So you want to go to Germany?
The unofficial official student guide to research abroad

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Brief Information
You have chosen to embark on the journey to Würzburg, Germany. You will receive Senior Lab (PHY 474L) credit for working all summer (~80-90 days) with a professor at the University of Würzburg. The cost of the trip is ~$5500, which covers everything you will need. The only requirement (at this time) is that you have completed Junior (Modern) Lab. The deadline to get on the official list with Dr. Fink is December 1st, and the limit for the trip is 10 people.

Würzburg city and university information
City information:
City size:
- Population: ~130,000
- Area: 87.63 km² (33.83 sq mi)
- Elevation: 177 m (581 ft)
Distance to major cities:
- Nuremberg: 100 km (60 mi)
- Frankfurt: 115 km (70 mi)
- Munich: 250 km (155 mi)
- Berlin: 440 km (270 mi)
- Hamburg: 475 km (295 mi)
Closest airports:
- Frankfurt (FRA)
- Nuremberg (NUE) [smaller airport]
Brief history/cool stuff/know for/has:
- Was mostly destroyed in WWII
- Marienberg Fortress
- Part of Bavaria
- Würzburg Residenz
- Romantic Road
- Main River
Other:
- Lat/Long: 49°47′N 9°56′E (Austin is 30°15′0″N 97°45′0″W)
- Sunlight hours (summer): ~16 hours of daylight (~2hrs longer than Austin)
- Time zone: CET/CEST (UTC+1/+2) [CEST is April-October]
- Weather: It usually rains ~15 days/month, with an average of 40 mm (1.5in) of rain. The average summer temperature has a high of 24°C (75°F) and a low of 13°C (55°F). There are occasional heat waves that can spike to around 32°C (90°F).

University information:
The University of Würzburg has ~25,000 students and is famous for its numerous Nobel laureates and for Werner Heisenberg. It’s also famous for being one of the oldest universities in German, as it was founded in 1402. Dirk Nowitzki (basketball player) is from Würzburg.

University information: http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/ueber/university_of_wuerzburg/
Main page: http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/new/?lang=en
Information from the International Office http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/fileadmin/32020000/Auslandsamt/Formulare/Incoming/Infobroschuere_Programmstudieren_de14-15_web__01-1.pdf
**Professor information:**
Here is a link to the Physics and Astronomy Department list of labs/professors and what they do.

http://www.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de/ Main Department website  
http://www.physik.uni-wuerzburg.de/institute_einrichtungen/ Groups with main professors listed

Look at the websites and you'll be able to find something you like! There are lots of different kinds of physics that you can do here, including theoretical physics, biophysics, energy physics, astrophysics, experimental physics and more! If you want recommendations, ask people who have gone in the past!

Note: the links below may change over time, but the overall department website should be the same.

**Institute of Physics**
- Experimental Physics I
- Experimental Physics II
- Experimental Physics III
- Experimental Physics IV
- Experimental Physics V
- Experimental Physics VI
- Experimental Physics VII
- Technical Physics
- Physics and Didactics
- Department of X-ray microscopy
- M! ND Center
- FOR 1162 DFG research group

**Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics**
- Theoretical Physics I
- Theoretical Physics II
- Theoretical Physics III
- Theoretical Physics IV
- Astronomy
- AG Correlated many-body systems and electronic structure of solids
- AG Critical Phenomena in Condensed Matter
- AG Space and Astrophysics
- FOR 1807 DFG research group
- GRK 1147 Astroparticle Physics
  - Astrophysics
  - Theoretical Elementary Particle Physics
  - Computational Physics
  - Applied Mathematics
  - Experimental High Energy Physics

**Institute of Physical and Theoretical Chemistry**
To do before leaving USA

Passports:
- Get this through UT or another passport place. UT is convenient.
- Website: https://world.utexas.edu/passport
- Cost: (have to get the passport book, not just a card) $135
- Do this in August-November so you can have it for the dorm application
- If possible, keep an extra passport picture and bring it to Germany for your student id!

Professor contact:
- Contact your professor November-ish. See above for professor and department information to determine which lab you want to work with.
- Email them early (November) and be clear, may have to send a resume if they ask
- Recommended (but not required): Ask them for a paper to read to get to know the background information and what physics classes are useful for work with them on that topic
- Make sure to mention to them that you will be working in their lab for class credit and will need them to write a letter for you with a class grade at the end of the summer.

University application:
- Do this at end of December with Dr. Fink [RLM 2.118] (see University Application under documents at end), only 2 pages, apply for summer physics.

Flight information:
- Plane tickets will cost around $1200 and up to fly to Frankfurt [FRA]. The sooner you buy them, the better. We recommend January or February purchases, since after that the prices start increasing noticeably. You will have to buy the ticket yourself since the department won’t do that for you. However, if you talk to Lisa Gentry you might get part of the cost of your ticket reimbursed.

Ticket tips and recommendations:
- Use incognito window to look for plane tickets, otherwise the prices go up because they know if you look at that page multiple times.
- Delta and United are good, but make sure to look on lots of sites for best deal (of course).
- You will most likely have a connecting flight, we recommend having the connection in the USA.
- You might want to sign up for frequent flier miles. It’s free and could get you a deal!

When to go:
- May ~15 through August ~15
- There is a 90 day limit to your stay in Europe (so you don’t have to deal with visas)
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_the_Schengen_Area
- Check when Spring finals are over, and when classes start for the Fall semester
- We also recommend showing up early in the week (Monday/Tuesday) so you can do all your paperwork when you get here, since everything for that is closed on weekends.
- They also have a variety of national holidays around the end of May when places are closed.

Dorm information:
International Office living recommendations, including information other than the student dorms:
http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/studying_in_wuerzburg/services/accommodation/

Dorm prices:
A map of the dorm locations relative to the university is included at the end of this document.

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Key: Price: high 🟠, low 🟡, Distance to campus: close ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐, far ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
Internet included: no X, yes ✓, Number of people per room: people ♂, handicapped accessible ♂

How to Apply (**SUPER IMPORTANT**):
http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/fileadmin/32020000/Auslandsamt/Formulare/Incoming/Wie_bewerbe_ich_mich_fuer_Platz_im_Studentenwohnheim.pdf

The pdf explaining how to apply is at the end of this document under How to Apply to Studentenwerk. Make sure to go online to the Studentenwerk website and check that this is the most updated information.

- There are 11 dorms in Würzburg through Studentenwerk, which is the student housing.
- When doing the dorm application online, click in the top right to change it to English.
- Make sure to click confirm in the email they send about dorm application otherwise the application will not be submitted. (IMPORTANT)
- The deadline for applications and deposits is January 15. DO NOT BE LATE.
- Prior to submitting your application, send a wire transfer of €200 (~$350 with fees) to the bank in Germany.
Bank: Wire transfer information
- Many banks do international transfers, including USAA, Bank of America, and Chase. Contact your bank to find out if they do. Some banks, such as UFCU, don’t do international transfers, so you’ll have to go through another bank, such as Western Union, to send the money. It’s pretty easy if you go to your bank and have all of the info for the bank for Studentenwerk, which is included in the “How to Apply” document.

After you get your housing offer in the mail:
- Refer to the document at the end, English Housing Document, for the English translation of the letter you will get in the mail. You will need to sign your letter and scan your full signed housing form and email it to Studentenwerk. (See end of document for English Housing Contract)


Make rest of deposit payment and April/May payment by April 4th. The deposit and rent payment will differ for each dorm, but you can usually expect ~€600. We STRONGLY recommend paying as much of the dorm cost as you can at once to avoid multiple wire transfer fees. The earlier you pay, the happier they are. If you can pay for all 6 months up front, that would be optimal.

*NOTE: The UT Department of Physics says you must pay at least half of the housing cost up front.

Around April 22, Studentenwerk will require a copy of your “Immatrikulationsbescheinigung,” your admission letter. You are to upload/submit it, NOT email. The file to submit is your admission letter that the international office emailed you at the end of February, which is the same as the paper copy you got from Lisa around the same time.

1) Go to this site and change to English:
   [https://tl1host.de/SWWUE/anmeldung.html?retpage=imsenden.html](https://tl1host.de/SWWUE/anmeldung.html?retpage=imsenden.html)
2) Unless you know your password, ask them to send it to you using the email address you’ve been using. It should show up in your inbox in a few minutes.
3) Log in. Choose the first option (Immatrikulationsbescheinigung) and then upload a pic/scan of your letter of admission.

Insurance:
[http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/itr/authorization](http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/itr/authorization) — Required for UT international travel
- Fill out IFTRAF [International Travel Request Authorization Form]
  - Requires Physics Department Chair signature, so do it early (before you leave campus)
  - The IFTRAF requires proof of completion of 2 additional forms (iSOS and UT ITR)
- Email the people associated with this form at least a month before you leave and ask for a formal confirmation letter (you have to have this to show to the German insurance company). Do this, preferably January or February right after you buy your plane tickets, so you can get your confirmation letter in time.
- You have to pay for UT’s required international travel insurance, which is $19/week and a pretty good deal for required insurance.

International Tutors:
**SUPER IMPORTANT** International tutors are the key to your success in Germany.
Your tutor will meet you at the train station in Würzburg, take you to your room, help you get around town, take you to get your paperwork done, help you talk to people, and more. They can tell you about where to get groceries and how to navigate the city, as well as help translate while you do important things such as set up a bank account and get your insurance approved. Basically, these people are awesome.
Link: [http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/studying_in_wuerzburg/information_for_all_foreign_students/find_assistance/student_tutors/#c242426](http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/studying_in_wuerzburg/information_for_all_foreign_students/find_assistance/student_tutors/#c242426)

*NOTE: If this link doesn’t work, go to the University of Würzburg International Students page, and you will find the list there.
Contact a tutor by email at least a week before you leave the US to make sure everything is in order.
To do before leaving USA:
- Email an international tutor at least 1 week in advance with your flight and dorm info: You probably won’t have internet when you land in Frankfurt, so make sure you’ve been in contact with them before you land.
- Email your professor, tell them what day you’re coming in, and ask to meet with them 2 or 3 business days after that so your can get all of your registration stuff done and can find your way around
- You may find it useful to find out what bus stops are near your dorm (see city bus section below)
- Tell your bank you are leaving, so they don’t cancel your card when you try to get money in Germany.

To do in Germany

Airport (Flughafen):
When you land in Frankfurt, you have to buy a train ticket to Würzburg from the train station at the airport. If you land in Terminal 1, follow the signs to the Fernbahnhof [long distance trains]. If you land in Terminal 2, follow the signs, take the bus to Terminal 1, then follow the signs to Fernbahnhof, and take the train to Würzburg.

Contact your tutor in advance and let them know when to meet you at the train station in Würzburg.

Registration in Germany:
Do this with your tutor. Go to the city center government building (Rathaus) in Würzburg or Gebrunn, depending on where your dorm is. Register with the city within the first/second day of arrival.

Bring:
- Passport
- Dorm proof (lease agreement)
- Acceptance letter to university

After you have finished registering as a student, go back to Rathaus and turn in the yellow paper to get back €30 for being a student. Bring the yellow paper with your German bank account information and your immatrikulation form.

Bank stuff in Germany:
Talk to your tutor, set up an appointment with the bank to open an account.

Bring:
- Passport
- City registration proof

You can pay for university fee at bank (€101,40) after setting this up. You will get a bank card in the mail about a week or two after you sign up.

Notes:
- Sparkasse has a connection with the university, so you will most likely get an account here.
- Check online in advance to determine if your US bank has any German connections and if that can get you any deals, such as potentially reduced withdrawal fees. Deutsche Bank has a connection with Bank of America, so look into that if this applies to you.
**Insurance in Germany:**
Go to AOK (German insurance company) with your tutor. They will approve your UT insurance here.

Bring:
- Passport
- Proof of UT insurance, with all policy information

That’s all the paperwork you should need, but you may find it useful to also have your other paperwork available when you go there in case they ask.

**International office:**
Get student ID card here with your tutor. This lets you get on buses for free and get food on campus!

Bring:
- Letter of acceptance
- City registration
- Bank information
- Insurance info approved by German company
- Passport sized picture: This will be your student ID card picture (Size: 45mm by 35mm)

**Dorm Studentenwerk office:**
You will go here and sign papers to make your stay in the dorms official. Do this the first week of being here, otherwise they get really mad at you. Email them in advance to set up an appointment.

Bring:
- German bank info (you will fill out the SEPA form with this)
- Housing contracts (the whole packet that you got in the mail)
- Immatrikulation form (you can get this after you go to the international office and set up your university email and internet account) [see end of document for sample form]

How to get immatrikulation form:
- Go to this link [http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/fuer/studierende/online_service/](http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/fuer/studierende/online_service/)
- Click on sb@home → Log in My Funktions → Administration of Study → Study Reports → Study Reports for All Terms → Certificate of Study → save pdf and email it to your dorm-specific housing person before going in to the office

**Phones/Internet in Germany:**

Phones:
- Ask your tutors for recommendations regarding what the best phone options are.
- Can get cheap phone at Media Markt or other nearby phone store (Vodaphone, O2, etc.).
- Options include: Monthly prepaid card for German texting/calling/internet, or a 3-month contract through a phone store. Monthly prepaid cards need to be frequently refilled, or end up with lots of additional fees.
- Very useful for contacting your people (friends/tutors/etc.) because WiFi is scarce.
- Info on how to add money to your phone (for German prepaid SIM card):
  - Go to phone place, tell the people at counter you want to add money to your SIM card, pay them
  - On the receipt is a (usually 16 digit) number that you type into your phone
  - Type: "+100 [16 digit code] * and press call, which will put money on your phone.
  - To check how much you have on it, call *100# and it pops up on the screen.
- Also, you can have your US phone SIM card unlocked. This website: [https://chronicunlocks.com/](https://chronicunlocks.com/) is great for unlocking your US phone, and usually has a reasonable turn-around time.
Internet:
- For internet, some dorms have you pay for the internet and others are free. See the dorm chart and/or dorm website to find out about yours. You may need to buy a wall plug, which is easy to get.
- University WiFi: You will get an email from the university after you go to the international office. In the email, there is information on how to set up your university account and WiFi that works on campus!

Travel in Germany/Europe:
Cheap bus/train tickets usually require planning a couple of weeks in advance, and your labmates will most likely be able to give good recommendations about places to go and cheap ways to get there.

Train passes:
Deutsche Bahn is the main train system in Germany and has a variety of deals and travel passes. You can travel within Bavaria, Germany, and the EU pretty easily on these.

Cheap bus/train tickets:
For bus and train tickets mostly within Germany, there are cheap tickets at these websites:
- flixbus.de
- meinfernbus.de
- busliniensuche.de (This searches the above sites, as well as Deutsche Bahn for the best prices)

Youth hostels:
HI hostel, Jugenherberge, hostelworld.com
Usually if you google "youth hostel + <<city name>>", you'll find options
Also, ask your labmates for recommendations about places to stay
Airbnb: check online to stay with a local in the city you travel to

Cheap plane tickets (around Europe):
If you want to explore Europe by plane, you can check some of the smaller airlines in Germany.
- skyscanner.de
- germanwings.com

Cars:
If you decide to rent a car, make sure to know the German driving rules. They are strict about speed limits when they are posted. To rent, there are lots of companies in Würzburg, but make sure to ask and check around.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_signs_in_Germany

City buses:
Super useful. Awesome. Free with your student card.

Searchable times by stop name or bus number: http://www.vvm-info.de/vvm/de/information/fahrplaene/pdf_fahrplaene/pdf_fahrplaene.jsp
General bus map: http://www.vvm-info.de/vvm/media/files/liniennetzplaene/13029_linp_stadt_wuerzburg_din_a3_quer_10_02_24web.pdf
General bus website: http://www.vvm-info.de/vvm/de/home.jsp
Time posters (for specific bus number at a certain stop name): http://www.vvm-info.de/vvm/de/information/fahrplaene/aushangfahrplaene/aushangfahrplaene.jsp
Find buses by location (similar to google maps, or capital metro planner): http://www.bayern-fahrplan.de/auskunft-en/tripplanner/tripplanner_view
To Do before you leave Germany

Lab
Ask your professor to write a letter and mail it to UT so that you get your senior lab credit. Ask Lisa Gentry for the specifics of what the letter needs.

Moving out of your dorm
This applies to you if you are living in the Studentenwerk dorms. Otherwise, figure it out with your landlord.
- Talk to Hausmeister
  - Schedule pre-departure room inspection
  - Schedule departure room inspection
- Clean your room [you will get a checklist from your Hausmeister for specifics]

Go to Studentenwerk
- Schedule an appointment with them to finalize paperwork at least a week before you leave, preferably 2 weeks before.
- Make sure all of your payments have been completed and that you have no other fees.
- Take all information regarding receiving an international wire transfer. You have to give them your American account information so that they can give you back your deposit in mid to late November. This site has some info: [http://swiftcodes.org/](http://swiftcodes.org/) but make sure to check your bank’s website.
- You will need the SWIFT code, IBAN number, local address of your bank, as well as your account number and the branch code [if applicable] of your bank. Bring as much of this as possible for easy completion of paperwork.
- Some banks do not have parts of this information, or do not do international transfers, so you may have to figure something else out. USAA and UFCU may have trouble with this, but just check in advance to be sure that you have the necessary information.
  - USAA: [https://www.usaa.com/inet/pages/banking_wire_transfer_instructions](https://www.usaa.com/inet/pages/banking_wire_transfer_instructions)
  - Chase: SWIFT: CHASUS33XXX
  - Other: google “<<bank name>> + IBAN + SWIFT” and that should take you to the right info.

Close bank account
If you want to exchange any money from euros to dollars for a good exchange rate, do this before closing your account. To close your German bank account, bring your bank card and passport to the bank and ask them to close your account. You will receive the remaining balance in cash (euros).

Go to Rathaus
Bring your passport, and you will fill out a single form to de-register from the city.
Overall cost breakdown

Cost:
The Euro conversion is not to be overlooked, and is usually ~$1.3 to $1.4 = €1, depending on the year.

Dorm: ~$2500
- Rent range: €187 to €318/month, have to pay for 6 months, total is: €1122 to €1908
- Deposit range: €310 to €560
- Total: €1432 to €2468
- Average room cost: €1817 [$2500]

Plane Ticket: ~$1500 (Ask physics department about possible funding)

Food/Travel/Other: ~$1000
- Food: ~€30-50 per week [$600+]
  - Mensa (campus cafeteria) lunch costs €3-5 per meal. Common weekday lunch place.
  - Groceries [breakfast/dinner], snacks [ice cream/coffee/baked goods], eating out [yummy]
  - The amount you spend of course depends on how much you personally eat and how often you eat out, but we found this to be our average food cost.

Travel: ~$50 and up
- This heavily depends on how much travelling you do. We found a day trip to be around €50, and an overnight trip to be at least €100. You can budget your food and transportation for the best prices, but it also varies depending on where you go and how far away it is from Würzburg. Travelling is great and we strongly recommend it!

Other: ~€70 [$100]
- Living items [pots/pans/silverware/pillows/blankets], depends on what you bring from US.
- Phone: this can cost ~$50 and up, depending on the phone plan you get.

UT Required Insurance: $239 = $19/week x 13 weeks

Germany University fee: €101.40 [$140]

Passport: $135 (if needed)

TOTAL: $5500 [$5000-$6000]

Tips and links

Things to bring/buy:
- Clothes
  -- Raincoat
- Some warm clothes [this is not a Texas summer, see weather on pg 3]
- Towels/toiletries
- Shower towel, hand towel for kitchen
- Computer/lab notebook/research supplies
- Laundry detergent/laundry supplies
- Blanket and pillow (for fort-making), bedding
- Eye mask or thick curtains [daylight hours are long and nights are bright]
- Power converters for wall plugs
- Pots/pans/cooking supplies/plates/bowls/cups
- Dish soap/hand soap/sponges/broom/cleaning supplies
- Hopes and dreams
- Wide-eyed wonder

NOTE: There is a weight limit on your suitcase which depends on the airline you fly. Make sure to weigh your suitcase in advance or be prepared to pay extra for a heavy bag. You can buy the things you don’t bring after you get to Germany.
Terms to know in German:  
They say everyone speaks English here, and while that’s technically true (German children can begin learning English in 4th or 5th grade), German is the default language. Most days in town, you need only to ask, “Sprechen Sie Englisch?” to switch a dialogue to English. However, the conversations that swirl around you, the signs in town, the labeling in the lab, and the occasional computer program will most likely be in German. Do you need German to come here? Eh, maybe for some emergency basics for shopping and getting unlost. You don’t need it in the lab, but prepare for it to be spoken frequently…even by the cappuccino machine.

Letters:  
So, you may have noticed some fancy letters here. One way to look at them is in terms of simple substitutions, so you know what sound they make and how to type them if you don’t have a fancy keyboard.

ä → ae, pronounced as in cake  
ob → oe, pronounced as in shoe  
ü → ue, pronounced as in turn  
ß → ss, pronounced as in set or nice

Examples: Universität Würzburg [Universitaet Wuerzburg] (University of Wuerzburg), Straße [Strasse] (Street), Döner [Doener] (a certain kind of yummy food)

If you’re interested, here’s a pronunciation guide: http://www.pronunciationguide.info/German.html

Greetings  
Hello:  
Hallo (Hello)  
Morgen (Morning)  
Servus (At your service: formal, regional)  
Guten Tag (Good Day, for formal occasions)

Goodbye:  
Tchüss (Bye)  
Tchau (Bye)  
Guten Abend (Good Evening, for formal occasions)

Polite Things:  
Danke or Danke Schön (Thanks/Thanks much)  
Bitte or Bitte Schön (Please/You’re welcome/Here you go/Can you say that again?)  
Entschuldigen/schuldigen (Excuse me/Pardon me/Sorry)

Life in the City  
-Haben Sie...? (Do you have...?)  
-Wo ist...? (Where is...?)  
-Ich möchte ..., bitte. (I would like…, please.)

Food  
-Brezel (pretzel)  
-Pommes (fries)  
-Kartoffel (potato)  
-Brot/brötchen (bread)  
-Senf (mustard)  
-Kugel (scoop, as in scoop of ice cream)  
-Eiss (ice cream/gelato)  
-Lebkuchen (gingerbread, delicious, go to Nürnberg and get it)  
-Döner (certain food with meat and bread and heaven)
-Bratwurst (sausage thing that's super really good)
-Nürnburger (a type of bratwurst that is skinny and about 3 inches long)
-Würzburg Bratwurst (type of bratwurst typically cooked with white wine. Really good, go get one from the stand in the market)
-Fleische (meat, can be used as a suffix)
-Schweine (pork, can be used as prefix)
-Schweinesteak (pork chop-like dish)
-Rind (beef, can be used as prefix)
-Puten (turkey, can be used as prefix)
-Huhn (chicken, can be used as prefix)

Food ordering conversation:
You: Hallo! (Hello!)
Food person: Hallo! (Hello!)
You: Ein Brezel bitte (One pretzel please),
     ein Kugel mango bitte (one scoop of mango please),
     und eine Bratwurst (and one bratwurst).
Food person: Im brötchen? (In bread? [regarding bratwurst])
You: Ja. (Yes.)
Food person: Mit senf? (With mustard? [for bratwurst])
You: Nein, danke. (No, thank you.)
Food person: Fünf siebenundzwanzig. (Five euros and twenty seven cents. [Note: 27 is 7-and-20.])
You: Danke schoen! (Thank you very much!)
Food person: Tchüss! (Bye!)
You: Tchau! (Bye!)

Numbers:
Null (0), ein (1), zwei (2), drei (3), vier (4), fünf (5), sechs (6), sieben (7), acht (8), neun (9), zehn (10), elf (11), zwölf (12), zwanzig (20), dreißig (30), vierzig (40), fünfzig (50), hundert (100), tausend (1000), eine Million (million), eine Milliarde (billion), 13-99 (ones place + und + tens place [27 = siebenundzwanzig]), 101-999 (hundreds place + 2 digit number [127 = hundertsebenundzwanzing])

Days:
Montag (Monday), Dienstag (Tuesday), Mittwoch (Wednesday), Donnerstag (Thursday), Freitag (Friday), Samstag (Saturday), Sonntag (Sunday)

Other:
-Push/open/print: Drucken
-Pull: Ziehen

Links:
NOTE: If any of these links are broken, we're sorry and recommend that you go to the main page of whatever you're looking for and search from there, as these are known to change locations.

Contact people:
UniWü:
-International tutors: http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/studying_in_wuerzburg/information_for_all_foreign_students/find_assistance/student_tutors/#c242426
-International office email: nicole.schmitt@uni-wuerzburg.de, angela.fenske@uni-wuerzburg.de
-Studentenwerk email: g.hubel@studentenwerk-wuerzburg.de or contact through the website
UT:
- Lisa Gentry: lisa.gentry@austin.utexas.edu, ugaffairs@physics.utexas.edu
- Dr. Sitz: gositz@physics.utexas.edu
- Dr. Fink: RLM 2.120/2.118, fink@physics.utexas.edu

People who went in the past (feel free to email with questions):
- Miquela Stein: miquelastein9@gmail.com (summer 2014)
- Alex Robles: a.f.robles@gmail.com (summer 2014)
- Robby Wilson: robwilson@utexas.edu (summer 2014)
- Melody Valadez: melody.valadez@gmail.com (summer 2014)

Germany’s international student guide:
http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/studying_in_wuerzburg/admission/exchange_programs_erasmuspartners/etc/


City information:
http://www.wuerzburg.de/downloads/studying/blaetterkatalog/index.html City brochure
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W%C3%BCrzburg City wiki
http://www.wuerzburg.de/en/index.html City website
http://wikitravel.org/en/W%C3%BCrzburg City wiki travel
http://www.residenz-wuerzburg.de/englisch/residenz/ Residenz information
http://www.romanticroadgermany.com/wurzburg.php Romantic Road information

University information:
http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/new/?lang=en University main page
http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/ueber/university_of_wuerzburg/ University information
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_W%C3%BCrzburg University wiki
http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/international/ International office main page
http://www.international.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/studying_in_wuerzburg/exchange_students/ We are with the ERASMUS program, and you can find more information here

Studentenwerk information:
http://www.studentenwerk-wuerzburg.de/en.html Main page
http://www.studentenwerk-wuerzburg.de/en/wohnen.html Student housing information

Notes about culture and other things:
- Weekly messages from the university: https://lists.uni-wuerzburg.de/mailman/listinfo/ssr-montagsmail
- Things to look for/ask about: Physnic, dancing, pfand, grocery stores [Aidi, Kupsch, etc.], Stadtstrand
- The stores in the city usually close around 8pm, and the buses/trams have a much more limited schedule after 8pm as well. The grocery stores are closed on Sundays [as the general area is Catholic], so make sure to shop for food in advance.
- More responsibility: You are representing yourself, as well as the University of Texas and the UT Physics Department. If you get yourself in trouble with the government or arrested, the US embassy can’t save you, and you dishonor us, your family, and your cow.
- Downloading/Uploading: Don’t torrent here, they’re stricter than the US. Downloading/streaming = whatever. Uploading = bad.
--Europeans dress in a slightly more formal manner than average Americans, especially Austinites, so keep that in mind if you’re trying to dress to fit in. Ex: T-shirts are not as common, especially for girls.
- Alcohol: The drinking age in Germany is 16, and drinking is more socially acceptable and common here. They, many times, have stronger alcohol than the US. Our advice: know thyself [and thine limits].
Checklists

USA Fall Semester:
- Talk to Dr. Fink to put your name on the official list August or earlier
  *Final deadline: December 1. Spots fill quickly as it is first come first served, max 10 people.
- Contact your German professor November, be prepared to include resume if asked
- Passport, get this August-November
- University application, do this with Fink in December or earlier
- Apply to dorm and pay the deposit before January 15
- Look at flight information

USA Spring Semester:
- Apply to dorm and pay the deposit before January 15
- Buy plane ticket January-February
- Fill out UT international travel forms/insurance, get insurance proof February (after buying plane tickets)
- Make sure you have a professor and maybe ask for a paper to read
- Scan and email full signed housing form to Studentenwerk
- Pay for April and May dorm rent before April 4, note: we recommend paying as much of your dorm as possible now to avoid additional transfer fees
- Submit university admission letter to Studentenwerk by April 22

USA Week before:
- Email an international tutor at least 1 week in advance with your flight and dorm info. This is vital.
- Find out what bus/trolley stops are near your dorm
- Email your professor and ask to meet with them 2 or 3 business days after you arrive so you can get your registration and other stuff done
- Make sure you have your papers together: insurance proof, dorm lease agreement, passport, admission letter, etc.
- Tell your bank you are going to Germany so they don’t cancel/block your card.

Germany first week:
With your tutor: (really, tutors are great)
- Register in the city
- Set up bank account
- Get insurance approved
- Go to international office and get student card
- Get phone and set up internet
- Go to Studentenwerk office and turn in papers
- Turn in yellow paper at Rathaus

Germany last week:
- Go to Studentenwerk, finalize all forms
- De-register at Rathaus
- Talk to Hausmeister and schedule room check
- Convert euros to dollars
- Close bank account

USA return:
- Give info to Lisa to get class credit
Map of Dorm Locations

The below map indicates the locations of the Studentenwerk dorms, as well as university locations. The university has multiple parts, and the physics-related section is located at Universität Am Hubland, which is shown at the bottom right corner of the map. Straubmühlweg is the furthest from campus, at about an hour trip, and is located at the top of the map. The main train stop is Hauptbahnhof, and is located in the top left corner of the map.

1 Straubmühlweg 11
2 Josef-Schneider-Str. 9
3 Leo-Weismantel-Str. 1
4 „Internationales Haus“, Friedenstr. 2
5 „Haus Berlin“, Zürnstr. 1,3,5,7,9
6 Zürnstr. 2
7 Am Galgenberg 52
8 Am Hubland 16
9 Peter-Schneider-Str. 3,5,7,9
10 Josef-Martin-Weg 56

The physics buildings are located at Universität Am Hubland.
University Application

The below university application is the form you will fill out with Dr. Fink before the end of the Fall semester. This is the document that makes your enrollment at the University of Würzburg possible.

![application form]

1. Angaben zu Ihrer Person - Personal Data

(Folgende genau wie im Pass angegeben - Please make sure the spelling is the same as in your passport):

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Korrespondenzadresse - Contact address:

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2. Angaben zum Studium

Von welcher Universität kommen Sie?
University of Texas at Austin

Für welchen Studiengang bzw. welche Fächerkombination bewerben Sie sich an der Universität Würzburg?
Physics, Astronomy

→ (Die Studiengänge der Universität Würzburg finden Sie im Internet unter folgender Adresse:
http://www.ev.uni-wuerzburg.de/ Studienberatung/ st_fach.htm)

Dauer des geplanten Aufenthalts: von May/14 (Monat/Jahr) bis einschließlich Aug/14 (Monat/Jahr)
Es wird kein Studienabschluß an der Universität Würzburg angestrebt.

Bitte ankreuzen: Kommen Sie im Rahmen eines
☐ SOKRATES/ERASMUS-Programms?
Welcher Programmverantwortlicher (Professor/ Dozent) an der Universität Würzburg?

Die Liste der ERASMUS-Programmverantwortlichen finden Sie auch im Internet unter:
http://www.ev.uni-wuerzburg.de/Auslandsamt/ pv001.htm)

☐ Partnerschaftsabkommen mit der Universität Würzburg?

☐ Andere Programm(e) (z.B. DAAD, ALFA, TEMPUS, MEDCAMPUS)
Welcher Programmverantwortlicher (Professor/ Dozent) an der Universität Würzburg?

Ich versichere, daß meine Angaben vollständig und richtig sind. Diese Bewerbung ist nur mit Bestätigung des Programmverantwortlichen gültig (siehe unten).

December 4, 2013
Datum

Wichtig - Important
Bestätigung des Programmverantwortlichen an der Heimatuniversität

Confirmation of the person responsible for the programme at the home institution

Eine Zulassung zum Studium kann nur dann erfolgen, wenn die Nominierung als Programmsstudent/in hier durch Unterschrift und Stempel der Heimathochschule bestätigt ist. Faxkopien können nicht akzeptiert werden. (A letter of admission cannot be issued unless the sending institution confirm with signature and stamp that the student is officially nominated as a participant in a bilateral exchange programme with the University of Würzburg. Please be advised that fax copies of this form cannot be accepted.)

Name, Vorname des Programmverantwortlichen an der Heimathochschule:
(Name, First name of the person responsible for programme at the home institution)

Datum (Date)

Stempel der Hochschule/ des Instituts
(Stamp of the Institution/ the Department)

Unterschrift (Signature)
How to Apply to Studentenwerk

This document will guide you through the housing application process. This includes the bank information for the wire transfer. You can change the online housing application to English in the top right corner. Make sure to check online through Studentenwerk and the University of Würzburg International page for an updated version of this document.