Welcome to the TUM School of Life Sciences
Technische Universität München

We are delighted that you have chosen our university for advancing your academic studies.

Living and studying in a foreign country will certainly be an exciting experience for you. But it could also be quite daunting, as there is a lot to organize. We have put together some information in this leaflet in order to try and help you in this endeavor.

We sincerely hope that you will feel welcome here! Please feel free to contact our international officers and/or the staff at our Campus Office if you have any questions or need some guidance or help. We’ll be more than happy to assist you.

Get in touch!

Prof. Dr. Dieter Langosch
International Affairs Delegate, Weihenstephan
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What do I need to do first on arrival?

Student Card

This is your student I.D., access card, library card, electronic payment card for the canteen/Mensa, cafeterias and to make photocopies at TUM. More information you will receive from the Global & Alumni Office by e-mail (how you receive your card etc.)

Before you can use the Student Card for the first time, you must validate (activate) it at one of the available card stations. The stations in Weihenstephan can be found in the staircase near the mailroom in Alte Akademie 1 (Administration Building with the tower clock) and in the library’s entrance. You can credit your Student Card with funds at any credit station in the Student Union/Mensa.

Registration Formalities

In Germany, all residents and visitors staying for a period longer than three months must register their residential address with the authorities. They have to register with their local registration office (Bürgerbüro in Freising or Kreisverwaltungsreferat in Munich depending on your German residential address).

Documents to bring for registration:
- Passport
- Written confirmation by your landlord or property owner - so-called "Wohnungsgeberbestätigung"

Residence permit:
There are different procedures, depending where you come from:
- EU citizens and citizens of Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein only have to register like stated above
- Citizens of Switzerland receive a residence permit on the basis of an agreement between the EU and Switzerland.

All others must get a regular residence permit, which can be acquired from the Foreigners’ Office (Ausländeramt at Landratsamt). Resident permits are issued by appointment only; you need to send an email to: auslaenderamt@kreis-fs.de, giving the following information:
• your Name (Last Name/Surname, First Name)
• your Date of Birth
• Country of Citizenship
• Copy of your current Visa (with Expiration date)
• Copy of your Passport
• your Status (student-enrollment certificate, if available)

You will then receive an e-mail from the Foreigners’ Office for a personal appointment.

Address: Landratsamt Freising
Landshuter Straße 31, Freising
(take Bus # 621)

Documents required at your appointment with the Foreigners’ Office:
• Application form filled out in full
• Valid passport
• One photograph of biometric compatibility
• Statement of the current purpose of stay
• Certificate of Enrollment
• Proof of adequate health insurance (e.g. policy document)
• Proof that you have enough money to study and live in Germany for at least one year (usually a bank statement – please enquire about these details at the German embassy in your home country when applying for your visa)
• Rental Agreement giving proof that it fulfills the legal requirements in terms of area (square meters per person)

IMPORTANT:
Please do not lose the confirmation of registration (keep it in a safe place!). For instance you may need to submit it to open a bank account and for other occasions.

Should you need support, please contact: international.co@ls.tum.de
https://www.international.tum.de/en/global/exchangestudents/

Open a bank account

Having a German bank account is convenient for your monetary transactions, e.g. you pay your rent via bank transfer. We therefore recommend that you open a checking account (“Girokonto”) as soon as possible after your arrival. In general, the conditions of the different banks are quite similar. Banks generally offer the following benefits:

• Free account management for students (free withdrawals at cash points (ATMs), free national bank transfers, free bank statements)
• Internet-banking
• Cash card ("EC-Karte", for cashless (card) payment and withdrawing money at cash points/ATMs)

Bank branches located in Freising are:
• Sparkasse Freising, e.g. Untere Hauptstr. 29 – Vöttinger Strasse 60
• HypoVereinsbank, Untere Hauptstraße 5
• Commerzbank AG, Obere Hauptstrasse 10
• Deutsche Bank, Untere Hauptstraße 36
• Oberbank, Johannisstrasse 2
• Spardabank, Obere Hauptstrasse 14
• Bankhaus Ludwig Sperrer, Marienplatz 5
• Postbank, Bahnhofplatz 1

You need to bring your passport, local registration confirmation and student-ID / enrollment certification (can normally be handed in later) in order to open the account.

Public Broadcasting Fees

In Germany, all radio and TV reception devices require a license (also internet-PCs, television sets, radios and smartphones). A basic, all-inclusive fee is charged to every apartment. The occupant of the flat, i.e. the adult residing there, is liable for this fee. As a rule, every resident of a flat and all persons registered to this address are considered the legal occupants and are thus jointly liable for the fee. In the case of a shared flat, this means that one of the residents is required to submit payment to the ARD ZDF Deutschlandsradio Beitragsservice (ARD ZDF German Broadcasting Fee Service) and collect the relevant contributions from his or her flatmates. For detailed information, please consult:
https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/welcome/englisch/index_ger.html

Where do I get advice?

Welcome Office TU Munich and Mentoring Program
The TUM Global & Alumni Office is your central hub regarding international affairs:
https://www.international.tum.de/en/global/home/

TUMinternational (TUMi) provides help as well as a cultural program at the beginning and during academic studies in Munich. It takes aim at international exchange students, as well as international fulltime students at TUM. Many activities are also open to German students of TUM, as TUMi aims to be a meeting point between international and Germans students of TUM.

TUMi will connect you with offices and people on campus and introduce you to the exciting city of Munich before you begin classes in your school/academic department. At the beginning of each semester TUMi arrange Orientation Weeks:
https://www.international.tum.de/en/global/campuslife/

Tutors accompany you to get along in general and much more. Besides this, TUMi offers sightseeing tours, visits to museums, excursions and parties.

To stay informed we recommend you sign up for the TUMi newsletter:
https://go.tum.de/453334

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TUMinternational
TU München
International Center, Room 0187
Arcisstraße 21, 80333 München
Tel.: +49 89 289 25477
Email: tumi@zv.tum.de

Campus Office Weihenstephan

The Campus Office International Team

For students studying at TUM School of Life Sciences in Weihenstephan the International Team at the Campus Office is your first contact point for assistance. As you arrive, we would like to be sure you have a smooth start and find your way around campus. We organize opportunities for you to get to know the university, connect to fellow students and introduce you to academic and support services.

Our homepage provides you with valuable resources and information, such as Welcome Events, Buddy Program, International Day, Orientation Week, Language Café and much more:
https://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=513&L=1

For specific questions contact us via email or give us a call:
international.co@ls.tum.de
Phone: + 49 8161-713163

Exchange and degree seeking Students:

Please note that all bachelor programs offered at our School of Life Sciences Weihenstephan are in German. For questions concerning your academic work, please contact the International Coordinator of your Study Program Division:

Agricultural /Horticultural Sciences
Prof. Ph.D. Luisa Menapace (luisa.menapace@tum.de)
Astrid Hotz (astrid.hotz@tum.de)

Biosciences
Dr. Markus Gülich (guetlich@tum.de)

Brewing and Food Technology
Prof. Ludwig Niessen (ludwig.niessen@wzw.tum.de)

Food Chemistry (Master of Science)
Prof. Dr. Michael Rychlik (michael.rychlik@tum.de)

Forest Science and Resource Management
Dr. Martin Döllerer/ Dr. Thomas Schneider (international@forst.wzw.tum.de)

Landscape Architecture and Planning
Dipl.-Ing. Andreas Printz (aprintz@wzw.tum.de)

Nutrition Science
Dr. Kai Hartwig (nutritionsiences@tum.de)
### Important dates to remember

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* Examinations may also be administered on lecture-free days or during the holidays. The examination period at the TUM School of Life Sciences is usually two weeks after the end of lectures and two weeks before the end of the semester. We recommend you check the homepage of your study course for details, and if your date of return is before the official exam date, please contact the lecturer or your coordinator.

**Re-Registration Deadline** for summer semester 2022: **15.2.2022**

### Lecture-Free Days and Holidays

- Easter Vacation: 11.04. – 23.04.2022
- May Day: 01.05.2022
- Ascension Day: 26.05.2022
- Whitsun Holidays: 07.6. – 18.06.2022
- Feast of Corpus Christi: 16.06.2022
- Assumption Day: 15.08.2022
- German Reunification Day: 03.10.2021
- All Saints’ Day: 01.11.2021
- Dies Academicus: 02.12.2021 (no lectures)
- 1st Christmas Day: 25.12.2021
- Christman Vacation: 24.12.2021 – 08.01.2022

### Welcome events

There are **Orientation Sessions** offered by the individual Study Program Divisions, which we highly recommend that you attend.

- Orientation weeks: 4 October 2021 – 17 October 2021
  Also see: [https://www.international.tum.de/en/global/campuslife/](https://www.international.tum.de/en/global/campuslife/)
- First contact program for all new students: [https://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=370&L=1](https://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=370&L=1)

Especially for international students: **Welcome Event TUM School of Life Sciences**:

**11 October 2021, 2 pm in auditorium 15 (HS15).**

At our welcome event for international students, we explicitly want to welcome students from abroad: You will learn useful information about your studies at the TUM School of Life Sciences, about living in Freising and about current special circumstances. Alternatively, you can tune in via live stream. The link to the live broadcasts you will receive in good time from our International Office.

For other events also see the TUMi app: [https://tumi.esn.world/events](https://tumi.esn.world/events)

### TUMonline & Moodle

At TUM we use two electronic management systems where you can organize your studies and stay in exchange with your lecturers, tutors and fellow students:

**TUMonline – Campus Management System**

- set up your @tum email address
- update your TUMonline contact information
- Register for courses and examinations
- Download Certificate of Enrollment (Immatrikulationsbescheinigung)
- Download your confirmation for MVV-Ticket (public transport student ticket)
- View study calendar

Online tutorial for getting started with TUMonline: [https://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=246&L=1](https://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=246&L=1)

**Moodle – Learning Management System**

- Communicate with your lecturers and fellow students
- Access course material and much more

For more information on introduction sessions and any IT related topics please go to: [https://www.it.tum.de/en/home/](https://www.it.tum.de/en/home/)
Problems: it-support@zv.tum.de

TUM Credit System

TU München grading scale is as follows:

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<td>good</td>
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The TUM credit system is based upon the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources/european-credit-transfer-accumulation-system_en. One credit corresponds to an average student workload of 30 hours. A 3-year bachelor degree consists of 180 ECTS, a 2-year master degree 120.

ProLehre – a Study Skills Program

Studying Successfully with 'ProLehre Lernkompetenz'

At university students are expected to be highly motivated, to take responsibility for their own learning and to organize their resources and time efficiently. However, fulfilling all of these expectations can be difficult, especially when crucial study skills are not at hand and the university system is different from the one you know. In order to give you the necessary equipment to master all kinds of studying situations at a German university, we support international students with the workshop “Study Techniques – Study Smart” as well as consultation and online material.

For further information and registration visit the ProLehre website https://www.prolehre.tum.de/en/prolehre/home/ or e-mail at info@prolehre.tum.de.

University Library

Throughout the nine branch libraries located across the TUM campuses of Weihenstephan, Garching, Straubing, and Munich, the university offers students and researchers a comprehensive library service in a modern environment for learning, studying, and researching.

At the Weihenstephan campus, we run the Life Science Branch Library with a collection focusing on agricultural and horticultural sciences, biosciences, brewing and food technology, nutrition science, forestry and resource management, as well as landscape architecture and planning.

Location Maximus-von-Imhof-Forum 1-3, Freising-Weihenstephan

Opening Hours 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The library building provides a handicapped accessible elevator and may be accessed with a wheel-chair. A wheel-chair accessible bathroom is also available. If you wish, they will reserve a workplace for you by e-mail: information@ub.tum.de

Library Card

Your TUM student card gives you access to all library services. Please visit a branch library, and fill in the registration form to have your library account activated.

Loan Services

The university library holds more than 1.5 million items. They are all listed in the online catalog (OPAC). You can order books via the OPAC from any branch library and have them sent to the Weihenstephan branch library free of charge. Through dokumenTUM, the library’s document delivery service, all TUM members can order
scans of individual printed articles. For literature not available at the TUM, there is an interlibrary loan service.

**Electronic Media**
The library’s electronic collections include more than 26,000 electronic journals, 84,000 e-books, and over 2000 specialized databases. Access is possible on-campus via a special proxy configuration or off-campus via eAccess, the library’s remote access portal.

**Study Areas**
Long opening hours until midnight and on weekends make the library a favorite location for learning and networking for many students. At the branch library in Weihenstephan fully equipped study areas are available with computers, internet access and scanning facilities. Also available are carrels – small study rooms - which can be reserved for one month as well as three group study rooms.

**Library Helpdesk**

[www.ub.tum.de](http://www.ub.tum.de)

Phone: +49 (0)89 189 659 220
WhatsApp: +49 (0) 173 861 8412
Email: information@ub.tum.de

**Library Courses during the winter term 2021/22**

Conducting an effective literature research, citing correctly, knowing the benefits of reference management software could be essential for your study success. In practical courses the library offers you a modular training program on information literacy and reference management. Courses are also available in English at the Weihenstephan campus. For individual and distanced learning there are e-courses, online tutorials and webinars.

For more information please visit the library website:


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**eScience Hub Weihenstephan (eSHW)**

Our campus provides access to a range of IT resources. There is free WiFi access available across the campus:

**WiFi:** eduroam

**Identity:** TUM-Kennung@eduroam.mwn.de
(e.g. ga12abc@eduroam.mwn.de)

**Password:** Your TUM online password

There are ten IT rooms with over 200 high-quality workstations located across the Weihenstephan campus. Students can apply for 24h access. Six of our IT rooms can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. All rooms are also used for courses and tutorials so please check before entering. You can access the computers with your TUM-ID. Your login data was sent to you with your enrolment documents. The computers’ login data is the same as your access data for [https://www.campus.tum.de](https://www.campus.tum.de). Students also have free access to a range of licensed software applications such as MS Office.

**Information & Help**

Contact the Help Desk for any and all technology needs including troubleshooting. The ITW Helpdesk is located inside the long building between the refectory (Mensa) and the library:

Informations Technologie Weihenstephan (ITW) Helpdesk
Maximus-von-Imhof-Forum 3
2. Stock, Raum DGL 05
85354 Freising-Weihenstephan
Telefon (0 81 61) 71-3245

Helpdesk opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (CET)
Friday 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (CET)
Information regarding printing, WIFI connection, 24 hour access and IT room maintenance operations (NEWS) is available on [https://www.itw.wzw.tum.de/en/coverpage/](https://www.itw.wzw.tum.de/en/coverpage/)
ITW services:
- Installation and Maintenance of Hard- and Software in the IT-Rooms
- Support of Web-, Mail- and Print Services
- Sale of Printing Quota
- Commissional Printing
- Laptop Loans
Abbreviations

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How do I get from A to B?

The most convenient way of getting around Freising is by bicycle! Some bike shops in Freising have good offers on second-hand bikes.

Public Transport

https://www.tum.de/en/studies/semester-ticket/

Base rate of Semester Ticket – included in tuition fee- valid every night from 6 p.m. till 6 a.m. plus weekends and public holidays.

Additional rate “Isarcard Semester”, 201.60 € for the winter semester 2021/22 (valid 24 hours– only in combination with Semester Ticket and passport). The semester ticket is valid for second class travel within the entire MVV network, on all forms of MVV transport (S trains, U trains, trams, busses and certain regional trains).

Bus connections in Freising:

Bus # 621 - Freising Railway Station– Neustift (Landratsamt) – Obere Hauptstraße - Freising Railway Station

Bus # 635 - Freising Railway Station – Flughafen München /Terminal 1/Terminal2

Bus # 637 - Freising Railway Station – Hohenbachern/Dürnast

Bus # 638 - Freising Railway Station - Weihenstephan – Hittostraße / Fraunhofer Institute

Bus # 639 - Obere Hauptstrasse - Weihenstephaner Berg – Forestry Buildings – Lange Point – Freising Railway Station

Regional and Suburban Trains to and from Munich:

There are about 3 train connections per hour; travel time on regional trains is approx. 25 minutes, 45 minutes on the S-Bahn/Suburban Train. The semester ticket is valid on both DB-regional trains and MVV Suburban Train and needs to be carried with you at all times. For details please see https://www.bahn.de/p/view/index.shtml

The best connection to go to Technische Universität Main Campus in Arcisstrasse 21 is to take Bus # 100 or # 58 from the Central Railway Station Munich Arnulfstrasse (3rd stop is Technische Universität) .

The “Münchner Verkehrsgesellschaft” (MVG for short) offers monthly, weekly, daily or single-ride tickets to suit your individual needs.

To find more information for the fastest and easiest way to your destination go to: www.mvg-mobil.de/en
Call-a-Bus Service rufBUS Freising

For those of you who live in the small villages outside of Freising with no or poor public transportation services at night, the rufBUS Freising, a call-a-bus service, may be helpful.

This service is available on Fridays and Saturdays between 8 PM and 3 AM the next day and may be used by young people up to 26 years of age in the Freising district.

The telephone line of rufBUS Freising 08161-600 500 is open to accept your call or reservation between 7 PM and 2 AM. The cost is 1€ base plus 1€ per kilometer – but maximum 7 €.

Shuttle Bus to Campus Garching

In case your studies require a direct connection to the Campus in Garching there is a shuttle bus available. The schedule is regularly adjusted to the students’ needs and can be found here: https://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=416&L=0

What can I do besides studying?

The following information may differ from the actual state of art in force due to the ever-changing regulations because of the Corona Pandemic. Please visit the relevant websites for the latest information.

University Sports

Munich and its environs is a dream-come-true for sports enthusiasts. There is the Alps and the Bavarian lakes but also the Olympic Park built for the 1972 Games and now home to the University Sports Center.

For those of you who do not get enough exercise riding your bicycles to and from the Campus, Hochschulsport (University Sports Center) offers an exciting range of sporting opportunities for you in Freising-Weihenstephan as well as Munich.

Swimming

Freising’s brand new In- and Outdoor swimming complex FRESCH opened its doors in 2019: There is a variety of indoor and outdoor swimming pools, such as an Olympic size swimming pool, a diving pool, recreational pools with slides and children’s play pools. The large outdoor area offers spacious lawns to relax and sunbake, two beach volley ball pitches, a fully fenced soccer and basketball court as well as ping pong tables. Food and drinks are available from the restaurant or kiosk.

For those who just want to relax there is a separate sauna and spa area at an extra charge. With five saunas ranging from 50 to 95 degrees Celcuis, a steam room and a natural swimming pond there is plenty to choose from. Please note, that the sauna area is a mixed gender textile free zone. This means that no swimwear must be worn, however, you may cover up by using a towel or wearing a robe. Make sure you are familiar and comfortable with German sauna and spa etiquette before entering. If you feel unsure of the rules, don’t hesitate to ask the staff. Only enter a sauna if you don’t have any health conditions and take it easy, if you’re not used to it. You should bring two large towels, bathing shoes and a bath robe.

Every first Tuesday of the month FRESCH offers a ladies night for females only.

For more information including programs and prices please contact: FRESCH Erlebnis Schwimmbad , Rabenweg 20, 86356 Freising
Experiencing Nature

Isar
Freising is located on the river Isar, which has its source in the Austrian Karwendel Alps. At a total length of 295km it joins the river Donau near the town of Deggendorf North East of Freising. There are extensive paths on both sides of the river which are popular for cycling, walking and running; if you’re keen, you can ride all the way to Munich from Freising along a well maintained gravel path surrounded by trees and lush bush lands. The exposed river banks are popular spots for sunbaking and gatherings when the water level is low. The water of the Isar is clean, but be very careful as the strong current and undercurrents can be very dangerous; even for experienced swimmers swimming in the Isar is not recommend.

Pullinger Seen
Located 8km South of Freising the popular Pullinger Seen precinct offers two lakes. The water is crystal clear and cool, which is perfect for a cool down on a hot summer day. There are spacious lawns to relax in the sun and areas with large trees offering shade. The Northern lake is the smaller of the two. The restaurant ‘Seestüberl’ offers a selection of cooked meals, daily specials and refreshments all year round. The Southern lake has a public beach volley ball court, a beer garden and public toilets. The lakes are in close proximity to the Munich Airport, thus aircraft noise can be a problem.

How to get there:
Address: Pullinger Seen, Acheringer Straße, Pulling
By bike: Bike path along B11 / Münchner Straße, turn right into Pulling.
From Freising Vötting: Head West on Giggenhauser Straße, then turn left into St. Ulrich-Straße, go through town Pulling, stay on this road until you see the lake on the left hand side.

By train: Take S-Train from Freising and exit the train at the next stop at Pulling. It’s about a 15 min walk from the train station.

Stoibermühle
Located in the South-East of Freising near the small town of Attaching is the lake Stoibermühle. It is surrounded by 1.6 ha green lawns and large trees for shade. There are public toilets and a kiosk with beer garden serving Bavarian specialties and hot food. Stoibermühle is one of the few lakes with designated areas for camp fires and BBQing. You need to bring your own wood or BBQ equipment. Make sure you extinguish any fires or hot coals before leaving.

How to get there:
By bike: 15 min bike ride from the town center of Freising via Moosstraße Freising Lerchenfeld.

Vöttinger Weiher
Vöttinger Weiher is another popular bathing pond and recreation area. It’s great place to play Frisbee, to read a book or to go for a swim. Due to it being a natural lake the water is not as clear as the bigger lakes, but don’t worry it’s clean and safe to swim in. There are also designated fire pits and therefore fires and BBQing is allowed. Camping in small groups is allowed with prior permission from Freising council (Ordnungsamt).

How to get there:
Address: Bachstraße 17, 85354 Freising next to Vötting Sportsclub

Forests
Exploring the natural beauty of the surrounding forests is a recreational activity suitable in every season. In the East of Freising you’ll find Kranzberger Forst, a large forest featuring the

**Weltwald (World Forest)**

A collection of trees from North America, Asia and Europe, including the Mediterranean region are the Bayerische Staats Arboretum on an area of around one hundred hectares. Since the first plantations in 1987, more than 300 species of trees and shrubs have been planted, more than twice as many as originally planned. You can pick up a map at the starting points and follow theme paths that include art installations, playgrounds, picnic areas and education pavilions.

While you’re there you might also want to visit the historic chapel St. Clemens Oberberghausen and its small cemetery dating back to the 16th century. It was the center of a small forest community of farmers who lived there until the end of the 19th century.

For more information visit the Weltwald website: [www.weltwald.de](http://www.weltwald.de)

**How to get there:**

**By car:** Take the state road 2084 from Freising in the direction of Allershausen. After about 2.7 or 3.0 km turn left into the Kranzberger Forst. Here you will find the car parks P 1 (Oberberghausen) and P 2 (Eisweiher), both shortly after the turn-off to the forest. Not far from these car parks you will find the information pavilions “Tulpenbaum” and “Zucker-Ahorn”.

**By bike:** Coming from Wippenhauser Straße turn left on to Weihenstephaner Straße, follow the bicycle path for 200 m, turn right into a gravel road which takes you straight to Plantage.

**By bus:** Take line 620 or 621 of the Freising city buses to the bus stop “Kleine Wies” at the plantation. From there it is a 10 minute walk to the forest adventure trail. Follow the sign “Plantage”.

**Forest Gym Circuit ’Trimm-Dich-Pfad‘ at Plantage**

For those who like to exercise in nature, the Freisinger Forst offers a 3km gym circuit with six equipment stations, such as pull up and chin up bars. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find it at first because it is not signposted at the car parks, and not to be confused with the well-signposted family forest adventure trail, (Walderlebnispfad) which starts conspicuously to the left of the restaurant.

To reach the Trimm-Dich-Pfad, you walk up the forest path to the right of the restaurant “Plantage” and turn left at the next crossroads until you meet the first black arrows that lead you through the circuit.

**Tourist Information**

Tourist Information of the City of Freising
phone: + 49 8161 - 54-1 22
fax: +49 8161 - 54-2 31
e-mail: touristinfo@freising.de
internet: www.freising.de
https://tourismus.freising.de/

**Social Life**

Every Tuesday 4 – 6 p.m. (CET) online:

The international Language Café is the place for inter-cultural exchange where you can share your ideas, culture and language in a relaxed environment. All international students are invited and encouraged to come and meet with other internationally minded people, make new friends, learn and improve your German or talk to your fellow students in your own mother tongue. Free coffee/tea and cake will be provided.
Arts & culture

For those who are interested in culture or history, the Munich area has a lot to offer:

- Events in Munich http://www.in-muenchen.de/
  This Munich magazine is available free of charge in the Mensa/refectory, the Info-desk and other places

- Music and arts at TUM and in Munich: www.tum.de/en/university-life/music-and-arts

- Tips for the city of Munich: www.muenchen.de/int/en.html

- Museums in Munich http://museen-in-muenchen.de

- Castles in Munich: www.muenchen.de/int/en/sights/castles.html

- Bavarian State Opera www.bayerische.staatsoper.de

- Churches and monasteries in and around Munich: www.muenchen.de/int/en/sights/churches.html

- Offers by the Student Union: http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/culture/

- Culture Freising (only in German) http://www.freising.de/kultur.html

TUM School of Life Sciences Music Programs

- Choir – classical and modern
  Contact: Felix Mayer www.felix-mayer.de

- Orchestra – Felix Mayer www.felix-mayer.de

- Bigband – Karl Muskini mittags@muskini.de
  https://www.cvl-a.mcts.tum.de/lehrveranstaltungen/nach-themen/kunst-kultur/big-band/


To find out more about rehearsal times and how to enroll, please contact the course coordinator via email: mittags@muskini.de

Due to Corona pandemic tuition times are subject to change. For updates please contact the course coordinator.

HSG (Hochschulgemeinde / Freising)
- Christian Ecumenical Academic Society -

The Freising Christian Ecumenical Academic Society (HSG) provides services for all students, staff and residents of the Technische Universität München and Weihenstephan Academic Center or the University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan. They offer a regular get together for internationals: Campus Treff International. It’s an open platform to meet new people, to talk and discuss, to laugh and to experience cultural diversity at our campus. Students cook traditional food from their home countries and together you can enjoy dishes from all over the world. Come and take part. We’re looking forward to meeting you at the HSG!

When: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm (Please contact the coordinator to find out if the meetings are or due to Corona pandemic restrictions).

Contact: cdbonillac@gmail.com

Website: https://www.hsg-freising.de/index.php/m-international

Address: Hohenbachernstrasse 9, 85354 Freising, Phone.: +49 8161 4874 10

E-Mail: info@hsg-freising.de

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E-Mail: info@hsg-freising.de
www.hsg-freising.de
Buddhist Community Freising
Address: Domberg 10, Freising
Website: https://www.hsg-freising.de/index.php/m-international

Islamic Community Freising
Address: Wippenhauser Strasse 3, Freising
Phone: +49 8161 144402

Travel - Leisure

When you have a break from your studies, you are in a fantastic position to explore the rest of Germany and Europe. Munich airport has a lot of destinations, and flights can be found at reasonable prices.

In Germany all major cities can be easily reached by train or long-distance bus. A number of special fares is available. The InterRail is very popular among students from European countries, students from non-European countries can get a EuRail pass at eurail.com. Please check the internet for details or ask your fellow students for tips.

The Bavaria-ticket offers you (and 4 friends) one day of unlimited access to Bavaria’s regional and local transport (including suburban trains, trams and buses). The price for the first person is 26€ and 8€ for each extra person. Important to know: tickets normally cannot be purchased on the train. You have to buy them either at ticket desks or ticket machines at the stations.

Discover Germany (by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) http://www.entdeckendeutschland.diplo.de/Vertretung/entdeckedeutschland/en/Startseite.html

Info on the travel destination Germany: www.germany.travel
Long distance bus: https://www.flixbus.de

Driver’s licence:

Foreign driver’s licences remain valid in Germany for stays of up to six months, but you may need a German translation or an international driver’s licence. Non-European driver’s licences lose their validity after six months and a German driver’s licence will need to be obtained.

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There are several “German as a foreign language courses at TUM School of Life Sciences.

For detailed information and how to enroll, please visit our website:
https://www.sprachenzentrum.tum.de/en/languages/german-as-a-foreign-language/

What do I need to do at the end of the term?

Transcript of Records

If you are planning to return back home after the winter semester:

- You will receive results for every examination you have completed at TUM.

- You can easily print out a Transcript of Records from your TUMonline account. Log in and select “transcripts” in the “studies” column on your business card. Select the option “print certificate” to generate an official academic transcript of records. If you need a signature please contact

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personally the examination office ‘Prüfungsamt Weihenstephan’, Alte Akademie 1, 1st floor. If not all your grades are available by the time you leave, it is your responsibility to check in TUMonline when your grades are validated and then send an e-mail to international@wzw.tum.de requesting the document.

- Exchange students do not need to exmatriculate, this will be done automatically by TUM at the end of the semester you applied for. Just in case you need a confirmation of exmatriculation e.g. to cancel your German national insurance, you need to do it by your own.

- If you had a room in a dorm, please be sure to clean it up properly so your deposit will be fully refunded to you by Studentenwerk. Same applies of course, if you lived in a private room, and don’t forget to cancel your rental contract on time.

- You should close your bank account a few days before departing Germany to avoid unnecessary charges or fees.

Re-enrollment


De-register at residents registration office

When leaving Freising, you have to give notice of your departure to the Residents' Registration office (Bürgerbüro)!

Good to know

Emergency Telephone Numbers

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Hospital Freising (Krankenhaus / Klinikum)

[https://www.klinikum-freising.de/](https://www.klinikum-freising.de/)
Address: Klinikum Freising, Alois-Steinecker-Straße 18, 85354 Freising
Phone: + 49 8161 24-3000 (For emergencies call: 112)
[https://www.klinikum-freising.de/patienten/notaufnahme.php](https://www.klinikum-freising.de/patienten/notaufnahme.php)

Outpatients’ Clinic:

For everyday health problems that are otherwise treated by your general practitioner (cold symptoms etc.), the outpatients clinic is at your disposal. The entrance is on the side of the clinic’s visitor parking lot. (GREEN BUILDING).

Opening hours:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6 pm – 9 pm
Wednesday and Friday from 4 pm – 9 pm
On weekends and public holidays from 9 am - 9 pm
Security on Campus Weihenstephan Phone: +49 160-96713334

Munich (and its surroundings) is one of the safest areas in the world. Among German cities it is ranked third place. Nevertheless, should you ever feel unsafe on the Campus, don’t hesitate to call the Campus Security. We recommend that you add all emergency phone numbers to your contacts in your mobile phone, so you have them at hand should you ever need them.

Links and further information

During your Studies https://www.tum.de/en/studies/during-your-studies/

Students’ democratic representation: https://www.wzw.tum.de/index.php?id=53&L=1

University Sports https://www.zhs-muenchen.de/

Library https://www.ub.tum.de/en/branch-libraries

Culture www.weihenstephaner-Musikwerkstatt.de

TUM_Events https://portal.mytum.de/termine/calendar_view

Living expenses

Living expenses in Germany are slightly above average in a European context. They are below those of countries such as Denmark, Luxembourg or Switzerland, but are quite high compared to countries such as Asia, Africa or Latin America.

Prices: approx.
1 loaf of bread 1.20 - 3 €
1 kilo of apples 2 €
1 kilo of potatoes 1 €
1 liter milk 0.60 - 1 €
1 bottle of water (0.75 liters) 0.30 - 0.80 €
1 cup of coffee (in a café) 2.50 €
1 beer (in a pub) 3 - 4 €
1 pizza in a restaurant 5 - 15 €

Canteen on Campus:
Dishes of the day 1.00 € - 1.55 € - 1.90 € - 2.40 €

Cinema Tickets at Cineplex Neufahrn: 5-13€ depending on time and seat category
Fresh Swimming Indoor/Outdoor Pool Freising: 4€/3 hours (with student card)
Fresh Indoor ice skating: 4€/2 hours (you can also rent skates)

Medical Services

Doctors have different opening times and are generally closed on Wednesday afternoons. It is advisable to make an appointment by telephone. In urgent cases you can see a doctor during consultation hours, but there may be long waiting times. In the case of a non-life threatening emergency, you should contact a doctor on emergency duty (Tel. 116 117). For life-threatening emergencies please call 112.

Medication is often only available on a doctor’s prescription at the pharmacy. The health insurance scheme generally pays for such medication, but you will have to pay an additional pharmacy charge between 5 and 10 Euros yourself. Pharmacies are mostly open Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and on Saturday morning. Outside these opening times you will have to look for a pharmacy on emergency duty. Details of which pharmacy is open ‘Apotheken-Notdienst’ can be found on the internet.

Shopping Hours

During the week from Monday to Friday, most shops in the big cities are open between 10 a.m and 8 p.m. Supermarkets open between 7 and 8 a.m. Most shops in Freising close around lunchtime on Saturday. At night and at the weekends, a selection of bakery products, food, newspapers and other articles are available at gas stations. Some shops and food stores at the airport and in the main railway stations are also open on Sundays and public holidays.

Cash for Containers Refund

In Germany, a deposit (Pfand) of between 8 and 25 cents is charged for most beverages sold in bottles and cans. When purchasing beverages in returnable bottles you therefore also pay a small additional charge, which is reimbursed when you return the empty containers to the shop. Depending on the type of bottle, empty bottles can also be returned to the supermarket and fed into a machine which adds up the refundable amount you will receive at the checkout. A deposit is also charged for bottles which you buy in our canteen or the cafeteria.
Smoking

Smoking is forbidden in all public buildings, railway stations, airports, on public transport, in pubs and restaurants.

Waste disposal System

Germany has a selective system of waste disposal. Every household in general has 3 bins: a black for domestic waste like leftover food, dirt, nappies etc., a brown for organic waste, a blue for paper waste. Packaging which bears the "Green Dot" symbol and recyclable waste such as plastic or aluminum - yellow sack or bin. For glass there are special containers in public areas. Dead batteries go into special disposal containers in supermarkets and cork can be handed in at the local refuse center.

Working

Whether as a waiter in a café, a research assistant, at the airport or elsewhere: many international students need to work to finance their studies. Students from the European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) have free access to the German job market and are practically equivalent to German students. International students from other countries can work a total of 120 full or 240 half days per year. If you want to work more, you need a permit from the "Agentur für Arbeit" (Federal Employment Agency) and the foreigners’ authority. This does not include work as a research assistant. No time limits apply for this activity. However, you will still need to inform the foreigners’ authority. In addition, international students from outside the EU or EEA are not permitted to work in a self-employed or freelance capacity. If you are unsure about what kind of job you have been offered, please consult the relevant authority.

Regulations are particularly strict for participants in language courses or in preparatory courses ("Studienkolleg"). You may only work in lecture-free periods and only with the consent of the Federal Employment Agency and the foreigners’ authority.

Taxes and social security

Students can generally earn 8354 euros per year tax free, i.e. they can hold a mini-job and earn 450 euros a month without paying taxes. Sometimes the employer still withholds income tax, despite the low income, but you generally get this back after submitting your income tax statement. Anyone who works for less than two consecutive months or 50 days over a period of one year does not have to pay any social security contributions. Anyone who is employed, or holds a mini-job, for a longer period of time normally has to make pension insurance contributions. If you work more than 20 hours a week, you not only risk your course performance, you generally also have to pay health, unemployment and nursing care insurance.

Freising Events  http://www.fink-media-verlag.de/
Freisinger Studentenleben e.V.  www.freisinger-studentenleben.de
Club Ausländischer Weihenstephaner  https://www.facebook.com/dercaw
Facebook  https://www.facebook.com/groups/474489129247560/

Psychological Advice, Psychosocial and Psychotherapeutic Counselling

Address:  Alte Akademie 1, Room 306, Freising
Opening Hours:  Tue and Wed 9 am to 12 noon
E-Mail:  psycho-beratung-freising@stwm.de
Phone:  089-357135-40

Student Union Munich: Legal Advice

Location:  Freising-Weihenstephan, Alte Akademie 1, Room 303
Opening Hours:  first and third Monday/month 11 am to 1 pm

Family Service (Childcare/Nursery School)

In addition to our existing childcare facilities nursery/daycare, after-school care, vacation daycare, parentchild room and babysitter service, the Weihenstephan campus now offers 3 spots in a group daycare administered by independent nannies.
Contact  Monika Laschinger
E-Mail  familienservice@wzw.tum.de

Gender Office

Location  Weihenstephaner Steig 22, Freising
Opening Hours  Monday, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon and 1.00pm - 3.00 pm
Thursday, 11.00 am - 12.00 noon and 1.00 - 2.00 pm
Contact  Dr. Stephanie Handschuh-Heiß
Scholarships

Scholarships for international students attending the TUM funded through budget resources from the Bavarian government – contact the scholarship office of TUM stipendien@zv.tum.de for details.


Scholarships for International Students
TUM awards scholarships for international students funded through budget resources from the Bavarian government. It is a one-time financial aid between €500 and €1,500 per semester. You can reapply every semester.


Deutschlandstipendium / Germany Scholarship
For currently enrolled undergraduates and graduates with university entrance certificates from Germany or abroad. The scholarship amount is €300 per month. Qualification Requirements: Primary criteria are academic achievement and aptitude. Social engagement, a sense of responsibility and special circumstances such as physical handicaps or a minority status (immigrant background) are also taken into consideration.


The Student Union’s advisory service https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/our-advisorynetwork/scholarship-advisory-service/

Research in Germany
The “Research in Germany” portal is the central information platform of the initiative to “Promote Innovation and Research in Germany” by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Editorial responsibility for the Portal lies with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).


Campus Maps

- Map of all institutions at Weihenstephan Campus: http://www.wzw.tum.de/fileadmin/lageplan/140814_WZW_Plan_WEB.pdf
Freising and Weihenstephan

Freising is located 35 kilometers north of Munich on the river Isar with a population of approx. 45,800. The Mayor of the City of Freising attaches great importance to a good relationship with the university. He makes a point of welcoming freshmen students in a separate event in Freising every year and awards a unique prize of 20,000 € every two years for an outstanding scientific project carried out in international or national cooperation.

In the year 724, Korbinian first came to Freising on his way to Rome. He was going on foot with a mule carrying his belongings when a wild and hungry bear attacked his pack animal. As punishment, Korbinian made the bear carry his baggage to the Eternal City. At the invitation of the Duke of Bavaria, this resolute and holy man later came to Freising where he miraculously brought a spring to life on the side of the Weihenstephan hill. Korbinian is considered the first bishop of Freising and founder of the archdiocese of Munich and Freising.

The bear carrying Korbinian’s luggage is today incorporated in Freising’s coat-of-arms.

The designation “Green Center” is related not only to the numerous course-offers, but also to the campus itself. Located in a charming landscape of a tertiary hill region, there is a mix of historic buildings combined with modern architectural features surrounded by well-kept park areas, which are connected through a network of tree-lined footpaths. Together with large lawns where summer festivals and special outdoor events are held, there are also four historic gardens for students to visit.

A refectory and two cafeterias offer a variety of meals, including vegetarian dishes, at low prices: starting at around one Euro for a hot main meal. One specialty is the “Bavarian Breakfast” comprising: Bavarian “Weißwurst” sausage with a pretzel and a beer. The Unibar is a popular meeting place, which has a selection of beverages and offers a different hot meal daily. A Segafredo Coffee Bar rounds off the choice.

For entertainment, there are bars and pubs, a well stocked municipal library, and various cultural events to suit every taste and taking place all year round. The large number of students amongst the local population ensures a great diversity for student life in Freising. A number of theater performances and concerts take place in three separate locations, and there are guided tours through the town of Freising with special themes, and events such as the Old Town Fest, Mountain Fest, and the Christmas Market, to name just a few. Other festivals such as Uferlos, Kino am Rang, Vöttinger Weiher Open Air, and various parties, as well as the joint events of the residences and student bodies several times a week allow you to make new friends easily and quickly.

The Weihenstephan campus isn’t only home to the TUM (Technische Universität München) but also to other research institutes as the University of Applied Sciences
Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, the Bavarian State Research Center for Agriculture, the Bavarian State Research Center for Forestry, Germany’s National Meteorological Service - Agri-Weather, the Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering and Packaging and the Bavarian State Brewery Weihenstephan.

Weihenstephan - the oldest still existing Brewery of the World

Almost a thousand years ago the Bavarian State Brewery Weihenstephan was the monastery brewery of the Benedictine monks. It is nowadays operating as a state directed enterprise under the control of the Bavarian Government. As the oldest still existing brewery in the world it stands upon the Weihenstephan hill, surrounded by the comparatively very young School of Life Sciences of the Technical University of Munich.

The former monastery building is nowadays home to the Administration Division of the School of Life Sciences Weihenstephan (WZW). It has a beautiful baroque hall on the first floor, called Asam-Hall which used to be the guest dining hall of the monastery and is named after the famous painter-family that also ornamented the Freising Cathedral.