

## How to get to Ulm

### **From Stuttgart Airport:**

Take the underground (S-Bahn) S2 or S3 to Stuttgart main train station (Hauptbahnhof – Hbf). It will take you about 30 minutes. At the main train station, take a train to Ulm. Trains leave to Ulm about every hour. It will take you about one hour to get to Ulm.

### **From Munich Airport:**

Take the underground to Munich main train station (Hauptbahnhof – Hbf). It will take you about 40 minutes. At the main train station, take a train to Ulm. Trains leave to Ulm about every hour. It will take you about 1.20 hours to get to Ulm. Important: if you take IRE/RB/RE trains, be sure to get in the front half of the train since the train splits and only the front part goes to Ulm.

### **From Frankfurt Airport:**

There are direct trains to Ulm from Frankfurt Airport. Trains leave to Ulm about every hour. It will take you about 2.15 hours to get to Ulm.

### **From Ulm main train station to Technische Hochschule Ulm**

If you give us a call (Anita Everett: +49 731 96537-397) we will send a student tutor to pick you up at the main train station. Otherwise take bus no. 7 to bus stop “Kliniken Michelsberg” and walk down the hill.

Check <https://int.bahn.de/en> (different languages) or <https://www.bahn.de/> (German) for train connections.

## Climate

### **For the Fall Term**

We recommend bringing winter clothes and also proper clothes for rainy days. In Ulm we face temperatures between 10° Celsius and minus 10° Celsius in the winter. The location of Ulm offers plenty of opportunities to go skiing on a weekend. Furthermore, Ulm has some indoor swimming pools that you can visit. Therefore swim clothes might be a good idea for those who enjoy swimming.

### **For the Spring Term**

In April it may still snow in Ulm so better bring some warm clothes. The temperatures in May and June can be quite warm and you may already use the outdoor swimming pools in June. If you want to do some traveling you should remember that southern Europe is a lot warmer at this time of the year.

## Money

You will need a minimum of approximately € 934 for living expenses per month. Credit cards (most common is MasterCard and Visa) are honored in many places throughout Europe. Do not count on having your credit cards taken in every shop, but they are good to have in case of an emergency.

You will be required to open a German bank account in order to pay your rent and other expenses. We will assist you in opening it. This bank account is free of charge for students

younger than 27 years. You can also use it to receive money from your parents, sponsor etc. via bank transfer. In addition, you may collect money at the automatic teller machine (ATM) using an ATM card with your personal identification number (PIN). Furthermore, the bank account will allow online banking.

## Food

As the Ulm University of Applied Sciences and your dorms are not far away from the city center there will be some supermarkets and grocery stores nearby to buy food and drinks. Most shops open at 9 a.m. and close normally at 8.00 p.m. There are some shops that are open until 9 p.m. or later, especially grocery stores. On Sundays every shop is closed. The student canteen (Mensa) offers three or four menus (mostly vegetarian or vegan) from Monday until Friday.

## Dates

You may find the German way of writing dates is different from that which you are used to. To avoid any confusion when you are filling in documents, you should write dates as follows:

12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 = 12.11.2024 (12 = day, 11 = month, 2024 = year)

## Some safety tips

Ulm is a safe city to live in and you should feel able to go out and about without fear. However as in most cities and countries throughout Europe you must use your common sense and be aware of your surroundings, particularly at night. Whenever possible, you should avoid walking alone at night and keep out of badly lit streets and lonely areas. Do not accept lifts from strangers and lock your room when you leave it. Let a friend or roommate know where and with whom you will be and do not leave your belongings unattended.

Copies of your passport, credit cards, driver's license etc. are very useful in case they are lost or stolen. The easiest thing is to send you copies by e-mail or scan them in before you leave your home country.

## Field trips

Cultural field trips for example to Munich to visit the German Museum or to the Christmas market in Nuremberg (in German: Nürnberg) will be organized by the International Office.

There will be several field trips to industrial companies (e.g. Porsche, BMW, Daimler or Zwick-Roell) some of them combined with places of general interest. For company visits we recommend dress clothes. Attendance is required. If students have special interests, we will try to arrange a visit. The dates are mainly given by the visited company and may include Monday mornings or Friday afternoons.

**We are looking forward to seeing you in Ulm!**

Your International Office Team

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