



# The International Office of Anhalt University of Applied Sciences

- First Steps for New Students -

# We are happy to help!



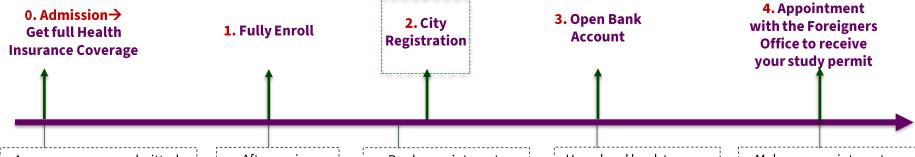








#### What to Do Now?



As soon as you are admitted, acquire a German health insurance. Approach the provider with your admission letter and your insurance status will electronically be reporterd to the university. Private/public- careful! >30y can only use private, need to be exempted by public insurance beforehand

After paying tuition and providing an insurance status (automatically), you will be fully enrolled.
Download the certificate at SSC-portal

Book appointments online in advance (up to 6 weeks waiting period)
Bring: passport,

landlord confirmation. (It's not possible to register at a hotel or Airbnb) Use a local bank to open an account. Required:
 passport + city
 registration, Tax-ID,
 which can take up to 4
 weeks after city
 registration to arrive!

Make an appointment as soon as possible after the city registration. (The earlier the better!) Pay attention to the list of required documents.

Blocked account as proof of financial means needed

11208€ = 2 years
(since 01.03.24 possible)

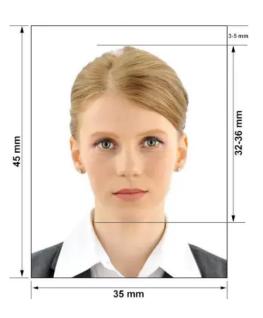




# The Application for the Residence Permit-Biometric Picture

- MOST IMPORTANTLY!: The photo must not have been altered (e.g. through computer processing/Photoshop)
- In color only to reflect natural skin tones
- Recency: Not older than 6 months
- Background: Solid print and color
- Smile: No smiling. Mouth closed
- Eyes: Starring straight ahead and open
- Glasses: Thin framed glasses are allowed. Eyes must be visible
- Headgear: No headgear except for religious purposes
- Dimensions and size (pixels): 600 minimum
- Attire, clothing, dress code: No uniforms should be visible
- Beard: allowed

Please adhere to the rules of biometric pictures when applying for residence permits







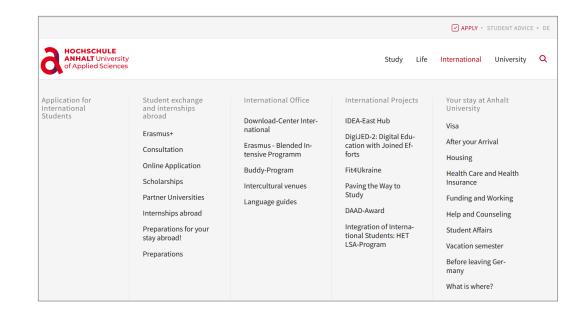
#### For Useful Information Check out our Website!

**After Arrival** ---> Welcome Guide, City Registration, Bank Account, Residence Permit (Visa Extension)

**Housing** ---> List of potential housing providers for each campus

**Health Care** ---> List of health care providers (+contacts) for each campus

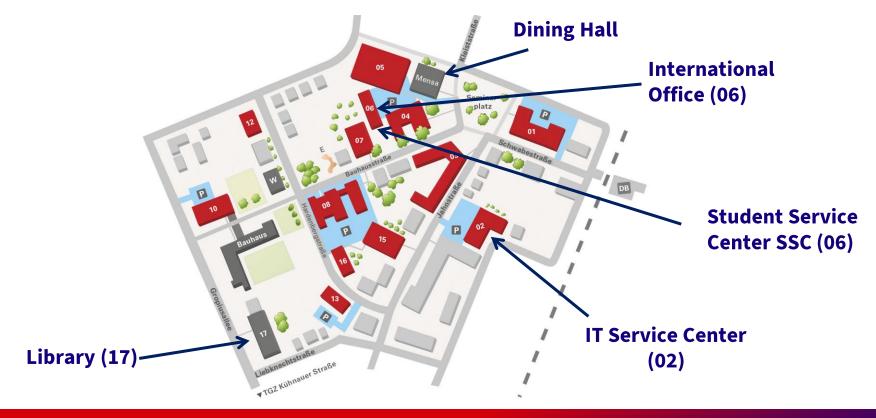
**Funding & Working** ---> Scholarship Options, Internships







#### What Is Where? - Dessau







#### What We Offer...

#### **Student Mobility Services**

- Studying abroad
- Internships abroad
- Funding Opportunities

#### **Scholarships**

- Stibet Degree Scholarships
- Social Commitment Scholarships
- Scholarships for International Exchange

Most importantly: Should you have any emergencies, we are here to help! Get in touch:

internationaloffice@hs-anhalt.de





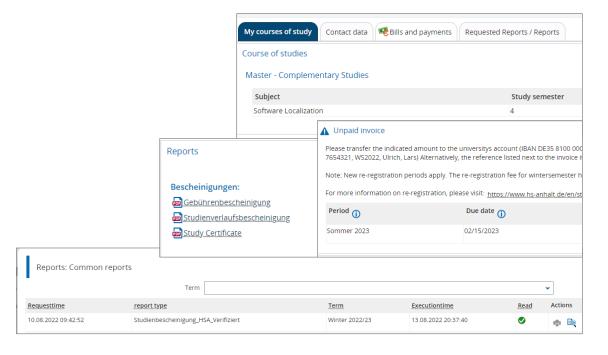
For questions regarding your study programplease contact your study coordinator





# SSC Applicant and Student Portal

- Study certificate in English/German
- Bills and payments of study fees
- Changing your contact details





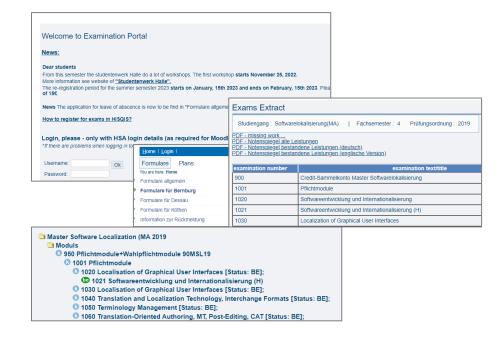


# **HIS QIS Examination Portal**

 Information about reporting back for the next semester

 General forms for credit transfer, application for admittance a final thesis and more

- Exam sign-in/sign-out
- Transcript of Records





# **Emergency Numbers**

Police Emergency Call 110



**Medical Emergency** 

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**Fire Emergency** 

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Where did something happen?

What exactly happened?

What type of emergency/injury?

How many people are affected?

Wait for questions!

Wait for arrival!





# **Emergency Numbers**

# Medical Information Service **116117**

- Telephonic information service for after-hour medical services / weekend stand-by services
- NOT for medical emergencies
- Assists in verifying/enquiring after-hour availabilities of pharmacies and doctors







#### Public vs. Private Health Insurance



- For students under 30
- Compulsory to be insured with a public health insurance in order to enroll at a German university
- Incoming or travel
   health insurance
   cannot be accepted
   for enrolment

- For students over 30
- Must pay all treatment costs in advance, afterwards they will reimburse the costs upon submission of an invoice
- Need exemption from the public health insurance regulations (apply at any public insurance, then register a private insurance)







# Health Insurance and Enrolment- Electronic Reporting

There is a mutual reporting obligation regarding health insurance between health insurance companies and universities that works electronically/automatically

# The health insurance reports to the university:

- Insurance status (compulsory or exempt)
- Start of insurance after change of health insurance company
- Delay in payment of health insurance contributions
- Payment of health insurance contributions in arrears



# The university reports to the health insurance:

- Start of studies with semester start and day of enrollment
- End of studies with end of semester and day of de-registration / termination





#### Public Health Insurance Providers - Dessau



Stiftstraße 11 06844 Dessau www.barmer.de/en Mrs. Zhuxuan Jiang 0151 18234498 zhuxuan.jiang@barmer.de German, Chinese Frau Irina Masur 0151 65613591 irina.masur@barmer.de German, Russian Mr. Amit Herekar 0151 7211 6498; amit.herekar@barmer.de German, English, Hindi



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service726200@dak.de Tel: 0340 5407420 Online Application

www.dak.de/dak/english-2167614.html#/



Franzstraße 159 06842 Dessau www.tk.de/en

Tel: 0800 2858585

Andreas Ihle 01 51 - 64 32 51 55 andreas.Ihle@tk.de Online Application

www.tk.de/en/tkmembership/become-amember-2037070



#### Package Deals- The Best Solution

There are several companies out there that offer a combination of blocked account (needed for residence permit) and health insurance cover in return for a service markup.

These solutions are commonly accepted and widely used.



#### **Fintiba**

https://www.fintiba.com/



#### **MAWISTA**

https://www.mawista.com/en/



#### **Expatrio**

https://www.expatrio.com/



#### Coracle

https://www.coracle.de/





# Personal Liability Insurance in Germany - Haftpflichtversicherung

- Most commonly-held type of private insurance in Germany not mandatory but highly recommended
- Covers situations in which the insured person caused personal damage, object damage or wealth damage to a third party
  - Accidentally hit a pedestrian while out on your bike?
  - Your apartment burns down due to a short-circuit and the building is damaged by the fire and the extinguishing water?
  - Lose control of your suitcase in front of a moving bus and cause an accident that injures several people, damages the bus?



Only ~ 5-10€ per month

---> Quickly rack up costs totaling hundreds of thousands of euros





# The City Registration (Einwohnermeldeamt)

#### Dessau



Zerbster Str. 4 06844 Dessau-Rosslau

! Bring passport +
Landlord Certificate according to § 19 of
the Federal Registration Act (BMG)!
Download blank form here:

Wohnungsgeberbestätigung Formular

After approx. 2 weeks (but up to 4) you'll receive your TAX-ID via physical mail→ required for opening a bank account [Make sure your postbox is properly labelled]

Day	Opening Hours
Monday	08:00-12:00; 13:30-16:00
Tuesday	08:00-12:00; 13:30-18:00
Wednesday	08:00-12:00
Thursday	08:00-12:00; 13:30-18:00
Friday + every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month	08:00-12:00

#### You can book an appointment via:

https://terminvereinbarung.dessau-rosslau.de/tvweb/





# The Foreigners Office (Ausländerbehörde)

#### Dessau



Stadt Dessau Zerbster Str. 4 06844 Dessau-Rosslau **abh@dessau-rosslau.de** 

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# Questions?



#### Dos & Don'ts

Information and Guidelines for International Students at Anhalt University



# Don't Ignore-TV License Fee (Rundfunkbeitrag)

■ 18,36€ per month and household/flat

! Mandatory! to pay for everyone living in Germany

 In a shared flat, the amount can be divided independently among the residents

 The city can utilize bailiffs as debt collectors, this process can also lead to additional fines and an entry as an enforceable title





Don't leave Germany with any outstanding debt, as this may cause a visa denial or problems at the border should you ever return in the future



# **Don't Forget to Pay your Health Insurance**

#### You need to pay or else:

Insurance coverage ends

De-enrollment

Loss of visa status as a student





If you switch insurance companies or employers, make sure your health insurance is correctly deducted. Otherwise you might be without coverage leading to deenrollment eventually.



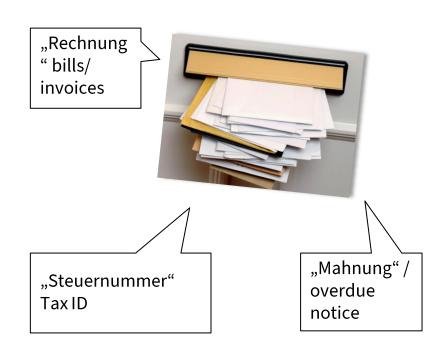
# Don't Ignore your Mail!

Make sure you put your name on your letterbox

Open all letters even though they are in German

 Identify important information (if in doubt, use Google Camera Translator)

Tax ID, insurance card, etc.





# Don't Change your Study Program at the End of Your Studies

- Only possible in the first 18 months
- Unnecessary prolongation of duration of study leads to problems with
  - the Foreigners' Office and residence permit
  - Study regulations





You are allowed to **exceed the average study duration** by max. 3 semesters before the
Foreigner's Office can intervene



#### Don't Hit and Run

#### What you are obliged to do:

- Call the police or ambulance
- Don't leave, wait for them
- Help other people involved in the accident
- Liability insurance
- Legal support from student services









# Don't Sign Any Subscriptions (ABO)/ Be Aware of Scams

- "Trial Subscribtion" trap- At first it is free, then you need to pay (newspaper, fitness subscription, tv service)
- Mail, SMS, Call, one click on the internet
- Cancellation is often very complicated
- Be aware of scams, esp. in relation to dubious job offers



#### **General rule of thumb:**

"If something sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true!"



# Be Aware of Scams- Job Offers / Extortion

- Be sceptical about job offers/ easy opportunities to earn money- Scammers specifically target int. students (pressure to earn money for blocked account)
- Research the company via several different sources! Check the website/Imprint/Office building on Google (Streetview)
- Insist on a written contract (make sure you understand it, ask a native speaker to review the contract
- NEVER use your private Email or bank account for company matters

# General rule of thumb:

"Money can't be earned effortlessly on the Internet!"





# Be Aware of Scams-Job Offers / Extortion

#### **Examples/Actual Former Incidents**

- Receive parcels, repackage them, send them off to a different address
- Buying and selling crypto-currencies via your private bank account on behalf of a company
- "Calls" from the police accusing you or a family member of a crime, pressuring to pay bail/administrative fee
- Job offers from abroad companies (e.g. in the UK) to work on a freelance-basis e.g. as project engineer in Germany (Firstly: freelance work is not allowed with a student visa, secondly: these companies want to circumvent the social security and taxation laws by luring you into "pseudo-selfemployment" = tax evasion is a crime!





# **Don't- Illegal Movie Streaming**

- Be aware that the use of unofficial streaming sites may be illegal
- It can lead to hefty fines You might receive a "cease-and-decist-letter" ("Unterlassungserklärung")
- Especially if you use the university Internet (campus/dormitories), be aware that your activities can be traced and the use of illegal sites may lead to consequences











# **Do- Re-Registration**

Re-register for the next semester by transferring the semester contribution of currently EUR 86.00 as well as administrative fee for master program ranging from 500 Euro to 850 Euro

for the following winter semester – re-register between 25<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> August for the following summer semester – re-register between 15<sup>th</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> February **Otherwise you will be de-enrolled -> lose your visa status** 

Payee: Hochschule Anhalt

Bank: Deutsche Bundesbank

IBAN: DE35 8100 0000 0081 0015 39

BIC: MARKDEF1810

Reference: Matriculation No.\_RM20231\_Name, First Name

Explanation: "RM" followed by academic year followed by "1" for summer or "2" for winter semester



### **Do- Keep Important Documents**

#### **Important Documents**:

- Copy of Passport
- Copy of Residence permit
- Copy of Student card/immatriculation
- Tax ID
- Social security number
- Letters and documents from
  - Health insurance
  - Foreigners' registration office
  - o Bank

Never hand out original documents (only if required)!

Provide copies!



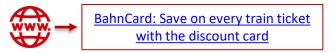


# **Do- Pay Attention to Your Lease Contract**

Cancelation period: 3 months

- Handover protocol to determine any deficiencies
- Keep your bank account to get back the security deposit
- Cash back option for your security deposit at student dorms provided by student services (Studentenwerk) only if your make an appointment in advance







# Do- Get to Know Germany - By Train

#### **BahnCard for Students**

#### Save money on every rail journey

- MyBahnCard 25/50 for people under 26 from 36,90€/69,90€ per year
- BahnCard 25/50 from 59,90€/244€ per year
- Always note the cancellation period

#### As an alternative there are many cheaper regional tickets

- You may only use regional trains (no ICE/ IC)
- Usually you are only allowed to use those between 9 am
   3 am the following day
- → Get the deutsche Bahn App/ DB Navigator



In the middle of 2023 a Germanywide 49€-ticket for regional modes of transport will be launched



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# Do- Find a Physician Close to You

- No need to go to the hospital when having a cold e.g. hospitals are for emergencies only
- It is free as long as you don`t forget your insurance card
- English speaking doctors for general medicine close to you: https://arztinfo.kvsa.de/ases-kvsa/ases.jsf

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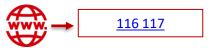
Herr Dr. med. Klapproth Heidestr. 10 06842 Dessau-Roßlau **Frau Krätsch**Friedensallee 11
06406 Bernburg

A sick note is only issued by the general physician - not by the hospital





**Herr Dipl. – Med. Amelew**Magdeburger Str. 54
06366 Köthen





# General Practioner vs. Specialist Doctor

- Most people have a fixed/regular general physican they go to
- You will most likely have to inquire with several doctors to become a patient (lots of practices have a ban on new patient as they are so overwhelmed) – Look up "Hausarzt/Allgmeinmediziner" in your area
- In Germany you cannot go to a specialist doctor right away (except for gynacologist, urolgist, dentist)
- Your general practionier needs to refer you to a specialist (e.g. radiologist, ENT, oncologist, orthopedist etc.)
- Both are covered by your health insurance, but for highly demanded specialists waiting times for an appointment can be long









#### **Do- Socialize**

Participate in study and student groups

Take part in uni sports

 Meet other people @International Student Club @Student Lounge









# **University Sport**

 Register on the booking page with your university email address

- 2. Select sports card
  - Flex-Card 20€ per semester for courses
  - Gym-Card 35€ per semester for the Gym
  - Payment via PayPal, credit card, iDeal, ApplePay, GooglePay

Book courses or timeslot for the GYM

