University of Konstanz
Exchange Studies
Final Preparations & Information

Webinar 31.1.2020
14.00 (UTC+1:00)

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Topics

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   1) Accommodation /Seezeit Student Residences
   2) Bureaucratic tasks / formalities
   3) Finances
   4) Orientation programmes
   5) Course selection
   6) Checklists

II. Arrival in Konstanz (before the beginning of orientation)
   Welcome-„Stammtisch“

III. First day on campus (start of orientation)
    What to bring

IV. Contact
Remember:

I. Please complete all your tasks in your Mobility Online work-flow as soon as possible!

II. Please check your emails regularly for emails from the University of Konstanz or Seezeit (also spam folder)!
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Accommodation / Seezeit Student Residences

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 (hostel etc)
    - Authorisation for room handover (buddy?)
  - Provide own pillow, blanket and sheets
  - Order for 45 Euro (deducted from deposit)
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Accommodation / Seezeit Student Residences

Haven't applied for Seezeit Student Residence?

☑ Check private residential market (website)
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Bureaucratic tasks / formalities

Long-term Student Visa for Germany (non-EU/EEA)

Who does **not** need a visa?
- Visa free entry: Students with EU/EEA nationality/passport AND
- Students with passport from Brazil, USA, Canada, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Israel

Who needs 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 / Consulate
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Bureaucratic tasks / formalities

Long-term Student Visa for Germany (non-EU/EEA)

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

Which visa do I apply for?
- visa for study purposes
  (if possible for whole duration of intended stay)
- no tourist/visitor's visa

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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Long-term Student Visa for Germany (non-EU/EEA)

Minimum required documents:

- Application form
- Health insurance (get German statutory health insurance!!!)
- Admission letter of the University of Konstanz
- visa fee
- Proof of financial resources for 1 semester (intended duration of stay):

  Monthly income amounting 853 Euros has to be proven!
  
  i.e.: 853 Euros / month \times 5\text{ months} = 4,265\text{ Euro}

Don't forget to upload it to Mobility Online as soon as possible, if you haven't done it yet!
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Proof of financial resources for non-EU/EEA students for long-term student visa & residence permit for study purposes

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

Currently: 853 € 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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Health Insurance

EU/EEA students: EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)
Non-EU/EEA: German Statutory Health Insurance
- take it out online from abroad
- starts with beginning of semester (1.4.2020)
- monthly installments by direct debit
- get travel insurance for travels & first month

30 years or older: Take out German private health insurance

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Is your bank account ready for your stay in Germany?

Things you should arrange/check with your bank before coming to Germany:

• Please check, if your bank has any limitations regarding: daily/weekly/monthly amount available for transfer/cash withdrawal, etc.
• How to get credit/debit card and what to do in case of loss
• European bank: Does bank support Euro payments/transfers
• European bank: Does the bank allow direct debits from German institutions/companies (eg Seezeit)
## Preparations before your arrival in Konstanz

### Finances

#### Living expenses

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<th>Items</th>
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<td>300€ - 450€</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>120€ - 250€</td>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
<td>56€/semester</td>
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<td>Learning materials</td>
<td>50€ - 100€</td>
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<td>License fees (broadcast)</td>
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Be prepared to bring extra money for the semester start.
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Orientation Programmes

GO-Konstanz - German Language & Orientation Programme

GO Konstanz March 2020 (4.-31.3.2020)

• German Language Course
• Orientation Programme
  – orientation on campus
  – administrative support
  – study organization
  – meet people
  – discover the region
• 300 Euros
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Orientation Programmes

OriPro - Orientation Programme

OriPro April 2020 (3.-9.4.2020)

- Orientation Programme
  - orientation on campus
  - administrative support
  - study organization
  - meet people
  - discover the region
- free of charge

OriPro April 2020
Starts: Fr, 3.4. at 9.00am in R 513

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Course Selection

✓ Courses for summer semester 2020 will be online and complete by the latest at the beginning of March
✓ Courses taught in English are available
✓ Until then, please refer to the courses that were offered in the previous summer semester 2019 (likely but no guarantee that they will be offered again).

✓ Erasmus+: please send Learning Agreement to your respective Departmental Erasmus+ Coordinator
✓ Please check our Incoming Student Guide for more details on recurring course offers.
✓ Course selection will be done during the Exchange Days in the orientation programmes
✓ You won't miss any „course registrations“
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Checklist

Important things to do before departure:

☐ upload all requested documents to MobilityOnline (check work-flow)!

☐ non-EU/EEA: get a long-term student visa (except USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Israel and Brazil)

☐ non-EU/EEA: students from USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Israel and Brazil and all other non-EU/EEA students without a long term visa for the whole duration of intended stay: get proof of funding (for residence permit)

☐ EU/EEA: Make sure your bank accepts direct debits from Germany

☐ Make arrangements with your bank

☐ schedule a move-in date and inform your buddy about your arrival date

☐ plan your trip to Konstanz (book your flight)

☐ pack a supply of important medications

☐ apply for a credit / debit card
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Checklist

What you should pack (part 1):

☐ **non-EU/EEA**: your passport  
  (valid for the entire duration of your stay in Germany +6 months);

☐ **EU/EEA**: your identity card (**not**) driver’s license

☐ **non-EU/EEA without visa obligation**: proof of funding  
  (required if you need to apply for a residence permit)

☐ letter of admission from the University of Konstanz

☐ international driving license or a certified translation of your national driver’s licence

☐ other travel documents (plane tickets etc.)

☐ confirmation of residence hall reservation

☐ credit/debit card or traveler's checks
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Checklist

What you should pack (part 2):

☐ important medication and information about your medication in German or English
☐ important telephone numbers: bank, home university and University of Konstanz International Office, buddy, etc.
☐ copies of all documents (passport, admission letter, proof of funding, plane tickets...)
☐ In Germany, the wall outlet voltage is 220 V. Students from other regions of the world should consider bringing an adapter for electrical devices.
☐ clothing: In the winter, the temperature can drop below the freezing point and it can snow. Please do not forget warm clothing! Summer temperatures can reach 30 degrees Celsius. Bring your swim wear!
☐ LAN/Ethernet cord (and router) for Seezeit residence halls
Arrival in Konstanz
(before the begining of orientation)

Things to do upon arrival in Konstanz

- Meet your buddy
- Move into accommodation
- Get your move-in confirmation from the landlord for the municipal registration (Bürgerbüro)
- Explore residence and city
- Join our Welcome-„Stammtisch“ at 20.00 in the Constanzer Wirtshaus on the official arrival days:

  2nd + 3rd March & 1st + 2nd April
First day on campus (start of orientation)

Things to bring to uni

☐ passport or personal ID card (not a driver’s license)
☐ a printout of your reservation confirmation from Seezeit
☐ a printout of your letter of admission to the University of Konstanz
☐ the Erasmus+ confirmation of arrival (Erasmus+ students only).
☐ about 120 Euro in cash, to pay for a bus ticket and the excursions.
☐ all devices that you’d like to connect to campus WiFi (Eduroam)
Contact

1 March–9 April 2020
Mon–Fri 12.30–13.30
Room G 302

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