

# Living & Studying in Tübingen

## Getting along - in good and in bad times

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# Transport: Deutschland-Ticket

## Where can you use it?

- ▶ Almost all regional transportation in the whole country (regional trains, buses, metro, etc.)

## Where can you not use it?

- ▶ Long-distance transportation (Fernverkehr): EC, IC and ICE trains
- ▶ Trains or buses from other (not DB) companies, e.g., FlixBus or FlixTrain

Please note that there are some exceptions for both cases, but they are very rare.

## Tickets:

- ▶ The conventional Deutschland-Ticket costs 58€ per month and can be purchased by anyone.
- ▶ Tübingen Deutschland-Ticket: for residents of Tübingen, offered at a discounted rate of 49€ per month.
- ▶ D-Ticket JugendBW

# Transport: Semester Tickets

## There are two semester tickets offered:

- ▶ Semsesterticket: can be purchased by any student, and is valid only in the Naldo area: <https://www.naldo.de/verbund/>
- ▶ D-Ticket JugendBW: works like the conventional Deutschland-Ticket, costs 39,42€ per month, you have to be under 27 years old, and from the age of 21, proof of student status must be provided annually.

You can purchase both at:

<https://studis.naldo.de/kundenportal/welcome/studis.xhtml>

There is **free transport** in the **Naldo area** with your student card on weekdays after 19:00, and all day on weekends and on public holidays: <https://www.naldo.de/tickets/studierende/studierendenausweis-naldo-ticket-1/>

# Registration/Bürgerbüro

## Anmeldung:

When you move, you have to register your new residence within **two weeks**.

It is difficult to get appointments quickly in Tübingen; therefore, it is important that you register for the appointment within those two weeks.

You have to bring your ID or passport (depending on your nationality) and a signed proof of living from your landlord.

# Hochschulsport and Gyms

## Hochschulsport

Sports programme organised by the uni.

You have to register in advance (14/10).

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/einrichtungen/zentrale-einrichtungen/hochschulsport/home/mitteilungen/#c2126223>

## Gyms

### Uni Gym:

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/einrichtungen/zentrale-einrichtungen/hochschulsport/kraft-und-fitnesshalle/>

There are also other options for gyms, but they tend to be more expensive.

# GEZ

Collects the television and radio fee from private individuals, companies and institutions in Germany.

Currently it costs 18,36.

You can pay monthly, every four months, half-yearly or yearly.

Students can be exempt if they have Bafög or a visual/hearing disability.

Failing to pay for GEZ will be met with a hefty fine.

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

# Separating Trash

You can find the waste collection schedule for your area on the Abfallkalender:

<https://www.abfall-kreis-tuebingen.de/online-abfuhrtermine/>

If you are not sure what belongs in which bin, you can check the following websites (or the next slide):

<https://www.muelltrennung-wirkt.de/en/>

<https://handbookgermany.de/en/waste-separation>

# Rough Guide for Separating Trash

**Gelber Sack:** mainly plastic or light-weight packaging, i.e. all packaging which are not made of glass or paper (like aluminium foil, plastic bags, Tetra-packs)

**Blue Bins:** paper and cardboard (like paper bags, newspapers, cardboard boxes, cigarette packs). Please note: Very old/stained paper, e.g. paper packages of groceries, ought to be put in the residual waste bin.

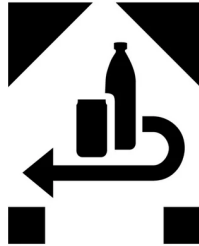
**Black Bins or Restmüll:** residual waste or household waste and all other types of waste that cannot be recycled (like dirty packaging, food waste, shoes, vacuum cleaner bags, pads or tampons, cigarette butts etc.).

**Bio Waste or Brown Bin:** compostable kitchen and garden waste (e.g. coffee sediment, fruit and vegetable remains, eggshells etc.)



# Pfand

When you buy drinks at the store, you also pay for Pfand. You can get the money back when you return the bottles or cans. If you don't return your bottles and cans, or leave them NEXT to a bin, so others can take them.



## Fellow Student

A person who attends the same university as you, takes classes or participates in academic activities alongside you, and, thus, faces similar challenges. Talking to each other and exchanging practical tips or experiences or simply providing a listening ear can be helpful and relieve stress. Sometimes, just knowing you're not alone can make a big difference.

## Student Representatives

A group of students within a specific academic department at a German university who work together to support their peers, organize academic and social events, and serve as a link between the student body and the department's faculty. It's a great opportunity to get involved and have a look behind the scenes.

See last slide for contact details.

## Student Counseling Service

A central office at German universities that offers individual support throughout all phases of study — including study planning, changing subjects, exam preparation, financial concerns, and personal challenges such as motivation, learning difficulties, or stress.

**Website:** <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/632>

## Upcoming workshops

- ▶ Critical Reading | Sat, 25.10.25, 10am
- ▶ How to work smarter, not harder! | Wed, 05.11.25, 4pm
- ▶ Critical Thinking | Sat, 15.11.25, 10am
- ▶ Exit Loneliness: Learning Lab - Study together instead of struggling alone | Sat, 22.11.25, 7pm
- ▶ More info: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/2156>

# Diversitätsorientiertes Schreibzentrum

## The Diversity-Oriented Writing Center

A central university service that offers individual 1:1 writing consultation (by appointment and on a drop-in basis) as well as workshops, events and materials on the topic of academic writing. When you will write your first term paper and don't know what to do or you feel stressed about your bachelor's or master's thesis – go there!

**Website:** <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/239166>

## Spoiler

- ▶ Check out the „Long Night Against Procrastination“ happening in March 2026 (check website for concrete date).

## What's that and what can they offer?

A program that includes health, leisure, recreational and competitive sports as well as workshops during the semesters and a vacation program during the lecture-free period. There is hardly anything missing from their offer - exemplary courses are: Aerobic Tai Do, Bollywood Dance, Canne de Combat, Freestyle Frisbee, Getteworkout and many more well-known sports such as pilates, soccer, rugby, or yoga.

**Website:** <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/173937>



# Talking to Teachers

Be nice - but don't overdo it!

- ▶ No need to 'professor' every teacher.
- ▶ Most are fine with being addressed by their first name.
- ▶ Clue: How they introduce themselves.
- ▶ If unsure: Check their website (only use the first title, i.e. Prof. Dr. XY > Prof. XY).
- ▶ Recommended usage of the well-known vocab: 'Hello', 'goodbye' and 'thank you'.
- ▶ Overview of the SfS staff: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/288768>

# More info & counseling

## All students

- ▶ Info on **student life**:
  - ▶ Housing, finances, insurance, mobility, studying abroad, studying with children, etc.
  - ▶ <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/909>

## Internationals

- ▶ **FAQ**: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/240864>
- ▶ **Newsletter**: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/253994>
- ▶ **Help desk** - in person and online: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/182215>

# Socializing

## Mingle & tingle

- ▶ degree-seeking internationals: **get-together program**
  - ▶ excursions, events, sports
  - ▶ <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/253991>
- ▶ all internationals: **international coffee hour**
  - ▶ Fridays, 3-5pm @Brechtbau
- ▶ all: **tandem** learning
  - ▶ <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/1088>
- ▶ all: **buddy program**
  - ▶ summer term
  - ▶ <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/182224>
- ▶ all: many **clubs** and forms of engagement
  - ▶ <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/109890>

# Going abroad

## Info events

- ▶ Asia | Tue, 04.11.25, 12pm
- ▶ Erasmus within Europe | Tue, 18.11.25, 12pm
- ▶ Africa | Tue, 25.11.25, 12pm
- ▶ USA/Canada | Tue, 02.12.25, 12pm
- ▶ Latin America | Tue, 13.01.26, 12pm
- ▶ Erasmus worldwide | Thu, 22.01.26, 12pm
- ▶ Australia/New Zealand | Tue, 27.01.26, 12pm
- ▶ **More info + registration:** <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/113267>

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