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ERNST-MORITZ-ARNDT UNIVERSITÄT GREIFSWALD

POCKET GUIDE 2010

FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

HOW TO GET TO GREIFSWALD

By plane and train

Greifswald can be reached by plane and train. The closest airports are Airport Berlin-Tegel, Airport Berlin-Schönefeld, Airport Hamburg-Fuhlsbüttel, Airport Hamburg-Lübeck. There are always shuttlebuses or tram/train connections to the central train station. A train ride from Berlin takes ca. 3 hours (direct connections) from Hamburg ca. 4 hours (with at least one change in Rostock or Stralsund).

Berlin --> Greifswald:

From Berlin-Tegel the bus TXL is running every 20minutes to the central station (Hauptbahnhof).

From Berlin-Schönefeld you have to walk ca. 7-10 minutes to the nearby railway and S-Bahn station. You take either any S-Bahn or Regional Train (RE) to the central station (Hauptbahnhof).

Hamburg --> Greifswald

From Hamburg-Fuhlsbüttel you take the bus (Airport City Line, Airport Express) to Hamburg Central Station (Hauptbahnhof).

From Hamburg-Lübeck you take the Bus to the railway station in Lübeck. You can also take a cab. But this costs ca. 16€.

By ferry

There is also a regular ferry connection from Kaliningrad, Szczecin, Klaipedia, Helsinki to Rostock or Rügen. From Rostock or Rügen you take the train to Greifswald.

By car

The motorway A20 provides easy access by car from all major cities.

LIVING IN GREIFSWALD

Greifswald is a colourful and need town close to the Baltic Sea. The city with its ca. 60.000 inhabitants has, as a cosmopolitan town, remained true to its Hanseatic heritage. Despite its small-town charm Greifswald is, with its university, meeting place of students, scientists, artists and entrepreneurs from all over the world. The town is characterized by the students (among them are more then 600 international students from about 70 countries) who really make Greifswald a young, vibrant and lively town.

The life in Greifswald is really easy. You can reach everything in no more than 5-20 minutes by bicycle. You won't need more than 5-10 minutes by feet to the supermarkets and even the beach is just 10 minutes by bus from the city center.

The nightlife is more or less concentrated in the city center. There are different student-clubs who have their own weekly program concerning (motto-) party or game evening. Besides partying we also have a great offer of literature or language clubs and at least two festivals like „Nordischer Klang“, „Clubs Unite“ or Gristuf (Greifswald international students festival).

It is often proclaimed that studying in Greifswald is extraordinary because the place of living, studying and working is there where other people are spending only their holidays – close to the Baltic Sea.

How to reach the campus

Greifswald is not a Campus University. Every faculty has more or less its own little campus in the city. Nevertheless everything is in a short distance reach.

REGISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY

➔ REGISTRATION

At your arrival, for the registration you need as a EU-resident the „**Blue Card**“ from your insurance company. Students from countries who are not EU-members or students who have a private insurance have to **send a copy of your insurance contract** (before you come to Germany) to the following German insurance company:

Techniker Krankenkasse

Address:

Rakower Str. 11
17489 Greifswald

Postaddress:

Postfach 11 26
17464 Greifswald

E-Mail: greifswald@tk-online.de

The TK will verify your contract and send you a confirmation letter. You have to submit this confirmation letter/blue card to the CE-Coordinator when you fill in the registration letter in his/her office.

After a short while you receive your student identity card (*Studienrendenausweis*) as well as an email account including username and password in order to have access to the university network and the internet at the libraries and faculties.

What do you need:

- Document proving health insurance (blue Card/confirmation letter of the TK)
- Passport
- Photo
- Admission certification for subjects with restricted admission
- Document to prove sufficient knowledge of the German language

➔ **LANGUAGE COURSES**

The University of Greifswald offers intensive German language courses at the FMZ (Fremdsprachen und Medien Zentrum --> Foreign language media center). The courses begin two weeks prior to each term and are free of charge for Campus Europae and ERASMUS students and to those who come to Greifswald within bilateral agreements.

➔ **CALENDER OF ACADEMIC YEAR**

Concerning the academic year 2010/2011, classes will start on the 11th October 2010.

2010/2011	Start	End
Academic Year	11 th October	16 th July
First Semester (classes)	11 th October	29 th January
Second Semester (classes)	4 th April	16 th July

Examination period

The examination period is from January-March and July-September and depends on the faculties. Most frequently the regular exams take place from the last week of classes till the end of the second week after classes have finished. The retaking of exams takes place in the last three weeks of March/September.

Holidays

Month	Start	End
Christmas	20 th December 2010	3 rd January 2011
Spring	30 th January 2011	3 rd April
Summer	17 th July 2011	30 th September 2011

➔ **ACCOMMODATION**

You have several possibilities to find a nice and affordable place to sleep.

1. Studentenwerk (student administration)

The Studentenwerk offers a number of modern student residences around the city center

http://www.fh-stralsund.de/studwerk/Housing_in_Greifswald.29+M52087573ab0.0.html

The prices are about 124 € to 250 € a month and a deposit of 100€-150€ depending on the room.

Please fill in the application form:

<http://www.fh-stralsund.de/studwerk/Wohnheimantrag.88+M52087573ab0.0.html>

2. Students with bilateral contracts

For all exchange students coming to Greifswald within bilateral exchange agreements and programs accommodation can be arranged by the International Office. Exchange Students should therefore submit their application form to the International Office.

3. Private housing

Apart from student residences there are private landlords/-ladies, building contractors and residential building co-operatives offering rooms and flats. Both the student administration and the student union (www.asta-greifswald.de)

➔ SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY

➤ **University Library**

The University Library is a new, modern building and comprises a collection of ca. 2,2 billion books, online databases and electronic media. Despite learning/reading and computer desks you can also use small cabins to just for you to study.

Its' opening hours are: Monday-Friday 8:00h-24:00h

Saturday-Sunday 9:00h-24:00h

You find further information here: <http://www.uni-greifswald.de/bibliothek.html>

Adress: **Universitätsbibliothek**
Felix-Hausdorff-Straße 10
17489 Greifswald

A second bigger library is in the city center close to the Mensa building. It has the same opening hours as the University Library. The library comprises the subjects: law, business, politics and philosophy.

Further information: <http://www.uni-greifswald.de/bibliothek/oeffnungszeit/bereichsbibliothek.html>

Adress: **Bereichsbibliothek Am Schießwall**
Am Schießwall 4a
17489 Greifswald

More or less every faculty has its own small library close to or even inside the faculty. The opening hours differ from faculty to faculty.

Further information: <http://www.uni-greifswald.de/bibliothek/oeffnungszeit/fachbibliotheken.html>

➤ **Computer Center (*Rechenzentrum*)**

The Computer Center operates all computing facilities and the university's network. They also help you if you have a problem with your computer. Introductory courses as well as printed and online information are provided to help students with the use of computing facilities and individual application.

Further information: <http://www.uni-greifswald.de/studieren/rechenzentrum.html>

➤ **Language and Media Center**

The language and Media center offers general and subject-related courses in modern foreign languages (English, French, Russian, Swedish, Spanish, Polish, Italian and Chinese) on different levels of competence. A multimedia self-access center provides excellent resources for individual foreign language learning.

Further information: <http://www.phil.uni-greifswald.de/fmz.html>

➤ **Mensa/Cafeteria**

The mensa and cafeteria offer meals and snacks at low prices. They open from 11:00h to 14:00h on weekdays. Besides a self-service pasta and salad bar there are four serving counters where you can choose between vegetarian and meat meals.

To pay for your meal you either do it cash or „pay“ with the Mensa-Card. The mensa card costs 5,00€ and you can recharge it any time. If you pay cash you have to pay 0,05€cent in addition.

We have two mensa. One is in the city center and the other one at the Campus Beitz-Platz close to the University Library.

Adresses: **Mensa am Wall**

Am Schießwall 1-4

Mensa Campus Beitz-Platz

Fleischmannstr. 8

➤ **University Sport**

The University of Greifswald offers a huge variety of sports programs. Due to its geographical position the University can offer special courses like: sailboarding, rowing or you can even get a sailing licence after attending lectures and seminars.

The university sports center has very well equipped sports halls, gyms, fitness centers, a tennis court and a huge water sports center.

Further information: <http://www.phil.uni-greifswald.de/hsp/kursangebot.html>

➔ **VISA**

EU-nationals do not require a visa to enter Germany. The same applies to nationals of countries Germany has arranged special agreements.

Information concerning the entry regulations are available at the German Embassies or Consulates as well as on the website of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.auswaertiges-amt.de). Here you can find relevant addresses, visa requirements and application forms.

Please contact the nearest embassy or consulate well in advance to apply for a visa for educational purposes.

To apply for a visa you need to submit a notification of admission of the University of Greifswald.

Please be aware that sufficient financial means to cover costs of study and living have to be proven (currently ca. 580€/month). This certification may be a letter confirming the award of a scholarship , grant or any other document confirming funds for study and living costs in Germany.

After your arrival in Greifswald international students have to register as Greifswald resident at the local registration office (*Einwohnermeldeamt*) within **10 days**. After receiving the residence registration form the international students have to apply to the aliens department (Ausländerbehörde) to obtain a residence permit.

Students coming from the European Union and staying for less than three months have to register only at the registration office.

You get the registration form in the office itself.

What do you need for your application:

- passport
- 2 passport photos (biometric)
- rental contract
- bank account

- proof of sufficient financial means
- proof of health care insurance
- confirmation of enrolment

Address of the offices:

You find both offices in the same building at:

Spiegelsdorfer Wende 1

Haus 1

Phone: 03834/524132

How to get there:

You will meet with one of the student representatives at the bus station „Europakreuzung“. You take the bus Nr. 4 or 20 to Süd-Bahnhof and follow the signs.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

➔ CURRENCY

Euro

➔ BANK ACCOUNT

Opening a bank account, called Girokonto, is essential, as monthly payments such as rent or health care insurance will have to be made by direct debit from a German bank account.

You can either open a bank account at the Deutsche Bank or Volksbank. Here you need your passport, the letter of residence from the registration office and your student identity card. Both are free of any charge.

Deutsche Bank

Markt 2

17489 Greifswald

Volksbank Raiffeisenbank eG Greifswald

Steinbeckerstr. 26

17489 Greifswald

➔ MOBILE PHONE

There are several networks: Vodafone, O2, E-Plus. All offer pre-paid cards. Besides the usual companies all supermarkets like ALDI, LIDL or NETTO have special offers.

➔ INTERNET

Internet is available in all student residences provided by the student administration. You also have free access in the libraries of the university and there are some coffee shops in town offering free Wi-Fi when you buy cup of coffee.

➔ EMERGENCY NUMBERS

112 --> Fire brigade, doctor on call

110 --> Police department

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17489 Greifswald

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