

Checklist for degree-seeking students

Welcome to the University of Münster!

This checklist will give you an overview of important steps before and after your arrival in Münster. It can help you keep track of what you have already done and what still needs to be taken care of.

It also includes contact details for important student service offices at the University.

You can also find more detailed information on our website.

Please do not hesitate to contact the International Office if you have any further questions.

Ready to start?

▪ Funding

Studying in Germany involves some costs. In addition, scholarships are not as common as in other countries. Therefore, please inform yourself about the costs involved and, if necessary, about the proof of financial resources required for your visa and clarify your study financing in advance.

▪ Visa

Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa for your studies or the study-preparatory language courses. Students with citizenship from the EU, the EEA and Switzerland do not need a visa. Please inform yourself in advance on the pages of the German Embassy in your home country.

▪ Housing

Arrive and feel at home - to find an affordable flat in Münster, you need patience. If you do not have a flat in Münster yet, the first thing you should do is look for one.

Start in Münster

▪ Arrival

Let's go! To make it easier for you to plan your journey to Münster, we have compiled basic information on travelling by plane or train. There you will also find further information on mobility within Münster and the surrounding area.

▪ Registration in Münster

All persons living in Germany must register their residence with the responsible Citizens' Service Office ("Bürgerbüro") in their local district. Registration at the Bürgerbüro should take place no later than two weeks after moving in.

- **Appointment with the Foreigners' Registration Office**

Please make an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office as early as possible to apply for a residence permit (visa extension), as long waiting times are often to be expected.

- **Opening a bank account**

You will need a bank account to pay your regular costs (e.g. rent, health insurance or the semester fee). Therefore, we recommend opening an account at a local bank.

- **Health insurance**

Students must prove that they have sufficient health insurance when they enrol at the University of Münster. Therefore, you must apply for health insurance after entering Germany at the latest.

Starting your studies

- **Enrolment**

Before you can start studying at the University of Münster, you must enrol. Please be sure to read the information about your enrolment in your admission letter - especially regarding the enrolment deadlines.

- **Student ID**

Enrolled students at the University of Münster receive a student ID in the form of a chip card. This card is your student ID card, a library card, a cafeteria card and a copy card all in one.

- **Semester ticket**

Registered students receive their semester ticket after paying the semester fee every semester. With this ticket, you can use the local public transportation free of charge.

- **Welcome Days by the International Office**

At the start of the semester, the International Office offers various welcome events and activities for international students to make your start in Münster and at the University easier.

- **Buddy Programme by the International Office**

Get to know students at the University of Münster. They will be happy to support you in the Buddy Programme as you get started at the University and in Münster.

- **Introductory events by your faculty**

During orientation week ("O-Woche") before the start of lectures, you will receive a lot of important information from your department e.g., how to register for courses. Moreover, these events will provide you with great opportunities to get to know your fellow students.