Information for
Master Students Materials Science
Welcome to Germany and Darmstadt

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's programs the teaching language is English. We know that your first time in Germany will be quite exciting. We hope we can support you to settle down and you will feel comfortable in Germany. In this folder all information for your first steps in Germany are 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's and Master's programs in material science is carried out in the office of studies. If you have any questions please come over during the office hours or make an appointment via e-mail.

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

Frau Renate Ziegler-Krutz
Phone: +49 (0) 6151 16 5377
Mail: ziegler@matgeo.tu-darmstadt.de

Office hours
Mon till Fri: 8 am to 4 pm

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.
You can plan your study 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 office (Akademisches Auslandsamt, abbreviated “AAA”). 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 Office (Akademisches Auslandsamt AAA)**

Bldg. S1|01 room 109 – 115
Karolinenplatz 5
64289 Darmstadt

Phone: +49 (0) 6151 16 – 5120
Fax: +49 (0) 6151 16 – 5474
Mail: auslandsamt@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de
Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/aaa

**Office hours:**
Mon, Tue, Thu: 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

**Bus/Tram station:** 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) is mandatory.
### 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 – Fri: 07:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.  
Wed: 02:00 p.m. till 06:00 p.m.

**Tram station:** Luisenplatz

If you want avoiding 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) 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:

http://www.darmstadt.de/rathaus/formulare-online-dienste/formulare/

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

Office hours:  
Mon – Fri:  07:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.  
Wed:        02:00 p.m. till 06:00 p.m.  
Tram station: Luisenplatz

The foreigner’s office offers additional office hours on the campus Stadtmitte. Please make your appointment via the comeTUgether office + 49 6151 16 3995 (see 6.3). Usually, you will get an appointment sooner than in the main foreigner’s office.

Altes Hauptgebäude S1|03  
Room 26 and 26a  
Hochschulstraße 1  
64289 Darmstadt

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 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 (AAA).

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 Studentenwerk 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: www.studentenwerkarmstadt.de/index.php/en/wohnen

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: www.studentenwerkarmstadt.de/index.php/en/wohnen/hostels

Studentenwerk Darmstadt, Wohnservice
Campus Lichtwiese Container office next to Mensa
Alarich-Weiß-Straße
64287 Darmstadt

Fax: +49 (0) 61 51 16 - 2110
Mail: wrv@studentenwerkarmstadt.de

Web: www.studentenwerkarmstadt.de/index.php/en/wohnen

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

The service office Dual Career of the TU Darmstadt tries to delegate accommodation offers. You will find a questionnaire for tenants to get further information of your demand.
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 of € 300 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
Sonja Schulz

Phone: +49 (0) 06151 2815-755
Mail: schulz@bauvereinag.de

Web: www.heagwohnbau.de

Another option is to find accommodations or flat-shares via web sites like:

www.echo-online.de/immobilien
www.darmstadt.studenten-wohnung.de
www.darmstadt-mwz.de
www.wg-gesucht.de

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
KHG Darmstadt
Nieder-Ramstädter-Str. 30
64283 Darmstadt
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. In Germany the cancellation period for apartments is usually three months. 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).

Beware of fraud in particular if the apartment seems unrealistically cheap. You may be told stories that someone went abroad and wants to let his apartment for small money. You just have to pay some money beforehand and you will receive the keys by mail later. Of course you will never receive the keys ....

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.

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.apotheke.de to find an open pharmacy outside of normal business hours).

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

Each Saturday a flea market at Schenk Technologiepark corner Pallaswiesenstraße gives the opportunity to find tableware, clothes or furniture for very low prices. It starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m. Additionally, a bicycle flea market “bring and buy” is located in Pankratiusstraße 9 once a month (third Saturday).
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/cms/de/infos/semesterticket/

(Please scroll down to see a map of the RMV area)

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:

**RMV-Mobilitätszentrale Darmstadt**
Am Hauptbahnhof 20a
64293 Darmstadt
Phone: +49 (0) 61 51 3 60 51 51
Web: www.rmv.de
Office hours: Mon – Fri: 08:00 a.m. till 06:00 p.m.
Sat: 09:00 a.m. till 01:00 p.m.

**DADINA**
Europaplatz 1
64293 Darmstadt
Phone: +49 (0) 61 51 3 60 51 0
Web: www.dadina.de
Office hours: Mon – Fri: 08:00 a.m. till 00:30 p.m.
Mon – Thu: 01:00 p.m. till 03:30 p.m.

**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 Resources Center (Sprachenzentrum or simply SPZ) offers a variety of courses in different levels. The program is called FIPAS (Fremdsprachliches und interkulturelles Programm für Austauscher und internationale Studierende). Further information is on the web site:

Web: www.spz.tu-darmstadt.de/fipais/ba_ma_programme

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 - 2964
Fax: +49 (0) 6151 16 - 4139
Mail: studienbuero@spz.tu-darmstadt.de

Web: www.spz.tu-darmstadt.de/kurse/sprachen.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.
6. Counseling and Advice

6.1 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 Akademisches Auslandsamt (AAA).

Akademisches Auslandsamt AAA  
Bldg. S1|01 room 109 – 115  
Karolinenplatz 5  
64289 Darmstadt

Phone: +49 (0) 6151 16 – 5120  
Fax: +49 (0) 6151 16 – 5474  
Mail: auslandsamt@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de

Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/aaa  
Office hours: Mon, Tue, Thu: 9:30 a.m. till 12:00

Tram station: Alexanderstraße or Schloss

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. S1|03, Hochschulstr. 1,  
close to room 56

Phone: +49 (0) 6151-162117  
Fax: +49 (0) 6151-166026  
Mail: service@asta.tu-darmstadt.de

Web: www.asta.tu-darmstadt.de  
Office hours lawyer: Thursday 3:00 p.m. (AStA office)

Office hours AStA (general):  
Mon, Thu, Fri: 09:30 a.m. till 03:00 p.m.  
Tue, Wed: 09:30 a.m. till 01:00 p.m.  
and 01:30 p.m. till 05:00 p.m.  
Tram station: Alexanderstraße or Schloss

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

Studentenwerk Darmstadt  
Alexanderstr. 4  
Mensa Stadtmitte, 1. floor, Room 110  
64283 Darmstadt
Office hours: Each Tuesday 2:30 p.m.

Tram station: Alexanderplatz or Schloss

6.2 Counseling on Social or Financial Problems

The Studentenwerk offers counseling on all questions of social life as well as financial problems. The counseling is free of charge and confidentiality is guaranteed.

**Studentenwerk Darmstadt**
Alexanderstr. 4
Mensa Stadtmitte, 1. floor

Phone: +49 (0) 6151 16 - 4328
Fax: +49 (0) 6151 16 – 3871
Mail: sozialberatung@studentenwerk darmstadt.de

Web: www.studentenwerk darmstadt.de

Andrea Lembke (English, Spanish) Room 104
Margarete Katzuba (English, Polish) Room 112
Office hours: 
Mon to Tue: 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.
Thu: 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m.
and on request

Additional information opportunities you will find at the web site of the AAA.

Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/aaa/support

6.3 General and Specific Assistance

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

**comeTUgether office**
Alexanderstraße 4
Upper floor of the Otto-Berndt-Hall
Mensa Stadtmitte
Phone: +49 (0) 6151-16-3995
Mail: cometugether@tu-darmstadt.de

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

6.4 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
6.5 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
S2/01 203
Hochschulstr. 12
64289 Darmstadt
\textbf{Phone}: +49 6151 16-70919
\textbf{Fax}: +49 6151 16-7056
\textbf{Mail}: hertlein@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de
or feedback@tu-darmstadt.de

\textbf{Web}: www.inter.tu- darmstadt.de/dez_ii/beschwerden
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 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

The Akademisches Auslandsamt (AAA) offers different activities, such as a sight-seeing-tour. Have a look to the news-site:

Web: http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/aaa/support/aktuelles_termine/betreuung_support.en.jsp

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

Schlosskeller
Basement of the Residenzschloss

Phone: 06151-163117
Fax: 06151-166026
Mail: info@schlosskeller-darmstadt.de

Web: www.asta.tu-darmstadt.de/schlosskeller

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) 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**: www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/campusleben/engagement_student/hochschulgruppen.de.jsp

### 7.5 Other activities

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.intern.tu-darmstadt.de/aktuell_2/veranstaltungskalender

### 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/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 94 460 51  
Fax: + 49 (0)611 44 64 89  
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  
Mail: info@igm-darmstadt.de  
Web: www.igm-darmstadt.de

At its website the international office announces dates and location of its next activities and activities of the WUS and IGM.

Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/aaa/support/aktuelles_termine/betreuung_support.en.jsp
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 comeTUgether office and here:

Web: www.stellenwerk-darmstadt.de/start.html

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/index.en.jsp

9.3. Financial support

Twice a year international students who need financial support have the chance to apply for a bursary at the international office. Please find further information here:

Web: www.tu-darmstadt.de/aaa/support/study_2/financing_2/finanzielleunterstuetzung_stipendien.en.jsp
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. Congregation and religious groups

A list of religious groups and congregation is available on the website of the intercultural office of Darmstadt:

Web: www.ikb-darmstadt.de/?site=12&id=10

You can contact the groups for further information regarding religious services or other activities.

10.2. 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

10.3. Central Station

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

Centralstation
Im Carree
64283 Darmstadt

Web: www.centralstation-darmstadt.de/ht/kalenderindex.html

10.4. 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

10.5. Famous local attractions in and around Darmstadt

In Darmstadt you will find the famous Mathildenhöhe an ensemble of buildings of the Art Noveau 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 evolutional history is given. Most of the artifacts can be visited in the Messel town Museum, the Museum of Hessen in Darmstadt and even the Senkenberg Museum in Frankfurt.

Another attraction is the Felsenmeer in Lautertal-Reichenbach which is a part of the Geopark Bergstraße-Odenwald (www.geonaturpark.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.

10.6 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 Germany you find physicians for different specialties such as internist, dermatologist, and eye specialists. Before you consult such a specialist please go to a general practitioner first. S/he will forward you to a specialist if necessary. In case of an emergency or accident please dial the 112.

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 al list with English speaking doctors below. There are also lists of English-speaking doctors available, such as one posted on the US Consulate website:


Emergency: 112
Police: 110
Emergency poison center: 06131 19240

Hospitals

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