

Checklist for international Students - Before your arrival in Rostock

You've passed the aptitude test or decided to visit the Rostock University of Music and Drama (hmt) as a guest student – be welcome at one of the most unique places to study! To start your studies perfectly, we've created this checklist. It will help you to prepare your stay in Germany. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the International Office of the hmt: aaa@hmt-rostock.de

1. Apply for a „Visa for studying purposes“ at the German embassy

- Students from other EU countries don't need a visa to study in Germany.
- Information on visa regulations and a list of states which are subject to visa requirements are provided at: www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html
- Very helpful informations on staying in Germany are also provided at the webpages of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/bewerbung/en/9199-visa-application/
- Please keep in mind that visa applications can take some time to be processed, in some cases several months. It's essential that you apply for a visa “for studying purposes” or “to study”. A tourist or visitor's visa is not sufficient! Inquire with the German embassy in your home country which documents have to be submitted.

Caution: All students have to submit all their documents to German authorities (e.g. German embassy, Immigration office) in German language!!!

2. Finding a room

- Students have to find an accommodation themselves. We recommend you to apply for a place in a dormitory which is mostly the easiest and cheapest option. In addition, you will easily get to know other students there right from the start.
 - Send an application for a place in a dormitory, online or via mail, to the student services organisation Studentenwerk.
 - The Studentenwerk will send you an offer for a place in a dormitory as soon as all required documents are submitted
 - Inform the Studentenwerk immediately if you **accept** the offer – if you miss to accept, your room will be passed to another student!
 - You will sign the rental contract when you arrive to Rostock. The keys will be handed over personally in Rostock.
 - Information on Rostock's dormitories and the related application form is provided at www.studentenwerk-rostock.de or may be requested directly at the Studentenwerk: Studentenwerk Rostock, St.-Georg-Str. 104-107, 18055 Rostock, phone: +49 (0)381/4592600, www.studentenwerk-rostock.de/en/accommodations/application.html
- 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 an university enrolment or for prolonging your stay in Germany, you have to prove a sufficient membership at a health insurance.

- **EU-students:** Please bring your European Health Insurance card with you
- **Non-EU-students:** We would highly recommend to enter Germany with a travel insurance and to obtain a German Health insurance after your arrival.
- In addition, we 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.

4. Get to know the Local Erasmus Initiative (LEI)

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>

Who do i have to contact?	What do I have to prepare in my home country?	What do I have to bring to Germany?
<p>Hochschule für Musik und Theater International Student Office Beim St.-Katharinen-Stift 8 18055 Rostock mailto:aaa@hmt-rostock.de opening hours: Mo.-Fri.: 8:30-11:30; Mo.,Tue.,Thu: 2-3:30pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get all informations about studying at the hmt and staying in Germany • Ask for help if needed • Ask for things to prepare for your courses • Apply for a visa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Passport/Identity card ○ Admission notice of the Rental offer of the Studentenwerk ○ European Health Insurance card or travel insurance <input type="checkbox"/> ○ Vaccination card ○ Biometric photos (only applicable for non-EU citizens) ○ School leaving certificates and documents related to your previous studies and certified certificate copies (only applicable for non-EU citizens) ○ Translation of your certificates by a state-approved translator, stamp included (only applicable for non-EU citizens) <input type="checkbox"/> ○ Proof of sufficient proficiency of German
<p>Studentenwerk Rostock St.-Georg-Straße 104-107 D-18055 Rostock Tel.: +49 (0) 381 4592 600 Fax: +49 (0) 381 4592 9401 www.studentenwerk-rostock.de Opening hours: Tue.: 9-12, 2-5pm Thu.:9-12, 2-4pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for a place in the dormitory • If you get a rental offer, accept! 	
<p>Lokale Erasmus Initiative (LEI) Kröpeliner Str. 29, 18055 Rostock www.lei-rostock.org lei.rostock@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register at the mailing list to be up to date • Ask for help when you're arriving 	