



# STUDYING AND DAILY LIFE

**Everything new students  
from abroad need to know**



# WE HELP YOU STUDY



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## Get in touch with other students via **STUDIARENDENERWERK**:

- Visit our language café and meet people from all over the world.  
[stw-edu.de/en/cafe-lingua](http://stw-edu.de/en/cafe-lingua)
- Take part in our intercultural trainings and learn more about different cultures.  
[stw-edu.de/en/training](http://stw-edu.de/en/training)
- Follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and get connected!  
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[instagram.com/studierendenwerkedu](https://instagram.com/studierendenwerkedu)  
[twitter.com/Studentenwerker](https://twitter.com/Studentenwerker)
- Attend the various intercultural events of our tutors in student residences.  
[stw-edu.de/tutors](http://stw-edu.de/tutors)

# IF YOU COME FROM ABROAD ...

... STUDIERENDENWERK is here to help: We are the student services provider for the University of Duisburg-Essen, the Folkwang University of the Arts and for the Hochschule Ruhr West University of Applied Sciences.

We are here to take care of the social and financial needs of our students. We offer an extensive range of services designed to help you find answers to any questions and problems arising in connection with your life as a student.

## **Our services for international students**

- Assistance with language difficulties
- Advice on social and psychological issues
- Orientation at university
- Living in the cities of Duisburg, Essen, Mülheim and Bottrop

## **Communicate internationally!**

Wherever you come from, whatever subject you study or language you speak, STUDIERENDENWERK is here to support you.



**People from all over the world study in the Ruhr region.**

# YOUR FIRST STEPS IN GERMANY



**After your arrival in Germany there are some things that you have to do:**

- ✓ enroll at the university
- ✓ apartment search
- ✓ get a health insurance
- ✓ register at the residents' registration office of your city
- ✓ if necessary, apply for a residence permit

**APPLY FOR  
A PLACE IN  
OUR STUDENT  
RESIDENCES!**

[stw-edu.de/en/](http://stw-edu.de/en/)


## **SEARCH FOR ACCOMMODATION**

We, the STUDIERENDENWERK, offer more than 2.500 rooms in 19 student residences. And this in three cities in the Ruhr area: Essen, Duisburg and Mülheim.

We're a fair landlord. As a public institution, we do not operate for profit, instead we focus on the well-being of our students.

In our offer we have three different types of accommodation: rooms in a shared apartment, rooms on the corridor with shared kitchen and bathroom.





**Our tutors in student residences will help you to quickly settle in. They are your first point of contact on site for questions and they organize numerous leisure events.**

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# HEALTH INSURANCE

Anyone who wants to study in Germany must be covered by health insurance. When enrolling, you must present proof of your health insurance. You will also need this proof in order to obtain a residence permit. It is possible that the health insurance you have in your home country also counts in Germany.

If the insurance coverage you have in your home country is not accepted in Germany, you must insure yourself locally. Clarify the insurance question as soon as possible. We will be happy to advise you on this subject.

## **FIRST VISITS TO PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**

Once you have found accommodation and successfully enrolled at your university, you have to register at the residents' registration office. In larger cities it is located in the district office or in the citizen's office for the part of town you live in.

For the registration you need the following documents:

- your passport, perhaps with visa, or your identity card
- rent confirmation from your landlord

After registration you will receive a registration confirmation. Please keep this confirmation! You need this document for example if you want to open a bank account in Germany.



# GET A RESIDENCE PERMIT

Which formalities you have to complete depends on your country.

## **Citizens of an EU country or from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland**

You do not need a residence permit, but you must prove at the residents' registration office that you have a health insurance and that you can finance your studies.

## **Citizens of a non-EU country**

Once you have registered your place of residence with the residents' registration office, you have to visit the foreigners' registration office in your city.

For the first application a fee of up to 110,00 € will be charged. An extension costs up to 80,00 €. You must make an appointment in person and bring the following documents with you

- confirmation of registration by the residents' registration office
- proof of health insurance
- certificate of matriculation
- passport/ ID
- cash for the fee
- if applicable, proof of financing
- if applicable, a health certificate
- if applicable, rent confirmation from your landlord
- if applicable, biometric passport photo

The purpose of your residence determines to what extent you can work!

More info:  
[stw-edu.de/en/jobbing](http://stw-edu.de/en/jobbing)

# STUDENT FINANCING

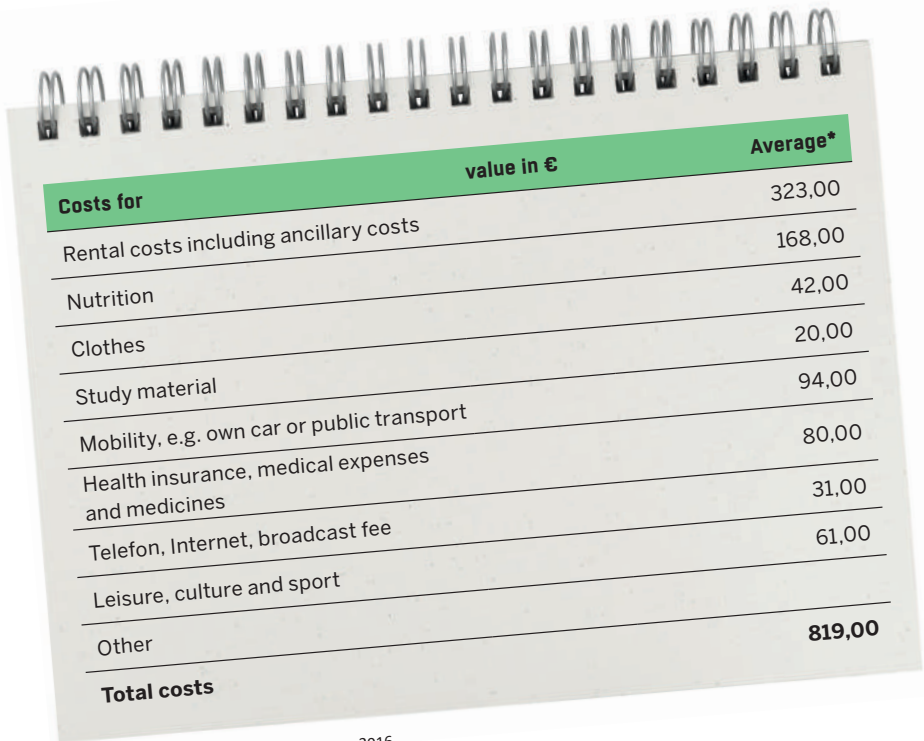
The financing of studies is one of the most difficult and important subjects that international students have to deal with.

As early on as when you apply for a visa and a residence permit you must prove that you have enough financial means to finance your studies in Germany. At the moment the German authorities require proof that you have 8.640 € for one year of studies.

On the whole there is little financial support for international students in Germany. Nevertheless, for those who find themselves in financial distress or have questions about student financing, there is our social advisory service they can turn to for help.

## COSTS OF LIVING

The cost of living depends on your lifestyle. However, you cannot influence the average rents or the cost of food and health insurance! On average German students have about 819 € at their disposal.



Costs for	value in €	Average*
Rental costs including ancillary costs		323,00
Nutrition		168,00
Clothes		42,00
Study material		20,00
Mobility, e.g. own car or public transport		94,00
Health insurance, medical expenses and medicines		80,00
Telefon, Internet, broadcast fee		31,00
Leisure, culture and sport		61,00
Other		
<b>Total costs</b>		<b>819,00</b>

\* = DSW/DZHW 21. Sozialerhebung, 2016





# DON'T ASK SIRI OR ALEXA. ASK US!

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# ONE REGION, ONE ORGA- NIZATION, A LOT TO OFFER

We, the **STUDIERENDENWERK** accompany you during your studies with numerous services in the areas of **accommodation, nutrition** and **finances**. We support and advise on **social issues**, assist in **challenging situations** and also create **cultural offerings**. We enable you to fully concentrate on your studies.



**MORE DETAILED  
INFORMATION:**  
[stw-edu.de/en](http://stw-edu.de/en)

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