– coffee and tea for the International Coffee Hour and the International Summer Party was paid for by the Studentenwerk
– cookies, coffee and tea for the Coffee Hour were paid for by pilots since 2017
– financial support of the Christmas party by ISO and project support of the 9 cooking experiences by HGAS
– other material is also paid for by pilots
– 2 roll-ups were paid for by a sponsor
– the university bought a leaflet holder, various flyers, pens and buttons

We thank the university Presidium and all university institutions for supporting our voluntary work.

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Integration Pilots