

# Information Sheet International Students at Bingen UAS

# **TH Bingen**

TH Campus

Berlinstraße 109 55411 Bingen am Rhein (Büdesheim)

Hermann-Hoepke-Technikum (HHT)

Rochusallee 4 55411 Bingen am Rhein (City)

# International Office

- Head of International Office: Corina Materne [international@th-bingen.de], room 5-305
- Exchange Manager: Isabel Orben-Eidt [incoming@th-bingen.de], room 5-319
- Integration Assistant: llayda Dogruer [i.dogruer@th-bingen.de], mondays, room 5-319
- EWP-Project Coordinator: Janek Vollmerding [international@th-bingen.de], room 5-319
- Working students: Katharina Rosenthal and Mara Bergmans [international@th-bingen.de], room 5-319

# Before arrival

#### Visa

Whether you need a visa to enter depends on your country of origin. You can check with the Federal Foreign Office whether you need a visa.

Overview of visa requirements/exemptions for entry into the Federal Republic of Germany - Federal Foreign Office

You can apply for your visa through the responsible German embassy or consulate in your home country. Following documents are required for the application:

- a valid passport
- filled in visa application form
- a biometric passport photo (35x45mm)
- proof of financial resources (see below)
- proof of valid health insurance coverage
- university admission letter (*Zulassungsbescheid*) or proof of application (only for student applicant visa)
- academic certificates and transcripts (with certified translations if needed)
- curriculum vitae (CV) in tabular form (signed and dated)
- motivation letter (1-2 pages)
- proof of language proficiency (B2 level German or English depending on your program)

List of German embassies and consulates:



https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/deutsche-auslandsvertretungen/03-webseitenav

If you have not yet received a letter of admission, you can apply for a **student applicant visa**, which is valid for 90 days.

#### **Proof of Funds – Blocked Account**

To apply for a visa, you need a so-called blocked account. With this account, you show the embassy or consulate that you can finance your studies in Germany yourself.

Features of a blocked account:

- → "Blocked account" means that you cannot withdraw the entire sum at once. A maximum amount is "unblocked" monthly.
- → The minimum amount is currently 11,904 Euros and therefore 992 Euros per month. Please note the **additional** account management fees.

You can open the blocked account with a provider of your choice.

#### **Health insurance**

In Germany, health insurance is **obligatory**. This means that every person must have health insurance, including all students. Without valid health insurance, enrollment at the university is not possible.

If you are coming to Germany from abroad, you should first check whether your health insurance from your home country is also valid in Germany. Please be sure to clarify this with your insurance company and the German health insurance company in advance.

If your insurance from your home country is not valid in Germany, you must get health insurance here. Students can usually choose **statutory health insurance that** offers a low-cost student rate. In some cases, **private health insurance** may also be an option, especially if there are special needs or statutory rates are not suitable.

It is important to note that you cannot study in Germany without health insurance.

Bingen UAS is in contact with consultants for students for health insurance of the health insurance company <u>Techniker Krankenkasse</u>. You can contact Ms. de Marées [annelie.de.marees@tk.de] or Ms. Baltes [juliane.baltes@tk.de]. They will help you and explain everything you need to know about health insurance in Germany.



## Housing

The admission to your studies at Bingen UAS does **not mean** that you will automatically receive accommodation.

#### Dormitories of the *Studierendenwerk*

The dormitories of the *Studierendenwerk* are very popular. Make sure that you apply for a room or apartment early (immediately after your application). For the time being, you do not need a letter of admission/certificate of enrollment to apply. You can submit this when you move into the dormitory.

www.studierendenwerk-mainz.de/wohnen/wohnheime/bingen

## Rental portal of the Studierendenwerk Mainz

https://www.studierendenwerk-mainz.de/wohnen/entscheiden-bewerben/mietportal

# Contact Studierendenwerk Mainz (Bingen)

Nicole Gründel
Verwaltung und Haustechnik
Wohnheim Bingen

Tel.: +49 6131 392 49 82

E-Mail: international@studierendenwerk-mainz.de

## Private housing market

It is important that you not only apply for a dormitory but also look around the private housing market at the same time. There are various options there. You can rent a room in a shared apartment (WG) where you live with other students or move into your own apartment. Temporary apartments for short-term living are also often a good solution, especially at the beginning of your studies.

# **Housing Portals:**

www.immobilienscout24.de www.immowelt.de www.kleinanzeigen.de www.wq-qesucht.de

The earlier you start searching for a room or an apartment, the greater the chances of finding suitable accommodation!

# After arrival

#### Registration

After your arrival, you must make an appointment at the **registration authority** within 14 days after arrival to register your place of residence. Appointments are usually made online.

When making an appointment online, please select the following: **Anmeldung (Zuzug aus dem Ausland)** 



To register your new address, you will need your passport or identity card as well as your rental agreement or a so-called *Wohnungsgeberbestätigung* which you have to get signed by your landlady/landlord.

# Opening a bank account

To make payments quickly and easily, you need a bank account. You can open a current account at a bank of your choice. In most cases, these accounts are free of charge for students.

Below you will find a selection of branch banks and online banks:

Branch banks	Online banks (digital)
<ul> <li>Sparkasse Rhein-Nahe</li> </ul>	• <u>N26</u>
<ul> <li>Volksbank Darmstadt Mainz</li> </ul>	• <u>C24</u>
<ul> <li>Sparda-Bank Südwest</li> </ul>	Comdirect
Deutsche Bank	• ING

#### **Residence Permit**

After your arrival, you must also register with the Foreigners' Registration Office to be able to **apply for a residence permit**. The application can be submitted online (OZG application or by e-mail) or by post.

In addition to the application form, you will need:

- Proof of your studies (certificate of enrolment)
- Proof of your health insurance (membership certificate)
- Proof of secured maintenance funds (Declaration of Commitment or blocked account)
- a digital biometric photo (35x45mm in form of a **QR code**)

The Foreigners' Registration Office responsible for you varies depending on where you live.

Kreisverwaltung Mainz-Bingen	Bürgeramt Mainz
Ausländerbehörde	Abteilung Ausländerangelegenheiten
Konrad-Adenauer-Str. 34	Stadthaus Kaiserstraße (Lauteren-Flügel)
55218 Ingelheim am Rhein	Kaiserstraße 3-5
	55116 Mainz

# In case of illness and emergencies

- If you are sick or feel sick, please go to a primary care physician and **not** directly to the hospital.
- If you do not have or cannot find a primary care physician, you can go to a *ärztlicher Bereitschaftsdienst*. Call the nationwide telephone number **116 117** for help and to find out where you can get treatment.
- Please only go to the hospital or emergency room in genuine emergencies.

www.heilig-geist-hospital.de/wie-handeln-im-notfall

Important: In life-threatening emergencies, call 112!



# **Transport**

There are two airports in the Bingen area:

- <u>Frankfurt International</u> (FRA): There are direct regional train connections from Bingen to Frankfurt Airport.
- <u>Frankfurt-Hahn</u> (HHN): This airport is not located directly in Frankfurt, but in Lautzenhausen. Shuttle buses operated by the company <u>flibco</u> run regularly between Bingen and the airport Frankfurt-Hahn.

## Semester ticket:

The semester ticket is included in your semester fee and is therefore also included in your **digital student ID card**. It is valid throughout the **Rhein-Nahe Nahverkehrsverbund** (RNN). This allows you to use buses, regional trains, and other local transport in the **RNN area** free of charge.

The semester ticket of Bingen UAS cannot be used as a Deutschlandticket!