

Living and studying in Geisenheim

Cost of living

You will need a minimum of € 600 – to 850 for living expenses per month (accommodation, food and other expenses).

Bank Account

Many banks offer checking accounts free of charge for students. You need this account, since cash payment, for example of your rent, is very unusual and often impossible in Germany.

Accommodation

The International Office will help you in finding an accommodation in Geisenheim. The following possibilities may help as well:

1. Apply for a Geisenheim University student apartment (please send an e-mail to international@hs-gm.de)
2. Internet: www.immoscout.de (you need some German knowledge. Please search for “Mietwohnungen” in Geisenheim)
3. Internet: <http://www.studenten-wg.de>
4. Campus notice board: Please send us a notice which we can pin on the housing board here on the Campus (Name, time of renting, email-address, max. rent)
5. Temporary accommodation at Rüdesheim youth hostel www.ruedesheim.jugendherberge.de

A room costs about € 300 – 350 per month. A room in a shared flat („Wohngemeinschaft“) can be cheaper.

Health Insurance

For EU-citizens

EU-Students who are insured by a public health insurance must get the “European Health Insurance card - EHIC” from their public insurance company and show this EHIC-card at the student office Geisenheim. With this card direct enrolment is possible. In case of illness, you can present this health insurance card to a doctor of your own choice and you will get medical treatment free of charge. EU-Students who are insured by a private health insurance must show an exemption certificate (“Befreiungsbescheinigung”) that has to be issued by a public German health insurance provider.

For NON-EU-citizens

You have to bring along a health insurance certificate for Germany with your health insurance number. (The monthly fee for a health insurance for Germany amounts to approximately € 80). This document, however, is **not sufficient** for a direct enrolment at our University. You must hand in the proof of the health insurance certificate to a German public Health Insurance Company and apply there for an exemption of health insurance (“Befreiungsbescheid”) for the time of your stay in Germany. This exemption of health insurance cannot be cancelled and will be valid for all future stays in Germany. With this exemption, issued by the German public Health Insurance Company, you can be enrolled at our University. In case of a disease, you either have to pay the doctor’s bill and claim back the costs by sending the bill to your health insurance company or contact your health insurance company in advance in order to ask for immediate payment.

Enrolment at Hochschule Geisenheim University

You need to bring to the student office:

1. Your passport
2. Certificate of health insurance: EHIC or the exemption certificate of an German public health insurance (please see above)
3. Passport photograph

Student registration fee

All students, even exchange students, must pay a registration fee. The fee includes a liability insurance, the contribution to the association of student affairs and student welfare and the study-ticket for the public transport system (all local transport facilities can be used free of charge, the Ingelheim ferry included). The fee of about € 230 has to be paid during the first days at Geisenheim. You will get a bank transfer form on the day of enrolment at our student office.

German courses

The Language Center of the Hochschule Geisenheim University offers German courses. Please send an e-mail to emma.gledhill-schmitt@hs-gm.de

Sport activities

The Hochschule Geisenheim University offers interesting sport activities:

<http://www.hs-geisenheim.de/campus/service/hochschulsport.html>

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