

GUIDE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Practical Issues



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TRANSPORTATION

Biking in Regensburg

Regensburg is excellent for biking. Biking is the best way to get around the city and to campus. Most streets in the city center are closed to cars and there are no parking spaces available. By bike you will get through the city center quickly and easily.

You can buy inexpensive used bikes at the flea-market (every weekend) or in bike shops. Usually, you can sell the bike without any problems before you return to your home country.

Public Transportation in Regensburg with the Semesterticket

Your UR-Card includes a so-called „Semesterticket“ for students, which can be used for free transportation on all local city and regional buses as well as trains within certain zones of Regensburg.

Note: All students **must** buy the Semesterticket. This is part of the approx. 200,- EUR student fee collected by the Studentenwerk upon registration.

Bus schedules and maps showing the zones valid for the semester ticket:

<http://www.rvv.de>

Taking the Train

People who plan to travel through Germany by train should read up on special offers made by the Deutsche Bahn (i.e. Deutschlandticket, BahnCard, Wochenendticket, Bayerticket, etc.):

<http://www.bahn.de>

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Opening a Bank Account in Regensburg

Most European SEPA accounts are accepted. Students from overseas will have to open a German account most likely.

No residence accepts payments via credit card.

Please contact the International Office for support with opening a bank account. We will advise you on what to do.

Shopping Hours

Some larger stores in Germany are open Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 8 pm. Smaller shops, however, usually close earlier, for example at 6.30 pm on weekdays and noon on Saturdays. No stores are open on Sundays, so if you arrive on Friday or Saturday, make sure to buy enough food for the weekend. Two exceptions to this are some bakeries that are open Sunday mornings and the supermarket at the train station, which is open for business from 6 am to midnight on Sundays and public holidays.

Tipping

It is common to leave a tip in restaurants for service. When the amount is under € 5,- you usually round up the sum to the next full Euro. With amounts over € 5,- one adds a 5-10% tip.

UR-Card

Upon your enrollment, you will receive the so-called UR-Card. This chip card fulfills several purposes. It serves as a stu-

dent ID, library card, member card for the university's sport center, as well as a semester ticket for public transportation within Regensburg and the surrounding area.

Bus schedules and maps showing the zones for which the semester ticket is valid are available here:

<http://www.rvv.de>

UR Computer Account and WiFi on Campus

As a registered student, you will receive your own computer account and email address at the UR upon arrival in the International Office. However, it is important that we have received your complete application forms and fees in time.

You need this account to register for courses, communicate with your professors and for online services.

On the whole campus (except some areas where WiFi cannot reach), you have access to the Internet. There are three networks you can use: The secure „eduroam“, the „StudiWLAN“, and the open „BayernWLAN“ network. In order to use „eduroam“, it is usually necessary to register your computer/tab/smartphone separately. Exception: If your home university is part of „eduroam“ and you have already configured your device accordingly, your device should automatically connect to eduroam using your home university's credentials.

For the StudiWLAN, you need your NDS-account information to log in. You can also use the free, open „BayernWLAN“ network for instant access. No registration is required.



Personal Liability Insurance

In Germany, you will be held liable for physical or material damages that you cause to others. This can get expensive quite fast.

For example, if you pour coffee over another student's laptop, if you cause a fire in your dormitory due to the use of private electronic appliances such as a water boiler or hair dryer, or if you cause an accident as a pedestrian. Therefore, we strongly advise you to get a liability insurance for the time of your stay in Germany. You can obtain further information in the International Office.

Broadcasting Fee

Every household is charged with a flat rate of 18.36 EUR/ month for all technical devices that are able to receive the programs provided by public-law broadcasting service (ARD, ZDF etc.). The new regulation does not differentiate between the number of technical devices the household possesses or whether these devices are used to receive the public-law programs.

Tutors International

The tutors for international students can answer many questions you may have (e.g. where to get used bikes, how to find a doctor, how to use the sports centre at the university).

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