Welcome to Germany, Darmstadt, TU Darmstadt, and the Materials Science Department

Technische Universität Darmstadt is one of the large Technical Universities in Germany. Approximately 20% of the students come from abroad. You are one of more than 4,000 international students at the TU Darmstadt. In several Master programs the teaching language is English. We know that your first time in Germany may be quite exciting. We hope we can support you to settle down and you will feel comfortable in Germany. In this brochure information for your first steps in Germany is collected.

1. Material Science Department

The Department of Materials Science at TU Darmstadt exists since 1989. Since fall of 2011, the Materials Science department of TU Darmstadt offers a Master of Science course “Materials Science” in English language. The program focuses on functional materials such as energy materials, magnetic materials, or electronic materials and their synthesis and characterization. Courses on theoretical materials science include quantum mechanics, non-equilibrium thermodynamics, and continuum mechanics.

1.1. Office of studies

The administration of all examination matters of the Bachelor and Master programs in material science is carried out in the office of studies. If you have any questions please drop by during office hours or make an appointment via e-mail.

L2|01 room 79
Alarich-Weiß-Str. 2
64287 Darmstadt

Office of studies
N.N.
Phone: +49 (0) 6151 16 - 22248
Mail: studienbuero@mawi.tu-darmstadt.de

Office hours: currently unstable due to vacancy; we strive to provide
Mon – Fri 10 a.m. till 12 p.m.

The department offers open office hours for course guidance, i.e. during opening hours students can have a one-on-one interview with one of the counsellors without prior notification.

Prof. Dr. K. Albe (international programs, also chair of exams commission)
Building L1|08
Room 211
Phone: +49 6151 16 - 21900
Office hours: Wed 8 am till 9:30 am

PD. Dr. B. Kastening (study coordinator materials science)
Building L2|01
Room 78
Phone: +49 6151 16 - 22244
Office hours: by arrangement

Dr. J. Brötz (double degree programs such as FAME, AMIS, AMIR)
Building L2|01
Room 209
Phone: +49 6151 16 - 21030
Office hours: Mon, Wed, Thu by arrangement

Dr. H. Sonderfeld (international students)
Building L2|01
Room 209
Phone: +49 6151 16 - 22245
Office hours: by arrangement

You can plan your studies using TUCaN (Campus Management System). After logging in with your TU-ID, TUCaN allows you to register for modules, courses, and exams and to save your personal schedule.

1.2. Mentoring system

During your Master studies one of the professors of the material science department will guide you as your mentor. Please register in TUCaN in the module “Discussion with Mentor”. Here you can choose one of the professors and can arrange for an appointment. You will work out your study plan together with your mentor. This holds especially for approval of modules as “Elective Courses Materials Science”, as these courses are part of your area of specialization. Please note that the discussion with your mentor is a prerequisite for registering for the modules of the second and higher semesters. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to register as soon as possible but latest at the end of the first semester and make an appointment with your mentor.
2. First Steps after Arrival

2.1. Enrollment

Registration must be carried out in person at the International Admission Office (Zulassung International). The following documents are required for enrollment:

- Your travel passport
- Your original certificates and grades (i.e. school certificate, bachelor’s degree certificate, master’s degree certificate, university transcripts, …)
- Proof of health insurance coverage
- Your original English language certificate (TOEFL, IELTS, Unicert III or CAE) in case your medium of instruction wasn’t English.
- Specific country documents (e.g. APS)

A list of all documents necessary is enclosed with your admission letter.

Upon registration you will get your matriculation number and a payment slip to transfer the payment for semester contribution to the university. Please do not make any money transfers prior to receiving this information.

The next steps are listed in the flyer you will get after your enrollment.

Your student identification card (along with a card stating your enrollment for the current semester) is valid for taking buses, trams, and regional trains within the entire RMV-area free of charge (this is a so-called “semester ticket” and is included in your semester fee).

International Admission Office
Bldg. 51|01 room 109 – 115
Karolinenplatz 5
64289 Darmstadt

Phone: +49 (0) 6151 16 – 26991
Mail: international.admission@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de
Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/international

Bus/Tram stations: Alexanderstraße or Schloss

2.2. Registration

There are two different offices for registration in Germany. Registration at the registry office for residents has to be completed by all residents regardless of their nationality. For citizens of countries outside the European Union, a residence permit or visa is required and is issued by the foreigner’s registration office (Ausländer-Behörde).

2.2.1. Registration office for residents

Within one week after arrival you have to register at the registry office for residents. Everyone living in Darmstadt has to enroll at the registration office of Darmstadt. Students living in another town will also find an “Einwohnermeldeamt” (registry office) within their town.

Einwohnermeldeamt (registry office)
Stadthaus
Grafenstraße 30
64283 Darmstadt

Phone: +49 (0)6151 13 - 3222
Fax: +49 (0)6151 13 - 3006

Office hours:
Mon – Tue: 07:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
Wed: 08:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. and 02:00 p.m. till 06:00 p.m.
Thu – Fri: 07:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.

Tram station: Luisenplatz

If you want to avoid long waiting times, it is recommended to come before 9 a.m.

2.2.2. Register at the foreigner’s registration office

Since the introduction of the “electronic residence permit” (eAT-card, Elektronischer Aufenthaltstitel) in Germany, the processing time for applications is increased. Take this into consideration in scheduling your appointment. Unfortunately, the eAT-card costs € 110, which have to be paid by the international guest. Please make an appointment with the foreigner’s office. Further information is available on the website:

www.darmstadt.de/rathaus

You will need the following documents:

- Valid passport
- 2 biometrical passport photos
- Student ID and certificate of matriculation
- Lease agreement
- Proof of health insurance coverage
- Proof of sufficient means of subsistence

If you need to extend your visa, please make an appointment with the foreigner’s registration office within your town or living area before your visa expires. Your entrance visa has to be changed in a visa for student affairs timely.

It is really recommended to hold the appointment date and time.

Ausländer-Behörde (foreigner’s registration office)
Stadthaus
Grafenstraße 30
64283 Darmstadt

Email: auslaenderbehoerde@darmstadt.de
Phone: + 49 (0)6151 13 – 2220

Office hours:
Mon – Tue: 07:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
Wed: 08:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. and 02:00 p.m. till 06:00 p.m.
Fri: 07:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
Tram station: Luisenplatz
2.3. Bank account

In Germany most of financial matters are conducted by money transfer or electronic cash, (a type of debit-card). Bank-cheques are not a common means of payment in Germany. Cash and money or cards are the most commonly accepted payment methods. Therefore, a bank account is useful and important.

For opening a bank account you need the following documents:

- Passport
- Registration confirmation of the registry office for residents
- Certificate of semester and student ID

For students, a bank account is usually free of charge. Please ask for the terms prior to signing a banking contract and contact a German for translation and advice if necessary.

2.4. Health insurance

For EU citizens their European health insurance card is valid in Germany, too.

All others have to join the statutory health insurance.

Exception: students taking German courses, students of the Studienkolleg, PhD students as well as students elder than 30 years or studying for more than 14 semester must buy private health insurance.

A German statutory health insurance company offers a special service during enrollment period. You can contact its agent during the office hours at the international office.

Private liability insurance (Private Haftpflichtversicherung) is recommended. For approximately 60 € a year it offers an effective coverage in events of damage or loss.
3. Daily life

3.1 Meals

At all campus locations you will find a dining hall (Mensa) or bistro. Here, different snacks and meals (vegetarian, chicken, ...) are offered at reasonable prices. Special meals are signed:

(V): no meat
(Vegan): no animal products
(G): chicken
(S): pork (R): beef
(F): fish

3.2 Housing/ accommodation

At TU Darmstadt more than 20,000 students are studying in the University’s various departments. All students need accommodation. It is quite difficult to find a nice room or flat. Unfortunately, the Studierendenwerk of the TU Darmstadt does not reserve rooms for students at all. The vacant rooms are very limited. However, you can apply for a room in the dormitories. It is recommended to apply as soon as you have got your admission. You can register in a waiting list:

Web: http://studierendenwerk.darmstadt.de/en/accommodation-service/

Studierendenwerk Darmstadt, Accommodation Service
Alexanderstr. 4
64283 Darmstadt

Office hours:
Mon-Thu: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Phone: +49 (0) 61 51 16 - 29372
Mail: wrv@stwda.de

Please note that in some of the dormitories electricity is not included in the rental fee. A map of the dormitories is available here:

Web: http://studierendenwerk.darmstadt.de/en/accommodation-service/wohnanlagen/

If you prefer to rent an accommodation by yourself or to join a flat-share, the following hints might be helpful.

The “HEAG Wohnbau” offers furnished flat-shares for reasonable prices in Eberstadt-Süd. This is a small town very close to Darmstadt. The tram station is nearby and a ride to
Darmstadt takes about 20 minutes. You will find shopping facilities as well as a laundromat and cafés close to your flat. The rental fee is about € 280 to 350 including extra charges (electricity, water, heating and internet flat rate). There is a fully furnished and equipped kitchen with tableware and everything you need for cooking. A deposit is required. The deposit will be repaid if you move out and no damage has been done during your occupancy and all other rules of the contract are kept, especially the cancelation period agreed.

HEAG Wohnbau
Bad Nauheimer Straße 4
64289 Darmstadt
Julia Stroh

Phone: +49 (0) 6151 3600-317
Mail: stroh.julia@heagwohnbau.de
Web: www.heagwohnbau.de

General websites
Web: www.quoka.de
Web: https://vrm-immo.de/
Web: www.immobilienscout24.de
Web: www.bauvereinag.de

Private student residences
Web: www.khg-darmstadt.de
Web: www.ketteler-wohnheim.de

Shared flats
(Do not apply for rooms offered by “Burschenschaft”. They are accepting German male students only.)
Web: www.studenten-wg.de
Web: www.wg-gesucht.de
Web: www.studenten-wohnung.de
Web: www.wohngemeinschaft.de

Temporary housing
Web: www.airbnb.de
Web: www.homecompany.de
Web: www.zwischenmiete.de
Web: www.ach-da.de
Web: www.couchsurfing.org

3.2.1. Housing/ buddy service

The catholic University Community KHG offers a free accompaniment service for international students to inspect rooms, accommodations, or flat-shares. The buddies can be helpful when it comes to talking with the landlord or the tenants of a flat-share. This increases the chances of the international student to actually get an accommodation.

If you would like to use this service, please send an email including your name, email address and mobile number. A buddy will contact you.

Katholische Hochschulgemeinde
Further assistance is offered by IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience):

Mail: info@iaeste-darmstadt.de
Web: www.iaeste-darmstadt.de

3.2.2 Rental conditions

In Germany a contract is required or at least recommended to rent an accommodation or to enter a flat-share. Please note that it is extremely important to read the contract carefully and to observe the rules of the contract. Please contact a German for translation and advice.

Especially if you want to move out of your flat a note of cancelation is necessary within the period agreed.

Normally your landlord will expect a deposit of at least 2 months basic rent. The deposit will be repaid if you will move out and no damage has been done during your occupancy and all other rules of the contract are kept, especially the cancelation period agreed. The landlord will usually also require a notice of evacuation at least 3 months prior to moving out of your apartment. Be very careful with fixed-term contracts (Befristeter Mietvertrag) because cancellation usually is impossible before the end of the contract. If the contract does not explicitly state the right for you to cancel then you cannot quit before the end of the contract.

Never ever sign a business rental contract (Gewerberaummietvertrag).

In Germany the rental fees are quite high. Please be wary if you will find a rental offer which looks nearly prefect, cheap, nice place, nice mail contact to the landlord. These are mostly rental scams. Is someone asking you to send them money via Western Union, Moneygram, or Prepaid Visa card? Have the owners moved to another state and can’t show you the property? Found a deal that’s too good to turn down? These are possible signs of rental listing scams used to defraud users into wiring money or giving up personal information. Scammers use a variety of tools and methods to post fraudulent listings on many internet listing sites. One method includes manually listing available properties by copying existing listings and posting them with new prices. They also take existing for-sale properties and post it as a rental listing. Lastly, they use listing management tools and syndicate the fraud across many different sites. Once you’ve contacted a scammer, they usually ask for a few things – information, urgency, and money through Western Union, Moneygram, or a Prepaid Visa card. Stop there.

3.3 Shopping

In Germany most of the shops are located in the center of the town. Here you will find clothes, housewares, drug stores, delis, bakeries, and a few of small grocery. German
supermarkets in general offer good quality food at reasonable prices. On Sundays all shops are closed.

Discount supermarkets are very popular in Germany. They offer less brand products and a smaller variety but the prices are very good and the quality is not really worse than in other supermarkets. Examples are Penny, Aldi, Lidl and Netto. During the week and also on Saturdays local farmers offer their products on the market at Marktplatz. The prices are reasonable and the food is naturally very fresh.

You will find even small shops specialized for example in Asian or Indian food.

Electronics you can buy in large department stores like Saturn or Media Markt.

Pharmacies usually operate within normal business hours. There is always a pharmacy open during non-standard business hours and schedule is available online (click the “Notdienste” link on www.apotheken.de to find an open pharmacy outside of normal business hours).

Open hours: mostly 9:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m.

3.3.1 Special occasions

Each Saturday a flea market at Schenk Technologiepark, Pallaswiesenstraße gives the opportunity to find tableware, clothes or furniture for very low prices. It starts at 8 a.m. and lasts until 2 p.m. Additionally, a bicycle flea market “bring and buy” located at Pankratiusstraße 9, opens once a month (third Saturday).

At the AStA you can take food from the refrigerator of the food sharing community for FREE. Surplus food of supermarkets or shops is shared in that refrigerator.

ASTA Food sharing
S1|03 Room 63a
Hochschulstr. 1
64289 Darmstadt

Open hours:
Mo - Sun: 08:30 a.m. till 09:00 p.m.

Second hand furniture and electronic devices, for cheap prices, are available in "Kaufhaus der Gelegenheiten":

Kaufhaus der Gelegenheiten
Pallaswiesenstr. 122
64293 Darmstadt

Open hours:
Mon – Fri: 10:00 a.m. till 06:00 p.m.
Sat: 10:00 a.m. till 04:00 p.m.

Mail: info@ka-gel.de
Web: www.darmstadt-secondhand.de
4. Public transportation and maps

Your student ID card is valid as a bus ticket too. You can use all busses and local trains in the RMV-area free of charge:

Web: www.asta.tu-darmstadt.de/asta/de/angebote/semesterticket

Please note that use of trains labeled “IC”, “ICE”, and “EC” is not included in your semester ticket. If you take these trains without a ticket you will be asked to pay the full ticket price onboard.

Time schedules for connections and further information is available at the web sites, RMV-app or the mobility center offered by the RMV or DADINA:

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Maps for orientation in the city of Darmstadt or at the campus of the TU Darmstadt you can find at the web sites:

City of Darmstadt:  
Web: www.darmstadt.de/darmstadt-erleben/stadtplan

Campus TU Darmstadt:  
Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/universitaet/orientierung/lageplaene
5. Courses

5.1 German courses

If you would like to learn the German language during your stay, the Language Resource Center (Sprachenzentrum or simply SPZ) offers a variety of courses in different levels.

Web: http://www.spz.tu-darmstadt.de/ueber_uns/index.en.jsp

The language course takes about 2 hours per week. Intensive courses are offered during the lecture free period. If you are interested please register via TUCaN (follow the links on the SPZ website).

Sprachenzentrum
S1|03 17
Hochschulstraße 1
64289 Darmstadt

Phone: +49 (0) 6151 16 - 21143
Fax: +49 (0) 6151 16 - 21135
Mail: studienbuero@spz.tu-darmstadt.de

Office hours:
Mon – Fri: 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.
Mon – Thu: 03:00 p.m. till 04:00 p.m.

5.1.1. Language Tandem

The language center of the TU Darmstadt is offering special cooperation between students: Language Tandems. How it works: You can improve your German by meeting and talking to a German student. In addition you will teach the German student in your mother tongue. Thus both partners will have an advantage. This can be done as face-to-face-tandem or as online-tandem. Here, the communication will be via Skype or other media. If you are interested the following links will help you to find a language-partner:

Face-to-face-tandem:
http://www.interkulturelle-kompetenz.tu-darmstadt.de/tandem/anmeldeformular/registration.en.jsp

Online-Tandems are open for all interested persons. It is not for students only. Search for them up in Google.

5.1.2. Multi-Language Café

A Multilanguage café is open in the ZIKK (center for intercultural competence) in S1|03 room 9. You can meet international and German students there. Please find further information here:

http://www.interkulturelle-kompetenz.tu-darmstadt.de/kurse_zikk/sprachencaf_/sprachencaf_en.jsp
6. Counseling and Advice

6.1 Department for International Affairs (Dezernat VIII)

In February 2015 the new department Dezernat VIII “International affairs” was established. It offers a number of counseling and advice. Please find further information here:

Web: https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/international

6.2 Studying with kids

Additional information for students with kids is given by the Studierendenwerk e.g. childcare. Please find further information here:


6.3 Legal service for German Aliens Act

Should you have any questions or problems relevant to the German Aliens Act, then you will find counsel at the Department for International Affairs.

Also the AStA office will give you advice through its legal service personnel. Please make an appointment first and bring your student ID with you.

AStA Stadtmitte
Bldg. 51|03, Hochschulstr. 1, 64289 Darmstadt
room 62

Phone: +49 (0) 6151-16 – 28360
+49 (0) 6151-16 – 28362
Mail: international@asta.tu-darmstadt.de
service@asta.tu-darmstadt.de

Web: www.asta.tu-darmstadt.de

Tram/Bus stations: Alexanderstraße or Schloss

The Studierendenwerk also offers oral support and advice by a lawyer. Please bring your documents with you. You must consider waiting times.

Studierendenwerk Darmstadt
Alexanderstr. 4
Mensa Stadtmitte, 2nd floor, room 201 (conference room Jena)
64283 Darmstadt

Office hours: Each Tuesday 2:30 p.m.

Tram station: Alexanderplatz or Schloss

6.4 Counseling on Social or Financial Problems

The Studierendenwerk offers counseling on all questions of social life as well as financial problems. The counseling is free of charge and confidentiality is guaranteed.
6.5 General and Specific Assistance

If you need further information or assistance you can meet experienced students of the TU Darmstadt at the comeTOgether counter. Here, you will get information of job opportunities as well.

comeTOgether office
Alexanderstraße 4
Upper floor of the Otto-Berndt-Hall (left-side)
Mensa Stadtmitte
Phone: +49 (0) 6151-16-29782
Mail: come2gether@stwda.de

Office hours:
Mon – Thu: 11:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m.

6.6 TUtor International

TUtor International is a project at TU supporting international students culturally, academically and socially. Its aim is to assist international students with their orientation and integration into student life and the German society.

TUtor International
Nadia El Nokraschi
Bldg. S1|03, Hochschulstr. 1,
room 53
Phone: +49 (0) 6151-16-76964
Mail: info@tutor-international.de

Web: https://www.tutor-international.de/asta/en

6.7 Ombudsman for international students

The Ombudsman for international students represents their interest vis-à-vis the TU Darmstadt and local authorities.

Prof. Dr. Franz Bockrath
S1|18 223
Magdalenenstraße 27
64289 Darmstadt

Phone: +49 (0) 6151 16-24115
Mail: bockrath@sport.tu-darmstadt.de
6.8 Complaints Authority of the TU Darmstadt

If you have any complaints or suggested improvements concerning organization, services or teaching at the TU Darmstadt please contact Mr. Hertlein.

Dipl.-Math. Wolf Hertlein
S1|05 13
Magdalenenstr. 12
64289 Darmstadt
Phone: +49 6151 16-28220
Mail: hertlein@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de

Web: https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studieren_von_a_bis_z/bvm/index.en.jsp
7. Activities at the TU Darmstadt

7.1 Sports

The TU Darmstadt has a wide variety of different sport courses which are available for all students and employees. Please note that there might be some restriction to the number of participants and for some courses a small fee has to be paid. The detailed program and conditions can be found at the web site:

Web: www.usz.tu-darmstadt.de

“meet and move” is a great sport event of the TU Darmstadt. At one Wednesday afternoon in June all students and staff are meeting in the “Hochschulstadion” for different sports activities, cultural program and just to have fun.

7.2 Cultural and Night life

At Schlosskeller the AStA organizes cultural programs, like concerts, parties, book-readings, and so on.

Schlosskeller
Basement of the Residenzschloss
Am Marktplatz 15
64283 Darmstadt

Mail: info@schlosskeller-darmstadt.de

Web: www.schlosskeller-darmstadt.de/

7.3 Movies

In addition to the normal movie theaters the “Filmkreis” of the TU Darmstadt presents two movies a week in the Audimax lecture theater (S1|01-A1) for a small entrance fee.

Web: www.filmkreis.tu-darmstadt.de

7.4 Academic Groups

There exist more than 50 academic groups with very different interest. You like to construct racing cars? Are your hobbies vocal or instrumental music? Even horse riding or sailing groups are offered. You can use this opportunity to practice your hobby and meet new friends. Just have a look at the web site:

Web: https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studierende_tu/studienbeginn_tu/studentische_gruppen_initiativen/index.de.jsp

7.5 Other activities

There are several activities organized by TUtor International:
Every year the TU Darmstadt celebrates a great summer party. Events like this and all other current events and oral presentations at the TU Darmstadt are summarized here:

Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/universitaet/aktuelles_meldungen/

7.6 Alumni Network

Former students are invited to join the alumni network of the TU Darmstadt. Stay in touch with your fellow student and friends. As a member of the Alumni network you will get information of interesting events at TU Darmstadt or can have a look at the job platform “Stellenwerk”, where you can find interesting jobs and trainee offers.

Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/universitaet/alumni/
8. Intercultural exchanges

8.1 WUS (World University Service)

The WUS is an international community of university members. Studies for international students are the main focus. It offers interesting courses for international students.

**World University Service**  
Deutsches Komitee e.V.  
Goebenstraße 35  
65195 Wiesbaden

**Phone:** +49 (0)611 44 66 48  
**Email:** info@wusgermany.de  
**Web:** www.wusgermany.de

8.2 International Generation Meeting

International Generations Meeting offers people from abroad the chance to get into contact with German people and activities outside the campus. Their activities are as different as people are. For example, excursions to interesting places, international cooking, art and culture, hiking, assistance and advice for German language,…

**International Generation Meeting**  
**Web:** www.igemda.de
9. Financial situation

9.1 Jobs/part time work

International students are limited to 120 full-days or 240 half-days of employment per year without a special work permit. Additionally, you are allowed to hold a student assistant (HiWi) position in your department without a time restriction. Please note that a tax card or tax payer’s ID is necessary to get a contract. You will receive the tax card or tax payer’s ID at the tax office (Finanzamt) of your town. You can find jobs offers at the black board of the comeTOgether office and here:

Web: www.stellenwerk-darmstadt.de

9.2 Scholarships

Beside DAAD scholarships or associated sponsors the “Deutschlandstipendium” is a scholarship sponsored by the German government and enterprises. Outstanding students are sponsored. This scholarship always means a donation of € 300 per month, independent of the financial situation of the candidate. One half of the grant is financed by the German Government, the other half is donated by enterprises. The fundraising process and the selection of scholarship holders are organized by the respective university. All students independent of their nationality can apply for the “Deutschlandstipendium”.

Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/bildungsfonds/studierende_dls/

Other sponsors or scholarship options are listed here:

Web: www.mystipendium.de
10. Culture and social life in Darmstadt

All cultural events in Darmstadt are summarized at the following web site (Please use the German version, otherwise the event calendar is not visible)

Web: www.darmstadt.de/veranstaltungskalender

10.1 Theater

As a student at TU Darmstadt, you can visit operas, dramas, concerts and so on at the Staatstheater Darmstadt for free, except premiere and special presentations. Just drop by the pre-selling office up to three days before the event if there are still tickets left. Only your student ID is required.

Web: www.staatstheater-darmstadt.de

10.2 Centralstation

A wide variety of different cultural events are offered in the “Central station,” a former electric power station:

Centralstation
Im Carree
64283 Darmstadt

Email: info@centralstation-darmstadt.de

Web: www.centralstation-darmstadt.de

10.3 Schlossgarten

During summer season the Schlossgarten is a nice place to relax and chill. Small snacks, coffee and drinks were served. Special events are “Jazz live!” concerts or the “Family Sunday”. Further information of the current program can be found at the web site:

Web: www.schlossgarten-darmstadt.de

10.4 Famous local attractions in and around Darmstadt

In Darmstadt you will find the famous Mathildenhöhe an ensemble of buildings of the Art Nouveau Style.

Several wonderful gardens are located in Darmstadt most of them with nice historical buildings for example the botanical garden, Orangerie, Prinz-Emil-Garden, Wildpark Kranichstein or Prinz-Georgs-Garden.

The Waldspirale built between 1998 and 2000 represents a building of the famous artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

Close to Darmstadt you can visit the UNESCO World Heritage “Messel Pit”. Here fossils of crocodiles, frogs, insects, fish, birds, and plants were found which are unique in the world. In the visitor center an overview of the geological composition and evolulotional history is given.
Most of the artifacts can be visited in the Messel town Museum, the Museum of Hessen in Darmstadt and even the Senckenberg Museum in Frankfurt.

Another attraction is the Felsenmeer in Lautertal-Reichenbach which is a part of the Geopark Bergstraße-Odenwald (www.geo-naturpark.net). Here you will find very interesting geological formation on an area of about 3500 km² enclosed by the rivers Rhein in the west, Main in the east and Neckar in the south.

However, have a look to the surrounding areas too. Towns such as Frankfurt, Mainz, Wiesbaden, Heidelberg and Worms are quite close.

10.5 Tram sight seeing

Darmstadt is the birthplace of numerous inventions which have changed our daily life. International operating companies and research institutions have their headquarters here. Some nice sight-seeing tours you can join free of charge using your semester ticket and the tram. For example tram line 4 is the Science route. The „Science Route 4” informs you, on its way from Kranichstein to Griesheim, about the particularities of the various institutions and companies, from the particle accelerator to multimedia developments, aviation and space travel.

How it works:

You can download the mp3-files or use the audio guide via your smart phone:
www.linie4.tomis.mobi/en

or download it for your iPhone on the AppStore.

Tip: You can also listen to the „Science Route 4” on tram number 5 and 9. From Bahnhof Kranichstein to Berliner Allee (sections 1 to 7) with tram number 5, from Berliner Allee to Griesheim with tram number 9.

10.6 Local Festivities

10.6.1 Schlossgrabenfest

Each year, in early summer, music prevails around the Schloss. The Schlossgrabenfest open air festival offers many newcomer bands an opportunity to present themselves to a broad audience. Additionally nationally and internationally acclaimed bands play at this free festival. Around the Schloss you can find a variety of international foods.

10.6.2 Heinerfest

The Heinerfest is advertised as the biggest city-center fair in Germany. This definition might be arguable, but the Heinerfest is definitely worth a visit. Stretching from Luisenplatz to Jugendstilbad, it lines the streets with rides and fair ground booths. Everybody is guaranteed to find some amusement here.
11. Emergency numbers and medical services

In case you do not feel well contact a general doctor first. Hospitals are for emergency (heart attack, fractures, serious disease) only. You find physicians for different specialties such as internist, dermatologist, and eye specialists. Before you consult such a specialist please go to a general doctor first. S/he will forward you to a specialist if necessary. In case of an emergency or accident please dial the 112. If you need a doctor outside of normal business hours and it is not an emergency, please dial the 116 117. They will help to find a doctor, who is on duty.

In general, most doctors in Germany speak English, but the medical office staff may have varying degrees of English ability (from fluent to not able to speak English at all). If you do not speak German, consider having a German friend to make an appointment for you. Please find a list with English speaking doctors below. There are also lists of English-speaking doctors available, such as one posted on the US Consulate website:

Web:
http://photos.state.gov/libraries/frankfurt/1020130/spahncx/List%20of%20Doctors%20and%20Hospitals%20in%20Hessen.pdf

Emergency: 112
Police: 110
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