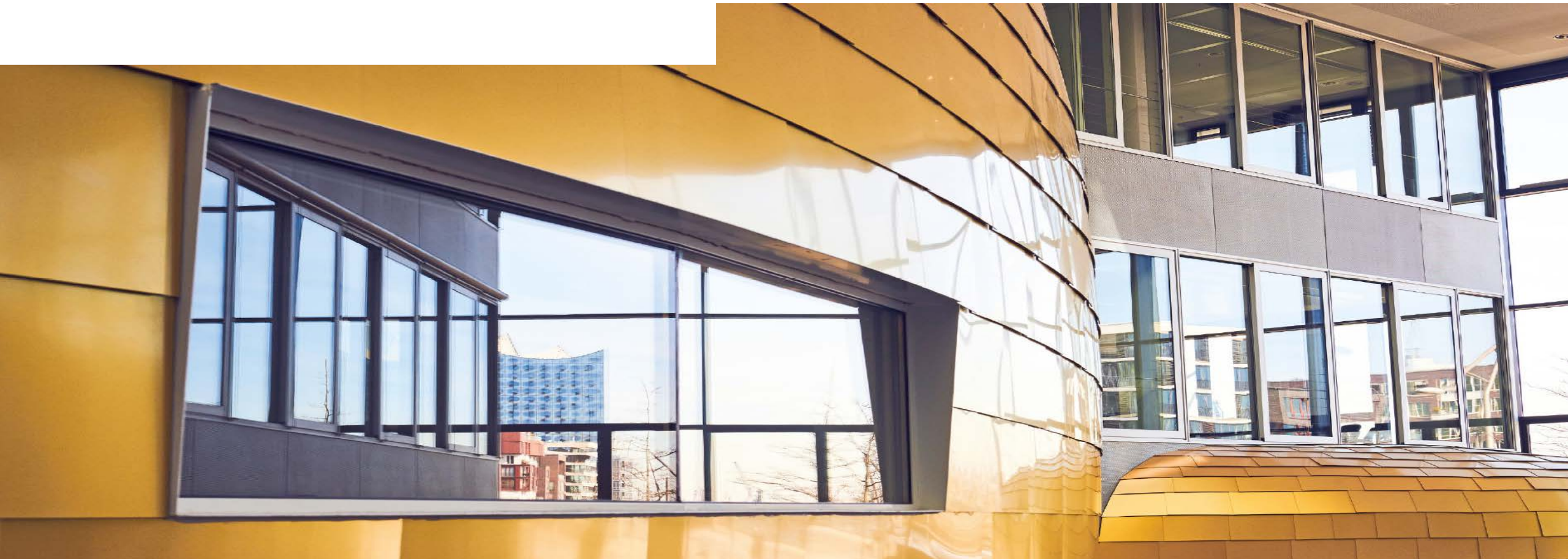


STUDENT INFO SESSION EXCHANGE SEPTEMBER 2024



WHAT IS COVERED IN THIS SESSION?

Basic
information on
different topics

- Short introductions on different non-course related topics

Where to look
for help and
guidance

- Who can help outside of KLU
- Who can you ask at KLU

Open Q&A

- Please write your questions in the chat

DO I NEED A VISA



In some cases, a visa will be required for your studies at KLU, as you will be staying in Germany for a longer period.

This does not apply for:

- Citizens of EU,
- Citizens of other European countries (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland),
- Citizens of Andorra, Australia, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, Republic of South Korea, and the United States of America may apply for a residence permit ("Aufenthaltstitel") after arriving in Germany.

Students from these countries can apply directly for a residence permit.

Do NOT enter with a tourist visa!

- A tourist visa is not for study purposes, and we cannot enroll you at KLU with one
- Switching from tourist to student visa is not possible in Germany
- You will need to re-apply and receive it in your home country

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You need to apply for a visa by yourself!

Information from outside KLU:

- The website of your local embassy should provide accurate and latest information
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Agency) can also provide information
- Local expat websites or groups on social media
- KLU provides acceptance letter and invite after admission

At KLU: Student Services (studentservices@klu.org)

- General information on website and Moodle
- Experience from previous cases
- No connection to local authorities
 - Cannot speed up or influence the process

**ANY QUESTIONS SO FAR?
PLEASE WRITE THEM IN THE CHAT**



HEALTH INSURANCE IN GERMANY

Student health insurance is a legal requirement for studying in Germany

Adequate coverage is essential

- Most insurances from abroad/outside EU are not sufficient

Travel insurance is for the period of travel before enrollment

- **NOT sufficient for study purposes**
 - Enrollment at KLU is not possible

Cost of public health insurance is about 100-120 EUR a month



EU STUDENTS

Students from the European Union (including Norway) should apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

Must be valid for the full period of study

- Valid if no paid employment is taken up



NON-EU STUDENTS

Some countries (e.g. Turkey) have an agreement with Germany regarding social security

- Confirmation from a local provider in Germany is needed for exemption

All others need to take out German student health insurance

- To be eligible for public insurance, you need to be under 30, and have studied <14 semesters
- Otherwise, private insurance is needed

PROVIDERS

Public Insurance:

- Numerous providers such as: [AOK](#), [Barmer](#), [DAK](#), [HEK](#), [TK](#)
 - Recommended to look at different offers, (usually not much difference)
- TK offers regular support hours at KLU

Private insurance that provides sufficient coverage:

- Dr. Walter (tariff: [Inter](#)), [Vela](#) (tariff: optimal), [Care Concept](#) (tariff: Care Student (30-34 years)), [Mawista](#) (tariff: Student Pro)

**ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?
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ENROLLMENT



Almost all required documents had to already be uploaded on Mobility Online



The Welcome Mails for exchange students will be sent out in time

You will be informed what documents might still be missing



There is a EUR 50 fee for the semester ticket, payable through Flywire.

WHAT MUST BE PROVIDED?

- All information that you need is on Moodle, our online platform
 - Links are found in the Welcome Mail
 - Checklist for overview: [BSc & MSc](#),

Documents to be submitted	Form of submission	✓
<p>Please download:</p> <p>Application for enrollment with Library Regulations, Code of Academic Integrity and Declaration of Consent to the use of zoom, panopto, moodle</p>	<p>Scan or electronic forms, completely filled out and signed</p> <p>By email</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Proof of health insurance</p> <p>(Proof and form of submission depend on nationality and age: Please read through the relevant chapter to check what you need to submit)</p>	<p>Electronic notification sent by health insurance company / scan sent by email</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Copy of your passport/national ID card</p> <p>(In case of dual citizenship please submit copies of both passports/national ID cards)</p>	<p>Scan</p> <p>By email</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN GERMANY

GENERAL INFO



Universities in Germany are usually not campus universities

Buildings and offices are often spread all over the towns, which makes it difficult to have “central” dormitories



Flatshares (“WohnGemeinschaft”) are most common in Germany



One main tenant, who rents the apartment from the landlord

The main tenant sublets rooms to the others



Flatshare rooms are usually unfurnished, unless it’s a sublet



Once someone moves out they will search for a new room mate (mixed gender flats are common)

HOW TO FIND A WG

Flats are often small,
and you will live
close to each other

- There might be some difficulties culture wise in the beginning, communication is key!
- As you will spend a lot of time together, it is important that all people in a flat get along, which is why “WG-Castings” are quite common

Competition is
strong, especially
towards
September/October

- Make use of the filters when looking for flat shares, if you have specific requirements (for example you would prefer to live with just female or just male flat mates etc.)

Some useful sites to
look for flat shares

- [WG-gesucht](#)
- [WG Hamburg](#)
- [WG suche](#)
- [Kleinanzeigen](#)

WHAT CAN KLU OFFER?



Help and support in finding something on your own -> **This should be your first priority**



Very limited number of short-term rooms for Sep-Dec

In the public dormitory of Kiwittdsmoor from the Studierendenwerk



Information on the topic on our online platform Moodle

KIWITTSMOOR DORM



Located in the very north of HH

Distance may be long, but the rent is low and community in the dorm is good



Fully-furnished rooms in a shared flat

Own room, but kitchen and toilet facilities are shared among the tenants!



Public transport: U1 to Kiwittsmoor / 50 minutes travel time to KLU – reachable with the transportation ticket you will receive from KLU



Rent: EUR 345 for short-term

Rental is from September to December



WHEN AND HOW TO APPLY?

Application period
is from June 6 - 12.

- To ensure that later applicants could also receive a room
- Eligible are students who have accepted their place of study at KLU and started the enrollment process (Email "Welcome to KLU")
- If you received a room in the first round, another application is not possible

On June 6,
application form is
sent out

- Each year, the number of applications far exceeds the number of available rooms
- Lots will be drawn to assign them to ensure fair chances to all applicants
- You will be notified if you received a room in the days after the deadline

We require that you have
at least had a visa
appointment by August
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- Otherwise, chances are high that you will not be able to arrive in Hamburg by September 1, so your room will be given to someone who will be here from Day 1.

WHAT IF I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A ROOM?



Don't panic!



There will be a waiting list through which KLU sends information about new availabilities



Look at the information on Moodle to see what other options there are



Try networking: Have a look at Facebook or other social media groups

**ANY FINAL QUESTIONS?
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