

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 Rostock International House.

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: https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/service/visa-und-aufenthalt/visa/207794#content_0
- Valuable and very helpful information and hints on entering and staying in Germany are also provided by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): <https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/studium-planen/visum/>
- 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:
 - A valid passport
 - The admission notice of the German university
 - A proof of financing of at least 934 EUR per month resp. 11,208 EUR per year; we recommend an amount above the minimum amount, to cover your personal lifestyle and unexpected costs (e.g. higher deposit or rent for housing)
The proof can be shown by the following sorts of proofs:
 1. A scholarship proof.
 2. A blocked account at a German bank. 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 courses in English language) have to submit all their documents to German authorities (e.g. German embassy, Immigration office) in German language!

2. Finding a room

Caution:

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, because the housing market in Rostock is really tight. In addition, you will easily get to know other students there right from the start.

First fill in the online application form for a dormitory:

<https://www.stw-rw.de/en/accommodations.html>

Put following into the field "hints/Hinweise": 'guest student' and start and end dates of your stay. The Studierendenwerk will send you an offer for a place in a dormitory as soon as all required documents are submitted.

Inform the Studierendenwerk 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 <https://www.stw-rw.de/en.html>

You may contact them as well by 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). Related information is available at:

<https://www.uni-rostock.de/en/study/habitat-university/student-living-in-rostock/>

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.

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.

In addition, we strongly 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.

EU students: Proof of the European Health Insurance card is sufficient for your arrival

Other international students: Our advice is to enter Germany simply with travel insurance and to obtain a proper health insurance only after arrival.

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 Rostock International House in cooperation with the related departments.

Further information on advice and support provided by the University of Rostock is available at the Rostock International House

<https://www.uni-rostock.de/internationales/rostock-international-house/kontakt-oeffnungszeiten/>

or in the individual departments.

Please use as well our platform for self-study "speex":

<https://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-rostock.de/selbstlernangebote/speex-campus/speex-campus/>

or the languages courses provided by the "Sprachenzentrum" of the University to learn German.

5. Get to know the Local Erasmus Initiative (ESN LEI Rostock)

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?
<p>University of Rostock Rostock International House</p> <p>Kröpelin Str. 29 D-18051 Rostock Tel.: +49 (0) 381 498 1209 Fax: +49 (0) 381 498 1210</p> <p>incoming.rih@uni-rostock.de</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obtain information on studying in Rostock - Ask for support with the organisation of your stay in Rostock - Ask for study-preparing measures - <u>Visiting students</u>: Submit application documents for visiting studies to get the admission notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 Studierendenwerk
<p>German embassy/Consulate in your home country</p> <p>https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/service/visa-und-aufenthalt/visa/207794#content_0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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
<p>Student Service Organisation Studierendenwerk Rostock</p> <p>St.-Georg-Str. 104-107 D-18055 Rostock Tel.: +49 (0) 381 4592 600 Fax: +49 (0) 381 4592 999</p> <p>https://www.stw-rw.de/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply for a place in a dormitory - Immediate confirmation in case you get a rental offer from the Studierendenwerk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Biometric photos (only applicable for non-EU citizens) <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of sufficient proficiency of German
<p>Respective department at the University of Rostock</p> <p>https://www.uni-rostock.de/en/study/</p> <p>and at your home university</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask for study-preparing measures - To be contacted regarding questions about recognition of study achievements, course of study and lectures 	
<p>Local Erasmus Initiative (ESN LEI Rostock)</p> <p>www.lei-rostock.org lei.rostock@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask for support with your arrival - Take parts in events and make new friends! 	