

Welcome to Karlsruhe



Practical Information

Arrival Day

There are three international airports close to Karlsruhe: Baden Airport, Stuttgart Airport and Frankfurt Airport. The closest one is Baden Airport in Baden-Baden, which is about 40 km away from Karlsruhe. Stuttgart Airport is about 80 km away and it takes about 90 minutes to reach by train. The largest one, Frankfurt Airport, at 144 km 's distance from Karlsruhe, can be reached in just 1 hour by fast train (ICE), with hourly connections to Karlsruhe during daytime.

- The buses available at Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden Airport will take you to the train stations of Rastatt or Baden-Baden where you will find trains leaving for Karlsruhe. The Baden-Airpark-Express line will take you to Karlsruhe Hauptbahnhof.
- From Stuttgart airport take tram line S2 or S3 to Hauptbahnhof Stuttgart, then change to a train to Karlsruhe. From Frankfurt airport take the long-distance train station is in close proximity of the airport. Once you get there, take a train to Karlsruhe.
- Bus is a cheap way of getting into Karlsruhe from other cities. It takes a bit longer, but is usually much cheaper than ICE trains (the express rail). [Busliniensuche](#) can be used to compare bus fares.

For schedules, check out the website of the [Karlsruher Verkehrsverbund](#), the public transport association of Karlsruhe and the region. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Accommodation

With a huge student population, accommodation arrangements can be problematic. Most of the students in Karlsruhe live either in one of the many student residences or share a flat with somebody. The rent is approximately 250-380 euros. The '[Studentenwerk](#)' (student services) offers some rooms in student residences. In addition to this, [Student Union Residences](#), [Shared apartments](#), [Youth hostel](#), [Gesucht studenten](#), [cast](#), [wohngemeinschaft](#) are some places to look for accommodation. These websites might be helpful when looking for a room or a flat. Additional accommodation can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Visa

- Non-EU students have to make an appointment with the Aliens' Office in order to obtain a residence permit for their study period in Germany within 3 months upon their arrival in Germany. When first moving to Germany, all foreigners (EU and non-EU citizens) have to register at the Registration



Office (Einwohnermeldeamt) within seven days upon arrival. Additional information can be found [here](#).

- Currently, the City of Karlsruhe offers a welcome pack for students who register in Karlsruhe as their principal residence. With your registration at the Registration Office you will receive a welcome package consisting of a student transport card allowing you to use the local transportation network in the greater Karlsruhe and a shopping voucher. Please make sure to get a confirmation from your landlord before going to the Registration Office as you will need it for the registration.

Additional information can be found [here](#).

Local Language

You can register for German language courses [here](#). You could join the [Tandem-Language-Program](#) of the Studierendenwerk. Additional classes can be found [here](#).

During the Orientation, [Karls buddies](#) assist you in filling out forms, opening a bank account, purchasing a mobile phone card, provide you with information.

Transport

You can use local and regional public transport within the Karlsruhe with student ticket "Studikarte". Karlsruhe offers a well-developed system of public transportation (bus, tram, city and regional railway). You can reach all districts in the city easily and quickly by public transport.

The closest tram station (Karlstor) is situated two minutes away from the University. The latest network plan can be found [here](#).

- The tram/train service in Karlsruhe is usually the most efficient way of getting around town. The German railway company [Deutsche Bahn](#) offers a good train network system for national and international destinations.
- [Baden-Württemberg-Ticket](#) is a popular choice among students. For long distance travels, the high-speed trains ICE and IC are recommended. Always check the train schedule and prices at [bahn.de](#).
- [Flixbus](#) is quite popular as well to find connections and compare different providers via [busliniensuche.de](#).

Carpooling platforms: [bessermitfahren.de](#), [drive2day.de](#), [blablacar.de](#) or mfg-buddy.de. [Fächerrad](#) is the local bike sharing system in the city. Madame Vélo, [Flea Market](#), AFB are some places to get cheap bikes.

Utilities

- Major mobile phone operators in Karlsruhe are T-Mobile, Vodafone, O2.
- Emergency phone numbers:
112: general emergency number
110: Police
112: Fire Brigade
112: Ambulance



Banking

It is useful to open a bank account in Germany, especially when paying rent and bills. To open a bank account, you will need to present: Your Passport/ID Card, permanent local address, your student ID or enrolment certificate. To open one, you will have to present your passport and the proof that you have registered at the city office. Most banks do not charge students. Deutsche Bank, Sparkasse, Postbank are some of the popular banks in the area.

Health

If you are coming from countries that have social security agreement with Germany (EU or Turkey) you do not require further insurance and can use your EHIC card. If you are not covered by a health insurance policy taken in your home country, you can be insured by the statutory health insurances in Karlsruhe, currently available at a rate of approximately € 95 per month.

A [list](#) of the health insurance agencies in Karlsruhe can be found at the Portal of the City

of Karlsruhe. DAK, AOK, Techniker Krankenkasse (TK) are some of the Health insurance companies in Karlsruhe. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers [more information](#) about health insurance in Germany. Additional information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Food

There are plenty of food shops around town. However many students prefer [Mensa](#) a student restaurant offering a variety of affordable dishes each day, including many vegetarian options. A meal with a main plate and two side dishes costs between €1.60 and €5, while a few more expensive meals will run between €5 and €7. KarlsCafé which offers coffee and some snacks right on campus.

- In the close surroundings there are many bistros and restaurants where you can eat for €5 to € 10 per meal, such as Lehner's (Karlstraße 21) or Aposto (Waldstraße 57), Café Emaillé (Kaiserstraße 142-144) or Café Bleu (Kaiserallee 11).
- Germans divide waste in bins with different



colours (depending on the city and even on the quarter) depending on the type of waste (biological, plastic, paper and glass or non-recyclable waste).

Shopping

Organic food is sold in supermarkets and health food stores (Reformhaus). If you want to buy fresh fruit, vegetables or cheese, visit one of the many farmer's markets where local producers offer fresh products, e.g. at Europaplatz or Gutenbergplatz.

Shops in the city centre are usually open from Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am until 8pm, but some shops close as early as 6.30 pm. Supermarkets are usually open from 8 am to 8 pm. You will find boutiques and shopping centers, like PRIMARK in the "[Postgalerie](#)" shopping center and a lot of boutiques in the "ECE-Center" shopping center.

If you are looking for sportswear you can take a look at "Karstadt Sport" which is also located in the city center. You can find electronic goods at [Saturn Market](#), [ARLT](#), Kashka.

The city offers a variety of grocery stores. ALDI, LIDL, PENNY are some super markets in the region. Asian, Indian or Arabic food, which is not offered in all supermarkets, can be found in smaller stores or "Asia Shops". Halal food can be found in special markets, like Sindbad (Adlerstraße 36) and Anadolu Gıda Pazari (Schützenstraße 65).



Industry in the region

Jobs

EU / EEA citizens and Residence permit card holders do not require a job permit. Please visit [here](#) for more information. Students may work for 120 full days or 240 half days per year. Please also check DAAD homepage for employment [regulations](#) for non-EU citizens are strict and it will help prevent any problems with immigration authorities.

Students from EU-countries and from countries of the European Economic Area (EEA) do not need a working permit. However, like German students, the amount may not exceed 20 hours per week. Otherwise, you are required to pay into the German Social Security System (health, pension, nursing and unemployment insurance).

Your chances at finding a job will increase significantly if you know German. The InnoEnergy Masters courses involve travelling to other European cities and are quite demanding. Hence do not chase money in exhausting part-time jobs which robs your energy and concentration from your main goal. However, I have tried to list down some of the part time jobs other than the few openings which might pop up at the InnoEnergy Office or on campus.

You can always check opening positions at the office of your institute which means that you can work directly at the university and gain experience for your studies. Please check the [KIT Job Portal](#) for open positions. Alternatively you can check available positions [here](#). For more information, contact the [Studierendenwerk](#). Further information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



Fun

Fun Suggestions

You'll probably figure this part out by yourself but still, you might find some useful tips here.

Punctuality is very important in Germany. The [International Office](#) organizes several trips, meetings, parties, cooking together, etc. You are also invited to go there and take part in different events or activities (don't miss the Erasmus party). In general, the nightlife in Karlsruhe is pretty good.

There are a lot of student parties and clubs that offer special student discounts. [Agostea](#), Club "[Die Stadtmitte](#)", [Monkeyz](#), [Oxford Café and Pub](#) are student restaurants which offer very good and cheap food as well as cheap drinks. [Charles Oxford](#) is a burger restaurant with high quality extravagant food.

"Das Fest" is an annual music festival featuring nationally and internationally renowned artists. The tickets cost less than ten euros. You can also enjoy live music at the "Zeltival" and the "Unifest" at KIT once a year. Lichterfest in Zoo, Christmas Market at the Friedrichsplatz are other attractions.

[Badisches Landesmuseum Karlsruhe](#) is a public museum located in the castle which shows temporary exhibitions about history, culture. It has free entrance on Fridays from 2 pm – 6 pm. Schlossgarten (castle park), botanical garden are other popular destinations close by. There are heaps of fantastic things you can do around Karlsruhe.

Few usefull Links

Links

- InnoEnergy platform [incoming Students 2019/20](#)
- Download the [IECommunity](#) app
- [ESN-Karlsruhe](#)
- [Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe](#)

Apps



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