Welcome to TH OWL!

Peer to Peer:

Student representatives at TH OWL

Technische Hochschule Ostwestfalen-Lippe (TH OWL)

Three Campuses and Locations



Visa Appointment – Issues and Delays



- Check the specific information and wait time for your home country.
- It does not make sense to enroll for the up-coming semester when you know that you will not be able to arrive on time.
- If you will not receive your study visa in time to attend opening classes know your late arrive dates…

Late Arrival – Accepted or Not?

Question	Master Information Technology	Master Applied Entrepreneurship	Bachelor General Engineering
Late arrival possible?	2 weeks after lecture start	By 3 November	No (only in exceptional cases)
Online start possible?	No	No	No (only in exceptional cases)
Admission valid until?	Admission offer is valid for 2 semesters	Admission offer is valid for 2 semesters	Only for the semester you were accepted for
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Late Arrival – Accepted or Not?

Question	Master Integrated Design	Master Sustainable Landscape Design & Development	Master Urban Planning & Sustainable Transformation
Late arrival possible?	By 30 November	By end of January	By 30 November
Online start possible?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Admission valid until?	Only for the semester you were accepted for	Admission offer is valid for 3 application periods	Only for the semester you were accepted for
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Know your options if you **cannot arrive** by the last date of arrival:



- **Do not pay the semester fee** until you are sure you will arrive on time. There is no penatly paying the semester fee until October 15th.

- **Option 1:**
- If you have paid - Withdraw your enrolment
- Deadline: 31 August 2026 = full re-imbursement

- **Option 2:**
- Stay enrolled until at your own responsibility.
- No obligation in being personally present.
- Discuss this option with your faculty = the full semester dues!

Consequences for late arrival

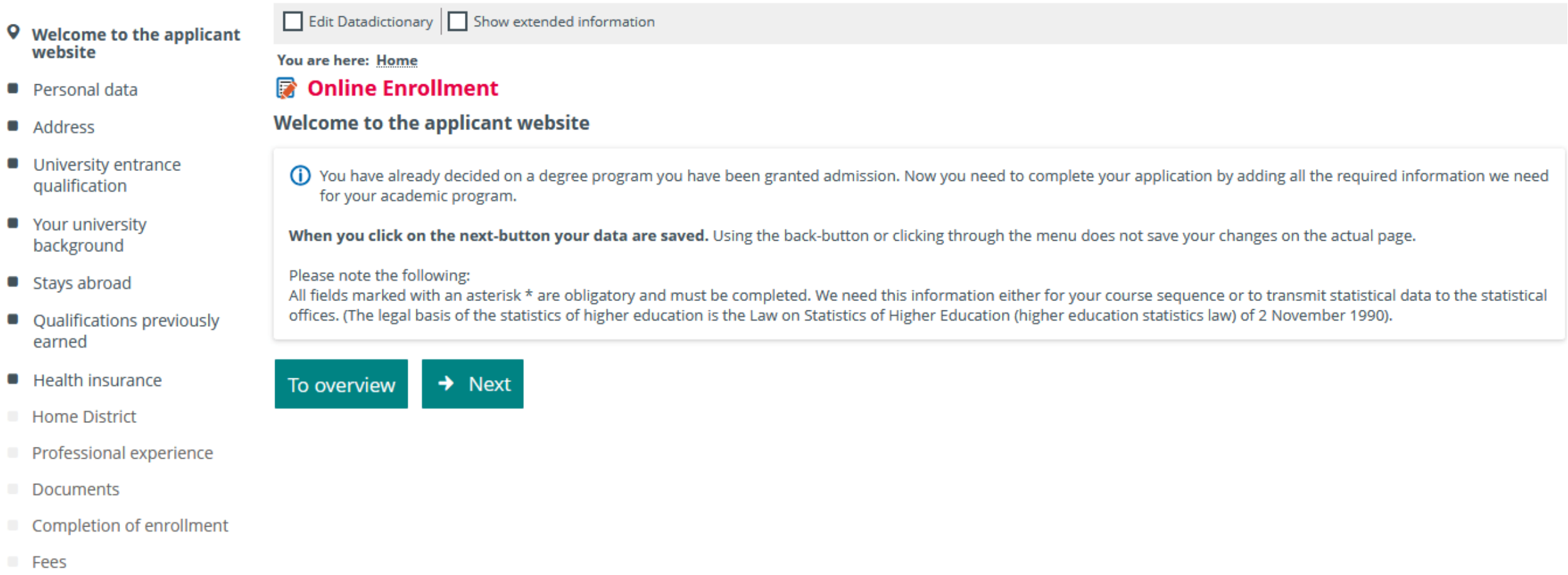


•Payments of health insurance – approx. 145 €/month - start on 1 September (Winter term) or 1 March (Summer term)

- You must continue paying for health insurance – even if you:
  - •start your studies online, or
  - •do not begin your studies at all
- No reset of semesters within your student visa

Please consider these financial implications when planning your enrollment and arrival

Admission and Enrollment



How to re enroll after winter semester 2026/27:



1. Log into the TH OWL KIS portal with your credentials.
2. Download your winter semester 2026 admission offer letter.
3. Save this file for future enrollment.
4. During the enrollment period for Summer 2027, create a new account in our TH OWL KIS portal. Your previous account will likely be deactivated due to data protection policies.
5. Add a new application and select the degree program.
6. During the application process, you will be asked if you have received admission during the past three years. Select “Yes” and upload you letter of admission that you received earlier.
7. Submit your application.
8. You will receive a new letter of admission that includes the next steps for enrolment.

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M. Applied Entrepreneurship

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Buddy Team WS 2026/27

Campus Detmold

Sarah Schulzik, Architecture
Sogand Malekloo, MID
Imad Tomeh, Master infrastructure
Talke Johanna Lüttmann , Interior Architecture

Campus Lemgo

Shayan Naveed, MIT
Farzad Taghinia, MIT
Sabarinath Palanisamy, MIT
Arman Sargsyan, Ba. General Engineering
Absihcline Lynas, Ba. General Engineering
Dominic Dralle, Ba Pharmatical Eng.
Denys Kotuza, Ba. Technical Informatics

Campus Höxter

Ahmed Nuzhat, Master SLDD

This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Sarah Schulzik
Age: 20
Nationality: German
Languages I speak: German, English, Korean (Basic), French (Basic)

Study program: Architecture
Study location: **Detmold**

Hobbies/interests: Dancing, Drawing, Travelling, Psychology

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Sogand Malekloo
Age: 26
Nationality: Iranian
Languages I speak: English, Persian

Study program: Master Integrated Design - computational Design
Study location: **Detmold**
Based in: Lemgo

Hobbies/interests:
Nature, Indoor Plants & Gardening, Photography

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Imad Tomeh
Age: 29
Nationality: Syrian, Jordanian
Languages I speak: English, German, Arabic

Study program: Master Infrastructure Management – Water and Traffic

Study location: **Detmold**

Hobbies/interests: Basketball, Hiking, Chess, Football

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Talke Johanna Lüttmann
Age: 24
Nationality: German
Languages I speak: English, German

Study program: Bachelor interior Design
Study location: **Detmold**

Hobbies/interests: swimming, music,
outdoor activities

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This is me – Your Buddy

Name: Ahmed Nuzhat
Age: 26
Nationality: Bangladeshi
Languages I speak: English, A little German.

Study program: Master Sustainable Landscape Design and Development
Study location: **Höxter**

Hobbies/interests:

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Shayan Naveed
Age: 28
Nationality: Pakistani
Languages I speak: English, Deutch (Basic)

Study program: Master Information Technology
Study location: **Lemgo**

Hobbies/interests: Walking, hiking, bicycling
Fun fact about me: Adventurous, Curious, Creative.

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Farzad Taghinia
Age: 36
Nationality: Iranian
Languages I speak: English

Study program: Master Information Technology
Study location: **Lemgo**

Hobbies/interests:

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Name: Sabarinath Palanisamy
Age: 24
Nationality: Indian
Languages I speak: English, Tamil

Study program: Master Information Technology
Study location: **Lemgo**

Hobbies/interests:

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Arman Sargsyan
Age: 22
Nationality: Armenian
Languages I speak: English, German, Russian, Armenian, Basic Ukrainian

Study program: Bachelor General Engineering
Study location: **Lemgo**

Hobbies/interests:

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Absihcline Lynas
Age: 22
Nationality: Sri Lankan
Languages I speak: English, German (B1)

Study program: Bachelor General Engineering
Study location: **Lemgo**

Hobbies/interests: Reading, Writing poems, Going for walks

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Dominic Dralle
Age: 26
Nationality: German
Languages I speak: German, English

Study program: Bachelor Pharmaceutical Engineering
Study location: **Lemgo**

Hobbies/interests: Hiking, gaming, University committeess, chemistry, miniature wargaming

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This is me – Your Buddy



Name: Denys Kotuza
Age: 20
Nationality: Ukrainian
Languages I speak: English, German, Russian, Ukrainian

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Study location: **Lemgo**

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International Student Guide

https://www.th-owl.de/international/international-student-guide

TH OWL > International > International Guide

GET STARTED AT TH OWL AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

International Guide

Welcome to the TH OWL

The International Office of TH OWL is excited to welcome you to OWL! On our page, we provide you with a first orientation on moving to Germany and starting your studies for a succesful first semester with us. You will find relevant information about studying and living in OWL, how to becoming involved on campus and the different support services the TH OWL provides. Of course, if you have any additional questions, you can always contact us. Just reach out!

As a new student, TH OWL provides many orientation services for you that you should be aware of. Not all programs and services are published on the International Office sites, but you can discover all the programs and offers on the Studienstart an der TH OWL website.



Your Guide to TH OWL

- Events by the International Office
- Buddy Program and Social Engagement Program
- Pre-Arrival Infosessions
- Housing
- Campus Orientation
- Language Courses
- Student Support Services
- Departments & Student Councils

Welcome to TH OWL Essential Information for New Students

Transportation, Shopping, Internet, Jobs, Sports, and More

Transportation

Airport to Lemgo/Detmold

- Airport to Bielefeld: Take a train (via IC/ICE/Flix) or Regional train.

- From Bielefeld, take a regional train to Lemgo or Detmold.
- Links for the DB website and mobile application
  - Website Link (https://int.bahn.de/en)
  - App link (https://www.bahn.de/service/mobile/db-navigator)

Deutschland Ticket (Semester Ticket)

The Deutschland Ticket offers unlimited travel on public transport across Germany, including buses and trains, **excluding Flix, IC and ICE services**.

Link: Deutschland Ticket Information

Semester Ticket (OWL Mobil)

- Use the OWL Mobil application
  - Link OWL Mobil
- Follow the steps to purchase the ticket (Instruction)

Bus and Train Connection
Lemgo, Detmold, and Bielefeld

In the NRW region, buses and trains connect Lemgo, Detmold, and Bielefeld.

You can use the DB app to get the update about the buses and the train, most common buses and trains

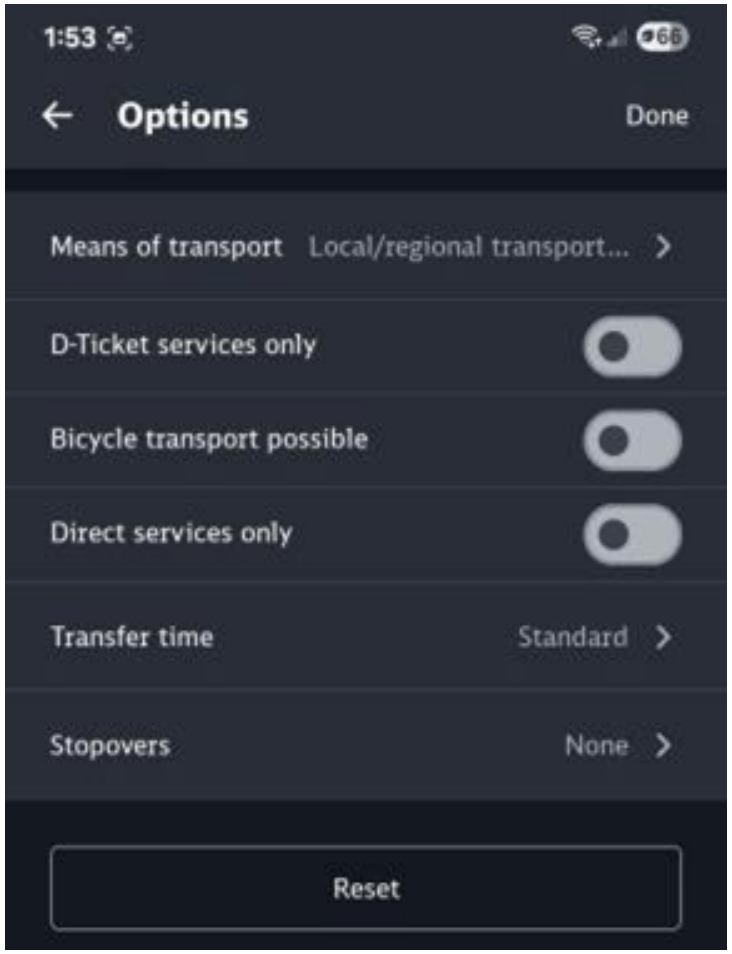
- Lemgo to Bielefeld Train RB73
- Lemgo to Detmold Bus 790
- Bielefeld to Detmold RB72
    - Link: OWL Mobil app link OWL Mobil

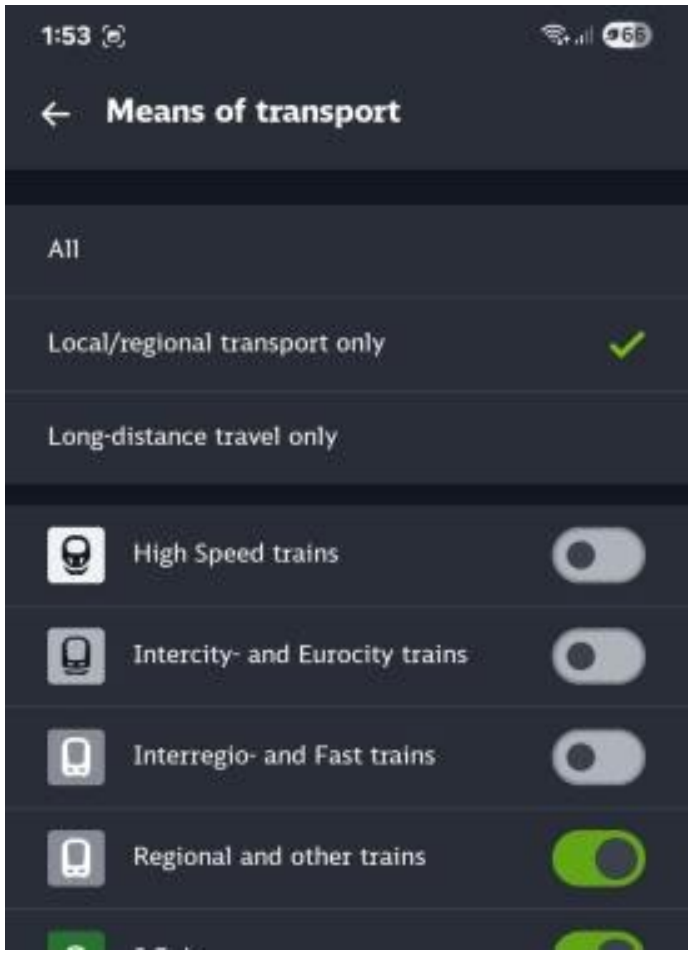
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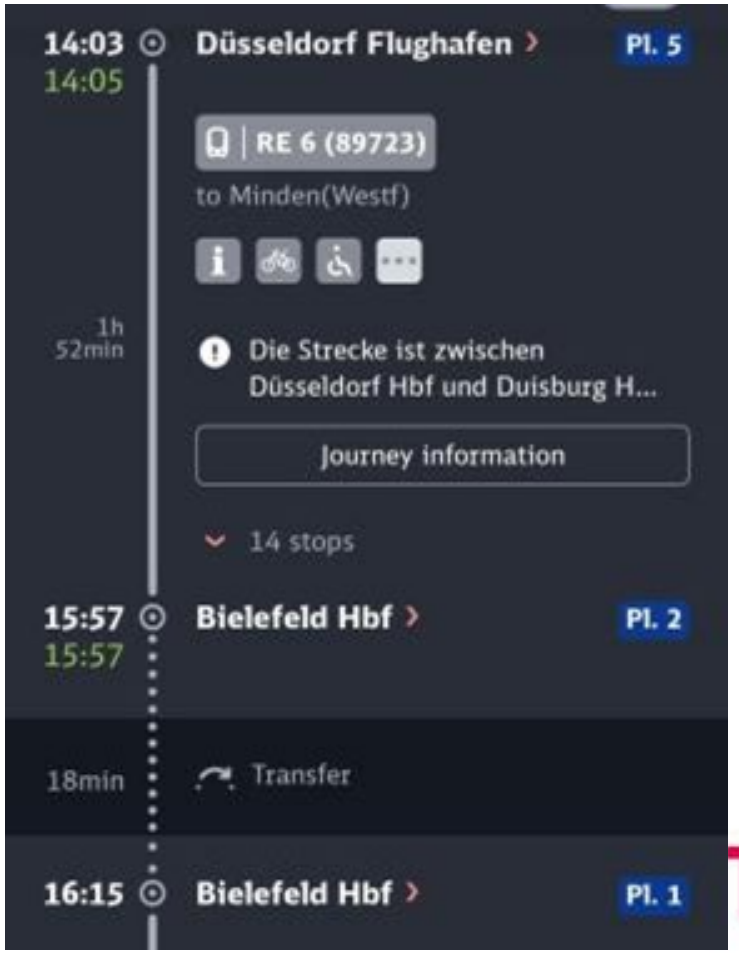
For the trains to open the door you need to press that button, without pressing it door will not open.



Tips


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Options
Done
Means of transport
Local/regional transport...
D-Ticket services only
Bicycle transport possible
Direct services only
Transfer time
Standard
Stopovers
None
Reset


1:53
Means of transport
All
Local/regional transport only
Long-distance travel only
High Speed trains
Intercity- and Eurocity trains
Interregio- and Fast trains
Regional and other trains


14:03
14:05
Düsseldorf Flughafen
Pl. 5
RE 6 (89723)
to Minden(Westf)
1h
52min
Die Strecke ist zwischen
Düsseldorf Hbf und Duisburg H...
Journey information
14 stops
15:57
15:57
Bielefeld Hbf
Pl. 2
18min
Transfer
16:15
Bielefeld Hbf
Pl. 1

Tips

You can also choose FlixBus for your journey. Tickets can be easily booked through their online app. Please note that if you are traveling with more than one bag, you will need to purchase an additional baggage ticket. I recommend this option because it offers direct routes without transfers, making travel simpler and more convenient for students.



Shopping

Shopping Essentials

Where to buy groceries, kitchen, bedroom items, and how to save money

- Woolworth
- IKEA
- JYSK
- POCO
- Action
- TEDI



International Groceries

- **Jaffna Store**
  Address: Feilenstraße 8, 33602 Bielefeld
  Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM to 08:30 PM (Sunday closed)
- **Ünlü**
  Address Detmold: Lagesche Str. 1, 32756 Detmold
  Address Bielefeld: Wismarer Str. 30, 33605 Bielefeld
  Address Bielefeld: Gütersloher Str. 8, 33647 Bielefeld
  Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 08:00 AM to 08:00 PM (Sunday closed)
- **German Super Stores**

  Aldi, Lidl, Edeka, Combi, Netto, Rewe,Marktkauf and Kaufland

Clothing Stores

- TK Maxx
- Woolworth
- Shein online store
- Tedi

Internet

Cheapest internet options like SIM.de and O2 contracts

- **Sim.de**

  Details on SIM.de plans (e.g., 7 GB for approx. 5€)

  https://www.sim.de/

  Referal Link:
  https://h.sim.de/23427ebbe5a43?kwk=o4j6KVdbIN50rBxLc0Y8ZQ%3D%3D

- **O2**

Job Opportunities

Job Opportunities Without German language skills

- MacDonald
- Burger king
- Amazon
- DHL
- Zenjob
- JobValley

Job Opportunities

You can also found in the online websites

- University websites
- Stepstone
- Xing
- Indeed
- Monster
- Glassdoor
- linkedin

Sports

- **Gym Easy Fitness** (Cheapest Gym) Lemgo:
  - Monthly fee: €25.00 and One-time registration fee: €80.00, currently is free of registration
- **Gym Detmold**: All Inclusive Fitness (AI); Viva Fitness, Blueline-Fitness
- **Swimming:**

  Locations: Lemgo Eau-Le, Detmold Aqualip, Bielefeld Ishara

  Daily ticket: Approximately €3.00

- **Sport Disciplines Offered by Student Union (AStA) of TH OWL**:

  Various sports disciplines available

  Registration via specific WhatsApp groups

Extra Tips

Warm Clothes and Shoes:

- Essential as the cold season in Germany begins at the end of September.

Haircuts:

- Haircuts can be expensive in Germany.
- Cheapest option in Lemgo : €15.00

Medicine:

- Bring your own medicine if needed, as it may be difficult or expensive to obtain in Germany.
- **Family Doctor: (English Speaking)**
  https://share.google/PYOk6Elr0lG7MTAra

Thank you

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AND ARTS

Cost of Life

- Lemgo and Detmold are affordable places to live compared to many big cities.
- **No tuition fees** for full-time undergraduate and graduate courses, neither for German nor for international students.

Living Expenses per month	Estimated Costs
Accommodation	250 – 450 €
Food & Drinks	150 – 300 €
Clothing	35 – 55 €
Health & Liability Insurance	140 €
Study Material and Semester Dues	90 – 120 €
Telephone & Internet	25 – 40 €
Leisure, Travel & Sports	55 – 120 €
Total Expenses	**800 – 1125 €**

No tuition fees!

Stay Informed

Please check for all up-coming campus events and further online sessions on our I.O. website!

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The International Office supports foreign students, during their studies and their stay at TH OWL from your application and arrival until your degree at TH OWL.

https://www.th-owl.de/en/international-office-th-owl/

Thank You!

Please feel free to ask questions by raising your hand or in the chat ☺