

## Costs and Expenses

### Fees

There are fees to be paid which include:

- State Administration Fee per semester, €70  
This fee does not need to be paid by exchange students from partner universities or special scholarship program students
- Student Services Fee per semester, €46  
This fee contributes to the student canteen, student residences, counseling services, student book store and other services offered by the "Studentenwerk"
- Student Representative Organization Fees per semester, €18.  
This fee does not need to be paid by non degree seeking exchange students from partner universities or special scholarship program students
- Service Contribution per semester, €150 (only for students studying in one of the English master's degree programs of the Graduate School)  
This fee is charged each semester for ongoing services of the Graduate School, such as liability insurance, assistance in finding accommodation, buddies, events and excursions. Students of the Graduate School, however, who have to pay the State Tuition Fee are exempted from the Service Contribution.
- IBC-Program Tuition Fees: €10,400 (for students studying in the MBA-program International Business Consulting). Students of the MBA-program do not have to pay additional State Tuition Fees.
- FRI-Program Tuition Fees: €15,910 (for students studying in the MBA-program Finance, Risk and Insurance). Students of the MBA-program do neither have to pay additional State Tuition Fees nor the Service Contribution.
- State Tuition Fee for Non-EU-citizens: €1,500. You are exempted from this tuition fee if
  - You are a citizen of the EU and/or the EEA
  - Your spouse or one of your parent is a citizen of the EU and/or the EEA
  - You have received your qualification of university entrance from the state of Germany
  - You are officially recognized as a refugee in Germany
  - You are an exchange student from one of Offenburg University's partner universities, or
  - You were already enrolled at Offenburg University before the 2017/2018 winter semester
- State Tuition Fee for a Second Degree: €650 (only for students who are not exempted from the State Tuition Fee for Non-EU-citizens and already obtained a master's degree from a Germany university)

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Payment deadlines will be sent along with the admission letter. Exchange students from partner universities or special scholarship program students need to pay upon arrival.

### Living expenses

Depending on your preferred lifestyle, average living expenses amount to approximately €750 per month. Here is a breakdown of monthly expenses:

Rent	350
Health insurance (obligatory)	90

Study materials	20
Groceries	200
Clothing, Public Transport, other	90
<b>Total monthly expenses</b>	<b>750</b>

For more information about the cost of rent, see the [accommodation](#) page.

Please note, in the first few days there will be several expenses such as your first rent, deposit, health insurance, etc. Therefore, we recommend bringing with you enough cash to cover these initial expenses.

### Proof of financial support

In order to receive a student visa, foreign students must be able to prove to German authorities that they have enough financial support during their studies. This means, you must prove that you are able to cover at least your first year of studies. Currently, that amounts to €735 per month, or a total of €8,820 for a year of study.

There are several forms of proof of financial support, which you can find listed in the "Cost of living" section in "[Before Arrival](#)". Check with your local embassy to ensure you have the proper documents.

In some cases you may be asked by your embassy to open a restricted account called a "[Sperrkonto](#)" in order to apply for a visa. You can do so through [Deutsche Bank](#) or [Fintiba](#). Please be aware, that opening a "Sperrkonto" may take several weeks.

### GEZ Fee

Please be informed that as a resident of Germany you are legally required to pay a monthly fee of **€17.50 per household** (e. g., per shared apartment) to the [Gebühreneinzugszentrale der öffentlich-rechtlichen Rundfunkanstalten \(GEZ\)](#), a joint organization of Germany's public broadcasting institutions.

'Per household' in this context means that if you share an apartment, only one of the tenants has to pay, and it is up to the household members to decide how they divide up the costs. Thus, if you move into a shared place, you should first clarify whether one of the other household members is already paying the GEZ fee.

However, your German roommate(s) might be exempt from the fee because they are recipients of federal financial aid. To be sure, such an exemption does *not* extend to the remaining household members, who still have to pay the full fee.

If you live by yourself, or if no one in your household has been paying the GEZ fees yet, you are required to register with the GEZ – regardless of whether you are actually using or even able to receive the broadcasts. Note that failure to do so, whether purposefully or by negligence, constitutes a misdemeanor and may lead to fines.

The responsibility of paying the GEZ fees begins with moving in and ends when you move out again and have deregistered your place of residence at the local international office (*Bürgerbüro*). Hence, when you move out, remember to deregister from the GEZ as well!

For more details, refer to this [information sheet by Deutsches Studentenwerk](#) (in English).

## Funding and scholarships

In Germany, scholarships are usually not granted by the universities themselves but by independent institutions and foundations. [The German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\) offers a comprehensive database of scholarships and grants](#), which must be applied for from your home country before your arrival. Information about funding possibilities are also provided by the [European Funding Guide](#).

Detailed information is also available through the DAAD regional offices, the German Embassy, German Consulate or German Official Representations in your home country, as well as from the specific organizations granting the scholarships.

At Offenburg a very limited number of partial scholarships are also available; applications for these are only open to students enrolled who have shown high academic performance and social commitment outside of class.

## Job Opportunities

Students who are EU-citizens are able to work in Germany without a work permit.

Non-EU students have two opportunities:

- Off-campus: 120 days per year, according to visa regulations for foreign students
- On-campus: a limited number of assistantships and tutoring jobs are available

A basic knowledge of German is required for most jobs.