Living in Kaiserslautern
In the heart of Europe!
Arriving in Kaiserslautern

By Airplane
In addition to the International Airport in Frankfurt am Main, there are other airports close to Kaiserslautern including Frankfurt Hahn, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Saarbrücken and Luxemburg. So it should not be a problem for you to find an adequate flight from your home country. From any of these airports you can easily get to Kaiserslautern central station by train.

By Train
Kaiserslautern can be reached easily via highway number 6 which runs from east to west up to the French border and highway number 63 running to the north as far as Mainz.

First night
If you’re planning to live in a private room, you should contact your landlord and inform him or her of your date of arrival etc.

In addition, for your first nights in your own apartment it will be an advantage to bring your own bed linen/sleeping bag due to the fact that they are not included.

By Car
Kaiserslautern can be reached easily via highway number 6 which runs from east to west up to the French border and highway number 63 running to the north as far as Mainz.

Follow the third link you can check the train connections. Depending on which train you want to take (ICE or IC as fast trains are more expensive than RE/RB/S-Bahn), it will cost between 30 and 40 EUR from Frankfurt Airport to Kaiserslautern. You should buy your ticket in the railway office ("Reisezentrum") next to the train station inside Frankfurt Airport or by using one of the vending machines there. You can also buy your ticket online.

Way to the University
If you come to Kaiserslautern by train you can take the buses "105, 106, 115" and in the evening "107" running from the stop right in front of the main station to the university (direction "K.-Schumacher-Str.") and leave the bus at the stop called "Uni West".

Within the first few days after your arrival a welcome meeting will take place with the team of the International Office.

Afterwards we will give you more information for the first days after your arrival, including:
- Signing the contract for your health insurance (if applicable)
- Registration at the university administration office
- Organizing your student ID
- Opening a bank account

Registration at the City Hall
You will need to register with the city within 10 days after arriving. The registration takes place in the city hall of Kaiserslautern. It is the tall building next to the bus stop "Rathaus". At the ‘Bürgercenter’ are people who will help you. You can find the information about the papers required on our check list (see p.8).

At the end of your time in Kaiserslautern it is necessary to de-register, also in the city hall.

Student ID
The Student ID card is the official document which identifies you as a student of the TU Kaiserslautern and is only valid for one semester!

Your student ID card is an all-in-one card for any service on the campus, such as identification, access to the public transport system VRN (www.vrn.de), payment at the refectory and other places, copy card and library ID-card.

You can also find more information concerning travelling in Germany and Europe towards the back of this handbook. Additionally, you can get discounts in several institutions such as cinema, open air swimming pool, soccer stadium etc. with your Student ID.
Housing

You can find an up-to-date list of accommodation vacancies for private apartments outside room 296 / building 30 (Student’s Accommodation Office / Wohnheimverwaltung).

Students’ Accommodation Office

The Students’ Accommodation Office rents flats to students. But student residences usually require a minimum period of stay and probably it is not worthwhile for exchange students, who stay for only one semester.

Rent

When renting an apartment, always ask if the rent includes extra costs such as garbage disposal, heating and water costs. Normally if your rent includes these things, it is called “Wermiete”, excluding these costs it is “Kaltmiete”. However, costs for electricity, telephone and TV are not included in a “Wermiete” and have to be paid extra. A rent contract also contains the rights and obligations of the tenant and landlord (period of notice, house pets, etc.). Most landlords insist on the tenants having a valid bank account.

Deposit

Generally a deposit (“Kaution”) has to be paid by a tenant as a financial guarantee in case of damage to the apartment. Usually, the deposit is one or two times the monthly rent. So please avoid any damage in order to get your money back!

House Management

In houses with a number of tenants, there is often a caretaker (“Hausmeister”) and a house management (“Hausverwaltung”). The caretaker and house management are responsible for organizational measures and repairs within the house and the apartments.

House Rules

In larger apartment blocks with numerous tenants there is a set of house rules (“Hausordnung”). Certain problems associated with living together in a joint house are addressed in the house rules, for example specifying who is responsible for cleaning the stairs etc.

Cancelling your rent contract

There are certain periods of notice valid for tenants. These are defined in the rent contract or in the rent laws. Open-end rent contracts usually have a period of notice of three months.

Moving in Kaiserslautern

In case you move to a new apartment, even if it is in the same town, you need to register your new address with the city. Registration forms are available at the town hall.

Wohngemeinschaften

If you do not want to move into your own apartment at first, you can also rent a furnished room in a flat with other people. The term used to describe shared flats is “Wohngemeinschaften” (Short: “WG”).

Often you will see the term “WG Zimmer”, which means a room in a shared apartment. Many German students live in shared apartments. These rooms are usually not furnished. Another possibility to find a room is to look for adverts placed on university campus notice boards. Many students who move away for a limited period of time sublet their rooms or apartments. This means that the flats or rooms are rented without a contract being signed with the actual landlord. The contract is merely signed with the actual tenant (Untermieter).

Washing

If you do not possess a washing machine and if there is none in the building you are living in, there is a laundrette, known as “Waschsalon” close to the train station. They usually also provide washing powder to wash your clothes.

Looking for an Apartment

Available apartments can be found in two ways. People looking for short-term apartments, for example for one semester only, can check the notice boards (Schwarzes Brett), e.g. in the cafeteria building or building number 46. There you might have the best chances to find an appropriate and affordable flat.

Especially in terms of long-term accommodation, you should check the special section of local newspapers (immobilien teil) or the flat offers on particular websites of the newspaper.

There are a number of newspapers published in and around Kaiserslautern possibly including offers.

- Rheinpfalz
- Wochenblatt

It is also possible to publish an advert saying that you are looking for an apartment. In that case, it is the best to phone the newspaper’s department for advice. Placing an advert generally incurs a fee. Most newspapers also publish offers for apartments on their Websites. You can check flat offers and place adverts at any time on the Internet.

At last, you can also order a real estate agent helping you to find an apartment which might be easier on one hand but much more expensive (normally two times the rent as extra fee) on the other.

Useful Websites

- wg-gesucht.de
- immobilien scout24.de
- rheinpfalz.de
Registration at the University

Necessary:
- Tuition fee in cash (approximately 220€)
- Enrollment form
- Passport
- Your German address (it is best to write it down)
- Colored picture [if not already sent to the International Office]
- (health insurance certificate)

Health Insurance Certificate
First of all, you need a German health insurance certificate. If you already have insurance at home then go to the "Techniker Krankenkasse" on the campus near the building 47 or the "AOK" on the corner of building 30 (Cafeteria). Ask there for a "Befreiung der gesetzlichen Krankenversicherung", which you will get if your health insurance fulfills the necessary requirements (covers the whole exchange up to at least 50,000€).

If you don’t have health insurance at home then you will have to get German insurance. You are of course free to choose the insurance company yourself. Just keep in mind that in Germany there are two forms of health insurance, the "gesetzliche" (statutory) and the "private" (private).

Paying the tuition fee
You have to go to the 10th floor of building 47 to find the "Zahlstelle" (payment station) (47-1014). Show them your enrollment form and pay the tuition fee to get a receipt. This receipt is important for getting your student ID in step 3.

Student ID
You will get your student ID on floor 4. Search for the bureau called "Auständler-angelegenheiten" (foreign affairs). Which of the two bureaus is responsible for you depends on the first letter of your family name. Fill out the paperwork and give them the colored picture, the health insurance certificate, and the receipt from the "Zahlstelle". After that they will inform you about your ID.

You will find the administration in building 47 (on page 35 you can find a map of the campus).

W-LAN Access on Campus
Access to the internet on the campus is very important. If you use a wireless connection on the campus you are automatically in the internal network of the university, which allows you to use special applications that are otherwise not accessible from outside. There are of course possibilities to get access to the internal network from your home or somewhere else, but using the W-LAN on campus is the fastest and easiest way.

The TU Kaiserslautern is part of the Education Roam network. You should have easy access if you already have an EDUROAM account.

Activate your account
You have to activate your account online. Check the available wireless networks on campus. There should be at least two different W-LANS, EDUROAM and FUNKL (others aren’t important).

Connect to FUNKL. That will give you access to the necessary websites, mainly from RHRK. Other websites aren’t connectable for now.

To activate your account use the following page:
www.rhrk.uni-kl.de/accountvergabe/account-formular/

You should see this:

Just fill in your surname (last name) in field 1 [Nachname]. This should be the last name that is written on your "Stammdatenblatt" (see below). Pay attention to the rules at the top of the website. Don’t use suffixes like e.g. "von", "van", etc. and write ö, ü, ß as oe, ae, uu and ss.

Type in your initial password, which you can find on your certificate of enrollment (please see the picture below) in the second field. Then check the box to accept the RHRK terms of use. Click on the button [abschicken] to finish the procedure. Your account should be active after 15 minutes.
**Set up W-LAN**

This website is the manual for the set up:

www.rhrk.uni-kl.de/wlan/

The procedure depends on your operating system (OS). You can find instructions concerning your specific OS configuration indicated below "Konfiguration hinweise".

**KIS and KIS-Office (Campus Management System)**

The campus management system currently used by the TU Kaiserslautern is the so-called KIS (Kommunikations- und Informationssystem) and its application KIS-Office. You can use them to create your timetable, get information about the lectures and sign in for courses that need registration.

www.kis.uni-kl.de
www.office.kis.uni-kl.de

The KIS provides you with information about courses and exams. You can use it to search for the courses you want to attend and later on to plan your exam period. If you join a student club or something similar and you’re part of an organizational committee, the KIS is also your best source for organizing room occupancy. Bigger events and some sport activities can also be found here.

While the KIS is accessible without registration, you need an account for the KIS-Office. This system can be used for personalized matters regarding the registration for courses, the creation of your timetable and getting information about postponed or cancelled lectures. Your account for the KIS-Office will be automatically created when you sign in with the RHRK (Chapter 2.3 tells you more). When you enter www.office.kis.uni-kl.de you should see the login window as shown below.

There is a third system, the so called QIS, which you can completely ignore. Regular students will have to use this system to sign in for exams, while exchange students register directly by sending an e-mail to the chairs. So you won’t need to use the QIS system at all.

If you have problems concerning your account or other IT related questions, feel free to use the RHRK service point.

Contact:
Building 42, Room 250
Tel.: +49 (0)631 205 3812
E-Mail: servicepoint@rhrk.uni-kl.de

Opening Hours:
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Mon - Fri: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Registration in Town**

**Necessary:**

- Passport
- German address
- (Document with your birthplace written in Latin letters if not in passport)
- Student ID

You have to make a registration with the Kaiserslautern “Bürger Service Center” (City administration) for the time you live and study in Kaiserslautern.

Take the bus route 115 from Uni West (or Ost/Süd) with “Schillerplatz” as its direction. “Schillerplatz” is also your destination. Just cross the street after leaving the bus and you will see two big buildings. The one on the right is the “Pfälzische Bühne”, the one on the left is the “Rathaus” (city hall). The entrance to the “Bürger Service Center” is at the front (the side you are looking at) of the city hall building.

If you have problems concerning your account or other IT related questions, feel free to use the RHRK service point.

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Opening Hours:
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
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The easiest way to manage your financial situation in Kaiserslautern is to open a bank account at the Stadtsparkasse Kaiserslautern.

The student bank account is called “S-Giro fantastisch” and you can use it for:

- Free account management and payment service
- Online banking
- Getting money from all the Sparkasse’s ATMs without paying fees in Germany

The bank which is called “Stadtsparkasse Kaiserslautern” at Davenportplatz is only a few steps far away from campus and will satisfy all your needs.

All you need for opening a bank account is your passport for identification and your home address in Germany, respectively the contract of your apartment. You will get a bank card, which you can use to pay almost all over Europe.

If you use the bank card or credit card from your home country to withdraw money at an ATM you will have to pay a fee, so you should go for the bank account of the Stadtsparkasse Kaiserslautern. Of course you can also change your money or hand in your traveller’s cheques at the branch office of the Stadtsparkasse Kaiserslautern. Finally, the student bank account of the Stadtsparkasse Kaiserslautern will facilitate your life in Kaiserslautern and will help to organize your banking operations.

**Get your own German bank account**

The bank which is called “Stadtsparkasse Kaiserslautern” at Davenportplatz is only a few steps far away from campus and will satisfy all your needs.

All you need for opening a bank account is your passport for identification and your home address in Germany, respectively the contract of your apartment. You will get a bank card, which you can use to pay almost all over Europe.
Telephone

The best option is probably to either use a cell phone without SIM-lock and buy a SIM-card from one of the German cell phone providers (Vodafone, O2, Telekom, E-Plus etc.) or to buy a cell phone and a prepaid telephone card in Germany. No basic fee needs to be paid for prepaid cards but call costs are little more.

Another possibility is to order a conventional telephone line at the German Telekom (www.telekom.de). The standard Telekom telephone contract includes the one-time installation fee of 60 € and a basic monthly fee of 17.95 € plus the amount for your calls. But there are different telecommunication providers such as O2, Alice or 1&1 offering special packages including telephone, cell phone, internet etc. If you decide on one of these providers please contact your German buddy or the international office for help.

However, most contracts will run for 12 or 24 months.

In order to save money you could also ask your neighbours to share an internet flatrate with you. You could use that to make phone calls via VoIP (e.g. Skype).

On campus, you will have access to many Wireless-LAN spots.

Studying in Kaiserslautern

Kaiserslautern is a city in southwest Germany, located in the state Rhineland-Palatinate (Rheinland-Pfalz) at the edge of the Palatinate Forest (Pfälzer Wald) and it has about 100,000 inhabitants. Tens of thousands of NATO military personnel (mainly Americans) live in the city, which is therefore often called K-Town, and its surrounding districts such as Ramstein and Landstuhl.

The historic centre dates back to the 9th century. Kaiserslautern received the first half of its name from the favourite hunting retreat of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, who ruled the Roman Empire from 1155 until 1190. Because of his influence on the town, there are still a lot of facilities named Barbarossa. The second part of the name “Kaiserslautern” is the name of a small river called the “Lauter” that runs below the grounds of the city centre.

Today, Kaiserslautern is a regional centre of information and communications technology; it is well known for its university and also has a university of applied sciences (Hochschule). Additionally, you can find many international research institutes located throughout the city.

The cultural program is remarkable for a city of this size. The local theatre Pfalztheater, which is a big and very modern building in the city centre, features plays, operas, ballets, concerts and musicals. The ticket prices are reasonably low and especially students can benefit from discounts. In the communication and cultural centre Kammgarn, an ancient spinning factory, concerts, cabarets, performances and other events take place. An art collection of paintings and sculptures from the 19th century to the present can be found in the museum “Pfalzgalerie”. The Theodor Zink Museum in the historical town centre contains collections of folklore and civic history.

This enumeration is by no means complete, but can be seen as a few suggestions. The tourist information bureau near the city hall has comprehensive information material, calendars of events, city maps, etc. for you.
Academic life in Kaiserslautern

The Technical University of Kaiserslautern is the only scientific and technological university in Rhineland-Palatinate. It is located south-west of the city center. All institutions of the university are within walking distance on a modern campus. At the present time there are around 12,000 students studying at the Technical University, of which 2,000 are distance students.

Academic Year

At German universities the academic year is divided into two terms/semesters, the winter term (WS), starting around October 1st, and the summer term (SS), starting around April 1st. Please make sure to get your student ID by these dates!

The lectures generally start a few weeks later. The periods between the semesters are lecture-free periods. But these periods cannot be seen as typical holidays because students need to take their exams during these periods, prepare for final exams, undertake practical work experiences and complete term papers.

You should only plan your holidays and departure date when you are sure of your responsibilities and tasks during the lecture free periods!

The fixed dates of the exams of the Faculty of Business Studies and Economics can be found on the following website or using the KIS system:

www.wiwi.uni-kl.de

Departments and Chairs

Departments

The University of Kaiserslautern is divided into 12 departments (Fachbereiche).

- Department of Architecture
- Department of Biology
- Department of Business Studies and Economics
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Civil Engineering
- Department of Computer Science
- Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering
- Department of Mathematics
- Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering
- Department of Physics
- Department of Spatial and Environmental Planning
- Department of Social Sciences

Each department has subdivisions such as institutes (Institute), teaching areas (Lehrgebiete), chairs (Lehrstühle), study groups (Arbeitsgemeinschaft/AG) or divisions (Abteilung).

You will be a student at the Faculty of Business Studies and Economics (Wirtschaftswissenschaften), which is often called "WIWI", for reasons of simplicity.

This department consists of different teaching areas and chairs, which are mainly located in buildings number 42 and 80. You can choose classes from the following areas.

Business Management Chairs

- Business Information Systems and Operations Research
  Prof. O. Wendt
- Entrepreneurship
  Prof. Dr. M. Baum
- Financial Services and Financial Management
  Prof. Dr. R. Hütscher
- Marketing
  Prof. Dr. S. Roth
- Personnel Management and Organisation
  Prof. Dr. T. Rabl
- Production Management
  Prof. Dr. H. Carsten
- Strategic Management
  Prof. Dr. G. Müller-Seitz
- Sustainability Management
  Prof. Dr. K. Spraul
- Management Accounting and Management Control Systems
  Prof. Dr. V. Lingnau

Economic Sciences Chairs

- Macroeconomics
  Prof. Dr. J. Wenzelburger
- Microeconomics
  Dr. P. Weinschenk
- Economic Policy and International Economics
  Prof. Dr. M. v. Hauff

Law Chairs

- Civil and Economic Law, Property Rights
  Prof. Dr. M. Hassemer

Please do not hesitate to contact the chairs whenever you need any help! Following an open-door policy, members of the department will be happy to help you with any kind of problem within their teaching area or will at least make an appointment if they are short of time at that moment. All the homepages of the teaching areas or chairs are accessible via the faculty homepage:

www.wiwi.uni-kl.de

When studying as an exchange student in KL you are not limited to classes offered by the Faculty of Business Studies and Economics but can choose classes offered by all the other faculties as well.
Degrees, Classes and Examinations

Degrees at TU Kaiserslautern

Common degrees at German universities are the "Diplom", "Magister" and "Staatsexamen". At the moment, however, the German university and college system is undergoing reformation ("Bologna-Process") in order to achieve the goal of creating a uniform system of higher education across Europe including bachelor and master degrees.

For this reason, the TU Kaiserslautern started to offer standardized degrees in the form of Bachelor and Master programs with features such as a modular structure, course exams and a credit point system (ECTS) gradually replacing the Diplom and Magister.

Classes and Examinations

The following terms describing different types of classes appear frequently in the list of courses and the lecture timetable. In general, you will receive a "Schein" and a pass mark.

During a lecture, a professor presents a different topic each week. Taken together, the lectures present over the semester deal with a comprehensive subject area, a new aspect of which is discussed in more detail each week. Usually, only the professor speaks during a lecture, though questions are welcome. Additionally, there is the possibility to talk to the professor after class in order to clarify problems with understanding or ask other questions.

Even though there is usually a hand-out including the main content of the course given out at the beginning of the semester (sometimes it costs a few Euros), students are encouraged to take notes, as the content and structure of the lectures are naturally relevant for exams. In case you plan to use a recording machine during the course due to problems with understanding, please contact the professor in advance to avoid possible misunderstandings.

The final exams usually take place in the weeks after the end of the lectures. To clarify whether you have to register for the particular exam and if so where, please contact the professor or his/her assistant.

Tutorial / Exercise Course ("Übung"/"Tutorium")

These accompany certain basic lectures. Under the guidance of an assistant instructor or a so-called "HiWi" (student/teacher assistant, usually an advanced student), students work on exercise sheets dealing with certain topics of the lecture. The advantages are small group sizes and direct contact with the instructor. At the beginning of the semester, you will usually have to sign up for these classes, either on the faculty notice board, online or right in class. Please make sure not to miss the deadline!

Seminar

Seminars are led by a lecturer, but they are based on the students' own work. Students attending a seminar must normally write and present a seminar paper to receive a "Schein" and a pass mark.

Independent Group Project

Under the guidance of a lecturer or a "HiWi", students work independently on particular subjects in small groups. The project can be in conjunction with a seminar or can serve specifically to prepare for an exam.

Excursion

During a semester, many departments offer excursions to research facilities, project sites or local or international companies.

Participation is limited and is usually based on certain requirements. The department manages the organization of the excursion; students only have to pay a contribution to help cover the costs.

Registering for Exams

Registration is a very important topic for you, since for an exchange student other formal guidelines are valid.

Step 1:
Register for exams at the relevant chair by e-mail to the secretary, always with the remark that you receive.

Step 2:
While writing your exam, mark on your sheet that you are an exchange student and that your grade needs to be forwarded to the International Office of the Faculty of Business Studies and Economics.

The table on this page shows you the grading system used at the University of Kaiserslautern. 1.0 is the best grade and 4.0 is the worst grade you can get while still passing the exam.

Good luck writing your exams! Study hard and you will do great!
University Faculties

Studierenden Service Center (SSC)

Building 47  
Tel.: +49 (0) 631 205 52 52  
Fax: +49 (0) 631 205 35 32  
E-mail: studium@uni-kl.de

Opening hours  
Mon - Thu: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Fri: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cafeteria (Mensa)

You can make all payments in the refectory, in the “Atrium”, in the “Bistro 36” and at the beverage dispensers in the refectory building with your student ID. Problems may occur when losing the card. In that case, please contact the bureau located next to the entrance in the cafeteria building.

For further information on the cafeteria and the meals offered, please check the following website:  
www.studierendenwerk-kaiserslautern.de, "Standort Kaiserslautern"

How do I recharge my student ID? In order to use the student ID, it must be charged at the machines in the entrance area of the refectory building with cash or a bank card. There, you might also check your current balance.

How do I pay with my student ID? While the payment for the main meals I and II (daily main menu including 3 dishes; fixed prices: 2.15 / 2.40 €) takes place at the turnstile, your ID is used directly at the cashpoints in the buffet (fixed prices per 100g), in the atrium and in the Bistro 36. Please make sure that you always have enough money on the card in order to avoid creating long queues.

Can I pay in cash in the Cafeteria? Yes and no. It is possible at the right-hand cashpoint in the atrium of the cafeteria building, in the Bistro 36 and at the buffet. But note that in case of cash payment the “guest price” is charged, which is a little higher. Cash payment is not possible for the Main Meals I and II. Please treat your student ID carefully! In case of visible damage, e.g. in consequence of careless use, you will not get your deposit back.

There are two different meals and a buffet to choose from for lunch in the cafeteria building (number 30).

Meal I and II  
Mon – Fri: 11.15 a.m. – 1.45 p.m.

Buffet  
Mon – Thu: 11.15 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Evening cafeteria (building 10)  
Mon – Thu: 5.30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Cafeteria Atrium  
Mon – Thu: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Fri: 8 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Bistro 36  
Mon – Thu: 8.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.  
Fri: 8.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Pavillon 1 (building 1)  
Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pavillon 52 (building 52)  
Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

In the buffet area (grill and wok), the menu changes daily and is prepared freshly in front of your eyes. Vegetarians will be particularly pleased with the vegetable buffet. There, variations of regional and international vegetable dishes are offered.

The following cafeterias are only opened during the semester:

Library

The university library is divided into a main library in building 32 and several other libraries of the different faculties. The departments of business studies and economics and mechanical engineering/process engineering maintain a common range library in building 42, room 500. During the semester, the opening hours of the main library are from 8 am – 8 pm, while they change during the lecture-free periods. Here you will find:

- the text book collection
- general reference books
- a newspaper reading area
- several group work areas
- the patent and standardized characters

In order to borrow books you must have a student ID, which is also your library ID. The use of the university library is free except for fees due to late returns. In the libraries, folders inform you about the offers and the order of usage. In each library several PC workstations are available for literature research in data bases. Additionally, microfilm readers and a record sheet collection can be used. Literature which is not offered by the library can be requested through interlending (Fernleihe) from libraries at other universities. An interlending application usually takes 2-4 weeks and costs 1.50€ per order.

In order to avoid fees due to late returns, you can use extend the lending period on the website of the library (also available in English). Generally, it might be useful for you to visit one of the library tours offered at the beginning of the semester.

http://www.ub.uni-kl.de/

Copy card

You can use your student ID at the copy machines throughout the university. But firstly you have to put some money onto your student ID at the respective places. Check out www.rhrk.uni-kl.de for details.

Sports

There is a wide range of sport offered free of charge at TU Kaiserslautern. You can find the program of activities on the notice board in the entrance hall of the sports building, in the office of university sport (sports building, building 28-104 / Tel. +49 (0) 631 / 205 35 80), or on several notice boards in other buildings.

http://www.uni-kl.de/wcms/hsgp.html

At the beginning of each term, an information brochure including the university sport program ("Hochschulsport-Programm") is published and can be found around the campus. Individual offers are described in more detail and the specific times of the practice hours are given in that leaflet. Most sport courses are offered under the guidance of a qualified coach.

Outside facilities can be used all the year round, whereas the tennis courts are only available during the summer semester (at a small fee). Please never forget your student ID for identification! If you want to go to a proper gym, there is UNIfit right on campus.

http://www.hochschulsport.uni-kl.de/Unifit.aspx

Student Service Centre

The Student Service Centre (SSC) provides advice on all questions concerning your studies.

Contact:  
Building 47 / Room 109  
Tel.: +49 (0)631 205 52 52  
Fax: +49 (0)631 205 50 40  
E-Mail: studium@uni-kl.de

Opening hours:  
Mon - Thu: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Fri: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Student Organizations

A huge number of diverse student networks can be found at the TU Kaiserslautern, which can not only help you to meet people and find new friends, but also offer many other interesting activities.

Please check out the following website in order to find more information about student organizations like AEGEE, AIIESEC and many others at the Faculty of Business Studies and Economics:

http://www.uni-kl.de, "Stud. Aktivitäten"

If you are interested in other topics such as music, politics and religion, it might be interesting for you to check more generally oriented student groups here:
Functionality of your Student ID

Your student ID offers numerous possibilities. A few examples are the VRN public traffic ticket, a legitimation for university and library and a payment method for Mensa & Cafeteria.

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Public Transport

Germany has a good public transport system and even without a car you can get to nearly every village by train or bus. Trains, underground railways (U-Bahn), city rail (S-Bahn), trams and buses provide transport locally. Public transport within a city and the adjoining regions is called “ÖPNV” (Öffentlicher Personen-NahVerkehr).

Transport in Kaiserslautern is provided by buses. Detailed street maps, maps of the local rail connections and lines are available in every bookshop or online on the respective website (see below). Bus routes and timetables are shown at the stops or can be obtained in the offices of the transport services in downtown Kaiserslautern; the main service center is located near the bus stops “Schillerplatz” and “Rathaus” in downtown Kaiserslautern. Further information can be found on the internet: http://www.vrn.de (also available in English).

With your student ID (Semester Ticket) you have unlimited access to buses and the local trains (named “RE x”, “RB x” and “S x” where “x” is a number) within a certain radius of Kaiserslautern. In order to get a detailed map of the area in which the student card is valid, please visit the AStA bureau (building 46, ground floor). Outside of this area you have to buy tickets to use public transport.

Tickets

Tickets for trams and short distances by train need to be bought at a ticket machine before you enter the vehicle. When using buses, there is often a possibility to buy the ticket from the bus driver (if you are outside Kaiserslautern where your student ID is not valid). The price of each ticket is related to the distance travelled, which is divided into different price zones (Tarifzonen). Ticket machines might be difficult to use but usually everything is also explained in English. If you are unable to purchase the ticket you require, just ask another traveller who is purchasing a ticket. Travelling without a ticket (Schwarzfahren) is not permitted and incurs a fine of at least 40 euros on all buses and trains!
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Entertainment

Sightseeing

Kaiserslautern is an interesting city that offers a lot of variety due to its mixture of modern as well as traditional and historical places. For opening hours, entrance fees, locations and detailed information please check the following website, also available in English.


For example:

• The Theodor Zink Museum
• Casimir Castle
• City Hall
• Kaiserslautern Zoo
• The Church of St. Martin
• Collegiate Church
• Museum mpk
• Fruchthalle
• Gartenischau (only from April to October)
• Humberg Turm and Hohenecken Ruins
• The Japanese Garden in Kaiserslautern
• The Pfalztheater
• The Kaiserpfalz

Restaurants / Bars

In downtown Kaiserslautern, you can find a huge number of different restaurants and bars. Most of them serve both food and beverages: not only traditional German but also Chinese, Greek, Italian, Thai, American and other kinds of international food can be enjoyed. Even though service is included in the price, it is normal to give a tip depending on the friendliness, quality and service. A common amount is 10 percent of the bill but for students rounding up the sum seems to be adequate.

Wine Festivals

If you are a wine enthusiast you will definitely enjoy your stay in Kaiserslautern. Make sure to get out to one of the region’s countless wine festivals, which not only offer a wide variety of wine but also the experience of witnessing small communities coming together in summer to enjoy the efforts of their labour in the vineyards. Coming to Kaiserslautern in summer is a perfect opportunity to attend a wine festival as around this time “the people are thirsty for wine.”

For further information concerning wine festivals in Rhineland-Palatinate, visit the following website:


University Parties

During the term, university parties take place almost every Thursday night, most of them usually on the ground floor of building 46 or in the Kramladen. Not only is the admission fee quite low (less than 5€), beer and other drinks are also offered at very affordable prices. The music is diverse; you will find a band playing live music, Hip Hop, German songs, House etc. Sometimes parties have a special theme, such as the beer garden (Biergarten) for example. These events open their doors at 9 p.m. but rarely get going until 10.30 p.m. and run all night long.

Do not be afraid, you will not miss any of them, since there is always a huge advertisement in the entrance area of the cafeteria building.

ASTA-Sommerfest

This festival is one of the main events taking place during the summer term usually in June) directly on campus. It starts in the afternoon and provides a wide variety of foods, drinks and music being played on several stages. You can find Japanese sushi, Spanish sangria and many other specialties from different countries. This event attracts thousands of people from beyond the university community and is spread across the whole university campus.

Going Out

For those who enjoy a good pint of beer or a glass of wine, you will hit the jackpot by coming to Kaiserslautern, since it is located in Rhineland-Palatinate, which is well known for its vineyards. So it is not surprising that there is a wide variety of activities to take part in, which ensures a great nightlife in Kaiserslautern.

For example:

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• Casimir Castle
• City Hall
• Kaiserslautern Zoo
• The Church of St. Martin
• Collegiate Church
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• Fruchthalle
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• The Kaiserpfalz

Nightlife / Clubs

The biggest club in Kaiserslautern is called “Nachtchicht”. It is located on top of the shopping centre “E-Center” close to the main station. It is open on Thursdays (“Lady’s Night”), Fridays and Saturdays. You can dance until 6 in the morning to different styles of music such as Hip Hop or House on different floors. From time to time there are theme parties with special prices.

Additionally, there is a number of smaller clubs in Kaiserslautern, playing different styles of music on different days.

• Pflaumenbaum
• Golden Club
• Foxy Club
• Underground
• Markthalle

Timetables including actual events and parties can be found on the following websites:

http://www.citydisplay.de
http://www.gesichterparty.de

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## Shopping

Shop opening hours in Germany may be different from your home country. The following are typical:

### Supermarkets and shopping centers

**Opening Hours**
- **Mon - Sat:** 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. (some stay open till 10 p.m. like E-Center or Kaufland)
- **Sat:** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

On Sundays shops are closed except for some bakeries, cafés and gas stations.

In town centres, usually most shops do not close for lunch time.

You should also know that in Germany, prices already include tax.

### Food / Groceries

It is true that many Germans like to eat good, solid and substantial food. But you won’t have to live on “Sauerkraut” and sausages for the whole period of your stay. The choice of food is vast in Germany. You can buy traditional regional products as well as food from all over the world.

There is a small shopping area directly next to the campus. Right next to “Lego-land” (a Student Residence) respectively across the bridge near the cafeteria building, there is a “Treff 3000” supermarket, the on-campus grocery store. There you can also find a pharmacy, a pizzeria, a bank, a bakery and a post office. Only a few minutes from “Legoland”, there is also a supermarket called “Lidl”.

You can find “Netto” and “Wasgau” close to the Student Residence “Alcapraza”. Close to the main station, there are “E-Center” (a big grocery store) and the discounters “Aldi” and “Netto”. Downtown, there is a great offer of shops with meat products, bakeries, confectioneries, drug stores, and organic food shops.

Discount supermarkets such as “Treff 3000”, “Netto”, “Aldi” and “Lidl” offer cheaper prices but less choice. Mainstream supermarkets, such as “Edeka”, “Kauf- land”, “Real” and “Rewe” are all located in Kaiserslautern. They might be a little bit more expensive but have more choice such as specialties from the Mediterranean, Asia, Latin America etc.

The majority of German grocery stores do not provide plastic or paper bags for your groceries. You either have to pay for the bags or bring your own. Some grocery stores expect you to weigh your fruit/vegetables before paying. The process is fairly simple. You will notice that on the fruit/vegetable labels, there is a number. Place your fruit/vegetable selection on the scale, press the number on the label and the machine will produce a sticker printout. Simply place the sticker printout on your fruit/vegetable selection, and you are done. This process may vary a little depending on the grocery store.

### Shopping on Sundays

If you really need groceries on a Sunday, some fuel stations are open 24/7 and offer sell articles for daily use. But be aware that you may be paying much more than what you usually pay. Also, a few bakeries are open on Sundays, too. You can purchase bread and tasty snacks at a fairly reasonable price. Shops in railway stations are also open on Sundays.

On the next page we have listed all the sporting activities and courses that are offered by UNISPORT Kaiserslautern.

## Leisure Activities and Sports

As a student at the TU Kaiserslautern you can choose from a great variety of sporting activities, which are usually for free.

Before, during and after the World Cup in 2006, soccer is Germany’s number 1 sport. Especially in Kaiserslautern, soccer is of particular importance due to its professional soccer team, named “1. FC Kaiserslautern”. Soccer has a huge tradition in Kaiserslautern and you should not miss the chance to see the “roten Teufel” (red devils) on the Betzenberg.

If you are not interested in soccer, don’t worry, there are more sports such as tennis, volleyball and endurance training or aerobics, for example. During the term, a huge number of so-called “practice courses” of different sports is offered. That means a number of students meet at specific times where everybody can join. You don’t need to register to attend these groups.

There is also the “Spielgruppe” option (play groups). You and your friends can register for a time slot for e.g. the beach volleyball court and play beach volleyball for free each week at this specific day and time.

The sport offered at the University of Kaiserslautern is not only a good chance to enjoy your favourite sport regularly, it is also a great opportunity to meet other people. You can get further information about the practice groups at the UNISPORT’s office inside the sports building and on their homepage. Don’t hesitate to try something new!
UNISPORT offers around 80 different sporting activities (see list above). So there really is an activity for everyone. Most of the courses are free if you are enrolled as a student of the University of Kaiserslautern (F). However, you have to pay a fee (FR) for sports that require more specialized equipment (hang gliding & paragliding, ski & snowboard, etc.). The fees usually aren’t that high and UNISPORT offers you great discounts because you are students.

Experience Germany and Europe

The central location of both Germany and Kaiserslautern make travelling around Europe very easy and affordable. The train system in Germany, the “Deutsche Bahn” (DB), is one of the most advanced and efficient in Europe. For example, with the new high speed train connection to France you can get to Paris by train in less than 2.5 hours from Kaiserslautern, and Luxembourg can also be reached within a few hours. There is also an “S-Bahn” which takes you directly to Mannheim, Heidelberg and smaller cities in the Palatinate area such as Speyer for example.

Additionally, there is the possibility to get really cheap flights to any larger European or German city, for example with Ryan Air from the airport “Frankfurt Hahn” which is located only 1.5 h from Kaiserslautern. Travelling by bus is less common than travelling by train but there are also inexpensive offers for city trips. The European hostel network will offer you affordable accommodation in most major cities. If you are planning to travel around Europe, we strongly recommend buying a guidebook for Europe.

...by Train

The German rail company, the “Deutsche Bahn” (DB) runs trains over longer distances. It is rare that trains are late, so punctuality is the key! Connections between trains can be as short as only a few minutes, so be sure to have your platform number ready. There are also a number of special deals to take advantage of, such as a price reduction if you buy your ticket early. Try to plan ahead (maximum 92 days), especially for trips to Paris, as the cheap tickets sell out quickly. In general, prices differ depending on what type of train you take and the distance travelled.

**Opening Hours**

**DB Travelling Centre Kaiserslautern (Reisezentrum)**

Mon, Tue, Thu:                  9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Wed, Fri:                      7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sat:                           8.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun:                           10 a.m. – 5.45 p.m.

**DB Ameropa Travelling Centre**

Here, bus tickets and the “Ameropa last minute deals” can be arranged.

...by Airplane

Lately, airplane travel has become really affordable. There are various offers for cheap discount flights to most major European cities. Although there are a lot of expensive flights, prices for travelling by plane can be very reasonable if you fix your travel date well in advance.

Frankfurt airport is 1.5–2 hours away from Kaiserslautern, depending on the type of train you take. At this huge airport you can find domestic and international flights to every part of the world.

Discount airlines are becoming more and more popular around Europe. The closest airport that services these discount airlines is Frankfurt-Hahn. Keep in mind that the airport Frankfurt-Hahn is not located in Frankfurt am Main but in the rural Eifel area. There are buses going to Hahn Airport from Ramstein and Saarbrücken railway stations. For further information (departure times, location etc.), please check the following websites for up-to-date travel timetables and prices:

- [http://www.frankfurt-airport.de](http://www.frankfurt-airport.de)
- [www.hahn-airport.de](http://www.hahn-airport.de)
- [www.germanwings.de](http://www.germanwings.de)
- [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)
- [www.easyjet.de](http://www.easyjet.de)
- [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

Check the following websites for up-to-date travel timetables and prices:
Different Types of Trains

**Inter City Express (ICE)**
The ICE is currently the fastest German train and offers features such as computer screens providing you with information about your journey, a bar coach, relatively big bathrooms, a radio programme and electricity for your laptop, they run at speeds of up to more than 300km/h. These trains are more expensive but usually worth the extra money, especially in case of a longer journey and a lot of luggage.

Your student ticket and “Ländertickets” as well as “Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket” are not valid on these trains.

**Euro City (EC)/Inter City (IC)**
These are the most common express trains running between major cities and they are also more expensive than regional trains since they are pretty comfortable. Your student ticket and “Ländertickets” as well as “Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket” are not valid on these trains!

**Regional Bahn (RB)/Regional Express (RE)**
The RB and RE trains which stop at almost every station make long journeys quite lengthy. Even though you will probably have to change train more often, the tickets are significantly cheaper, especially in combination with your student ticket.

Special Deals

Besides the “Bahn Card”, offering a significant discount to frequent rail users, the “Deutsche Bahn” offers different pricing schemes to special groups. Groups or families of at least six people can take a group ticket (Gruppenticket) and people who like travelling on weekends can buy a “Schönes-Wochenende Ticket”, which is good for unlimited travel one whole day of the weekend throughout Germany. “Ländertickets” are good for unlimited travel in a specific region of Germany. “Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket” and “Län- dertickets” are good for up to five persons but are not valid on ICE, IC or EC.

The DB website is a great source of information for special deals and offers for international passengers. Be sure to check the website for more information! In order to get train times and itineraries, go to www.bahn.de, and click on the “Travel Timetable” section on the left side of the page. Be sure to fill in the correct date of your trip and desired time of departure. Finally, you will be presented with a number of travel options.

**Eurail Pass**
Eurail Passes should be purchased in your home country prior to your departure for Germany, so be sure to look into it before your departure. They are available in Europe, although they are more expensive and sometimes hard to find. Eurail Passes are also valid on some ferry routes such as between Greece and Italy, which is great if you plan to travel in that part of Europe.

There are some restrictions on your Eurail Pass:

- It is only valid for two months from the day you start using it.
- You will be required to pay supplements on faster trains and sometimes you have to make reservations
- The Eurail Pass does not cover all European countries yet
- Prices for train tickets may change

http://www.eurail.com/

**Train Travel Tips**

**Never pay the regular price**
There are numerous discounts if you book ahead and you are flexible about your travel times.

**Buy a Bahn Card**
A “Bahn card 50 (25)”, which is 127€ (until the age of 27) and 41€ for students offers a 50% (25%) discount on all train travel within Germany. It is valid for one year and a great deal if you plan to travel a lot.

**Always travel second class**
The trains are very well kept and fairly spacious. Second class is significantly less comfortable than first class, so don’t bother spending the extra money for a first class seat.

**Reservations**
Reservations, which cost an extra fee of up to 5 € per seat, are usually unnecessary but sometimes required. Please ask at the “Information” whether or not you should reserve a seat. It is usually only required for night trains and sometimes on international trains.

**Supplements**
Supplements are often added on to the cost of your ticket, such as 4€ for traveling on the ICE and EC trains. Even if you have a Eurail Pass, supplements and/or reservations may be required

**Last Minute Deals**
Although not technically last minute, the “Ameropa Reisebüro” in the main station offers great 3 day deals up to a month in advance, which include train travel and two nights in a hotel. Be sure to check the offers at www.ameropa.de for up-to-date information.

“I am under 26”
This might become one of your favourite sentences when buying train tickets and making other travel arrangements. All European countries offer great student discounts for a variety of things: museums, trains, movie tickets, etc. just because you are a student. It may not always save you money, but it is definitely worth a try.

**Nothing is open...**
...except the railway station! On Sundays, you will find that there aren’t any stores open in Germany. The main station, however, is a great source of food, drinks and reading material and is almost always open.

**...by Bus**
Although buses are a less common way to travel longer distances in Germany, there are a number of great international deals available such as the “Eurolines”, for example. Please check their website for deals and rates.

**International bus travel offers a couple of advantages**

- No connections to worry about
- Sometimes movies are played
- Lengthy dinner breaks at a roadside restaurant

**Other distant bus connections can be found under:**
- www.eurolines.com
- www.bustimiensuche.de

**...by Car**
The German road system is quite popular, not only because it is fully developed but also because its usage is free for cars and the speed is not restricted in parts. Nevertheless, if you decide to rent a car for travelling, please consider the following information.

Anyone who wants to drive a car in Germany has to have a full driver’s license; a German one (in case of permanent residents), an international license, an EU or EEA license (driver’s licenses from member states of the EU are valid in Germany) or a national driver’s license with a German translation. It can be produced by a German diplomatic representation or the German Automobile Association ADAC.

If you decide to drive in Germany, please get used to the set of rules for the road such as speed limits, special traffic regulations (e.g. every passenger has to wear a seat belt), the regulations about drinking and driving, as well as the procedure in case of breakdown and accident (in case of accident you must not leave the scene until the police arrive).

People who do not observe the rules the risk losing their license!

**Drinking Alcohol and Driving**
Under German law, it is illegal to operate a vehicle if your blood alcohol level is 0.5 per mill or higher (in special cases 0.3 per mill). The law imposes a penalty and the withdrawal of the driver’s license for specified periods of time depending on the gravity of the violation.

**Car-Sharing**
Another possibility to travel cheaply is a "Mietfahrzentrale", which means car sharing. This is a service provided by (often young) people such as students or friendly strangers travelling long distances by car. Especially bigger cities have what is called a "Mietfahrzentrale", which is an office coordinating offers and demands. This kind of travelling is cheap, comfortable and offers the opportunity to chat and get to know other people.
Youth Hostels

You will learn a lot about the European hostel network, how to find the best deals, the importance of booking ahead (necessary near the end of June and definitely in July) and how exciting it is to find a cheap hotel with a TV that has an English channel (and usually only one English channel).

Germany was the originator of the idea of a youth hostel, thus there are many hostels available and most are well run and secure. Unlike most other European countries, the German hostels in Bavaria usually have a strict age limit of 27. Rates differ depending on your age, however this only applies to “official” Hostelling International (HI) hostels. Nowadays there are numerous non-affiliated hostels as well.

Hostelling International (HI), formerly known as International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF), is the main coordinator of the hostels in Europe. You are supposed to be a member in order to stay at one of their many locations. If you live in a country which does not have a youth hostel association or if you did not obtain a national membership card before going abroad you will need a Hostelling International Card or a Hostelling International Card for Groups and for every overnight a determined number of Welcome Stamps. This card is valid 12 months in youth hostels world-wide from the date the first Welcome Stamp has been obtained and 6 sticking or printed Welcome Stamps (for groups 20) are shown on the Hostelling International Card. The German branch of the HI network is called “Deutsches Jugendherbergswerk” (DJH) and is quite extensive. However, especially in bigger cities you will also find non-affiliated hostels, where you do not have to become a member.

Hostels can have private rooms of 1-6 beds or dorm rooms of varying sizes. Dorm beds are always cheaper and simply consist of a bunk bed in a room with other people. Lockers are almost always provided. Hostels, as a general rule, are very clean and safe. Many offer kitchen facilities (so you can prepare your own meals) as well as Internet access, tourist information and a common lounge.

www.hihostels.com
www.jugendherberge.de

Booking services for all types of hostels and cheap hotels:
www.hihostels.com
www.hostelseurope.com
www.hostelworld.com

Hostel Tips

- Breakfast is often included which is a definite bonus
- Check if linen is included or how much it costs to rent
- Try to pick a hostel that is located not too far away from the main station
- Bring a lock. (usually there are lockers, but it’s better to be on the safe side)
- Don’t forget to bring a towel

Other Places to Stay

Staying in hostels is not the only affordable option when travelling. Be sure to check out Bed & Breakfasts, last minute hotel deals and budget hotels. Travelling with a larger group can split the costs of the stay. It’s also a good idea to look in a general German travel guide which sometimes covers lists of cheap hotels for major cities.

Public Holidays

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In case of emergency you can call the number 112 and they will transfer your call to the person in charge. Emergency calls can be made free of charge from every mobile phone with an active SIM card.

If you are in urgent need of immediate medical treatment on weekends or during the night, it is possible to consult the hospital in Kaiserslautern or doctors on call (also without an appointment).

In highly urgent cases, an ambulance can be called. In Germany, drugs can only be bought in pharmacies (Apotheke), most likely requiring a prescription from a doctor. There is always at least one pharmacy open in every area during the day and night (Apotheke notdienst). You can get the address of the current pharmacy with this emergency service from the door of any other (closed) pharmacy, e.g. the one at Davenportplatz.

Address and Contact:
Westpfalz-Klinikum
Hellmut-Hartert-Straße 1
67655 Kaiserslautern,
Tel.: +49 (0) 631 203 0
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Useful Vocabulary

General expressions

Yes/no/maybe  Ja/Nein/Vielleicht
Please/thank you  Bitte/Danke
Sorry!  Entschuldige!
Excuse me!  Entschuldigen Sie!
May I...?  Darf ich...?
Pardon?  Wie bitte?
I would like to./Have you got...?  Ich möchte.../Haben Sie...?
How much is...?  Wie viel kauert...?
I (don’t) like this.  Ich mag das (nicht).
Good/Bad  Gut/Schlecht
Open/Closed  Öffnen/Geschlossen
Broken/Doesn’t work  Kaputt/Funktioniert nicht.
Help/Caution!  Hilfe/Vorsicht/Achtung!

Welcome & Goodbye

Good morning/afternoon  Guten Morgen/Tag!
Goog evening/night!  Guten(n) Abend/Nacht!
Hello/Goodbye!  Hallo/Auf Wiedersehen!
Bye!  Ich heiße...
My name is...  Wie heißt du? Wie heißen Sie?
What’s your name?  Ich komme aus...

Date & Time

Monday/Tuesday  Montag/Dienstag
Wednesday/Thursday Mittwoch/Donnerstag
Friday/Saturday Freitag/Samstag
Sunday/weekend Sonntag/Werktag
Holiday  Feiertag
Today/tomorrow/yesterday Heute/morgen/gestern
Hour/minutes  Stunde/Minute
Day/week  Tag/Woche
Month/year  Monat/Jahr
What time is it?  Wie viel Uhr ist es?
Three o’clock.  Drei Uhr.

To go

Left/right  Links/rechts
Straight ahead/back Geradeaus/ zurück
Near/far  Nahe/weit
Entrance/driveway Eingang/Einfahrt
Exit/exit Ausgang/Ausfahrt
Departure/arrival Abfahrt/Abflug/Aankunft
May I take a picture of you?  Kann ich ein Bild von Ihnen machen?
Where is...?/Where are...?  Wo ist...? Wo sind...?
Toilets/ ladies/ gentlemen Toiletten/ Damen/Herren
Bus/tram Bus/Straßenbahn
Airport U-Bahn/Taxi
Underground/taxi Parkplatz/Parkhaus
Parking place/ car park Stadtplan/ (Land-)Karte
Street map/map
Station/harbour Bahnhof/Hafen
Airport Flughafen
Schedule/ticket Fahrplan/Ticket
Train/track Zug/Gleis
Single/return Einfach/ hin und zurück
I would like to rent... Ich würde gerne... mieten.
A car/a bicycle Ein Auto/Ein Fahrrad.
Petrol station Tankstelle
Petrol/Diesel Benzin/Diesel
Breakdown/garage Panne/Werkstatt

Food and Drink

Could you please book a table? Können Sie bitte einen Tisch reservieren?
May I have...? Kann ich bitte ... haben?
Knife/ fork / spoon Messer/Gabel/Löffel
Salt/pepper/sugar Salz/Pfeffer/Zucker
Vinegar/oil Essig/Öl
Milk/cream/lemon Milch/Sahne/Zitrone
With/without ice/gaz Mit/ohne Eis/Kohlensäure
Vegetarian/allergy Vegetarier/Allergie
May I have the bill, please? Kann ich bitte die Rechnung haben?
Invoice/receipt Rechnung/Quittung
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