International Office

Information for international degree-seeking students at OTH Regensburg
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Dear international applicants,

Thank you for your interest in studying with us at Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Regensburg (OTH Regensburg). With eight faculties and more than 11,000 students, OTH Regensburg offers a wide range of degree programmes in engineering, business studies, design, social and health services.

Over the last decades, Regensburg has developed into a strong industrial location with numerous internationally active companies, such as BMW, Siemens, Krones, etc. OTH Regensburg maintains close contact with companies in the region due to its highly practice-oriented range of courses.

This information brochure has been specifically compiled for international applicants planning to spend the whole of their study degree programme at our university of applied sciences. It will answer most of the questions you may have about applying for courses and preparing for your studies.

Our Bachelor degree programmes usually cover seven semesters (6 theoretical + 1 internship semester), and students can then take a Master degree programme lasting 3 semesters.

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Our International Office is the first point of contact for all international students. You can contact us for help and advice on things like dealing with public agencies or looking for accommodation, or if you are having financial difficulties, and much more besides.

The team of our Student Advisory Service (Allgemeine Studienberatung) can help with any issues affecting your degree programme and also provide support in personal crisis situations. You can find important tips for international degree-seeking students from the Student Advisory Service on the information sheet of the same name at www.oth-regensburg.de/degree-seeking-students.
The individual “Fachschaften” (student representatives from your subject area) can also help students deal with specific difficulties in their degree programme. You will find contact data of other students in your faculty here: www.oth-regensburg.de/de/studium/studierendenvertretung-und-campus-leben/studierendenvertretung (only available in German)

USO (Independent Student Organisation) organises a range of events especially for students: www.uso-ev.de/ (only available in German)

The Student Guide published by the Student Council contains a wealth of practical tips. It is available – only in German – at “Studierendenhaus” or on the homepage: www.oth-regensburg.de/studium/studierendenvertretung-und-campus-leben/studierendenvertretung
As an international applicant, you will need to meet certain requirements before you can enrol for a Bachelor degree programme at OTH Regensburg.

Master degree programmes have different entry requirements. Information about entrance requirements and application deadlines for the individual Master degree programmes will be found in the “Bitte lesen” factsheet. On the German version of the website www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/course-overview/master, you can find the “Bitte lesen” files.

1. Certificates

The documentary evidence of foreign formal qualifications (certificates, diplomas) must first be recognized for admission to a degree programme at OTH Regensburg. OTH Regensburg conducts the admission of applicants with foreign university entrance qualifications jointly together with uni-assist, who validates all your certificates and transcripts of your educational records. Please request a „preliminary review documentation“ (in German abbr. VPD = Vorprüfungsdokumentation) at www.uni-assist.de/en/ as soon as possible, as it can take 4 to 6 weeks to get it. The VPD also shows an average grade that is used as a basis for allocating university places.

For further information about the VPD, please check our website at www.oth-regensburg.de/bachelor-international.

You will find information about the grading of your certificates in the information system on the recognition of international educational achievements at www.anabin.kmk.org (only available in German).

Applicants from the P. R. China and Vietnam need to upload their documents including an average grade from the Academic Evaluation Centre (APS) of the respective German embassy before the deadline. If the APS certificate shows the subject connection and the overall average grade, a uni-assist evaluation is no longer necessary.
2. Assessment examination / Preparatory College (Studienkolleg)

If you are not directly qualified for higher education, you need to take an assessment examination at a preparatory college in order to obtain a German university entrance qualification. In Bavaria, this examination is organised by the Studienkolleg Coburg for the universities of applied sciences.

Entrance examinations in German and Mathematics are held in January and July for admission to the Studienkolleg. Applicants who have passed the entrance examination can be admitted to the courses that correspond to their desired course of study. Over a period of two semesters (1 year), the Studienkolleg prepares students for the assessment examination which will qualify you to apply for a place in a degree programme at OTH Regensburg. It is also possible to take the assessment examination without any preparatory semesters.

Please apply directly to one of the Studienkolegs.

Please note: Pass certificates of assessment examinations (taken in July) may be submitted to OTH Regensburg after the application deadline (usually 15 July) up until 27 July.
3. German language skills

Course applicants who have not obtained their university entrance qualifications at a German-language institution must show that they have an adequate command of German before starting their course. Different language requirements apply for the different courses.

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This table is for admission to courses at OTH Regensburg only, it does not necessarily apply to other universities of applied sciences.

More detailed information on the required German language skills for studying at OTH Regensburg can be found on the information sheet German language skills.

International applicants to OTH Regensburg have the opportunity to take the „Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang“ (DSH) and other German language exams at the Language Center (ZSK) of the University of Regensburg. Further information at www.uni-regensburg.de/zentrum-sprache-kommunikation/daf/pruefungen/dsh/index.html

Proof of the required German language skills can be uploaded either at the time of application or enrolment.

In case you want to take a preparatory German language course at the ZSK of the University of Regensburg, the OTH International Office will help you with the registration (anmeldung_df@oth-regensburg.de).

Please have a look at the information on our website: www.oth-regensburg.de/german-language-courses

German courses are also offered by the Volkshochschule Regensburg (www.vhs-regensburg.de) and by a number of language schools.
II. Visas and residence permits

1. No visa required

EU nationals and nationals from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, the USA, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Andorra, Honduras, Monaco, San Marino, Brazil and El Salvador do not need a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany.

2. Student visa

Students from non-EU countries (except for Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, the USA, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Andorra, Honduras, Monaco, San Marino, Brazil and El Salvador) must apply for a so-called student visa before they can enter the Federal Republic of Germany. These visas can be obtained from the German diplomatic representation (embassy, consulate) in the home country or current country of residence.

Please note that the visa application process can take up to two months, so you should contact the German embassy, consulate, etc. as soon as possible!

Your admission notice is the basis on which you can apply for a student visa. Your entry to Germany should be planned for the date on which you are required to appear at OTH Regensburg as shown in your admission notice. Before granting a visa, the German diplomatic representation will ask for further documents such as proof of financing and evidence that you have health insurance. You should ask the German embassy or consulate where you currently reside exactly which documents you must present.

If you change your study programme during your studies, you need to inform the Foreigners’ Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) at an early stage. If not, your stay is illegal!
3. Applicant visa

If you are planning to take a German course at a language school in Germany in preparation for studying here, i.e., you have not yet been issued with an admission notice for a university to support your visa application, you can still apply for an entry visa as a prospective student. You should ask the German diplomatic representation in your home country exactly what requirements you need to meet (confirmation of registration with a language school, higher education entrance qualification, proof of financing etc.).

Under no circumstances should you come to Germany as a tourist or visitor! A tourist visa cannot be converted to a student visa once you have entered the country.

Further information at www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/-/215870

4. Certificate of right of residence / residence permit

EU nationals and nationals of Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway must register with the city’s civic centre (Bürgerzentrum), if they plan to stay for more than three months. (There you need to apply for a Freedom of Movement Certificate = Freizügigkeitsbescheinigung.)

Required are:

- a residence card for nationals of EU member states and EEA countries and their family members
- a valid passport
- a biometric passport photo

Non-EU nationals must register with the Regensburger Bürgerzentrum and apply for a residence permit within one week of arriving in the city. Residence permits for students are not issued until after they have enrolled.
The following documents are necessary when applying for a residence permit:

- application for a residence title ([www.regensburg.de/buergerservice/formularcenter](http://www.regensburg.de/buergerservice/formularcenter)) (only available in German)
- a valid passport with entry visa
- a certificate of enrolment from OTH Regensburg
- health insurance certificate
- a biometric passport photo
- proof of adequate means of subsistence (853€ per month)
- funds to pay fees

**Please note:**
You must register with the Bürgerzentrum (Foreigners’ Registration Office, Abteilung für Ausländerangelegenheiten) within one week of moving into a room or apartment, stating your new address.

**Bürgerzentrum der Stadt Regensburg – Abt. Ausländerangelegenheiten**

D.-Martin-Luther-Straße 3  
93047 Regensburg  
Phone: +49 (0)941 / 507-2777  
E-Mail: auslaenderangelegenheiten@regensburg.de  
[www.regensburg.de/rathaus/aemteruebersicht/direktorium-1/amt-fuer-integration-und-migration/abteilung-auslaenderangelegenheiten](http://www.regensburg.de/rathaus/aemteruebersicht/direktorium-1/amt-fuer-integration-und-migration/abteilung-auslaenderangelegenheiten) (only available in German)
III. Application

1. Bachelor degree programmes

You will need to apply online within the specified period in order to be accepted for a course, and you can also apply for more than one course. You will find the necessary application forms and further information about the application process here:
www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/application

Please read the FAQ carefully before applying!
www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/application/faqs.html

Application periods for Bachelor degree programmes are usually

for the winter semester (start: 1 October) 1 May to 15 July
(Exceptions: Architecture and Industrial Design till 15 June)

for a summer semester (start: 15 March) 15 Nov. to 15 Jan.

Current and binding information on the deadlines can be found at FAQ 1.

Please fill out the online application completely and upload all required documents (see FAQ 6) as a PDF to the portal.

A pre-study placement / internship is required for many of the courses! Depending on the specific course, this pre-study placement lasts 6–12 weeks and must have been completed by the start of your studies. There are exceptions to this rule for certain courses.

Please read the information on our website:
www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/organising-your-study/internship/pre-study-placement
Applicants for Architecture and Industrial Design are required to take an aptitude test.

There is a limit to the number of places available for many of our courses, so applicants will be selected based on the average grade obtained in their higher education entrance qualification. 5% of places are reserved for international applicants who are not on a par with German applicants as regards meeting entry requirements.

You will find a summary of all the information on how to apply for our Bachelor degree programmes, including many helpful links, on our website at www.oth-regensburg.de/bachelor-international.

2. Master degree programmes

To see the Master degree programmes offered at OTH Regensburg, visit www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/course-overview/master. Follow the links to find out more about the study programmes.

The teaching language for all Master degree programmes is German.

Exceptions: The Master of European Business Studies (MEB) is completely in English, and classes in the Master programme Electrical and Microsystems Engineering (MEM) are available in either German or English.

Your application for a place in a Master degree programme at our university of applied sciences should be done online at www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/application. Please fill out the online application completely and upload all required documents as a PDF to the portal.

Information about entrance requirements, application periods and the necessary documents will be found in the “Bitte lesen” factsheet for each individual Master degree programme at www.oth-regensburg.de/studium/studiengaenge/master (only available in German).

For details about course content and the selection procedure, please contact the responsible academic counsellor: www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/service-and-advice/academic-counselling

You will find a summary of all the information on how to apply for our Master
programmes, including many helpful links, on our website at www.oth-regensburg.de/master-international.

IV. Tuition fees

Since the winter semester 2013/14, there are no more tuition fees in Bavaria. Only an enrolment fee (or re-registration fee) of € 165 (as of winter semester 2021/2022; the exact amount is subject to change and can be found here: www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/organising-your-study/formalitaeten-organisatorisches/re-registration.html) must be paid. The amount must be transferred each semester upon re-registration (Rückmeldung). You will receive an email from the Department of Studies (Abteilung Studium) at the time of re-registration.

Further information at www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/organising-your-study/formalitaeten-organisatorisches/re-registration.html
Please read all your e-mails from the Department of Studies and follow the instructions! If you do not understand something, you are welcome to contact the International Office.

After having finalized and sent your application, you will receive confirmation of receipt via e-mail. Successful applicants will receive an admission notice (Zulassungsbescheid) indicating the date by which you must accept your place in the study programme and thus enrol (acceptance of your spot in the programme = enrolment). You will receive the admission notice usually between mid-August and the beginning of September for the winter semester, between mid-February and the beginning of March for the summer semester.

Applicants who are offered a place must accept the offer online in the application portal within the period indicated (approx. 2 weeks). (Applicants for degree programmes with limited places must also first accept online at hochschulstart.de if they have applied for more than one degree programme without having them prioritized.) Your application cannot be further processed if your acceptance is late, so please make sure that you accept an offer by enrolling within this period!

You need to upload the following documents:

- health insurance certificate
- proof that you have paid the tuition fees (bank statement)
- valid identity card/passport
- admission notice
- proof that you have completed a pre-study placement, if applicable (see also FAQ 9)

This registration at our university of applied sciences is valid for your first semester only – you will have to re-register and pay tuition fees for each further semester. More information at www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/organising-your-study/formalitaeten-organisatorisches/enrollment.html.
VI. Health insurance

All students must have adequate health insurance coverage. You will not be able to either register or re-register at our university of applied sciences without valid health insurance cover.

Foreign health insurance policies or private policies that stipulate a maximum amount of cover usually cannot be accepted.

Students from countries that have a social insurance agreement with Germany (all EU countries, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland) only need the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or equivalent proof of their insurance in their home country.

Limited insurance agreements that only cover absolute emergencies exist with Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, and Tunisia. It is advisable to take out a German health insurance policy in these cases.

All other students must purchase German health insurance. Students aged over 30 years cannot be insured at the student rate and must purchase private health insurance.

More information about health insurance: www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/organising-your-study/formalitaeten-organisatorisches/insurances.html

We strongly advise you to take out personal liability insurance which will cover many of the claims for damages caused through the fault, negligence, etc. of the policy holder.
Regensburg is a lively university city with over 30,000 students, so the housing market is always very tight. **It’s the students’ own responsibility to look for accommodation.**

### 1. Halls of residence for students

As an international student at the university, you can apply for a room in a dormitory via the Studentenwerk Niederbayern / Oberpfalz. You can find all the information at [www.stwno.de/en/housing](http://www.stwno.de/en/housing). There you can apply directly online.

In addition, it is possible to apply to some student residences directly. Please try to find a room in a hall of residence early and observe the application deadlines of the individual halls of residence! You can find more information and a list of these student residences located in Regensburg on our website at [www.oth-regensburg.de/degree-seeking-students](http://www.oth-regensburg.de/degree-seeking-students)

### 2. Private housing market

An alternative is to look for accommodation on the private housing market – look for ads in the local press and on bulletin boards at OTH Regensburg and the University of Regensburg.
The following websites are worth a visit, if you are searching online - most of them are only available in German:
Facebook group: “WG & Wohnung Regensburg gesucht“:
www.facebook.com/groups/1608008769483465/
www.studenten-wg.de
www.wg-gesucht.de
www.wohngemeinschaft.de
www.stwno.de/joomla/de/wohnen
www.stwno.de/joomla/de/wohnen/zimmerboerse
zeitwohnen-regensburg.de/de/
www.zwischenmiete.de
www.immobilienscout24.de
www.wohnungsboerse.net
www.mein-monteurzimmer.de/monteurzimmer-regensburg
www.regensburg.de/leben/wohnen-u-bauen/wohnungssuche-in-regensburg

3. Short-term accommodation

If you are planning just a short stay in Regensburg, there are several inexpensive alternatives to hotels. A useful summary of accommodation and prices can be found at www.hostelworld.com.

• Youth Hostel, Wöhrdstr. 60, 93059 Regensburg, phone: +49 (0)941 / 57402, www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/Regensburg-262/portrait/ Brook Lane Hostel, Obere Bachgasse 21, Tel. 0941 / 6900966, www.hostel-regensburg.de (only available in German)
• B&B Hotel, Landshuter Str. 111–113a, 93053 Regensburg, phone: +49 (0)941 / 784910, www.hotelbb.de/en/regensburg/overview
• city hostel, Kumpfmühlerstr. 65, 93051 Regensburg, www.cityhostel-regensburg.de
4. Living expenses

This section provides an overview of the monthly living expenses you should expect to have to cover during your stay in Regensburg. Please note that the table can only give an average indication of current prices, but you should in any event allow for at least € 800 to € 900 per month to cover day-to-day living expenses.

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<td>Monthly rent (private housing)</td>
<td>300–600 €</td>
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<td>Monthly food / grocery expenses</td>
<td>200–250 €</td>
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<td>Health insurance per month</td>
<td>ca. 103 €</td>
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<td>Internet / phone per month</td>
<td>ca. 25 €</td>
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<td>Rundfunkbeitrag = TV licence fee</td>
<td>ca. 18 €</td>
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<td>Beer (0.5 litre)</td>
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<td>Ticket to the movies</td>
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<td>4–8 €</td>
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<td>Entrance fee to the disco / club</td>
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Every student can download the login data for their RZ account from the online portal after enrolment (RZ = Rechenzentrum). With this account and password, they can log into IT systems in computer rooms at OTH Regensburg and the University of Regensburg (CIP-Pools). In order to use the printers in the CIP-Pools, students need to put money on their student card at one of the validation machines. (You need to deposit money on your card first.)

These machines are located at central points of OTH Regensburg:

- Seybothstraße 2: entrance Seybothstraße at the Infopoint, in front of the CIP-Pools and next to the CIP-Pools
- Galgenbergstraße 30: entrance Hörsaalgebäude am Forum/Lecture Hall
- Galgenbergstraße 32: entrance building K
- Prüfeninger Straße 58: main entrance

More information (all only available in German):

- RZ account: [www.oth-regensburg.de/rechenzentrum/services-und-support/rz-account](http://www.oth-regensburg.de/rechenzentrum/services-und-support/rz-account)
- Rechenzentrum / computer centre: [www.oth-regensburg.de/hochschule/einrichtungen/rechenzentrum/services-und-support](http://www.oth-regensburg.de/hochschule/einrichtungen/rechenzentrum/services-und-support)
- CIP-Pools: [www.oth-regensburg.de/hochschule/einrichtungen/rechenzentrum/cip-pools-computerraeume](http://www.oth-regensburg.de/hochschule/einrichtungen/rechenzentrum/cip-pools-computerraeume)

### Information point for students

- Rechenzentrum / Computer Centre
  Seybothstraße 2, Raum S 048
  Phone: +49 (0)941 / 943-5120
  E-Mail: support@oth-regensburg.de
  [www.oth-regensburg.de/rechenzentrum/services-und-support/infostand.html](http://www.oth-regensburg.de/rechenzentrum/services-und-support/infostand.html) (only available in German)
The Federal Education Assistance Act (abbr. BAFöG, providing financial support for students in Germany) is an inexpensive way of funding a first degree programme. While students are within their ‘Regelstudienzeit’ (standard period of study), half of the BAFöG money is an interest-free loan and half is a grant, so half the amount is non-repayable.

International students will only be entitled to BAFöG funding in exceptional cases. The local BAFöG office (Amt für Ausbildungsförderung) can advise you on your specific situation.

You cannot receive Bafög during the preparation phase for your studies (preparatory German courses).

University of Regensburg
Albertus-Magnus-Str. 4
93053 Regensburg
Phone: +49 (0)941 / 943-2209
www.stwno.de/en/financing and www.bafoeg-bayern.de (only available in German)
X. Job opportunities

For many students, a side job is necessary during their studies or during semester breaks in order to secure a living.

**Students from EU countries** are allowed to have part-time jobs (Nebenjobs) in the same way as German students, with the following limits:

- during lecture periods: 20 hours per week
- during semester breaks: 40 hours per week

**Students from non EU countries** will not normally be entitled to a work permit and can only work for up to 120 full days or 240 half days a year without a permit (see the stamp in your passport).

Anyone wishing to work more than 120 full or 240 half days in a job that is not just a part-time or temporary job must get permission from the foreigners’ registration office (Ausländerbehörde).

Information about legal questions concerning student jobs: [www.stwno.de/de/beratung/geld-im-studium/jobben](http://www.stwno.de/de/beratung/geld-im-studium/jobben) (only available in German)

Where can I find a part-time job?

- For positions as tutors or student/research assistants at OTH Regensburg: [www.oth-regensburg.de/en/our-university/jobs.html](http://www.oth-regensburg.de/en/our-university/jobs.html)
- Temp agencies also provide part-time or temporary jobs for students.
- [www.jobs.meinestadt.de/](http://www.jobs.meinestadt.de/) (only available in German)
- [www.monster.de/](http://www.monster.de/) (only available in German)
XI. Financial support and legal advice

1. Support for international students at OTH Regensburg

Financial aid (Beihilfe) for international students of OTH Regensburg is possible from the 3rd semester onward. It is financed by the Bavarian state universities of applied sciences. Students can apply for it every semester.

Prerequisites:
- not receiving BAföG
- verifiable financial distress
- proof of academic success

Application deadlines: 15 April and 31 October

Application form:
www.oth-regensburg.de/en/international/incoming-students/degree-seeking-students/financial-support.html#panel-50373-1

More information can be obtained from the International Office, Galgenbergstr. 30, D 115, Lena Frischholz or via e-mail at international-students@oth-regensburg.de.

2. Money for books (Oskar-Karl-Forster Bursary)

You can receive money for books from the 2nd semester onward. It is a one-time payment of up to €400 for purchasing books or other study aids.

Application deadlines: 31 May and 31 December

Application form:
www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/service-and-advice/career-service/stipendien/oskar-karl-forster-stipendium (only available in German)
3. Grants and scholarships

There are several grant opportunities for students. You can find information on grants and scholarships on our website:
www.oth-regensburg.de/de/studium/service-und-beratung/career-service/stipendien.html
(only available in German)

4. Legal advice

If you need a lawyer but cannot afford one, you have the option of applying for a Beratungsschein (consultation certificate). For this, you must prove your income and financial circumstances. You must come to the Rechtsantragsstelle (legal application office) in person with all the necessary documents.

If your application is approved, you can go ahead and make an appointment to consult a lawyer of your choice. A basic fee of € 10 is charged for this service.

The Verbraucherservice Bayern (Consumer Service Bavaria) also provides inexpensive advice (€ 10–20) on a range of issues such as consumer rights, insurance, finance, etc. On the Consumer Service homepage (only available in German), you will find templates you can use to write letters of complaint.
Basic information on life and culture in Germany can be found in the multilingual Handbook Germany. It is published by the German Federal Government’s Commissioner for Migration, Refugees, and Integration:
homepage.alexanderkeck.de/Core/HfD/html/book_en

Comprehensive information on studying in Germany can be found at www.study-in-germany.de/en/, a website by the DAAD.

You can find information specific to studying in Bavaria on this website: www.study-in-bavaria.de/en/.

In the free online course “How to Study in Germany”, which is offered in English by Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern, you will find a lot of valuable information, videos, and course materials about student life at a German university: open.vhb.org/

A summary of practical knowledge for everyday student life at OTH Regensburg can be found in the study guide of the student council:
www.oth-regensburg.de/de/studium/studierendenvertretung-und-campus-leben/studierendenvertretung.html (only available in German)

### Faith communities

Evangelische Studentengemeinde  
www.esg-regensburg.de  
Katholische Hochschulgemeinde  
www.khg-regensburg.de  
Buddhistisches Zentrum Regensburg  
www.diamantweg-buddhismus.de/regensburg  
Jüdische Gemeinde Regensburg  
www.jg-regensburg.de
Cultural societies and networks

- Deutsch-Französische Gesellschaft Regensburg  
  www.dfg-regensburg.de
- Deutsch-Italienische Gesellschaft Regensburg  
  www.dig-regensburg.de
- Deutsch-Japanische Gesellschaft Regensburg  
  www.djg-regensburg.de
- Deutsch-Spanischer Verein El Puente  
  www.elpuente-regensburg.de
- Islamisch-Arabischer Kulturverein  
  www.islam-regensburg.de
- Deutsch-Marokkanisches Kompetenznetzwerk  
  www.dmk-online.org
- Kamerunischer Verein im Raum Regensburg e. V.  
  www.akar-ev.de/
- Afrikanisch-deutscher Kulturverein Farafina e. V.  
  www.farafina.de/

Sports

- University of Regensburg Sports Centre  
  www.uni-regensburg.de/sportzentrum/
- Sports clubs in Regensburg  
  www.regensburg.de/leben/sport-u-freizeit/sport-und-freizeitangebote

Migration advice

- KJF Youth migration service  
  www.kjf-regensburg.de
XIII. Sickness and emergencies

Police  110 (without area code, also by mobile phone)

Fire department/ rescue service  112 (without area code, also by mobile phone)
(only in case of acute, life-threatening emergencies such as fire, accident, and sickness, if you cannot get to a doctor unaided).

Medical assistance (Ärztlicher Bereitschaftsdienst)
Regensburg area 01805 / 19 12 12
Nationwide 116 117
(if you need a doctor on weekends, public holidays, or during the night; this service will give you details of the doctor on call who is nearest to you.)

Emergency room of the University Hospital 0941 / 944-2310
(for acute sickness or injuries; the ER is open 24/7; address: Franz-Josef-Strauß-Allee 11, Bus 6, direction: Klinikum)

Emergency medical service, Krankenhaus Barmherzige Brüder 0941 / 3690
(A GP is available, if you have health problems outside normal opening hours; address: Prüfeninger Str. 86, Bus 1, direction: Prüfening; www.barmherzige-regensburg.de/international-visitors)

Emergency dental service / University Hospital 0941 / 944-0
(if you need a dentist on weekends, public holidays, or during the night)

Women’s emergency number 0941 / 24171
Advisory centre for women and girls who have experienced sexualised violence

Telephone counselling 0800 / 1 11 01 11 oder 1 11 02 22
Ambulance service

Health insurance companies will normally only pay for an ambulance if it is requested by a doctor, as this is strictly speaking only for people who cannot take a taxi because of the seriousness of their condition. If you have private health insurance, you should check if ambulance service is included in your policy. Your health insurance provider will most probably not pay for the transport by an ambulance if this service is not stated in your policy. Ambulance transport costs around € 600 on average!

What do I need at the doctor or hospital?

Students who have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) must present it when visiting a doctor or hospital. Students from outside Europe who have private or mandatory health insurance for Germany must present their health insurance card.

XIV. Mentoring for international students

1. “First steps”

The “First steps” mentoring programme is aimed at all first-year students at OTH Regensburg, both German and international. In this programme, a student of a higher semester (“mentor”) supports a first-year student (“mentee”) for a period of one semester.

The primary goal is to make it easier for students to get started in their studies and to get to know the everyday life in a new country or city.

All information about this programme is available on the our website: www.oth-regensburg.de/en/study/service-and-advice/mentoring/mentoring-first-steps.html.
2. Student group (Hochschulgruppe) CampusAsyl e. V. for student refugees

The student group of CampusAsyl e. V. is a joint project between OTH Regensburg and the University of Regensburg and is managed by two student assistants. This project is made possible by DAAD’s WELCOME funding programme.

The university group is aimed at students with and without a refugee background. The participants undertake numerous activities together and have the opportunity to support each other with questions about their studies. You can find more information on the website of OTH Regensburg at www.oth-regensburg.de/refugees.

CampusAsyl e.V.

E-Mail: hochschulgruppe@campus-asyl.de
Website: www.campus-asyl.de/was-wir-tun/unterstuetzung-in-bildungsprozessen/hochschulgruppe/ (only available in German)
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