



Dilafruz from Uzbekistan

Dilafruz is 23 years old and comes from Chirchiq, a city located in the Northeast of Uzbekistan. Besides her mother tongue Uzbek she speaks Russian and German fluently.

Before Dilafruz came to RUB in winter semester 2011/12 for her Bachelor studies in the field of Psychology, she studied German Philology at the World Languages University in Tashkent. As a teenager she attended a 3-week-exchange-programme provided by the Goethe-Institut and therefore got the chance to visit Germany’s capital Berlin.

“In Uzbekistan I learned from my German teacher that RUB is known to be international and friendly. Here is a place with a diverse range of subjects and activities. You have the opportunity to meet people from different cultures having their own special languages and mentalities.”

Dilafruz knows by own experience how hard a beginning in a new country might be, therefore she has made her mission in favour to assist other international students on their way to RUB. For this reason, she attended the events of RUBiss and involved herself more and more in a supportive way. So she became one of several international tutors who helped students with formalities concerning language courses or appointments at the foreigners’ office.

In future Dilafruz wants to support the association Experiment e.V. that organises smaller exchange programmes within Germany. For example Dilafruz herself has spent Christmas in 2012 in a German family near Bitburg not far away from the Luxembourgian border. She is available for other interested students as a contact person. Currently she is involved as a so-called Campus Guide and introduces RUB and especially her department to new exchange or international students.

“Being an international student myself, I know exactly how difficult it is to cope abroad. Especially at the beginning of their stay it is very important that the students do not feel like strangers or being left alone.”

Prof. Dr. Sarah Weigelt (Faculty of Psychology) about Dilafruz:
 “I am very sure, that Dilafruz will succeed her Psychology studies triumphantly and I wish her to finally fulfill her dream of a Master programme in Psychology.”

We wish Dilafruz a lot of success in her further studies and in implementing her ideas!