



UNIVERSITÄT
BAYREUTH

FROM CAMPUS TO CITY: YOUR STUDENT WELCOME GUIDE

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LIVING IN BAYREUTH:

Where to buy groceries, banks, pharmacies, places to eat, SIM cards, student housing tips

Groceries

- Lidl (\$)
- Rewe (\$\$)
- Aldi (\$\$)

Pharmacies

- Birken-Apotheke
- Hof - Pharmacy
- Rathaus Apotheke

Banks

- Sparkasse
- Deutsche Bank
- VR-Bank

Where to eat in Uni

- Mensa (payment with studnet card only)
- Frishraum (payment with student card only)
- Foe' (only cash)

PRACTICAL INFO:

Opening a bank account

Banks:

- Sparkasse
- Deutsche Bank
- VR-Bank

Once you have chosen a bank to open your account you should schedule an appointment:

1. you can go in person and schedule an appointment (in some cases it is possible to just walk in and open a bank account)
2. call and schedule an appointment

Option 1 is the easiest considering that Bayreuth is a small and walkable city, also you can prevent misunderstandings.

To open your account you will need the following documents:

- passport and document that allows you to reside in Germany
- City hall registration
- Enrollment in University of Bayreuth

Bank accounts are free of charge for students who are under 27 years old

PRACTICAL INFO:

City hall registration

As soon as you arrive in Bayreuth one of the most important things to do is to register at the city hall (Rathaus). The process is quite easy but to do so, you must have an address where to be contacted (which is where you will be living for your studies).

The first step is to book an appointment at the City Hall through this link (<https://termine.crossing.de/446485739/Appointment/SelectConcern>), once you have opened the link, click the first option “**Anmeldung**” and choose your preferred time slot.

It is also possible to go in person and schedule an appointment, if you prefer.

Here are the necessary documents you will need for your city registration:

- Passport
- Tenancy agreement (hard copy)
- Enrollment certificate at University of Bayreuth (hard copy)
- SEPA bank account
- 2 passport pictures (hard copy)

Getting a student card

Access to university libraries is permitted to all students, here are the opening hours (<https://www.ub.uni-bayreuth.de/en/oeffnungszeiten/index.html>).

If you have enrolled before the orientation week, your student card will be given to you on the orientation days. If you did not enroll you have to go to the international office with hard copies of the documents you need for enrollment.

PRACTICAL INFO:

Student card:

The University of Bayreuth will provide every student with a personal student card, the card can be used to eat around uni and print.

The card is also required to use public transport within Bayreuth and in some cases to have discounts.

The student card can be charged with money at Mensa to dine, however to print you also have to charge money in the card. **Food and printing money are not the same and cannot be used interchangeably.**

Library access:

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All the libraries are equipped with printers and scanners, to print a small price is charged, the only paying method is with your student card. Scanning is free of cost.

Wifi:

The University of Bayreuth offers wifi connection in all the buildings and classrooms, as a new student you will have to register to connect to wifi around uni (<https://laps.uni-bayreuth.de/category/1-eduroam>)

CONTACTS & SUPPORT:

University Offices:

- International Office
- Examination Office
- Student Services: PULS (one support person for each faculty→ confidential advice on any issues, conflicts, or decisions relating to your studies)

Emergency contacts:

In case of emergency call these numbers

- Police: 110
- Hospital and firefighters: 112

ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL LIFE:

Sports at UBT

The University of Bayreuth has a Sport Centre (Hochschulsport) for students who wish to join or try new sports and activities.

Each semester a fee of around 30€ is required to register and use the facility. The Sport Centre offers a gym and different courses you can participate in.

By paying the fee, you can participate in all courses (with no limits).

Registration for university sport centre should be done online via the homepage of the sport centre (<https://www.hochschulsport.uni-bayreuth.de/de/Anmeldung/index.html>):

- Step 1: create an account under the category “**Sportprogramm/Kurse A-Z/**” after Login and link it to the university account
- Step 2: **Install UBT /Uni Now App**, this can be used to book courses and generate the corresponding QR codes for admission control.

Sport course list: <https://uni-bayreuth.uninow.com/en/courses/sport-kurse/offer>

Language learning opportunities

If you wish to learn a new language, improve a language you already know or practice German, you can register for courses at the language centre. Every semester language courses are taught, students of UBT can freely access any course of their preference.

Be careful to check the dates of the courses!

Language centre: <https://www.sz.uni-bayreuth.de/en/index.html>

EVERYDAY LIFE TIPS:

Opening hours

Here in Bavaria shops and stores will usually close at 19:00 while grocery shops will close at 20:00. Also on Sundays most of the stores will be closed so remember to plan in advance your shopping.

German recycling system

Recycling in Germany is a meticulous and effective system, by separating trash the German system aims to recover valuable recyclable materials and reduce landfill waste. Color-coded bins and clear labeling facilitate easy participation, promoting environmental sustainability and compliance with waste disposal regulations.

You can find the rules here: <https://www.how-to-germany.com/recycling-in-germany/>