



Checklist for international students

BEFORE ARRIVAL

We are pleased to learn that you decided to study as visiting or graduate student at the University of Rostock and would like to support you with some advice prior to your arrival. The checklist on hand provides the first important information to prepare your stay abroad. Further information is available at the International Office.

1. Apply for a „Visa for studying purposes“ at the German embassy

- Students from other EU countries do not need a visa to enter Germany. The same applies for some other countries.
- Information on visa regulations and a list of those states which are subject to visa requirements are provided at: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html
- Valuable and very helpful information and hints on entering and staying in Germany are also provided by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/deutschland/leben-in-deutschland/04665.en.html>
- Keep in mind that the visa application has to be filed in due time (usually after receiving the admission notice from the university) as a processing period of several months has to be taken into account.
- It is essential that you apply for a visa „for studying purposes“ or „to study“. **It is NOT sufficient to have a tourist visa or visitor's visa!**
- Inquire with the German embassy in your home country which documents have to be submitted. These are, among others, the admission notice of the German university and a proof of financing of 670,- € per month to be submitted by one of the following proofs:
 1. A scholarship proof (at least 670,- € per month)
 2. A blocked account at a German bank (with an amount of about 8040 € for one year). The security deposit may vary from region to region. Thus, we recommend inquiring the precise amount at the German embassy in your home country.
 3. Other options are: documentation of your parents' income and financial situation or a guarantee provided by a German citizen (so-called formal obligation)

As the financing opportunities listed under 3.) are not always accepted, we recommend to open a blocked bank account.

Caution: All students (including students of the study course Computational Engineering) have to submit all their documents to German authorities (e.g. German embassy, Immigration office) in German language!!!

2. Finding a room

- Students have to find an accommodation themselves.
- Still, we recommend you to apply for a place in a dormitory which is mostly the easiest and cheapest option. In addition, you will easily get to know other students there right from the start.
 - Send an application for a place in a dormitory, online or via mail, to the student services organisation Studentenwerk.
 - The Studentenwerk will send you an offer for a place in a dormitory as soon as all required documents are submitted.
 - Inform the Studentenwerk immediately if you accept this offer to avoid any unwanted rental to a third party.
 - The rental contract is signed and the keys are handed over to you during the first days after your arrival in Germany!
- Information on Rostock's dormitories and the related application form is provided at www.studentenwerk-rostock.de or may be requested directly at the Studentenwerk:
Studentenwerk Rostock, St.-Georg-Str. 104-107, 18055 Rostock, phone: +49 (0)381/4592600
- In case you have failed to get a dorm room, you may, alternatively, search for a room in a flat-sharing community (WG). Additional information can be provided by the International Office.
- In case your accommodation is not available on the day of your arrival yet, we recommend you to stay at one of the inexpensive hostels or youth guest houses in Rostock. Related information is available at: <http://www.rostock.de/rostock-hotel-reisen-tourismus/unterkuenfte-in-rostock.html>

3. Entering a health insurance

- Either for a university enrolment or for prolonging your stay (visa) in Germany, sufficient health insurance has to be proven.
- **EU students:** Proof of the European Health Insurance card is sufficient for you.
- **Other international students:** Our advice is to enter Germany simply with a travel insurance and to obtain a proper health insurance only after arrival. In addition, we recommend all students to obtain a personal liability insurance and an accident insurance, return to your home country (in case of illness or death) included. For further advice regarding this matter, we kindly ask you to consult the International Office.

4. Study-preparing measures

- Prior to lecture start, international students have the opportunity to take part in one of the introductory events (like preparatory courses, orientation week) offered by the International Office in cooperation with the related departments.
- Further information on advice and support provided by the University of Rostock is available at the International Office or at <https://www.uni-rostock.de/international> or in the individual departments.

5. Recognition of study achievements

As a visiting student it is essential to clarify with your university in advance, which lectures will be recognized with which examination performances. Take care not to get in trouble regarding the acceptance of your study achievements in Rostock after coming home.

6. Get to know the Local Erasmus Initiative (LEI)

- A group of Rostock students is dedicated to support international students regarding organisational matters and to accompany them during their stay abroad with a wide range of activities. Do not miss to get in touch with the Local Erasmus Initiative (LEI) early and ask for help, if necessary (e.g. being picked up on arrival day, finding your way to your room): <http://www.lei-rostock.org/>

Summary:

With whom do I have to get in contact from my home country?	What has to be done in my home country?	What do I have to bring to Germany?
University of Rostock International Office Kröpelin Str. 29 D-18051 Rostock Tel.: +49 (0) 381 498 1209 Fax: +49 (0) 381 498 1210 auslandsamt@uni-rostock.de	- obtain information on studying in Rostock - ask for support with the organisation of your stay in Rostock - ask for study-preparing measures - <i>Visiting students:</i> Submit application documents for visiting studies to get the admission notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport/Identity card <input type="checkbox"/> Admission notice of the University of Rostock <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of financing (e.g. scholarship proof) <input type="checkbox"/> Rental offer of the Studentenwerk <input type="checkbox"/> European Health Insurance card or travel insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination card <input type="checkbox"/> Cash for payment of the semester fee, the first rent and the deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Biometric photos (only applicable for non-EU citizens) <input type="checkbox"/> School leaving certificates and documents related to your previous studies and certified certificate copies (only applicable for non-EU citizens) <input type="checkbox"/> Translation of your certificates by a state-approved translator, stamp included (only applicable for non-EU citizens) <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of sufficient proficiency of German
German embassy/Consulate in your home country http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/Auslandsvertretungen/uebersicht_node.html	- find out if you need a visa to enter Germany - apply for a visa, if applicable - collect detailed information on the proof of financing that has to be submitted	
Student Services Organisation Studentenwerk Rostock St.-Georg-Str. 104-107 D-18055 Rostock Tel.: +49 (0) 381 4592 600 Fax: +49 (0) 381 4592 999 www.studentenwerk-rostock.de	- apply for a place in a dormitory - immediate confirmation in case you get a rental offer from the Studentenwerk	
Respective department at the University of Rostock https://www.uni-rostock.de/fakultaeten/ and at your home university	- ask for study-preparing measures - to be contacted regarding questions about recognition of study achievements, course of study and lectures	
Local Erasmus Initiative (LEI) www.lei-rostock.org lei.rostock@gmail.com	- register in the LEI-mailing list to get the latest information regularly - ask for support with your arrival	

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