

Hints for newcomers in Germany



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- Criminality
 - Very low - but nonzero!
 - Laptops, bikes, cameras, mobile phones, etc

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- Contracts (Rent, mobile, fitness center,...)
 - Shortest duration (Mindest Laufzeit)
 - Pay methods (Überweisung, Abbuchung)
 - Deposit (Kution)

University

- Department **X** University
 - Hardcopy of the Thesis in motherlanguage
 - Certificates of bachelor and master (original and translation)
 - www.anabin.de

University

- Department ~~x~~ University
- Scholarship ~~x~~ PhD position

University

- Department **X** University
- Scholarship **X** PhD position
- The Uni offers
 - Small jobs: Tutorium, Vorlesungsmanuskripte
 - Sports
 - Learning German: Language Courses, Tandem
 - Visum extension
 - Akademisches Auslandsamt

Daily Life

- Walking
 - Pedestrian traffic lights
 - Cars
 - Bycicles (lanes)
 - Luggages

Daily Life

- Walking
- Riding a bike
 - Bicycle traffic lights
 - Lanes (Street)
 - Pedestrians
 - Signalization (yours and of the bike)
 - Cars
 - Bike cheaper than the locker!!

Daily Life

- Walking
- Riding a bike
- Driving
 - Getting a license (ADAC)
 - Turning left allowed!!!
 - Pedestrians
 - Bikes

Daily Life

- Walking
- Riding a bike
- Driving
- Looking for an apartment
 - Immobilien, Provision,
 - WGs (Wohngemeinschaft)
 - <http://www.studenten-wg.de/>
 - <http://www.wg-gesucht.de/>

Daily Life

- Walking
- Riding a bike
- Driving
- Looking for an apartment
- Committing a mistake
 - Excuses don't help much
 - If you're wrong, admit it right away
 - If you're not, stick to your point (**Argueing is national sport number one!**)

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- Weather Forecast
 - <http://wetter.rtl.de/>

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- Einladung
 - Who pays?
 - Barbecues: Take beer and meat with you
 - Pünktlichkeit

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- Differences between sexes
 - No bags carrying, doors opening, etc
 - Women also do tough work

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