

International Students' Guide



WELCOME

Hello & Herzlich Willkommen in Karlsruhe, Germany!

We have composed this guide to support you with useful information to enable you to have a smooth start here in Karlsruhe, Germany. Take your time and read through this document carefully, it contains (very) important information for your studies and your everyday life, such as many useful addresses, telephone numbers and contact persons at DHBW Karlsruhe. In addition, it provides interesting tips for leisure opportunities, such as places to go shopping, places to go out at night, sports, and so on.

Please read this carefully and check all the points mentioned. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We would like to wish you a successful stay in Karlsruhe!

Your International Office Team



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International Office:

Our office is located on the 1st floor, room D 118.1.

Address:

International Office

Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg Karlsruhe

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Accommodation

For the students who rent a room in a student dormitory, there are some formalities to comply with:

- ✓ Sign the rental contract at Studierendenwerk

Address: Adenauerring 7

Tel: 0721-6909-141

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Thursday 1:30 pm - 3 pm,

Required documents: 2 photos, enrollment certification, information about your German bank account (name of the bank, IBAN and BIC codes)



We have a limited number of rooms in the dormitories. The rooms are assigned to the students by Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe based upon availability on a first come first serve basis. The dormitories are mixed with shared bathroom and kitchen and there are no apartments for females only. The rent is **between EUR 200 and 300** per month, depending on your room size and location. The rent will be taken out of your German account at the beginning of each month. The price includes water, electricity, heating, internet and TV cable. The rent for the room cannot be divided by the number of the days and must be paid for an entire month. The refundable security deposit is EUR 450. The first rent and security deposit must be paid by bank transfer before your arrival. The security deposit will be

transferred to your account within 3 months after the end of your rental contract. Please note that we can only reserve the rooms for a whole semester.

GEZ

During your stay in the dormitory, you will receive a letter from “GEZ” in which you are requested to pay for the public broadcasting license fees. All adult citizens in Germany including students who stay in a student dormitory are obliged to pay those fees regardless of their actual media use. Usually, the students who stay in an apartment together divide the fees among each other. Please contact your roommates when you move in to clear up who will pay for it and which amount you have to pay. **Moving out**

Please contact the Hausmeister (janitor) Mr. Faltin (Tel. 0173-3486611, for Tennesseeallee) or Mr. Joachimsthaler (Tel.0177-4755378, for Nancystr.) **at least 2 weeks** before you move out, so you can make an appointment to give back the key. His office is located on Tennesseeallee 36A and his business hours are Monday - Friday 7 am - 7:30 am and Mondays 3 pm - 3:30 pm.

Take care of your apartment key!!! If you lose or destroy it, you will have to pay a **fee of around EUR 450** because the Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe will have to change the locks on the room and flat doors



Enrolling at DHBW Karlsruhe

Getting the enrollment certificate

After arriving in Karlsruhe, please get the enrollment certificate from the International Office at DHBW Karlsruhe (1st Floor, Room D 118.1).

✓ Pay the Administration Fee

Pay the administration fee of EUR 87.70 per semester, which includes campus insurance, access to sports facilities, cafeterias etc. Transfer the money to:

Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe

Landesbank Baden-Württemberg

IBAN:DE7760050101 7495 501980

BIC:SOLADEST600

Verwendungszweck (reference):

Name, Duale Hochschule Karlsruhe

✓ Getting your Student Identity Card

The student identity card will be issued after payment of the administrative fee.

What you can do with your Student Identity Card:

- You can use it to use the printers and make copies
- You can use the library (both the library at DHBW and the KIT library in Karlsruhe)
- You can charge the card at the dining halls, pay for the meals or coffee at the cafeteria and buy snacks and drinks from the vending machines
- Credential to purchase the KVV Studiticket



Residence Registration in Karlsruhe

After your arrival, you have to register at the “Bürgerbüro” (registration office) within 2 weeks.

Address: Stadt Karlsruhe, “Bürgerservice und Sicherheit”, Kaiserallee 8

Tel: 0721-133-3333

Opening hours:

Monday and Wednesday 8 am - 3 pm

Tuesday and Friday 8 am - 12 pm

Thursdays 8 am - 12 pm and 2 pm - 5:45 pm

Required documents: Passport, ID, enrollment certificate, “Wohnungsgeberbestätigung” (confirmation document of your landlord, please ask the janitor to hand it over)

Visa

It’s important that you apply for a student visa before you come to Germany. It has to be valid for the whole time period of your stay in Germany. If you come here without a student visa, you will only have a tourist status. Without a student visa, it is not possible to attend lectures or to be awarded with credits.

If you decide to extend your stay for a further semester while you are here, you have to immediately make an appointment with the Ausländerbehörde (Immigration Office) in Karlsruhe (<https://stadt-karlsruhe.saas.smartcim.com/m/stadt-karlsruhe-abh/extern/calendar/?uid=8311b67c-7f17-41d3-801d-ae23fb82fd51&wsid=f6f071bd-a234-447d-bcbe-3cc60f62eef5&lang=de>) to extend your residence permit.

Please select “Persönliche Beantragung Aufenthaltserlaubnis/Niederlassungserlaubnis (Verlängerung/Änderung/ Neubeantragung)“.

You can find more information about the application procedure and the requested documents on the following website <https://www.service-bw.de/zufi/leistungen/580?plz=76133#unterlagen>.

The “Ausländerbehörde” (Immigration Office) is located in the same building as the “Bürgerbüro”. **Address:** Stadt Karlsruhe, “Bürgerservice und Sicherheit”, Kaiserallee 8

Work permit

EU citizens do not need a work permit in order to be employed in Germany. However, there are temporary regulations for the new EU countries.

Students from all other countries must have the following additional annex in their passport: “Beschäftigung bis zu 120 Tagen oder 240 halben Tagen im Jahr sowie Ausübung studentischer Nebentätigkeiten und studienintegrierte Praktika nach § 2 BeschV erlaubt”.

Please make sure that it is explicitly approved in your passport while applying for the residence permit.

Public transportation

✓ Studi-Card (Semester Ticket)

You can buy a “Studi-Card” at a price of 173,80 EUR which is valid for the duration of one semester. The Studi-Card enables you to use public transportation such as tram, bus and regional trains within the whole network of the KVV <https://www.kvv.de/en/index.html>.

The Studi-Card is available at the KVV service points, for example the KVV office in the city centre at Marktplatz or the KVV office outside the central train station.

Besides, without paying an extra fee, the student ID document with the KVV logo on it enables you to use public transportation for free on weekdays between 6 pm and 6 am, as well as on weekends and public holidays throughout the whole day. Please note that it is only valid with a personal ID card.

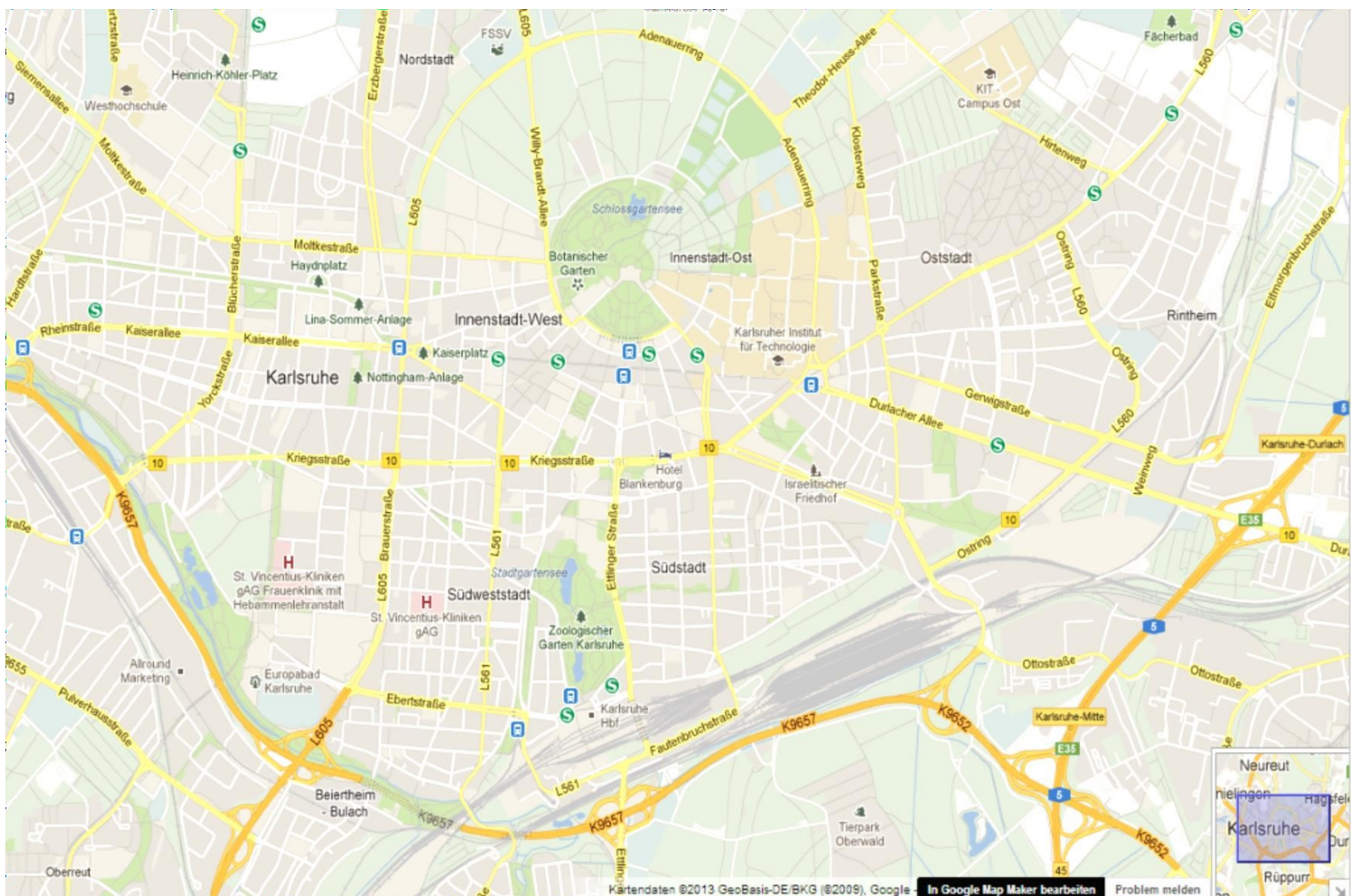


How to get there: Go there by tram to the stop “Marktplatz”. The KVV office is in the building which has “Weinbrennerhaus” in capital letters on it.

Required Documents: Enrollment certificate and passport.



✓ Map of Karlsruhe



✓ Public transportation system

Like most German cities, Karlsruhe has a good public transportation system.

The transportation system in the city is a mix of trams and a subway. Using the train is a very fast and comfortable way of getting around in Karlsruhe.

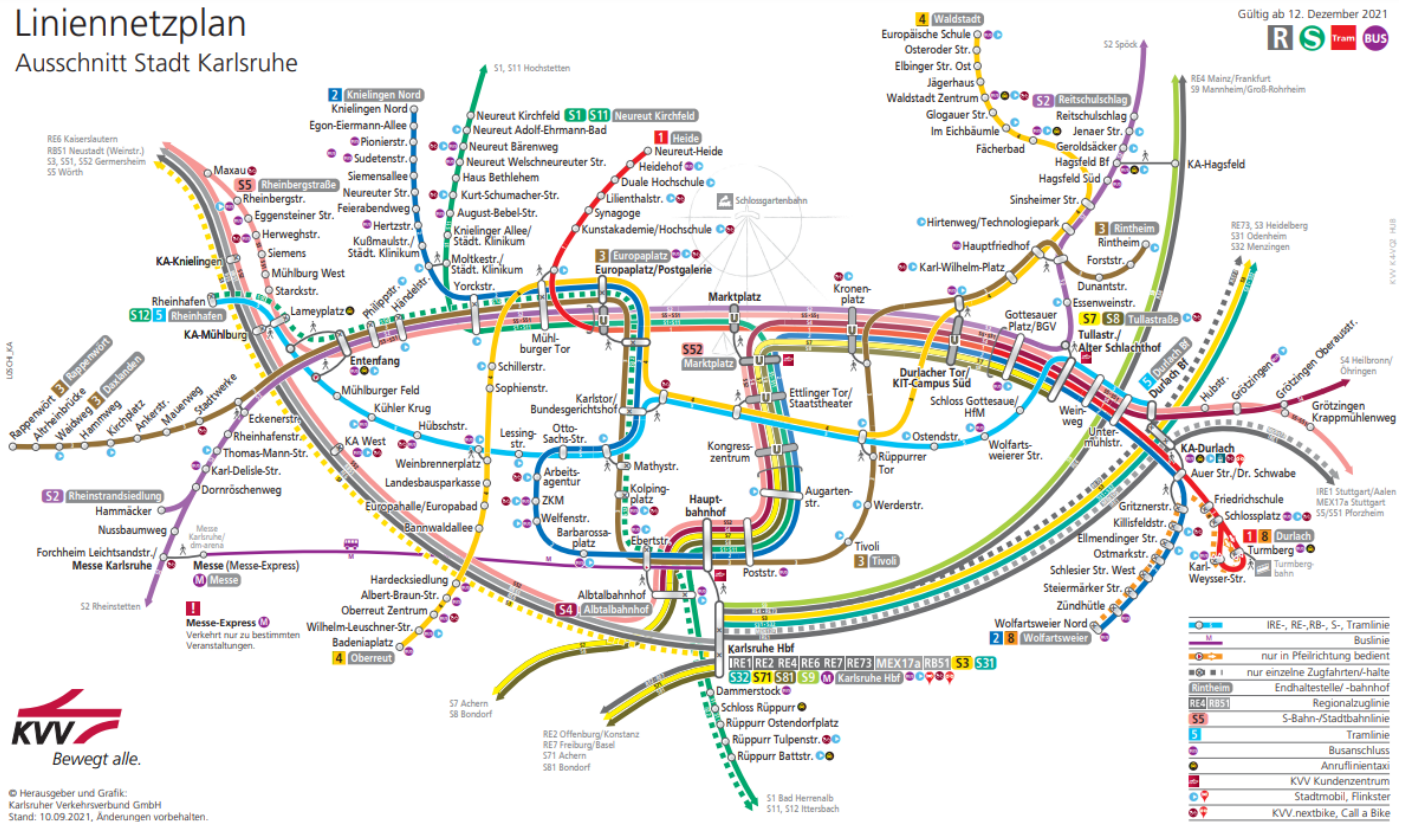
You can find all schedules on the homepage of

KVV: <http://www.kvv.de/>

The most important train for you is **Line 1 (red)**. It gets you to the DHBW or into the city.



Linienetzplan
Ausschnitt Stadt Karlsruhe



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✓ **Getting around by train**

Travelling by train is usually really comfortable and affordable. Especially if you are using the “Super Sparpreis / Super saver fare” or the “Super Sparpreis Young / Super saver fare young”. You can get tickets for only 12 Euros and travel to places like Hamburg or Berlin.

If you want to travel within Baden-Württemberg, the “Baden-Württemberg-Ticket-Young” is probably the best option. This ticket is valid for as many journeys as you want in Baden-Württemberg during its period of validity, regardless of the connection indicated. Discounts are available for up to four people travelling with you. From Mon-Fri, your ticket is valid from 09:00 to 03:00 of the following day; on Sat, Sun and public holidays, it is valid from midnight to 03:00 of the following day. Your ticket gives you access to all other forms of transport provided except of the ICE, IC and the TGV. The “Bawü-Ticket-Young” only costs 21 Euros for one passenger and additional 7 Euros for every additional passenger.

Website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

✓ **Alternatives**

If you don't want to use the train you can take the “FlixBus” or “BlaBlaCar”.

You can get FlixBus tickets from just 5 Euros and you can travel whole Europe by using the FlixBus. <https://global.flixbus.com/>

BlaBlaCar : <https://www.blablacar.co.uk/>

Opening a bank account

In order to open the account, first search the business hours of the bank and make an appointment – it is most likely that you will not be accepted without having an appointment there.

The bank employees also might ask you to speak German. So, you should be accompanied by a person that speaks German and English otherwise you might not be able to open the account. If you need help, you should ask your German buddy.

What you can do with your bank account/bank card:

- Pay for your rent
- Pay for your health insurance
- Pay for your tuition
- Order a bank card with which you can withdraw money free of charge at any of your bank's ATM machines

In order to open a bank account you will need:

- Your passport and the residence permit
- Enrollment certificate from the DHBW Karlsruhe
- “Wohnungsgeberbestätigung” (confirmation document of the landlord, you can ask the janitor to hand it over)

Addresses of some banks:

- Deutsche Bank: Kaiserstr. 90, 76133 Karlsruhe
- Sparkasse: Karlsruhe, Kaiserstr. 223
- Postbank: Am Entenfang, 76185 Karlsruhe
- N26: online bank (<https://n26.com/de-de>)

Health insurance

It's important that you have an adequate insurance which will bear the costs of treatment (doctor and dentist) and hospital expenses in case of sickness during your stay in Germany.



✓ Health insurance for citizens from EU countries

As an EU citizen and student you have the European Health Insurance Card from your insurance company in your home country. It is indicated on the backside of your insurance card.

✓ Health insurance for Non EU- students Non-EU citizens

Individuals who are under 30 years old must purchase a student health insurance at a local insurance company in Germany. This insurance usually costs about 80 EUR per month and covers most costs for medical treatment by a doctor, dentist or at a hospital. It should be valid from the first month of your arrival. Non European students have to register at the health insurance company on their own prior to the arrival. Please check the website of the health insurance companies.

✓ Health insurance companies in Karlsruhe

- **DAK**

Address: Amalienstraße 81-87, 76133 Karlsruhe

Tel: 0721 8309370

- **AOK**

Address: Kriegsstraße 41, 76133 Karlsruhe

Tel: 0721 91582678

- **Techniker Krankenkasse (TK)**

Address: Herrenstraße 26, 76133 Karlsruhe

Tel: 0721 1706140

Liability insurance

Anyone living in Germany should consider having “Haftpflichtversicherung” (personal liability insurance). This covers cases of liability for injury or damage to other persons or their property. This insurance not only covers your own negligence but also includes your family members in it.

It does not cover damages that have been caused by your car (you need to take out a separate insurance for this), but it covers liability for damage caused, for example, when riding a bicycle or breaking a window.

Having liability insurance is not a legal requirement in Germany, but most Germans do have it and it is strongly recommended for expats as well. It costs between 50 and 70 Euros per year.

Further Information can be found on the following websites:

https://www.studentversicherung.de/health_insurance_germany_for_students.html

<https://portal.versicherungsdienste.de/dsw-studenten-kv>

Academic year

Fall Semester: 01.09. - 28.02.

German course: Last two weeks of September

Lecture period: 01.10. - 31.12. (end of lectures usually before Christmas)

Extension of stay: 01.01. - 28.02. (departure flexible, e. g. if students have found an internship depending on their German skills)

Spring Semester: 01.03. - 31.08.

German course: Last two weeks of March

Lecture period: 01.04. - 30.06.

Extension of stay: 01.07. - 31.08. (departure flexible, e. g. if students have found an internship depending on their German skills)

Public Holidays in Germany

Feiertage (Public Holidays)
Neujahr (01.01.) (New Years Day)
Heilige Drei Könige (06.01.) (Epiphany)
Karfreitag (Good Friday)
Ostermontag (Easter Monday)
1. Mai (May Day)
Christi Himmelfahrt (Ascension Day)
Pfingstmontag (Whit Monday)
Fronleichnam (Corpus Christi)
Tag der Deutschen Einheit (03.10.) (German Unity Day)
Allerheiligen (01.11.) (All Saints Day)
1. und 2. Weihnachtstag (25.12. + 26.12.) (Christmas holidays)

➤ Lectures

There is a compulsory attendance for each course at DHBW. A minimum attendance of 75% is obligatory in order to receive credits for a course otherwise you will fail the course. If you are sick and cannot come to a class, you need to inform your professor by e-mail in advance!

Lecture notes: You will find lecture notes and other documents on the learning platform, Moodle. You will have to register on <https://moodle.dhbw.de/> User name and password will be the same as for your Wi-Fi account.

➤ Project work/term paper

There is the possibility to do an assignment (25-30 pages) about a certain project which is awarded with 5 ECTS. The International Office will help you find a supervisor, but you have to submit a draft about what is going to be analyzed in your project. The project enables the possibility to gain extra credits in a field of study which is compulsory for the student at their home university but not offered at DHBW Karlsruhe during the exchange semester as a regular seminar/lecture.

In order to get the credits, you have to stick to scientific standards:

- a cover sheet
- an index of contents
- correct quotation
- correct evidence of sources
- bibliography/references

Structure of content:

1. Introduction to the topic
 - Approach to the problem (why did you choose this topic)
 - Relevance
 - Description of your work/how you deal with the problem
2. Main Part
3. Conclusion (your own)
4. Summary

➤ **German course**

In order to adapt quickly to your new life experience here in Germany and to communicate more easily with other students at DHBW, we offer a 2-week intensive German language course for beginners. It is absolutely necessary to attend the course regularly, in order to be awarded 6 ECTS for the intensive German course. It is only possible to miss the course once. In case of any further absence, a medical certificate has to be submitted. If applicable, an additional assignment has to be agreed on.

DHBW also offers support for advanced German speakers so they can participate in German courses at the PH (Pädagogische Hochschule).

➤ **Useful tips for studying at DHBW Karlsruhe ...** students sometimes forget...

- Take fewer lectures, but attend them regularly in order to gain ECTS.
- Don't be late for class; take 10-15 minutes extra time in order to be on time at the beginning of the class.
- Put your mobile phone on silent or turn it off.
- Don't play on your laptop or smartphone during lectures.

Facilities

❖ Cafeteria/Mensa

You can have lunch in the cafeteria/mensa of DHBW Karlsruhe. It is not expensive (around 2.60 Euro) and they always provide a vegetarian or vegan alternative. You have to pay with your student ID card which can be charged at a vending machine at the exit of the cafeteria. You cannot pay in cash!

❖ Library

Library at DHBW Karlsruhe

You can spend time there writing your project, working or reviewing your courses.

Website: <https://www.bibliothek.kit.edu/cms/fbd.php>



Library at KIT

The KIT library has an inventory of more than two million books and 60,000 journals in printed and electronic form as well as multi-media documents and microfiches.

Address: KIT Library South, Straße am Forum 2, 76131 Karlsruhe

Website: <http://www.bibliothek.kit.edu/cms/english/>

Tel: +49 721 608-43109/-43111

❖ Internet

You have free wireless internet access within all perimeters of our building. You can use one of the computers in the computer rooms, which are located on the 3rd floor. All you have to do is to select a wireless network: “**DHBW-KA**” or “**eduroam**” and enter your username and password. If you are still waiting for your username, you can use the “**KA-WLAN**”.

Your username and password will be provided by DHBW during the enrollment process.

Usually you have to sign in as follows:

User name: last name.first name (small letters), for example: miller.michael

Password: your matriculation number

❖ Printing

As an international student you will get an account and password to access our servers. If you want to print out some documents, **you have to charge your student identity card at the cafeteria first**. Then, you have to go to the 3rd floor, put your student identity card on the printing server and transfer some money of your student identity card to your printing account. Printing costs EUR 0.03 per page for black printing and EUR 0.12 per page for color printing. On the 3rd floor, there is an old color laser printer that also costs EUR 0.03 per page, but is very slow – 1 page/minute.

International Office at KIT

KIT is a very big university and they have a lot of international students. The International Office organizes several trips, meetings, parties, cooking together, etc. You are also invited to go there and take part in different events or activities (don't miss the Erasmus party). In case you wish to get in touch with more exchange students we



recommend that you inform yourself directly in the International Office of KIT about their activities. The easiest way to contact the International Office is to go there during the opening hours or to write an email.

You can find them using the following link: <http://www.sw-ka.de/en/internationales/>

Psychological consulting

If necessary, you can find psychological help in the following institution:

Psychologische Beratungsstelle Karlsruhe (PBS)

Rudolfstraße 20

76131 Karlsruhe

pbs@studentenwerk-karlsruhe.de

Tel.: 0721 9334060

Contact Points for International Students in Karlsruhe

Chinese

Chinese church: The Chinese community Karlsruhe (“Chinesische Gemeinde Karlsruhe”)

holds church services on Sundays at 3 pm in the rooms of FeG (Freie Evangelische Kirche – Christian protestant church) Karlsruhe.

http://ka.stadtwiki.net/Chinese_Church_Karlsruhe

Spanish

El Tesoro: every second week of the month on Tuesdays or Wednesdays a ‘regulars’ table/meeting’ in Spanish takes place.

<http://www.eldesoro.de/index.php/aktivitaetenhaupt/stammtisch>

church services: organized by the Spanish-Christian community “encuentro”.17

http://karlsruhe.feg.de/encuentro/?html_seite=57

Romanian

Church services: held by the Romanian-Orthodox church “Mariä Geburt” Karlsruhe.

<http://www.bor-karlsruhe.jimdo.com/deutsch/kontakt>

Polish

Polonia- Forum Polnischer Kultur e.V.: The members meet regularly for different activities and social gatherings. Detailed information can be found on

<http://polonia-karlsruhe.de/deutsch/termine/>

Portuguese

Portuguese restaurant: It is open Wednesday to Sunday from 5 pm to 11 pm and on Sundays from 12 am – 3 pm and 5 pm – 10 pm. It is a nice but rather expensive restaurant with a beautiful ambiance. There is a smaller version of this restaurant, a bistro, in Waldstraße.

<http://www.casadojose.de>

Hungarian

Wunderhirsch: a Hungarian cultural organization. On the website you can find information about various addresses related to Hungary in Karlsruhe and the surrounding area

<http://wukk.de/de/uj-lap-2-2/>

Everyday life in Karlsruhe

➤ Sports

○ Join a team or do sports regularly

Check out the **sports program** at the **DHBW** – write an email to sport@stuv-karlsruhe.de

in order to find out what is currently offered or check the “**Hochschulsport**” at the

KIT/Hochschule, www.sport.kit.edu/hochschulsport. They offer many different types of

sports. All students can participate.

You can take a look at their program on the following **website**:

<http://www.sport.kit.edu/hochschulsport/>

http://buchsys.sport.uni-karlsruhe.de/angebote/aktueller_zeitraum/index.html

○ Soccer or volleyball

You can set up your own team for the **Uniliga** (University league). The Uniliga is a soccer/volleyball league where students can set up their own teams and then play against each other.

You must have at least 7 players (we recommend about 10-11 players) for a soccer team and a minimum of 3 players for a volleyball team. You will have one match per week. The registration fee is EUR 15 per player.

You can find more information on the following **website**:

<http://karlsruhe-uni-liga.de/>

- **Climbing in The Rock**

Address: Ziegelstr. 1, 76185 Karlsruhe

Opening hours:

Every day from 10 am – 11 pm

Website: www.kletterhalle-karlsruhe.de

This is a very nice climbing hall. They provide equipment and also offer training for beginners. If you don't have any climbing experience yet, you have to make an appointment with a guide who will assist you.

- **Soccer Center**

Address: Daimlerstr. 13, 76185 Karlsruhe

Opening hours:

Daily from 09 am – 12 pm

Website: <http://www.europaarena.com/>



This is an indoor soccer hall with artificial grass. It is a very good alternative in winter. A court costs EUR 50-60/hour. The big one has space for 3 teams with 5 players each; the small one is perfect for 3 vs. 3. You have to call there and make an appointment.

- **Lago Bowling Center**

Address: Gablonzerstr. 13, 76185 Karlsruhe

Opening Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 4 pm – 1 am

Friday: 4 pm – 2 am

Saturday: 2 pm – 3 am

Sunday: 10 am – 1 am



Website: www.lago-bowling.de

An American bowling and fun center which is big and quite nice. They also have disco bowling on Saturdays.

- **Europabad**

Address: Hermann-Veit-Str. 5, 76135 Karlsruhe

Opening hours:

Monday-Saturday: 10 am – 11 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 9 pm

Website: www.ka-europabad.de/



The Europabad is an indoor pool. You get a student discount if you show your student ID.

➤ **Entertainment**

- **Cinema “Filmpalast am ZKM”**

Address: Brauerstr. 40, 76135 Karlsruhe

Opening hours: Monday – Thursday: 11 am – 9 pm

Friday and Saturday: 11 am – 11:30 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 9 pm

Website: <http://www.filmpalast.net/>

This is a very big and modern cinema. It is located at ZKM (Center for Arts and Media) in the southwest of Karlsruhe. They show all the latest movies, also in 3D. You get a student discount (Monday to Friday) by showing your student ID.

- **Cinema and Theater “Schauburg”**

Address: Marienstr. 16, 76137 Karlsruhe

Website: <http://www.schauburg.de/>

This is a small and traditional cinema which shows mainstream and alternative movies as well. They also show movies in English subtitled in German for only 5 Euros.

➤ **Museum**

- **Badisches Landesmuseum Karlsruhe**

Address: Schlossbezirk 10, 76131 Karlsruhe

Opening hours: Tuesday – Thursday: 10 am – 5 pm

Friday – Sunday: 10 am – 6 pm



Website: <http://www.landmuseum.de/website/English.htm>

This is a public museum located in the palace which shows temporary exhibitions about history and culture. After visiting the museum, you can take a walk in the Schlossgarten (the park behind the palace) or visit the botanical garden. There's a 2,5km long walking trail behind the Schlossgarten.

- **Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde**

Address: Erbprinzenstraße 13, 76133 Karlsruhe

Opening hours: Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 am – 5pm

Saturday – Sunday: 10am – 6pm

Website: <https://www.smnk.de/en/>

This museum is one of the largest research museums in Germany. You can experience their exhibitions and learn more about natural history. You get a discount if you bring your students ID.



➤ **Shopping**

- **Kaiserstraße**

How to get there: by tram to the station "Europaplatz"

Website: www.postgalerie.de

You will find boutiques and shopping centers, like PRIMARK or Decathlon in the "Postgalerie" shopping center. If you are looking for sportswear you can take a look at "Karstadt Sport" which is also located in the city center. At H&M and C&A you can find formal as well as casual clothes at reasonable prices.

- **Ettlinger Tor**

Address: Karl-Friedrich-Straße 26, 76133 Karlsruhe

Opening hours: Monday – Saturday: 10am – 8pm

Website: <https://www.ettlinger-tor.de/>

This is the biggest shopping center in Karlsruhe. You can find lots of boutiques, electronics stores, drugstores and restaurants there.

➤ **Electronics**

Saturn:

Address: Kaiserstraße 211

Website: www.saturn.de

You can get a router for your dorm there

ARLT

Address: Kaiserstraße 235

Website: www.arlt.com/karlsruhe.html

This is a PC expert store.

Mobile phone or phone card

Aldi has cheap prepaid SIM-cards with contracts you can cancel anytime. (ALDI-talk)

Second Hand Department Store “Kashka”

Address: Karlstraße 56, 76133 Karlsruhe

They have very cheap household goods.(e.g. fork/spoon 30ct. , pan 1Euro)



Food

The cost of living in Germany is not as expensive as you might think.

We made a list of approximate costs for a normal student life.

If you buy food from supermarkets it is even cheaper. It differs a lot, depending on the supermarket you go to. Usually the discounters (ALDI, LIDL, PENNY...) are the cheapest.

Tip: Download the app „Toogoodtogo“. Restaurants and bakery's sell there their leftovers of the day for a little price.

General expenses per month :	
Rent, additional expenses included (students residence/ shared flat) :	200-400€
Current expenditure on a car :	130€
Public transport: in Karlsruhe and the surrounding area with the Studi-Card :	173,80€
Food and drinks :	
One Mensa meal :	2,20-3,50€
Bread roll at a bakery :	0,50€
Bread (supermarket) :	2,50€/kg
Rice:	1,99€
1 liter milk :	0,80-1,70€
Potatoes, tomatoes, paprika, fresh vegetables :	0,50-3,00€
Fresh fruit :	0,50-3,00€
Frozen Pizza (3 pieces) :	2,80-4,00€
Culture and Entertainment :	
Movie ticket (cheapest day, cheapest category) :	5,00€
Ticket for a performance at the Municipal Theatre (last minute tickets for students):	8,50€
Entrance fee for a student party at the university:	5,00€
Entrance fee for a student disco in the city (possibly including minimum consumption):	8,00€
Leisure and Sports:	
Gym membership (per month):	20,00€
Entrance fee for outdoor swimming pools:	5,00€

Here is a list of stores that are close to DHBW:

City-REWE

Address: Europaplatz, Kaiserstraße 217

It is open until 12 am which is very useful when you need something after 8 pm.

Kliver

How to get there: walk down Erzbergerstraße about 500 m northbound.

It has good prices and they also have some original Russian products.

Nahkauf

Address: Erzbergerstraße 100

A small store which is also pretty close DHBW, but the price is a little bit higher than other supermarkets.

LIDL

Address: inside Postgalerie

A LIDL discount market, which is located in the Postgalerie shopping center.

It is very cheap.

dm

“dm” is a big drugstore chain that was founded in Karlsruhe. They have very good prices and offer any product that is usual for a drugstore.

You can find one of the stores at the Europaplatz.

Tip: Check out the **“Wochenmarkt”** on the **“Stephanplatz”** (next to the Postgalerie), there is a market every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It opens at 7:30 and there you can buy regional products like meat, cheeses, eggs and seasonal fruits and veggies.

➤ Nightlife

In general, the nightlife in Karlsruhe is pretty good; it is characterized by the large number of students here in Karlsruhe.

There are a lot of student parties and clubs that offer special student discounts.

Check out: www.ka-nightlife.de

Agostea

- **Address:** Rüppurerstr. 1 , 76137 Karlsruhe
- A big club, that has 2 different floors. On thursdays is students´ night and you´ll get free entrance if you go there before 11pm
- **Website:** www.agostea-karlsruhe.de

App Club

- **Address:** Kaiserpassage 6, 76133 Karlsruhe
- A smaller club in the center of Karlsruhe. Every wednesday there is a student party
- **Website:** www.app-club.de

Die Stadtmitte

- **Address:** Baumeisterstr. 6, 76133
- A club with a very casual dress code, where you´ll find many students. They have a nice outdoor area as well.
- **Website:** www.die-stadtmitte.de

Hello Club

- **Address:** Hirschstraße 18, 76133 Karlsruhe
- Small club in the city center.
- **Website:** www.facebook.com/karlsruhehello/

Gotec Club

- **Address:** Gablonzer Straße 11, 76185 Karlsruhe
- Techno club
- **Website:** www.facebook.com/GotecClub/

Krokokeller

- **Address:** Bürgerstr. 14, 76133 Karlsruhe
- Smaller club in the center of Karlsruhe. This club is in the basement.
- **Website:** www.krokokeller.com

➤ Bars and Restaurants - Meet People

Café Bleu and Kippe 23

Addresses: Kaiserallee 11, 76133 Karlsruhe and Gottesauerstr. 23, 76131 Karlsruhe

Opening hours:

Sunday-Thursday from 8am-12pm

Friday-Saturday from 8am-1am

Website: www.cafe-bleu.de

Both are run by the same owner.



Casa Aposto

Address: Waldstr.57, 76133Karlsruhe

Opening hours:

Monday –Thursday: 9:30 am – 1am

Friday – Saturday: 9:30 am – 2 am

Sunday: 10:30 am – 1 am

Website: www.aposto.eu/karlsruhe

Aposto is a bigger Italian restaurant.

Every Thursday is “Casino-Night” where you have to roll the dice to pay for your cocktail

Oxford Café, Oxford Pub and Charles Oxford

Address: Kaiserstr. 57, Fasananstraße 6 and Waldstraße 30., 76133 Karlsruhe

Opening hours: *Monday - Thursday: 11:30 am – 12 pm*

Friday – Saturday: 12 am – 1 am

Sunday 12 am – 12 pm

Website:

www.oxford-ost.de,

www.oxfordpub.de,

www.charles-oxford.de

The Oxford Chain are student restaurants, which offer very good and cheap food as well as cheap drinks. Charles Oxford is a burger restaurant with high quality extravagant food. The atmosphere is very nice.

Kulturküche

Address: Kaiserstraße 47,
76131 Karlsruhe

Opening hours:

Monday – Wednesday:
11 am – 3 pm

Thursday – Friday:
11 am – 7 pm



Website: www.kulturkueche-karlsruhe.de

Kulturküche is a place to go for lunch; it runs completely on donations and offers a fresh and alternating menu every day, while also serving as a social gathering center. For example biweekly game nights on Fridays in cooperation with the Buddy program of the KIT

Shotz

Address: Blumenstraße 23, 76133

Opening hours:

Monday-Thursday 7pm-2am

Friday-Saturday 7pm-3am

Website: www.shotz-bar.com

Small bar in the basement with different deals every day.

Venus Bar

Address: Kaiserstraße 134, 76133 Karlsruhe

Website: venusvenus.de



This bar was once a sex shop. Small bar with a cozy vibe and different activities offered. Every Thursday night they offer Bingo.

➤ Getting a bike

Flea market

- One of the easiest ways to get a bike is to check out the flea markets. Every Saturday there's a flea market at the parking place close to DHBW.

KVV Nextbike

- Website: www.kvv-nextbike.de/en/
- Nextbike is the public bike sharing system of the KVV. Rent a bike whenever you need one.

Madame Velo

- Website: www.madamevelo.de/
- A shop that offers old and repaired bikes for a good price.



➤ Don't miss!

Lichterfest im Zoo

The Festival of Lights is a long-standing tradition in the Karlsruhe Zoo. Thousands of candles and lanterns are lit on the roadsides. They look enchanting, with glowing figures and boats that are propelled across the entire site.

The Festival of Lights takes place every two years on odd-numbered years.



“Das Fest” Karlsruhe

“Das Fest” is one of the largest festivals in Karlsruhe. It takes place at the end of July. Further information can be found on the following website: www.dasfest.de

Christmas Market

During the advent season, Karlsruhe transforms into a magical Christmas city; the inner city sparkles with thousands of lights, horse-drawn sleighs clatter across the cobblestone streets, imaginatively decorated shop windows invite passers-by to browse and shop, and the scents of cotton candy and roasted almonds linger in the air. It is held at the Friedrichsplatz and the Marktplatz.



➤ Waste separation

Germans are pretty strict when it comes to waste separation.



Waste is separated into 4 different bins. The **blue** one is for paper, cardboard and newspapers. The **black** bin also called “Restmüll” is for clothes, glass, special waste, bulk trash and electronic devices. Into the **red** bin belongs plastic packaging, cans and milk cartons. The **green** bin is for food waste and all natural products like sticks. Some apartments don’t have green bins. In this case, you can put your food waste in the black bin.

Pfand (deposit)

Plastikflaschen (plastic bottles) and Getränkedosen (beverage cans) often have Pfand, also known as Flaschenpfand or Dosenpfand (**deposit-refund system**). On most of these, you pay 25 cents as Pfand (deposit) at purchase, which you get back when you return the Flaschen and Dosen at the market. So again, a big financial incentive to return this stuff and not toss it where it doesn’t belong.



Leaving

➤ **Cancelling residence registration in Karlsruhe**

Deregister at the Bürgerbüro Karlsruhe (Kaiserallee 8) one week prior to your departure.

➤ **Moving out of the student dormitory**

When moving out of the student dormitory you have to pay attention to the following points:

1. Refund the room deposit

When you move out of the student dormitory, the security deposit will be refunded by the Studierendenwerk. You will be given a statement from the janitor, provided that your room has been left in an orderly manner. The money will be transferred to your account 3 months after the end of the rental contract.

2. Cancelling your rental contract

If you want to move out earlier as planned, you have to notify Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe at least 2 months in advance. You have to come to our office with your rental contract so we can put a note with our signature and stamp on there. Then you have to take the rental contract to Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe and show it to them.

You have to contact the Hausmeister (janitor) Mr. Faltin (Tel. 0173-3486611, for Tennesseeallee) or Mr. Joachimsthaler (Tel. 0177-4755378, for Nancystr.) at least 2 weeks before you move out, so you can make an appointment to give back the key.

➤ **Cancelling health Insurance**

It is only possible to cancel your health insurance at the end of the semester. Therefore please contact your insurance agent.

➤ **Closing your bank account**

Before leaving Karlsruhe, you should inform your bank of your departure and ask them how to proceed. In exceptional cases (e.g. if you are waiting for money to be transferred to your account) the account can be closed online. For more information, please ask your bank.

Important Emergency Numbers

Police: 110

Fire Department: 112

Ambulance: 112

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