

Student Handbook  
**Master**  
**Microsystems Technology**



**Fachhochschule  
Kaiserslautern  
University of  
Applied Sciences**

## Accommodation

The monthly rent for a student room is between 170,- and 200,- €. Generally, a deposit of two months rent is due on moving in; this is refunded to the student's home account after his/her departure.

If desired, the Studentenwerk Kaiserslautern -Office Zweibrücken- (Ms. Salzmann-Meier) will assist you in finding an accommodation. The Office can make a reservation, but the actual rent contract has to be signed by the students themselves. Please contact us at least two months before scheduled arrival time

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## A<sub>sta</sub>

See Student Union

## B<sub>ooks</sub>

Campus library, Zweibrücken

City library: Stadtbücherei, Herzogstr. 11, 66482 Zweibrücken, Phone: 06332/871-452

## C<sub>atering</sub>

The „Studentenwerk“ maintains one canteen (Mensa) at our Fachhochschule. It is on the main campus at Morlauterer Strasse, building M. On average students can choose from 2 different meals, which cost between 1,95 € and 2,20 €.

On the campus there is also a Student Pub „Campino“ (-Opening hours: from 3 PM to 1 AM). At the Campino you can buy various snacks, get a drink and have fun with other students.

## C<sub>inema</sub>

Apart from the city cinema in Zweibrücken, the film club “Campus Kino” of the Fachhochschule offers films once a week at the campus. Information can be obtained from the Fachschaft I/MST or at [www.campuskino.de](http://www.campuskino.de). In Landstuhl (a small city 25 Km from Zweibrücken) you can visit „the Broadway“, Merkurstr. 9-11 and Kaiserstraße 8, phone 06371-937037) with films in English language. The Cinema in Zweibrücken is:

Cinema Europa

Gottlieb Daimler Str. 40

66482 Zweibrücken

Phone: 06332/905011

## C<sub>ost of Living</sub>

Students should calculate between 450,- and 600,- € per month to cover their costs of living, including rent.

On presentation of the student identity card many institutions reduce their entrance fees by about 30% (e.g. museums, theatres, cinemas and zoos). Tickets for a theatre performance start at 5 €, those for the cinema at 6,- €. Meals in the student canteen are also reduced: the price lies between 1,95 € and 2,20 € for students. In ordinary restaurants you can get a cheap meal and a drink for about 10,- €.

## Culture

Theatre and Concert-Events take place in the Festhalle of Zweibrücken. Information at the "Kultur und Verkehrsamt" Zweibrücken

Phone 06332/871451,

[www.zweibruecken.de](http://www.zweibruecken.de)

Mail: [tourist@zweibruecken.de](mailto:tourist@zweibruecken.de)

## E-Mail

All students receive an e-mail-account at the university as soon as they have registered.

## Emergency

In case of an emergency, call the following numbers:

Police and Fire-brigade: 110      Ambulance: 19222

## Fachhochschule Kaiserslautern - University of applied Sciences

The Fachhochschule Kaiserslautern - University of applied Sciences - consists of seven departments spread over four locations in Kaiserslautern, Zweibrücken and Pirmasens. Twenty study courses with 38 specialisations are offered. The number of registered students is around 4500, of whom approx. one quarter is female. The academic staff consists of 113 professors and some 60 part time lecturers. The number of administrative and technical staff amounts to 148. The teacher student ratio was 1:29 over the same period.

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| Architecture & Interior design               | Kaiserslautern |
| Bussiness managment                          | Zweibrücken    |
| Civil Engineering                            | Kaiserslautern |
| Electrical Engineering & Information Systems | Kaiserslautern |
| Computer Sciences & Microsystems Technology  | Zweibrücken    |
| Mechanical Engineering                       | Kaiserslautern |
| Polymer Technology                           | Pirmasens      |

# H

## Health insurance

For students from the European Union there is usually an agreement between your local insurance company or authority, which guarantees the acceptance of your home insurance in Germany. You are advised to bring the form E 111 or, if already available, a chip-card provided by your home insurance. The German Allgemeine Ortskrankenkasse (AOK) will confirm your insurance status, which is necessary for registration at the Fachhochschule. In Kaiserslautern you'll find the AOK at the following address:

AOK - Kaiserslautern

Mr. Torsten Günther (an appointment in Zweibrücken is eventually possible on special request)

Kanalstrasse 25

D - 67655 Kaiserslautern, Germany

phone: ++49 / 631 / 3637 - 0

Fax: ++49 / 631 / 3637 - 199

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8.00 - 16.00 h, Thursdays 8.00-18.00 h.

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## International Relations Office

International students obtain assistance and advice on matters related to their stay in Germany at the International Relations Office (Akademisches Auslandsamt, AAA).

The AAA is part of the Fachhochschule administration and is concerned with the international relations of the institution including exchange programmes, the general affairs of foreign students, the administrative organisation of German language courses and exams as well as the organisation of trips and excursions in the regional studies programme.

Currently the Fachhochschule Kaiserslautern is cooperating with universities in Austria, Hungaria, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, Rumania, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Akademisches Auslandsamt

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Ms. Ute Forell

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Room A216

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e-mail: [auslandsamt@verw-kl.fh-kl.de](mailto:auslandsamt@verw-kl.fh-kl.de)

[www.fh-kl.de/~aaa](http://www.fh-kl.de/~aaa)

Consulting hours: mo. to fri. 10.00-12.00 h

## Ice Stadium

The Cunningham Memorial Ice Arena is the ice stadium in Zweibrücken. The arena is used by the local ice hockey team but is also open to the public.

Information : [www.ice-arena.de](http://www.ice-arena.de)

## Internet

Internet and E-Mail accounts at the Fachhochschule can be obtained from Mr. Karl-Heinz Knerlich (Room B08, Phone 3724-220) at the Computer Centre („Rechenzentrum“).

Some useful, interesting or funny internet addresses are:

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| <a href="http://www.fh-kl.de">www.fh-kl.de</a>                   | FH Kaiserslautern                      |
| <a href="http://www.zweibruecken.de">www.zweibruecken.de</a>     | Homepage City of Zweibrücken           |
| <a href="http://www.ron.de">www.ron.de</a>                       | „Die Rheinpfalz“, main local newspaper |
| <a href="http://www.focus.de">www.focus.de</a>                   | National general interest magazine     |
| <a href="http://www.spiegel.de">www.spiegel.de</a>               | National general interest magazine     |
| <a href="http://www.unicum.de">www.unicum.de</a>                 | Student magazine                       |
| <a href="http://www.academix.de">www.academix.de</a>             | Student magazine                       |
| <a href="http://www.pavillon.de">www.pavillon.de</a>             | „Kaiserslautern Scene“ magazine        |
| <a href="http://www.t5-journal.de">www.t5-journal.de</a>         | „Kaiserslautern Scene“ magazine        |
| <a href="http://www.eurefachschaft.de">www.eurefachschaft.de</a> | Student Union                          |
| <a href="http://www.asta-zw.de">www.asta-zw.de</a>               | Student Union                          |

## Library

The library , building B, campus Zweibrücken, room 1-2, is open to all members of the Fachhochschule for research, teaching and study. In addition, it is open to the general public for information and further education. Over 30,000 books are available - for the most part on open shelves. The number of current subscriptions to newspapers and journals is 110.

Information: Mrs. Marion Straßer

E-Mail: [bibl@bib-zw.fh-kl.de](mailto:bibl@bib-zw.fh-kl.de)

Opening hours of the library:

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 to 18:00 hrs, Friday from 9:00 to 14:00 hrs and Saturday from 12:00 to 14:00 hrs.

## M<sub>edical care</sub>

In case of accident or other misfortune you can visit the first-help-service of the city hospital, the "St. Elisabeth" hospital. Kaiserstr. 14, phone 06332/82-0, open day & night.

## M<sub>oney Transfer and Exchange</sub>

In order to organise money transfers without problems, students are well advised to open an account in a German bank. The accounts are usually free of charge for students. Ask first!

The official currency of Germany is the Euro (€). ([Currency Converter](#))

## R<sub>egistration</sub>

You are advised to register in the following order:

### Fachhochschule Kaiserslautern, Standort Zweibrücken

Registration Office/Studierendensekretariat, Room H 112: get the registration and payment papers (if not already sent to you).

### AOK Zweibrücken (health insurance institution)

Hand in form E111 from your local insurance company and you will receive a German E111 (See also „Health insurance“)

### Bank

Pay the registration fee (around 91,78€ per semester) and take your receipt.

### Fachhochschule Kaiserslautern, Standort Zweibrücken

Registration Office - H 112: Register to get your student card („Studentenausweis“). You will need 1) a german E111, 2) receipt of payment to FH and 3) two passport-sized photographs.

### Municipal Office Zweibrücken - Einwohnermeldeamt

Each student is required to register its place of living within one week after arrival in Germany (or if a living place is not available yet, where the student can be reached). This is done at the „Einwohnermeldeamt“, see Stadtverwaltung Zweibrücken. If a student chooses to live outside Zweibrücken, he/she has to register with the local office.

### Municipal Office Zweibrücken - Ausländeramt

After registration at the Einwohnermeldeamt the student has some time to organise the following papers which are needed for the residence permit:

- student registration card,
- german health insurance certificate E111,
- evidence of accommodation (landlord's signature on residence form),
- identification card and photograph,
- administration fee.

Changes of residence or subject of study or Fachhochschule have to be communicated to the Ausländerbehörde (Foreign citizens office).

### Fachhochschule Kaiserslautern, Standort Zweibrücken

Registration Office – H 112: Each Student is required to present his residence permit.

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Studentensekretariat

Room H112, H113

Phone: +49-6332-914 -170 (or 177, or 176 )

Opening hours: Mo. to Fri. 9.00 - 11.30 hrs, Thu. 13.00 - 15.30 hrs

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tadtverwaltung Zweibrücken

„Einwohnermeldeamt“: Office where all citizens have to declare their place of living.

Einwohnermeldeamt

Herzogstr. 3

66482 Zweibrücken

Phone: +49-6332-871 - 355

Fax: +49-6332-871 - 344

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.00 - 12.00 h, Tuesday + Thursday 8.00 - 18.00 h

„Ausländerbehörde“ : Foreign citizens office.

Ausländerbehörde

Herzogstr. 3

66482 Zweibrücken

Phone: +49-6332-871 - 351 (or -362)

## Sports Facilities

The Fachhochschule has its own tennis court, beach-volleyball field, half-pipe and gym. The sport department of the AStA (Student Union), Room A118, offers different sport activities and gives information on gymnastics, athletics, football, riding, swimming and free-climbing. Most of the courses are free of charge.

Ice Arena (see Ice Stadium)

## Studentensekretariat

see Registration Office

## Student Union

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| ASTA Zweibrücken<br>Amerikastr. 1<br>66482 Zweibrücken<br>Building A, Room 188<br>06332/ 914-188<br><a href="http://www.asta-zw.de">www.asta-zw.de</a> | Fachschaft I/MST<br>Amerikastr. 1<br>66482 Zweibrücken<br>Building A, Room 102<br>06332/ 914-186<br><a href="http://www.eurefachschaft.de">www.eurefachschaft.de</a> | Fachschaft BW<br>Amerikastr. 1<br>66482 Zweibrücken<br>Building A, Room 119<br>06332/ 914-187<br><a href="http://www.eurefachschaft.de">www.eurefachschaft.de</a> |
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The telecommunications market in Germany is in strong competition, but in comparison to e.g. Scandinavian countries not cheap.

Especially long distance calls can be very much cheaper when you are connected by other providers than your own on a call-by-call basis. This is done by dialling a five digit code before you dial the desired number. Example: you want to call your friend in Sweden (country code 0046) with the following number (0123-456789) using the service of e.g. Super24 (01024). You dial: 01024-0046-123-456789. As prices vary a lot, you have to inform yourself on current costs in e.g. internet (unfortunately only in German) or ask local friends.

Be very careful with service numbers starting with 0180x /0190x/0900 as companies offer all kinds of "services" against high charges. Phone numbers starting with 0170/0171/0172/ ... are reserved for cellular phones and are also charged more.

## Time Schedule

The Master study course starts on October.

## T<sub>ransportation</sub>

Local public transports are not free for students. Discounts are widely available for students all over Germany.

## W<sub>eb</sub>space

All students receive a free webspace at the university as soon as they have registered.

## W<sub>omen's</sub> Representatives

The Fachhochschule Zweibrücken has a women's representative. The representative is a member of the ASTA; her task is to support and endorse women, women rights at the Fachhochschule. One of the major aims is to increase the number of women in the faculties and service units, in the administration and in committees and decision making groups.

Contact: ASTA Zweibrücken

## Z<sub>oo</sub>

For those who like animals there is a zoo in the suburbs of Saarbrücken (40 Km.), Neunkirchen (20 Km.) and Kaiserslautern (70 Km.).

## Z<sub>weibrücken</sub>

The Rose Garden of Zweibrücken

It's named Europe's Rose Garden not only because of its location in Central Europe. Sure, there are quite a few more special rose gardens all over the world, but this one is somewhat unique.

What was originally (in 1914) introduced to the public as a „Rose Museum“ has undergone quite a few alterations, especially after its partly destruction as a result of World War II air raids.

In today's garden emphasis has been placed on the combination of roses with other garden plants such as perennials, annuals, shrubs and bushes of all kind. Yet, the rose still dominates the 13-acre scenery and the visitors can admire the oldest and most recent hybridizations, the rarest and most magnificent roses which international horticulture has achieved.

The labels tell you name and category of variety, year of introduction as well as name of hybridizer. This information is not only meant for professional rosarians, it also gives you hints which rose to plant in your own garden. Judge yourself and compare qualities such as health of foliage, growth, color and fragrance of bloom. First full bloom is usually reached around mid-June and lasts well into fall.

Sunday afternoons during main season there are special events such as concerts, dances or other performances increasing the attractiveness of the garden. There is also an attractive Hotel/Cafe including outdoor terrace at the far end of the garden to meet your needs and to help making your stay a pleasant one.

Just in case you are getting the idea of seeing and learning more of roses, we also have a special wild rose garden (no entrance fee) with an extensive collection of wild roses from all over the world, the ancestors of our modern varieties, so to speak, and very old roses from as far back as 17<sup>th</sup> century. Main blooming time is limited to the month of May! This garden is located right next to the Romantic-Hotel Fasanerie.

## A walking tour of historic Zweibrücken

**Composed by Dr. Charlotte Glück-Christmann, Stadtmuseum**

Translated by Thomas Höh

### 1. Mannlich House

In 1772, Duke Christian IV was lucky enough to win this house in a lottery he himself had organised. He gave it to his court painter Johann Christian von Mannlich.

Mannlich was a great painter and a most gifted individual, who also planned the Karlsberg palace for Duke Karl II August. Later he saved the Karlsberg picture gallery from the French revolutionary troops. He took the paintings across the Rhine and later to

Munich, where he started the famous "Pinakothek" with about 2.000 paintings and 7.000 drawings.

## **2. Ducal suburb**

This suburb, designed by court architect Hauth, represents Zweibrücken's oldest buildings to survive the bomb raids of 1945. High ranking civil servants and ministers of the ducal court lived here, close to the ducal palace. The houses had been financed through a so-called "house lottery" and members of the ducal administration, communities and guilds were urged to buy lots.

## **3. Old Prison**

Site of the former Zweibrücken prison. Among the inmates were Siebenpfeiffer and Wirth who had fought for democracy and the freedom of the press. Their support of democratic principles brought them to jail.

## **4. Site of the former synagogue**

This place marks the site of the synagogue from 1879 to 1938. When in the night of 9. November 1938 this building was set on fire and burnt down, more than a hundred years of Jewish history in Zweibrücken came to an end.

## **5. Site of Zweibrückens first city hall**

For more than 400 years, Zweibrücken city hall was located here. Zweibrücken obtained the status of a chartered city on April 16, 1352. The city hall building was destroyed in 1677 by French troops, and rebuilt in 1699. Today's city hall is on the Herzogplatz-square.

## **6. Alexanderskirche**

This church was originally built from 1493-1515 by Duke Alexander. Until its destruction in 1945 it held the vaults of the Wittelsbach family, the Royal family of Bavaria. Duke Max I Joseph of Zweibrücken became the first king of Bavaria in 1806. He was the grandfather of the famous Austrian Empress "Sisi", the wife of Emperor Franz Josef II. In 2001, Duke Alexander, a descendent of the founder of this church, and member of the Royal Bavarian Wittelsbach family, was buried in this church.

## **7. Oxenstierna House**

When Zweibrücken was reigned by King Charles XII of Sweden in 1700, Count Gabriel von Oxenstierna was made governor of the city. He started modern urban development, drained the marshlands and encouraged immigrants from Switzerland and France to settle in the Duchy of Zweibrücken.

## **8. City gate**

Site of one of the former gates to the city of Zweibrücken, crossing the Schwarzbach-creek. Near this gate two bridges crossed the Schwarzbach and gave the city its name "Zweibrücken" (= "two bridges").

## **9. Upper suburb**

When the former Polish king Stanislaus Leszczyński was exiled, he came to Zweibrücken and lived for a couple of years in this part of the city, while his Tschifflick-residence was being built in the Fasanerie-forest outside Zweibrücken. He lived here with his daughter Maria Leszczyńska, who married King Louis XV of France in 1725.

## **10. Himmelsberg cellars**

Probably originally built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century as part of a defence ring around Zweibrücken, these cellars were later used by breweries to store ice. In 1944, many citizens of Zweibrücken, as well as a hospital and city hall moved into the cellars to seek shelter from air raids.

## **11. China factory**

For eight years, china was produced in the ducal china-manufactory near this square. When sales dwindled in 1775, production was switched from china to pottery.

## **12. Bibliotheca Bipontina**

Academic library with many rare historic books. Zweibrücken and Speyer were the only places in the Palatinate where books were printed before 1500.

## **13. Kleiner Exe**

Zweibrücken has a long military tradition. For centuries, troops exercised on this parade ground. In the 1950s American, Canadian, French and German military were stationed in Zweibrücken.

## **14. Rose Garden**

The Zweibrücken rose garden was inaugurated by the Bavarian Princess Hildegard in 1914, on the eve of the first World War. The garden displays some 60.000 rose bushes in 2.500 varieties.

## **15. Race Ground**

Germany's first horse races were held in Zweibrücken in 1821. Today horse races as well as motor bike races are held on this race ground every summer.

## **16. State Stud Farm**

This stud farm was founded by Duke Christian IV in 1755. During the reign of Napoléon Bonaparte, it became an imperial stud farm and Naopléon's favorite horse, the white stallion Fayoum stayed here for breeding purposes.