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Accommodation / Seezeit Student Residences

Last chance: book a room

Next steps for moving in the Seezeit Student Residences

- Reservation confirmation approx. 1 month before beginning of contract
- Arrange move-in date and time with tenant service (Mieterservice)

Can’t be there in time? Impossible date?
- Book temporary accommodation
- Authorisation for room handover (buddy?)

Provide own pillow, blanket and sheets
- Order with Mieterservice for 45 Euros (deducted from deposit)
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Accommodation / Seezeit Student Residences

Cancellations

Deposit of 800 € =
750 € refundable deposit + 50€ non-refundable processing fee

Cancellation deadlines:

Rental starting 1 September: **15 August** : 750 € (minus transfer fee) will be refunded

Rental starting 1 October: **15 September** : 750 € (minus transfer fee) will be refunded
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If you don’t have an accommodation yet:

- Check private residential market
- Apply through Seezeit’s regular process

Remember:

Don’t let anyone pressure you into signing a contract and sending copies of your documents before you are certain of the contract’s legitimacy!

5 ways to recognize housing scams

1. If it looks too good to be true, it probably is!
2. Every attempt to see the flat will be declined.
3. Unusual payment requests, i.e. to secure the flat before seeing it.
4. The company/landlord avoids phone calls or personal meetings.
5. High pressure to act quickly.
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Formalities

Study Visa for Germany (1)

Who does NOT need a visa to enter Germany and can apply here for a residence permit?
- Visa free entry: Students with EU/EEA nationality/passport AND
- Students with passport from Brazil, USA, Canada, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Israel, UK

Who DOES need a visa?
- Students with Non-EU/EEA nationality & visa obligation

Where do I get my visa from?
- German Embassy / Consulate of your region: Check website of the German Embassy

EU student mobility scheme for non EU students
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Formalities

Study Visa for Germany (2)

When can I start the visa process?
- once you have received your admission letter
- start *asap* if you haven’t started yet

Which visa do I apply for?
- visa for *study purposes* („long term visa“ for double degree students)
- *no* tourist/visitor’s visa
- allows you to fly into Zurich = closest airport

What do I need to present when applying for a visa?
- Find checklist on the website of the German Embassy/Consulate
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Formalities

Study Visa for Germany (3)

Minimum required documents:

- Application form
- Health insurance
- Admission letter of the University of Konstanz
- Visa fee
- Proof of financial resources for 1 year:

  i.e.: 992 EUR / month x 12 months = 11,904 EUR
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Formalities

Proof of financial resources for non-EU/EEA students

You need to prove that you have sufficient funds to finance your stay in Germany

Currently: 992 € per month

4 Possibilities accepted as an official proof by immigration authorities:

1. A formal written commitment from relatives or acquaintances submitted to a German Diplomatic Mission abroad or Local Immigration Office in Germany
2. Blocked account opened at a German bank
3. Scholarship confirmation (monthly!)
4. A written confirmation of financial support from your parents
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Formalities: Health Insurance

EU students: EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)
Non-EU/EEA: German State Health Insurance

- take it out from abroad
- starts with the beginning of semester (01.10.)
- get travel insurance to cover the gap

Exception: Students from Turkey, Serbia, Tunisia, Bosnia, Montenegro: Bilateral agreements (AT 11)

Only the German statutory health insurance is accepted by immigration authorities and university

30 years or older: Take out German private health insurance
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Formalities

**German Bank Account**

German checking account is obligatory for:

- monthly rents
- insurance payments
- salary payments
- saving fees for international wire transfers
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Finances

Living expenses

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Be prepared to bring extra money for the semester start

Please note: These are only approximate values and the actual costs may vary.
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Mobility Online - Formalities

before arrival:

- Book accommodation: proof of deposit

after arrival:

- Register with the city: passport/personal ID + confirmation of landlord

after expiration of your visa (in general after one year):

- Non-EU students – residence permit: passport/personal ID + health insurance membership certificate + financial proof + admission letter + enrollment certificate with end of studies + entry stamp + visa
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Our Buddy programme:

✓ Go to our website

✓ Register for the buddy programme | 31.07.

✓ Get in touch with your local buddy

✓ Take part in our Buddy Welcome Events
For both: What else is important...

- The local buddies are volunteers, i.e. your local buddy does not receive any money for the activity.

- We are sure that your local buddy is trying very hard to support you. If things don't go according to plan, please be patient with each other and have the courage to improvise.

- Clarify at the beginning which language or languages you would like to use.

- If your local buddy does not respond to requests, please let us know. We will then try to offer a new match.

- Please do not hesitate to contact us, if there are any questions or problems.
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German Intensive Language Course with Orientation Programme (GO-Konstanz)

04.09. - 30.09.2024

• move-in dates: 02 and 03 September
• level determined by online-assessment
• enroll in time to get Uni Konstanz e-mail account
• cancel until latest 15 August if you cannot join
• Choose the right date for the housing scheme in MobOn
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OriPro Master - Orientation Programme

07.- 10.10.2024

- Orientation Programme
  - orientation on campus
  - formalities
  - study organization
  - working in Germany
  - meet people & discover

- free of charge
- can be combined with prep courses / get-togethers
- Registration until September 15th

OriPro Master 2024
starts: Mon, 7.10.
Further Welcome and Orientation Events

- Introductory weeks from 14 to 18 October: Cross-disciplinary orientation events

- Departmental orientation events from 14 to 18 October

- Start of classes: 21.10.2024

- https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/before-you-study/guide-for-new-students/

- Welcome events and parties by the student representation (StuVe), student council (Fachschaft) and university groups (such as ESN)
Course selection

Learn German

- GO-Konstanz

- Cost free semester courses

- Placement test: fill out the form until Tuesday, 1st October (if you are not taking part in the GO-Konstanz programme)
  
  - Instructions and Registration Form

- Language Tandem Programme (more information here)
Stay updated

- Up-to-date information on our events and excursions, as well as reminders for important deadlines

Follow our WhatsApp channel
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Online session: Non-EU students: Applying for a visa or residence permit

15 July 2024, 4 – 5 pm

• which documents you need, particularly the financial proof
• how to proceed
• which support you get by the International Office
• any questions you have
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Online session: Preparations before you arrive

16 September 2024, 4 – 5 pm

- Preparation: documents for formalities, what to pack etc.
- OriPro Master: schedule
- Arrival and the first days
- Orientation weeks at the university
- Your questions, our answers
Any questions?

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