

Q&A from students for students

1. Where do I find accommodation in Saarbrücken?

You can either rent a room in a student residence or a private single apartment or shared flats.

There are a few websites that are really helpful to find the right place for you.

- Housing office (Studentenwerk Saar: <https://www.studentenwerk-saarland.de/en/Wohnen>)
Studentenwerk's dormitories are open to all Saarland University students. They offer different kinds of accommodation: single apartments, rooms in shared housing („Dublette“) and family housing, all of them furnished. Applications for all dormitories are only available online. The rooms are assigned on a first come first serve basis, which means there is always a waiting list.

Application: <https://tl1host.eu/SWSB/#home>

The Studentenwerk also offers a platform for offers of private rooms and apartments: www.studentenwerk-saarland.de/en/Kommunikation/Pinwand

- Wg-gesucht (<https://www.wg-gesucht.de/>)
- immowelt.de (<https://www.immowelt.de/>)
- immobilienscout.de
(https://www.immobilienscout24.de/?seaid=g_brand&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI667z06n13wIVWqmaCh2a8gzNEAAYASAAEgL9I D BwE)

If you're on facebook check out the following facebook groups:

- Sportstudenten Saarbrücken
- Universität des Saarlandes Studis
- Wohnungsbörse Saarbrücken
- Wg & Wohnung gesucht Saarbrücken

There you can also find suitable flat or rooms offered by private people.

⇒ For further information check out the Nadu brochure of the Saarland University welcome center.

2. Do I have to re-register in Saarbrücken?

YES. It is necessary to notify your change in address within the first two weeks after you've moved in. This is also really important to do before you can open a bank account or extend your visa.

2.1 Where do I have to re-register?

You have to re-register at the „Bürgeramt“ close to your new flat. If you live in Saarbrücken- city center, St. Johann, Alt- Saarbrücken, etc. the Bürgeramt responsible for you is right next to the town hall. (Bus stop „Rathaus“ or „Johanneskirche“

Address:

Bürgeramt City

Gerberstraße 4

66111 Saarbrücken

Telephone: +49 681 9050

Fax: +49 681 905-1549

E-Mail: buengeramt@saarbruecken.de

Opening hours:

Monday - Tuesday 07:30 am - 15:00 pm

Wednesday, Friday 07:30 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday 07:30 am - 18:00 pm

2.2 What exactly do I have to bring/ Which documents are required? How does it work?

In general, you just go to the „Bürgeramt“ during their opening hours, que up and draw a number. Once your number blinks up on the sign board you go to the free worker at the table with the number which blinks next to your number. It is important that you bring your passport or ID-Card and a special form which is called „Mieterauskunftsbescheinigung“. This form needs to be signed by your landlord. Check the following link for the online form: <http://www.saarbruecken.de/media/download-57504c3735898>

If you don't want to que, you can also book an appointment in advance on the website.

3. Which busses get me to Uni?

Depends on where you live.

From the city (Rathaus, Haus der Zukunft,
101, 111, 102, 109, 112, 124,

From the train station:
124, 112, 102, 111

From Dudweiler (Dudoplatz)
163, 102, 138, 136, 101

Bus connections from any bus stop can be looked up online.

Check out www.saarfahrplan.de or download the SaarVV App on your phone

4. What is my „Matrikelnummer“?

This is your Student-ID number. That's YOU at University. Learn it by hard. You will definitely need it your whole studies!

5. What can I do with my student ID- Card?

It's like your ID- card at university

It's your bus and train ticket everywhere in the Saarland + the train to Trier train station

You can transfer money on it and use it as payment method in the Mensa and for printing and copying.

6. Where do I find the library?

During your studies, you have access to your faculty's libraries and the Central Saarland university and State Library (SULB). The library of sports science is located in the SWI other faculty libraries moved to the central building of the SULB.

Contact: Building B1 1

Information hours: Mo - Fr: 9.00 – 18.00, Sat: 10.00 - 15.00

Lending / Interlibrary loans: Mo - Fr: 9.00 – 18.00, Sat: 10.00 - 13.00

Reading room / catalogues: Mo - Fr: 9.00 – 21.00, Sat: 10.00 - 15.00

The library has a self-checkout system, so that books can be checked out at all times while the libraries are open. Check out www.sulb.uni-saarland.de/en/

7. How can I find books in the library?

To find the right book you need you can check the virtual online catalogue of the library. Every book that exists in the Sulb or sports library or any other library of the university is listed in this catalogue.

Click on <http://swb2.bsz-bw.de/DB=2.340/>

The screenshot shows the 'Saarländischer Virtueller Katalog' search interface. The search bar contains the text 'Sportwissenschaft [291/504]' and 'Pfeifer & Sudeck'. The search button is highlighted with a red circle. Below the search bar, there are options for 'periodicals only' and 'online resources only'. The page also features a navigation menu with 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Results', 'My shelf', 'Help', and 'about this catalogue'. A welcome message is visible below the search bar.

Enter the name of the author, publishing date and title of the book you're looking for and you can check if it is available and where it is located.

8. Can I print or copy documents at university?

You can use every photocopier and printer at the university with your Student ID-Card. There are 3 copiers in the SWI (library, foyer, 1. floor) In case you want to print you should probably use the printer and photocopier or even the "Fotostelle" (for many pages, exam thesis etc.) in the Sulb foyer.

9. Where can I get something to eat at Uni?

- Mensa (building D 4.1)
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- Information on <https://www.studentenwerk-saarland.de/de/Verpflegung/Mensa-Saarbrücken/Unser-Angebot>
- Mensagarten (in the former botanical garden next to building A 1.7)
- AC- Café (Ausländercafé) Square building on the lawn on the opposite to the Campus Centre
- Unique (Campus Centre)
- Starbucks (Sulb, building B 1.1),
- Edeka (Supermarket next to Building C5.3),
- Fast Food Heroes (At the corner to the Edeka Uni market)
- Cafete (Audimax)
- KHK Café (next to AC- Café)
- Philo-café (Building 5.2)
- iCoffee (building E 1.3)

10. Are there any courses to learn German?

There are many ways to improve your German skills. Check this out:

Contact: Mrs. Dr. Kristin Stezano / Ms. Olga Schirmer

Building A4 4, 2nd floor, Room 2.33

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11.00 –13.00

Tel: +49(0)681 / 302 - 71111 e-mail: sprachkurse.daf@io.uni-saarland.de

During the semester you can improve your German by attending general German courses and also specialized courses.

- **Regular German courses:**
every semester the International Office organizes regular German language courses at the levels A1 – C1 for all international students. 6 ECTS credits can be awarded for participation in the courses.
- **Specialized language courses:**
several specific language courses can help you to further develop your German skills and gain 3 ECTS credits.
- **„Academic study skills“:** Level of B1+ required
This block course covers areas such as researching and structuring written academic work and offers style and presentation exercises.
- **„Cultural aspects of modern Germany“:** Level of B1 required
This course is suitable for international students of all disciplines, and deals with topics such as media, political parties, elections, cultural diversity, and the road to German unification.

There are specialized courses for:

Terminology for Economics; Terminology for Engineering; Grammar; Conversation; Phonetics.

Registration: One week before the start of the semester and during the first two days of the lecture period. You can register online: www.uni-saarland.de/deutschkurse > Semesterbegleitende Kurse

Preparatory courses for exchange students in March and October

This 4-week course in March takes place in the mornings, while the 2-week course in October takes place in the mornings and the afternoons. For the intensive course in March, ECTS credit points can be awarded.

Intensive and vacation (pre-sessional) language courses

In August and September the University offers intensive German language courses lasting four weeks. These include workshops, e.g. theatre, course newspaper, as well as a recreational program, excursions, films

Check out www.uni-saarland.de/deutschkurse

There is also an online learning platform or the Language Tandem system which is also for many different languages. For this check out the **Nadu brochure** of the Saarland University Welcome center.

11. Can I work as a student?

Foreign students are allowed to work for 120 days or 240 half-days per year without a work permit. Working as a student assistant ('HiWi' at the university) generally does not require a work permit.

11.1. How can I find a job?

Most adverts for part-time jobs, temporary help or student jobs at the University are either posted online or published on the bulletin boards. Jobs in catering are often also posted directly in the window of the respective pub, bar or restaurant. Sometimes it also helps to just go to shops, restaurants, bars or cafés and ask in person if there is any job available.

There is a long list of job search engines available online, are a few options:

- <http://jobsuche.monster.de/>
- hiremenow.de
- www.stepstone.de
- www.stellenanzeigen.de
- www.academics.de

12. Interesting things to do in Saarbrücken as a student:

12.1. Free entry for students in the theatre (Staatstheater):

Free entry for students of Saarland University for: "Großes Haus", "Alte Feuerwache" and "sparte4" – and all symphony concerts in the "Congresshalle".

You can get a free entry ticket 3 days before the show. You need to show your student ID and your current certificate of enrollment that says that you are "Hauptörer" at the UdS. (Which means that you are a main student in Saarbrücken and not in Trier or Metz or somewhere else).

Important info: no seat reservation possible and you will get your tickets depending on availability. The easiest way is to go to the theatre and buy your ticket in person. For a small fee of 5 EUR it is even possible for you to book a seat in advance for your ticket

12.2. Clubs:

Seven, Soho, Modul, Apartment, Blau, Garage, Kleiner Club Garage,

12.3. Gyms:

Fitness First, BeFit, UniFit, Fitone,

12.4. Must do!: Sportlerfete 1-2 times every Semester

!! If you have any other question or need more detailed information, check out the Nadu-brochure you've received per mail at the beginning of your studies and don't hesitate to ask your student assistant or study coordinator for specific information on your studies Master High performance Sport!!

Important and helpful links:

Bürgeramt Saarbrücken:

http://www.saarbruecken.de/rathaus/buergerservice/umzug_und_meldeangelegenheiten

Wg-gesucht:

<https://www.wg-gesucht.de/>

immowelt:

<https://www.immowelt.de/>

Immobilienscout24:

https://www.immobilienscout24.de/?seaid=g_brand&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI667z06n13wIVWqmaCh2a8gzNEAAYASAAEgL9I_D_BwE

Studentenwerk Saar:

<https://www.studentenwerk-saarland.de/en/Wohnen>

Mensa menu:

<https://www.studentenwerk-saarland.de/de/Verpflegung/Mensa-Saarbruecken/Speiseplan-aktuell>

Opac (online catalogue):

<http://swb2.bsz-bw.de/DB=2.340/>

German language courses:

www.uni-saarland.de/deutschkurse

Library:

www.sulb.uni-saarland.de/en/

International office:

<https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/international/profile/institutions/international-office.html>

Welcome center of Saarland University:

<https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/global/welcome-center/home.html>