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UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

***Studying in Schmalkalden
Summer semester 2016
Winter semester 2016/17***

Recommendations for International Students

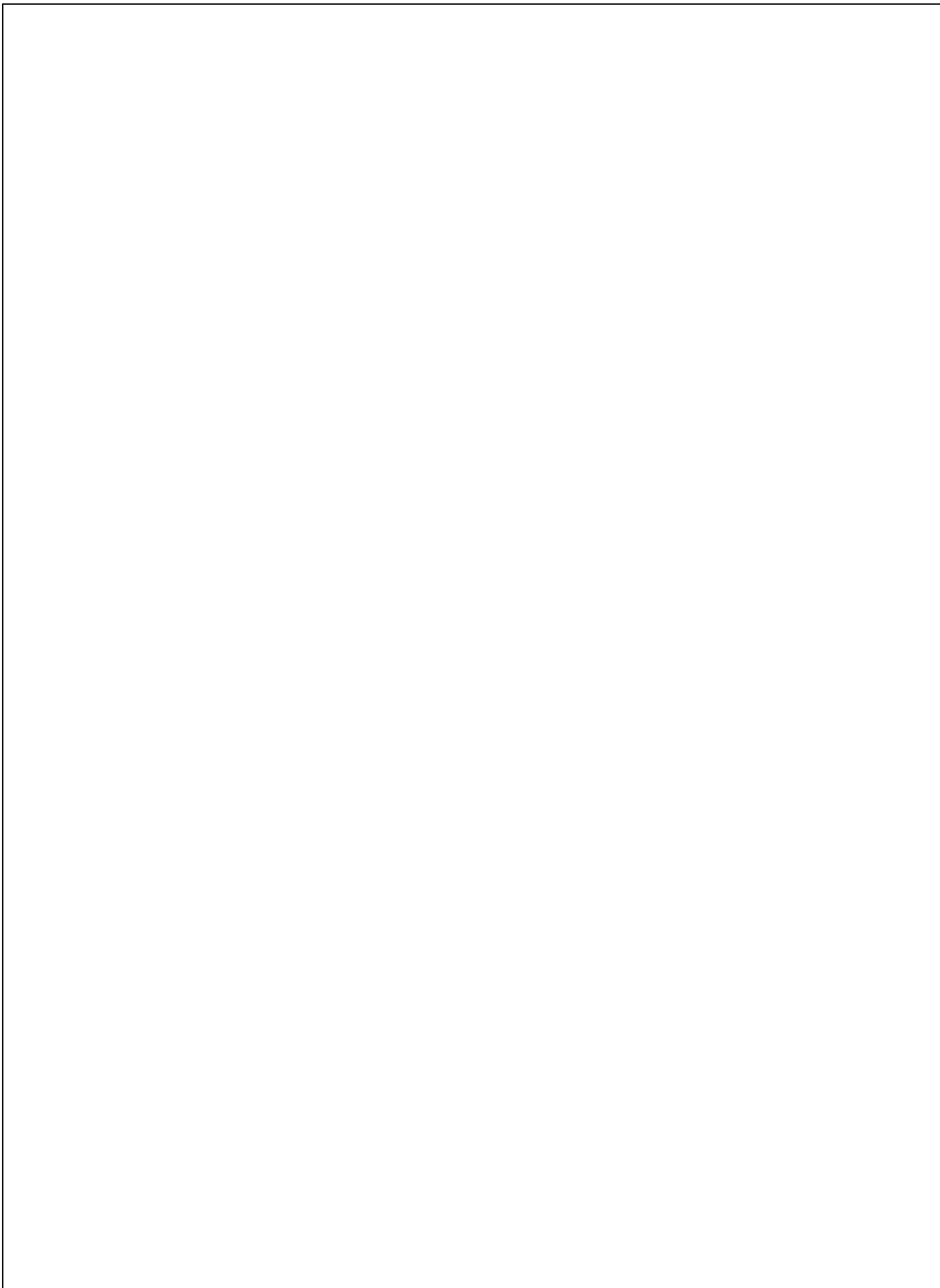


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1. Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences

1.1. General Information

Areas of Study:

- Business and Economics
- Business Law
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering



1.2. The International Office (IO)



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Head of the IO

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Coordinator
Incomings/Outgoings

Blechhammer
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Student Assistants: assist@hs-schmalkalden.de

Webseite: <http://www.hs-schmalkalden.de/en/International-p-59.html>

1.3. The Faculties and the international Coordinators

Please do also contact the person in charge at your faculty:

Faculty of Business and Economics

Prof. Dr. Richert



Email: r.richert@hs-sm.de

Office: C 307

Phone: 0 3683 – 688 3102

Faculty of Business Law

Prof. Dr. Rainer Schackmar



Email: r.schackmar@hs-sm.de

Office: D 0331

Phone: 0 3683 – 688 6108

Faculty of Computer Science

Prof. Dr. Englmeier



Email: k.englmeier@hs-sm.de

Office: F 0102

Phone: 0 3683 – 688 4105

Faculty of Electrical Engineering

Prof. Dr. Fischer



Email: m.fischer@hs-sm.de

Office: B 0409

Phone: 0 3683 – 688 5116

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

Prof. Dr. Kolev

Email: e.kolev@hs-sm.de

Office: D 0325

Phone: 0 3683 – 688 2113



1.4. Do you want to learn German?

The International Office offers Intensive German Language Courses at different levels **free of charge** for exchange and full degree students during the semester.

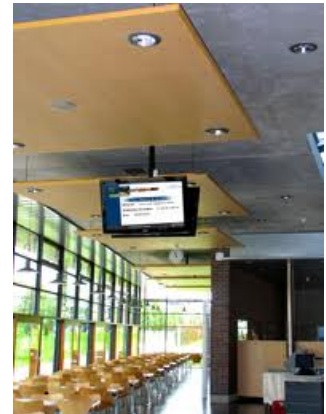
All guest students - regardless of their study program - are welcome to participate.

A placement test at the beginning of the semester - after the Welcome Meeting - is optional for all participants. Based on the test's results, the International Office assigns students to different course levels according to their specific knowledge of German. There is always a class for absolute beginners.

Other foreign languages are taught, including **French, Spanish, and Russian etc.**

1.5. Canteen and Cafeteria

The main responsibility of the Studentenwerk is to prepare and distribute food. For lunch the canteen (Mensa) offers at least 4 main dishes, out of which one is vegetarian. They also offer a variety of beverages, snacks, as well as salads. Students' meals are financially supported by the *Thüringer Ministerium für Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft und digitale Gesellschaft*. Students pay between 1,50 and 3,50 Euro per meal.



Canteen Hours:

Monday through Friday: 7 am – 2 pm.

Opening hours are different during the semester breaks.

**Cafeteria Hours:**

Monday through Thursday: 10 am – 7 pm.

Opening hours are different during the semester breaks.

To check the weekly meal please visit following webpage:

<http://www.stw-thueringen.de/english/dining-halls/facilities/schmalkalden/mensa-schmalkalden.html>

Or download the app for your phone from the play store/ app store → search: “Mensa Schalkalden” or “IMensa”

1.6. Thoska Card

The Thoska Card is a multifunctional chip card, which combines the functions of magnetic cards, identification cards and keys. Administration and payment processes can be made more efficient, faster and more customer-friendly. Thoska has an integrated chip, which allows contactless data communication in the context of various applications. For example you can pay your food in the canteen and use the laundry machine with your Thoska Card.

In this area you –as Thoska Card holder- can use the train for free.



1.7. Residence Halls of the ‘Studentenwerk’



The residence halls in Schmalkalden offer accommodation for 540 students. There are two- and three-bedrooms-apartments available.

The residence hall **Wohnheim Blechhammer**, on campus, has one-bedroom-apartments in living quarters with a sanitary room and a kitchen area. The monthly rent is 155 or 230 Euro (including utilities).

The residence hall **Wohnheim Martin-Luther-Ring** is about 10 minutes by foot to the university. The rooms in this building are mainly single bedrooms in three- or four-bedrooms-apartments with kitchen and bathroom. One room costs between 155 and 230 Euro.

You can do **laundry** in the residence hall Blechhammer and Martin Luther Ring on the first floor/basement. There are washing machines and a dryer which can be used with your Thoska Card.

1.8. Most important information about living in the dorm

The content of the rental contract are the rental conditions, the house rules and the assignment order. If you break the rules there is dissuasion, a notice to the International Office and information to your university in your home country. That can also lead to dismissal without notice. You can find these documents here: www.stw-thuringen.de

(Housing → Application for accommodation → Regulations)

Every semester you have to deliver a study certificate.

The contact for all questions concerning your accommodation are the tutors firstly. They help you translating letters or messages in German language from the 'Studentenwerk'. The messages and information from the "Studentenwerk" must be read and followed strictly. They often contain important dates or references for organization.

Our tutors

Ivan Rodiontcev	skaterates@mail.ru
Mark Pazyna	iscreed@yandex.ru
Janina Henschke	Janinahenschke@gmail.com

Please mind the opening hours of the residential management. Please bring the Thoska Card with you every time you want to pay money. 30 minutes before the end of the opening hours the cash point is closed and money is no more accepted.

Outside the opening hours the residential management is not available.

Residential management

Ms. Höpfner

Room 2.108 (Blechhammer Dormitory, house 2, basement)

Opening hours

Monday	9 am to 11 am	and	1 pm to 3 pm
Tuesday	-		2 pm to 4 pm
		when no lectures	1 pm to 3 pm
Wednesday	-	-	-
Thursday	9 am to 11 am	and	1 pm to 3 pm
Friday	9 am to 11 am		-

Address: Ms. Höpfner
Phone: 0 3683 – 469 110
Blechhammer 9b/1 113
98574 Schmalkalden
Email: Gabriele.Hoepfner@stw-thueringen.de

If you want to get post, you have to specify the complete address from the rental contract (especially room number). The residential management will not take your letters or packages. Who orders the post service has to be accessible.

For parties there is the student club. In the dorm, parties are not allowed!

Rent/Deposit

- ✓ The rent will be taken from your German bank account each 3rd working day of the month.
- ✓ It's not possible to pay the rent in cash; except you didn't pay the last rent, then **the last rent has to be paid in cash!**
- ✓ Before you leave you have to close your bank account, otherwise you won't get back your deposit.
- ✓ Students with SEPA-account (European Union) will receive the deposit 8 weeks after the contract has been finished.
- ✓ Students which are not from the European Union will get their money back in cash at the move out day, under the condition you already closed your German bank account.

If you have repairs, you can register them in the opening hours by the caretaker. Lamps/light bulbs you have to replace yourself. You can find it in the DIY Market, fluorescent tubes can be taken from the property management for a fee. You must pay for any damages to the flat. When you cause a fire brigade you must cover the highly costs for it.

Caretaker management: Ms. Hofmann & Mr. Fräbel, Room 2.106

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Address:

Co. Hofmann

Blechhammer 9b/2 106

98574 Schmalkalden

Email: Cornelia.Hofmann.1@stw-thuringen.de

Phone: 0 3683 – 469 111

Address:

M. Fräbel

Blechhammer 9b/2 106

98574 Schmalkalden

Email: Matthias.Fraebel@stw-thuringen.de

Phone: 0 3683 – 469 112

- ✓ Food on the stove and flowing water are not to be left unattended.
- ✓ Open fire is prohibited.
- ✓ Smoking in your room is ok, but not in the corridor and house.

Everyone has to clean the room themselves including kitchen, bathroom and hallway.

Request for a move is not allowed for rent contracts less than six months.

Extension of a contract must be registered not later than 8 weeks before your contract ends.

Moving out

Everyone gets a date for the pre-inspection. On this date the room will be checked so it must be strictly adhered to. If you want to have another date please go to the caretaker to make a new date. If a schedule is not perceived, you have to pay 28 Euros. The same applies to the moving out date.

No personal matters should be inside the room, kitchen, hall and bathroom on the moving out date. When you return the key the flat must be clean. After moving out you have to go to the management to get your deposit back. You must collect your deposit personally.

Please observe the opening hours. For delays the residential management takes no liability. Everyone has to plan in enough time so that they can get their bus or train back home on time.

Before moving out you have to pay the last rent in cash. Offset the deposit against the rent is not allowed.

1.9. Social Care

The advising center of the Studentenwerk, short „TROLL“ (**T**reffpunkt **o**rientierungsloser **L**eute – Meeting point of disoriented people), is located in the lobby of the residence hall Blechhammer.

The advising center offers assistance to file applications as well as:

- ✓ Financing your education through employment (Social security, tax, labor law, internship, right to social benefits, etc.)
- ✓ Social benefits of the Studentenwerk
- ✓ Benefits for pregnant women or students with children
- ✓ Employee benefits
- ✓ Cost-saving opportunities (GEZ - exemption, social tariffs of the Telekom, etc.)
- ✓ General conditions of studies (health and other insurances, student organizations, etc.)
- ✓ Specific questions regarding disabilities and chronic illnesses
- ✓ Specific questions from international students

Contact

Name: Ms. Carola Oemus
Phone: 0 3683 – 469 117
Email: carola.oemus@stw-thueringen.de

Consultation hours in the Residence Hall Wohnheim Blechhammer

Wednesday: 11.00 am – 3.00 pm
Student Club

1.10. Career Service

You are an International Student at Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences and you have questions concerning your career or application? Just ask our Career Service! We support students and alumni regarding several topics such as internships and job entrance. International students get useful information how to apply successfully in Germany: from finding vacancies, writing a CV and cover letter to managing job interviews.

Contact
Mr. Alexander König
Career Service
Building C, Room 0007
Email: a.koenig@hs-sm.de

1.11. To Do Checklist after Arrival

- Dormitory: Sign the lease
- Bank: Open a German bank account (watch the schedule)
- Registration Office: Register at the city (part of the Welcome Meeting)
- Foreigners' Registration Office in Meiningen (Visa application will be fill out during the Welcome Meeting)
- Degree Course Scheme: Choose your courses in Stud.ip
- Get a health insurance (after Welcome Meeting)
- Buy a SIM Card for your mobile phone (suggestion: Aldi talk)
- To be continued by yourself 😊
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Where to print?

- Each faculty has their own printer (some faculties with some free printings)

- The University Library, Building I

Opening Hours: Monday 9.30 am - 8.00 pm

Friday 9.30 am - 5.00 pm

(You need to buy a printing card either in the Library or from the shop "Buch und Druck", near the University)

- Copyshop "Buch und Druck"

Address: Näherstiller Straße 27-29, 98574 Schmalkalden

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Friday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

1.12. Registration for Classes

First Step: Register your *FHS-ID*

A requirement to register for a Stud.IP is to register the *FHS-ID*. Therefore you will need the *Servicekey* which you can find on your matriculation letter (You will get it with the student card).

You need to register here: <https://rz.hs-schmalkalden.de/myidm/++lang++en/registration/index>

Once you have registered the *Servicekey* you can use Stud.IP with your *FHS-ID*.

Myidm Registration for FHS-ID using Servicekey [Deutsch](#) | [English](#)

Step 1 Authentication | Step 2 Review status | Step 3 automatic generation of e-mail address and FHS-ID | Step 4 Setting a password | Step 5 Creating the account, END

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Step 1 - Authentication
Welcome! This registration has 5 steps!!
 With this registration you receive

- Main user ID – your FHS-ID
- a personal e-mail-address and a mailbox

Your FHS-ID enables you to use a lot of IT services provided by the Computing Center, e.g. WLAN or E-Mail.

First step: checking your authorisation by your ServiceKey. Please follow the further steps and take notice of the advices.

Advice for data protection: This registration and further services of the Rechenzentrum are particularly recorded for technical reasons!

Please enter your Matrikelnummer and your Servicekey and accept the [User Policy](#) of the FH Schmalkalden:

Authentication

*Matrikelnummer

*Servicekey

Did you read and accept the Policy?

[Continue to Step2](#)

Help! I have a question for the Servicekey, the Life, the Universe and for Everything!
 42! And in addition, you can find a help for the Servicekey [here](#).

Second Step: Register at **Stud.IP**

1. Go to <http://studip.hs-schmalkalden.de> and register with your FHS-ID and your password

FH Schmalkalden **STUD.IP**

Start Freie Hilfe Login

Aktuelle Seite: Login

Stud.IP - Login

Herzlich willkommen!

Bitte identifizieren Sie sich mit Benutzername und Passwort.

Benutzername: (FHS-ID)

Passwort:

Anmelden

[Passwort vergessen](#)

2. Read the „News“ on the homepage and go to „Profile“ → „User Details“

→ „Study Details“ and select your subjects, degree programmes, and institutes

Third Step: Choose your classes

You can choose your classes from **date to date**

Click on „Courses“ → „Search Feature“ → „Search Institutes“ → „Your Institute“ → „Add Classes of your choice“

1.13. Information Services

You can obtain information on Germany from countless internet sources: What do I need to enter Germany? Where can I learn German? How can I find somewhere to live and work? Who will look after my children? Which insurance policies are recommended or mandatory? You can find this and other information, along with links to more detailed information, at:

<http://www.thaff-thueringen.de/en/welcome-to-thuringia/welcome-center/information-services/> “

Service hours:

Monday:	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday:	9.00 - 12.00 am
Wednesday:	closed
Thursday:	9.00 - 6.00 pm
Friday:	9.00 - 12.00 am (and by appointment)

Phone: 0 361- 56 03 620

Email: welcome-center@leg-thueringen.de

2. Public Holidays in Germany

The following days are holidays in Germany (offices and most stores are closed).

New Year's Day	1 st January
Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday	varied
International Workers' Day	1 st May
Ascension Day	varied
Whit Monday	varied
German Unity Day	3 rd October
Reformation Day	31 st October
Christmas Day	25 th December
St Stephen's Day	26 th December

Semester Dates

	Summer semester 2016	Winter semester 2016/17
Semester start	01.04.2016	01.10.2016
Lecture start	04.04.2016	04.10.2016
Lecture finish	15.07.2016	27.01.2017
Exam period	18.07. - 06.08.2016	30.01. – 18.02.2017
No lectures	25.03. - 08.03.2016 05.05. - 08.05.2016 14.05. – 16.05.2016	26.12. – 08.01.2017 03.10.2016 31.10.2016

There are also special holidays in Thuringia.

You can check the exact dates on the webpage of the university here:

<http://www.hs-schmalkalden.de/en/Deadlines+and+Dates.html>

3. The City of Schmalkalden

The International Office provides a booklet named “Cultural Towns of Thuringia”, this pocket guide may help you to find attractions you can visit. Also the tourist information center in the city may help you by planning your travelling: Auer Gasse 6-8, 98574 Schmalkalden.

General Information

Population: 19,978
Area: 98.35 sq. km (37.97 sq. mi)

8 Districts:

Wernshausen, Asbach, Breitenbach, Mittelstille, Mittelschmalkalden, Möckers, Grumbach, Haindorf



Citizens Advice Bureau Hours

Monday	8.30 am - 12.30 pm, 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Tuesday	8.30 am - 12.30 pm, 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Wednesday	8.30 am - 1.00 pm
Thursday	8.30 am - 12.30 pm, 1.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Friday	8.30 am - 1.00 pm



City History

874	First mentioned in a deed „Villa Smalacalta“
1537	The Smalcald Articles were drawn up by Martin Luther, Philipp Melanchthon and other reformers.
1546/47	Schmalkaldan War/Victory of Karl V. from Habsburg
1585/90	Construction of the Castle Wilhelmsburg as summer and hunting housing for the Hessian landgrave
1902	Opening of the royal Prussian Engineering School in Schmalkalden
1999	1125 th Anniversary of Schmalkalde



3.1. Infrastructure

Banks

- Deutsche Bank, Auer Gasse 20, Phone: 0 36 83 / 69 35-0
Accepted: Thomas Cook / Travelex, Visa, Citi Corp, American Express
M/T/TH¹ 09.00 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm – 6.00 pm
W 09.00 am – 1.30 pm
F 09.00 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm

- Rhön-Rennsteig-Sparkasse, Auer Gasse 2-4, Phone: 03683 / 468-0
Rhön-Rennsteig-Sparkasse, Filiale Allende Straße 8, Phone: 03683 / 468-0
Accepted: Thomas Cook, Visa, American Express, Master Card,
(others after check)
M/T 09.00 am – 5.00 pm
W 09.00 am – 1.00 pm
TH 09.00 am – 6.00 pm

- Volksbank, Judengasse 9, Phone: 03695-678-311
Accepted: Thomas Cook / Travelex, Visa, American Express
M/F 08.30 am – 4.00 pm
T/TH 08.30 am – 6.00 pm
W 08.30 am – 1.00 pm

- Postbank, Altmarkt 10, Allende Straße 8, Phone: 0180 3040500
M - F 09.00 am – 6.00 pm
S 09.00 am – 12.00 am

3.2. Libraries/Book Stores

Heinrich-Heine Bibliothek
Am Kirchhof 4
Book Rental:
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 62 16
Office: 0 3683 – 60 62 17

University - Library
Blechhammer
Phone: 0 3683 – 68 81 600

¹ M = Monday, T = Tuesday, W = Wednesday, TH = Thursday,
F = Friday, S = Saturday, SN = Sunday

Buchhaus USLAR
Stumpfelsgasse 10
Phone: 0 3683 – 40 26 28

„Buch und Druck“
Thesaurus Fachbuchhandlung
Näherstiller Str. 29
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 74 75

„Lesezeichen“
Weidebrunner Gasse 12
Phone: 0 3683 – 40 50 30

“Luther Buchhandlung“
Lutherplatz 7
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 06 90

3.3. Post Office

The mailboxes are yellow and have this sign on it:



Letters:

Normal letter (up to 20 g, ca. 6 pages) / Postcards within Germany/to member countries of the European Union are **€0.70 / €0.45**.

The fastest way to send a letter overseas is to choose „Luftpost“. For more information about other letters (different sizes) and packets, ask in the post office. You can also find price information brochures in post office (“Gebührenübersicht”) or online (www.deutschepost.de). To mail a packet you need to go to the counter inside the post office. If you need to look up the postal code of a city or certain area, there is a postal code book (“Postleitzahlenbuch”) available. You can also use the internet to find out postal codes.

Main Post Office

Altmarkt 10,

Phone: 0 1802 3333

M – F 09.00 am – 6.00 pm

S 09.00 am – 12.00 am



Post Office (near university)

Inside of the grocery store “EDEKA-Market” across the street of the campus (next to ALDI).



International Telephone Code for Germany: 0049 / +49, followed by the area code without the ‘0’, e. g. Schmalkalden: +49 3683

3.4. Grocery Shops

Rewe-Center Rothamel OHG

Am Festplatz

98574 Schmalkalden

M – F: 07.00 am – 10.00 pm

S: 07.00 am – 8.00 pm



Kaufland (Photobox)

Steinerne Wiese 39

98574 Schmalkalden

M – F: 07.00 am – 10.00 pm

S: 07.00 am – 8.00 pm



ALDI-Markt (across the campus)

Allendestraße

98574 Schmalkalden

M – F: 8 am – 8.00 pm

S: 8 am – 8.00 pm



EDEKA-Markt

Allendestraße (next to ALDI)

98574 Schmalkalden

M – F: 07.00 am – 8.00 pm

S: 07.00 am – 6.00 pm



NETTO

Allendestraße 13 /

Am Alten Graben 18

98574 Schmalkalden

M – F: 07.00 am – 8.00 pm

S: 07.00 am - 8.00 pm



LIDL-Markt

Näherstiller Str. 41

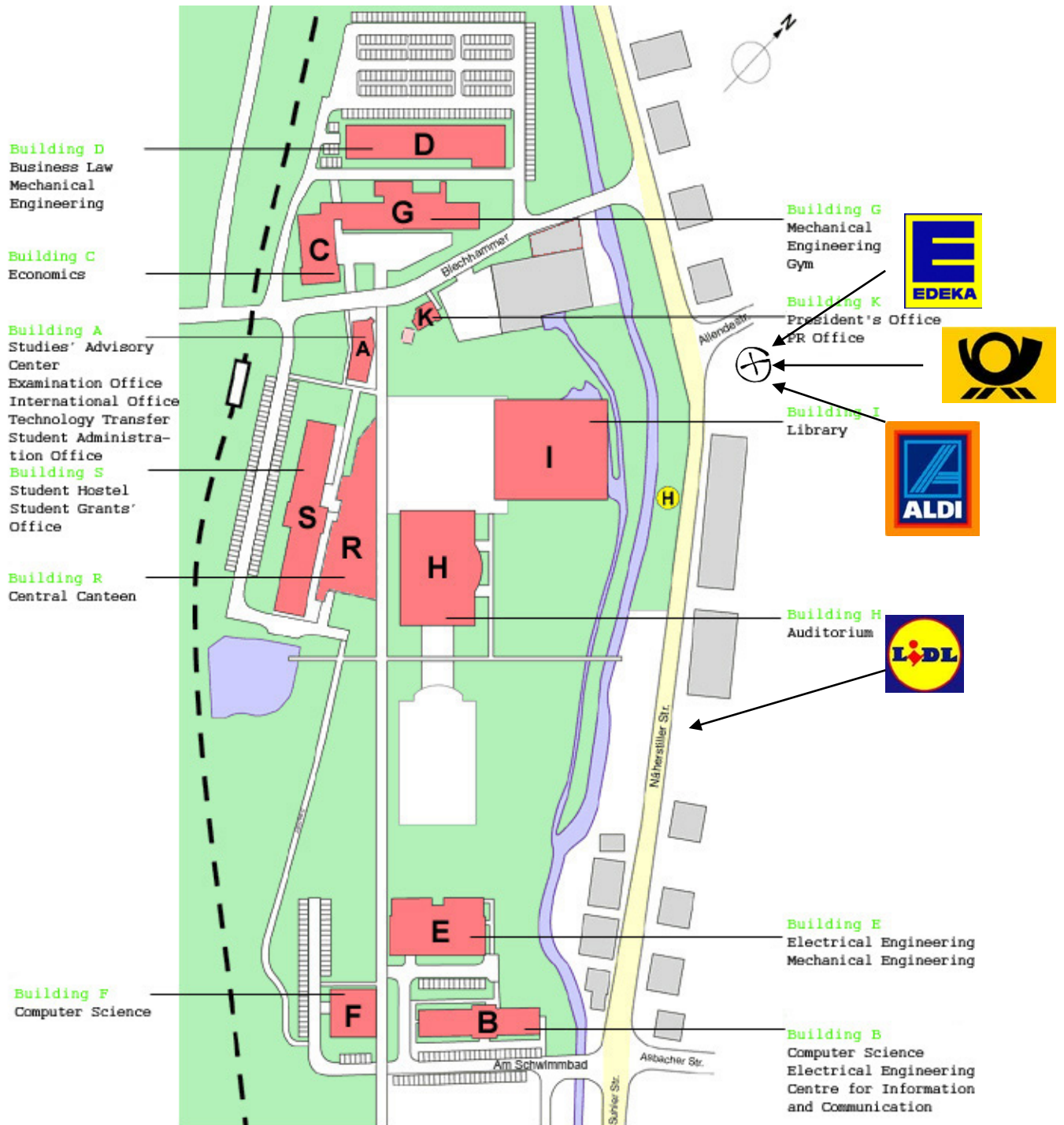
98574 Schmalkalden

M – F: 08.00 am – 9.00 pm

S: 08.00 am – 8.00 pm



Grocery stores close to the campus:



Special Grocery Shops:

You can find more special groceries (e.g. Asian, Arabic) in big super markets such as Rewe or Kaufland.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays you can buy from a farmer's market in the city center (W: 08.00 am – 5.00 pm and S: 08.00 am – 12.00 am).



3.5. Public Transportation / Travelling

Bus

To travel within Schmalkalden and its districts there are busses available. The buses go different routes (routes A, B, C, D, E, and F). One ticket costs around € 2 which you can buy when you enter the bus. To save some money you can purchase ten tickets for around €8 or a ticket that is valid for a whole month for around € 26. For more information, please contact the bus company.



Kasseler Str.
98574 Schmalkalden
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 40 67
Webpage: <http://www.mbb-mgn.de/>

Taxi

Taxi Heinz
Bahnhofstrasse 79A
98574 Schmalkalden
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 30 60

Uwe Möller
Johannessgasse 12
98574 Schmalkalden
Phone: 0 3683 – 78 07 80



Train

For a longer distance we recommend to travel by train (Deutsche Bahn). Tickets and other information are available at the train station or online: <http://www.deutschebahn.com/en/start-en.html>.



With your Thoska Card you can use the regional trains (StB and RE) within Thuringia for free.

3.6. Restaurants and Hotels

Pension Barbara
Auergasse 5 – 7
98574 Schmalkalden
<http://www.pensionbarbara.com/>

Pizzeria Trattoria Teggiano
Weidebrunner Gasse 7
Phone: 0 3683 – 40 03 30

Schlosscafé Schmalkalden
next to the Castle Wilhelmsburg
Phone: 0 3683 – 46 56 41

Jägerklause
Pfaffenbach 45
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 01 20
www.hoteljaegerklause.de

Queste
Questenweg 5
Phone: 0 3683 – 40 24 43

City Hotel Patrizier
Weidebrunner Gasse 9
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 45 14
www.stadthotel-patrizier.de

Ratskeller
Altmarkt 2
Phone: 0 3683 – 40 27 42

Teichhotel
Teichstraße 21
Phone: 0 3683 – 40 01 41
www.teichhotel.de

Landgasthof Lindenhof
Suhler Str. 25
Phone: 0 3683 – 40 25 70
www.lindenhof-weiland.de

Gasthof und Pension „Zum gelben Dragoner“
Gothaer Straße 24
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 01 43

Greek Restaurant “Metaxa”
Hauptstraße 10
98574 Schmalkalden
Phone: 0 3683 – 60 97 741

4bowlers (Bowling)
Notstrasse 33
98574 Schmalkalden
Phone: 0 3683 – 46 65 70
<http://4bowlers.de/>

Note: In German restaurants and hotels you usually give a tip if you think the service was good. Often you round up the price that you have to pay (0.50 – 1 Euro is an appropriate amount). Though, it is not an obligation to pay tip in Germany.

3.7. Churches in Schmalkalden

„St. Georg“
Kirchhof
Sunday mass at 12 am
Email: dekanat.schmalkalden@ekkw.de

Lutheran-Methodist church
Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 24
Email: schmalkalden@-emk.de

Lutheran-free church Baptists
Kanonenweg 14
Sunday mass at 09.30 to 12 am
Email: mail@efg-sm.de

Lutheran student community
Gemeindehaus an der
Bohrmühle 7
Email: ChristinaAllert@gmx.de

Catholic ministry
Waldhausstr. 8
Email: st.helena@t-online.de

Erfurter Mosque
Leipziger Straße 38, 99085 Erfurt
Email:erfurter.moschee@gmx.de

3.8. Doctors and Hospitals

Besides general practitioner there are specialists. With most doctors you need to make an appointment in advance. In case of severe pain or accidents you should see a doctor immediately or at least make an appointment for the same day.

In Germany there are governmental, charitable, and private hospitals. In case of an emergency on the weekend you can call the emergency doctor or the ambulance of the hospital.

Important Phone Numbers

Police/Emergency	110
Fire Department	112
Hospital	0 36 83 6 45 0



General Practitioner

Kraul, U. (Neumarkt 9), www.drkraul.de	0 3683 - 40 26 22
Maurer, E. Dr. (Lutherplatz 13)	0 3683 - 60 46 17
Neukranz, C. Dipl.-Med. (Steinerne Wiese 4)	0 3683 - 40 86 86

Dentists

Beez, B. Dipl. stom. (Lutherplatz 2) www.birgit-beez.de	0 3683 - 60 38 97
Heinze, G. Dr. med. dent. (Renthofstr.59)	0 3683 - 60 78 60
Sauerbrei, C. Dipl.-Med. (Näherstiller Str.31) www.zahnarztpraxis-sauerbrei.de	0 3683 - 60 24 57
Blaschke, K. Dr. (Amelienufer 4)	0 3683 - 40 37 76

Eye Doctors

Müller, J. Dr. med. (Bahnhofstr.2)	0 3683 - 40 30 45
Uhlemann, U. Dr. med. (Neumarkt 8)	0 3683 - 40 25 31

Gynecologist

Bernasowski, A. Dr. med. and Schneider, C. Dr. med. (Kanonenweg 34) www.frauenarztpraxis-schneider.de	0 3683 - 40 30 26
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Ear, Nose, and Throat Specialist

Buttker, T. Dr. med. (Neumarkt 6) www.hno-schmalkalden.de	0 3683 - 40 28 88
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Dermatologist

Tauer, C. Dr. (Marcel-Callo-Platz 4, Zella-Mehlis)	0 3682 - 48 23 84
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In case you are not sure which doctor you have to consult you can contact Mr. Koch from the AOK health insurance.
Email: marcus.koch@plus.aok.de

3.9. Pharmacies

In Germany you can buy your medicine in a pharmacy only. Pharmacies only sell medicine unlike in lots of other countries where a pharmacy is a drug store at the same time. There are three kinds of medicines: (1) only available by prescription, (2) only available in pharmacies, and (3) over-the-counter medicine.

Medicine only available by prescription you can only buy if you hand in a prescription at the pharmacy.

Pharmacies in Schmalkalden

- Henneberg Apotheke, Renthofstraße 7, Phone: 0 3683 - 60 45 06
www.henneberg-apotheke-schmalkalden.de
- Hirsch Apotheke, Neumarkt 9, Phone: 0 3683 - 69 41 0
www.hirsch-apotheke-schmalkalden.de
- Rosen Apotheke, Steingasse 11, Phone: 0 3683 - 6 22 33
- Schloss Apotheke, Renthofstraße 29, Phone: 0 3683 - 6 29 50
www.schloss-apotheke-schmalkalden.de

3.10. Insurance

Every student is insured (by law) during the time at the university for accidents that are directly associated with the studies, e. g. going to class. ALL students are obligated to have a health insurance!

For enrolling at the university you need to prove that you have an appropriate health insurance. Unless you submit a proof of proper health insurance you cannot enroll or register with the university. The insurance companies can provide more information.

For European citizens it's enough to have an European insurance card.

Insurance companies we recommend are:

AOK – PLUS

Stiller Gasse 8
98574 Schmalkalden
Phone: 0800 - 247 10 01
www.aokplus-online.de

Barmer GEK

Salzbrücke 2
98574 Schmalkalden
Phone: 0800 - 33 20 600
www.barmer-gek.de

3.11. Entertainment

Cafés in Schmalkalden



KAWAI café

Auer Gasse 9

98574 Schmalkalden

“Relax, sit down and read a book in a nice location”. Really nice place and they have student prices.

Café König “Eiscafé”

Altmarkt 10

Phone: 0 36 83 / 60 66 15

Café Liebaug

Weidebrunner Gasse 10

Phone: 0 36 83 / 60 01 94

Stadtcafé Endter

Steingasse 8

Phone: 0 36 83 /60 74 11

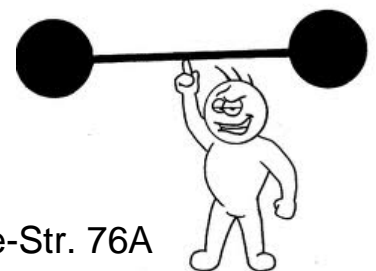
Shisha Studenten

Näherstillerstr. 29

On Facebook

Recreation

- Joy Schmalkalden, Asbacher Str. 17c
Phone: 0 3683 - 60 29 78; www.joymed.de
- Fitness Studio Relax Sport u. Wellnessclub, Allende-Str. 76A
Phone: 0 3683 - 40 93 90



- Swimming pool Schmalkalden (right next to the university/Mc Donald's), Am Schwimmbad 8
- ✓ Sports facilities of the University
http://www.fh-schmalkalden.de/Sports_+facilities.html

3.12. Worth to see

Schmalympics

Schmalympics is an international sports' festival that takes places every year in June. During the Schmalympics week, there are various sport competitions throughout the day and entertaining shows (dance, bands, etc.) in the evenings. For more information or to participate in the competitions, please visit: www.schmalympics.de



Castle Wilhelmsburg



- ✓ Museum, exhibitions and collections
- ✓ Church inside the castle with a 400 year old still playable organ
- ✓ Ballrooms with original painting and stucco work
- ✓ 1:1 copy of the Romanesque wall paintings of the IWEIN epic based on Hartmann von Aue (Original ca. 1235)
- ✓ Exhibition of modern art
- ✓ Concerts, played on the renaissance organ

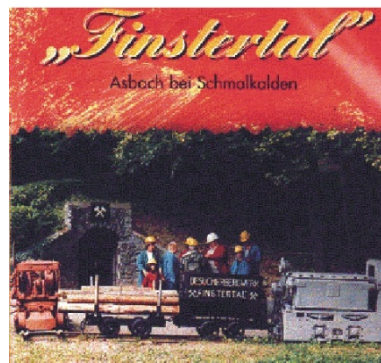
Castle Wilhelmsburg
Schlossberg 9
Schmalkalden
Phone: 0 3683 - 40 31 86

Apr. – Oct. 10.00 am – 6.00 pm
Nov. – March 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Tourist Mine „Finstertal“

- ✓ Geological discoveries, fluorescent minerals
- ✓ Entertaining especially for kids

Tourist mine „Finstertal“ Schmalkalden
Phone: 0 3683 - 48 80 37



Technical Monument "New Foundry"

This technical museum in Schmalkalden is a late classical era iron smelting oven from 1835 in which local iron ore was smelted with wood charcoal. This smelting plant is one of the last of its kind in middle Europe and you can learn all about the development of and techniques used in this “Neue Hütte”. There is also a wood drilling and nail making workshop still in operation.

April – October

W – SN: 10.00 am – 5.00 pm



Traditional Deer Eating and Bartholomäus Market (End of August)

One of the most traditional festivals in Schmalkalden is the Schmalkalder Hirschessen (Schmalkaldian Deer Eating) which has its roots in 1379.

The landgraves of Henneberg gave a deer to the citizens every year which quickly became a tradition in the area. The landgraves from Hesse joined that tradition. The donation of the deer was supposed to show the support of the fathers of the country. Though, it probably was more to save the wealth of the citizens. The Schmalkalden citizens accepted the gift and cooked it with their own ingredients. Out of this deer eating tradition, a real public festival has been developed. They celebrated with lots of food, drinks, dances, jugglers, and entertainment.

The people in Schmalkalden live up this festival every year in a medieval atmosphere. They want to show and share their joy of living with guests from near and far.

Highlights of the Festival

- Wednesday Big Bartholomäus Market
- Thursday Opening of the wine market
- Friday Historical-Downtown-Oldie-Night
- Saturday Big Deer Eating starting at 11 am
- Sunday Diverse Program



Herrscheklasmarkt (Christmas Market)

Every year on the first Wednesday of December the Herrscheklasmarkt starts in Schmalkalden - a small, traditional Christmas market.

Since the 14th century, there is the chapel "Nicolai" in the city center of Schmalkalden. Nicolai was a patron saint of travelers and traders.

The name Nikolaus was spoken "Klaus" with the Schmalkaldan dialect (herrischer Klaus – „Herrscheklas“), who scared people with his whip and chain and gave presents to children. This was a tradition that had been developed from Germanic beliefs. Noise, masquerade, and fire were supposed to keep away ghosts and demons from the biggest festivals of that time ("The Julfest").

Today the Herrscheklas comes in a carriage, wearing a red capuchin, which was inspired by a painting of Moritz von Schwindt (1844). He distributes the secret recipe of the Herrscheklas gingerbread to the local bakers.

The Herrscheklasmarkt lasts for about two weeks and you can enjoy a thoughtful and joyful atmosphere during the pre-Christmas time.

Viba Nougat World

Viba sweets is a medium-sized Confectionery Company. Since 1893 the brand Viba stands for manufacturing unique Nougat Pralines, soft Marzipan, exquisitely coated nuts, delicious fruit bars and traditional sugar candy.



Slogan: “Close your eyes – let Viba surprise!”

4. Activities in Schmalkalden and its surroundings

Entertainment

Movie Theaters

Movie Theater Meiningen
“Casino Lichtspiele”
Neu-Ulmerstr.4
Phone: 0 3693 - 50 68 80

Movie Theater Bad Salzungen
Platz an den Beeten 1
www.pab-kino.de
Phone: 0 3695 - 62 88 58

Capitol Eisenach
Alexanderstr.12
Phone: 0 3691 - 75 76 0

Cineplex Suhl
Gutenbergstr. 2-4
Phone: 0 3681 - 80 66 0
www.cineplex.de

Clubs

Cosmopolar
Anger 66, 99084 Erfurt
Phone: 0361 – 66 38 09 90
www.cosmopolar.com

Club Ega Box
Auf der Cyriaksburg 3,
99094 Erfurt
Phone: 0361 – 43 05 65 57
www.egabox.de

Club Cuba
Steinweg 28
98617 Meiningen
www.club-cuba-meiningen.de
Phone: 0 3693 - 88 51 23

Presseklub Erfurt
Dalbergsweg 1
99084 Erfurt
www.presseklub.net
Phone: 0 361 - 66 39 710

Musikpark
(right next to the train station)
Willy-Brandt-Platz 1
99084 Erfurt, Germany
Phone: 0361 – 26 23 751
www.musikparkerfurt.de

Club Eins
Steigerstr. 18
99096 Erfurt
Phone: 0361 – 55 04 80 75
www.clubeins.de

The student club
Every Tuesday (until 2 AM) prices
Low student prices
<http://www.club-sm.de/>

Pressenwerk e.V.
Das andere Jugendhaus
Bahnhofstr.15
Bad Salzungen
Phone: 0 36 95 - 87 37 33

Centrum
Anger 7
99084 Erfurt
Phone: 0361 - 56 62 563
www.centrum-club.de

Pubs

Castle
Schloßberg 1b
98574 Schmalkalden

Maykels (serves also food)
Lutherplatz 1
98574 Schmalkalden

Mojito Bar (latin music)
Hofstadt 1
98574 Schmalkalden

Monokel "Irish pub"
Obertor 11
98574 Schmalkalden

Grünes Tor (huge variety of beer)
Weidebrunner Gasse 14
98574 Schmalkalden

Volksgarten
(a bit far but worth to visit)
Wolfsberg 9, 98574 Schmalkalden

Rainman´s Inn (close to the dorm)
Asbacher Str. 16
98574 Schmalkalden

Studentclub SM
Blechhammer Dormitory
2nd Building (ground floor)

All of the bars have Facebook pages, where they keep you up to date about special offers and opening hours.

Adventure Pools/Swimming Pools

Swimming Pool Schmalkalden
Right next to campus/McDonald's

Thermal Bath „Rennsteig“
Oberhof, Im Gründle
www.therme-sauna-freizeitbad.de/thueringen/rennsteig-thermen-oberhof
Phone: 0 36 84 2 / 2920

Adventure Pool „Tabbs“
Tabarz, Schwimmbadweg 10
www.tabbs.de
Phone: 0 36259 – 67 30

Thermal Bath
Bad Salzungen
(Right to the train station)
www.keltenbad.de
Phone: 0 3695 - 69 34 0

Swimming Pool
Meiningen, Rohrer Stirn
www.stadtwerke-meiningen.de
Phone: 03693 -48 42 00

Thermal Bath „Rhöntherme“
Künzell by Fulda
www.siebenwelten.de
Phone: 0661 - 39 70

Swimming Pool
Bad Salzungen, Tiefenort
www.keltenbad.de
Phone: 0 3695 - 82 40 37

Inselberg Swimming Pool
Brotterode
www.inselbergbad.com
Phone: 0 36840 – 37 30

Sledging and Ice Skating

Summer Sledging
Inselsberg, Brotterode
www.sommerrodelbahn-inselsberg.de
Phone: 0 36840 - 32 37 0

Artificial Ice Rink
Oberhof, Crawinkler Str. 10
<http://www.oberhof-skisporthalle.de/en/>
Phone: 0 36842 - 21 20 8

Points of Interest in Schmalkalden and its surroundings

Castle Elisabethenburg
Meiningen, Schlossplatz 1
Phone: 0 3693 - 50 36 41

Marienglashöhle
Friedrichroda
April - October 9 am – 5 pm
November - March 9 am – 4 pm

Burg Maienluft
Wasungen, Maienluft 1
Phone: 0 36941 -78 40

Theater Meiningen
Bernhardstraße 5
Meiningen



Waterfall in Trusetal
Eisensteinstraße 91
Trusetal



Castle Altenstein and
Castle Liebenstein
Bad Liebenstein



4bowlers (Bowling)
Notstrasse 33
98574 Schmalkalden
Phone: 0 3683 – 46 65 70
<http://www.aktivhotel-thueringen.de/bowling.html>
(up the hill behind the University)

Tourist Mine Merkers
(wall Climbing, Life concert,
deepest concert hall in world)
Phone: 0 3695 - 61 41 01
www.erlebnisbergwerk.de
T – SN: 9.15 am – 1.15 pm
(register in advance)

Bowling in Waldhotel Ehrental
Im Ehrental
Phone: 0 3686 – 68 90

Ice Rink
Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 34
98693 Ilmenau
Phone: 0 3677 – 46 30 77

<http://www.waldhotel-ehrental.de/buchen/bowlingbahn/>
(have also a taxi)

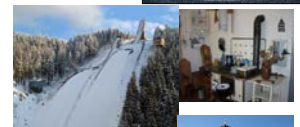
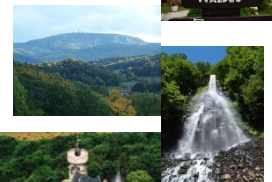
Paintball
Schleußingerstrasse 117
98527 Suhl
Phone: 01522 – 27 71 780
<http://www.gotchaforest-suhl.de/>

<http://www.ilmenau.de/505-0-Eishalle.html>

Rent a E Bike
Costs per day 25 Euro (24 hrs.)
Easy way to discover the
Thuringia forest/tracking roads
@ Tourist Info Schmalkalden
Auer Gasse 6 – 8

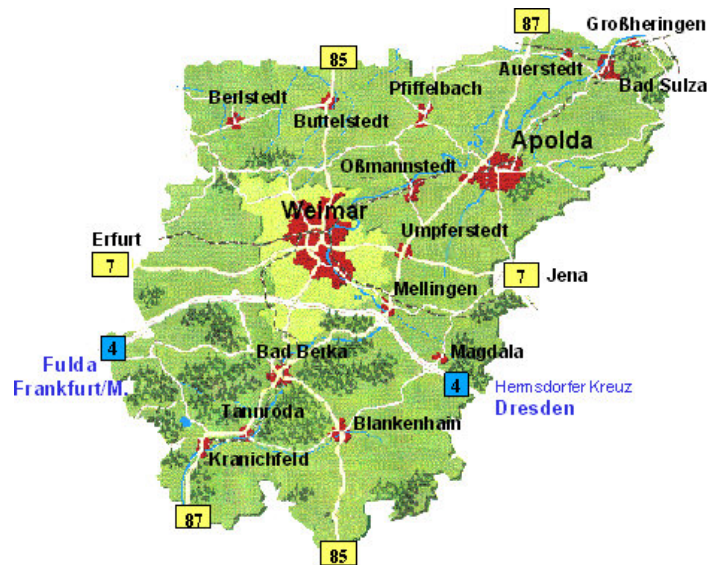
Excursion Destinations:

- ✓ The **Rennsteig**: a ridge walk and historical boundary path in the Thuringia Forest (Length: 168 km)
- ✓ **Brotterode**: Inselsberg, 'Inselberg' thermal bath, 'Sommerrodelbahn', 'Inselbergexpress'
- ✓ **Trusetal**: Waterfall, Garden Gnome Park and Tourist Mine 'Hühn'
- ✓ **Meiningen**: Theater, Castles Elisabethenburg and Landsberg
- ✓ **Zella-Mehlis**: Aquarium and Christmas Market (all year)
- ✓ **Breitungen**: Museum of Agrarian Traditions, Lake and Bird Reservoir
- ✓ **Oberhof**: Bobsleigh Run, Ski Jumping Hill, Winter Sports Museum, Botanical Garden
- ✓ **Eisenach**: Castle Wartburg, Bach House
- ✓ **Sonneberg**: Toy Museum



5. Excursion Destinations and Tourist Attractions in Thuringia

- ✓ Erfurt
- ✓ Eisenach
- ✓ Weimar
- ✓ Jena



Erfurt



Erfurt is the capital city of Thuringia. It is also the biggest city in Thuringia. Erfurt lies in the southern part of the Thuringia Basin within the wide valley of Gera River, a tributary of the Unstrut. To the south, the city is surrounded by the Steigerwald forest. You can find many historical and unique sights.

Krämerbrücke: The Krämerbrücke is covered with inhabited, half-timbered buildings on both sides. It is unique in Europe north of the Alps. The footbridge spans the Breitstrom, a branch of Gera River, connecting Benediktsplatz and Wenigemarkt.



Erfurt Cathedral: The Catholic Erfurt Cathedral is a 1200 year old church located on Cathedral Hill of



Erfurt. It is of an International Gothic style, and is also known as St Mary's Cathedral. It is located, uniquely, on a hillside.

Besides all the great things to see, Erfurt has many cafes, f. e. the San Remo (as mentioned earlier), night clubs, and there is the "Thüringenpark", a huge mall. For more information you should check out this website: <http://www.erfurt.de/ef/en/>

Eisenach



Eisenach is located in the so called Green Heart of Germany (Thuringia) and is surrounded by its beautiful nature.



Eisenach is always associated with its famous Castle Wartburg (see picture). The Wartburg is a castle situated on a 410 meter precipice to the southwest of, and overlooking the town of Eisenach.

Lutherhaus: The Lutherhaus is one of the oldest and most picturesque half-timbered buildings remaining in Eisenach. Martin Luther is said to have lived here as a pupil during his school days in Eisenach from 1498-1501. Currently, this house is a museum featuring multimedia exhibits relating to the period.

Bachhaus (Bach House): The Bach House is the oldest museum devoted to the composer Johann Sebastian Bach, who was born in the city.

Burschenschaftsdenkmal (Monument to the Student Fraternities): The monument stands on a hill opposite the Wartburg Castle in memory of the members of the student movement and others who were killed in the struggle for a united Germany between 1864 to 1871.

Besides its numerous historical sights Eisenach has many cafes, Irish pubs, and restaurants. For more information, please email to the tourist information (tourist-info@eisenach-tourist.de), visit their website: www.eisenach-tourist.de, or call them: Phone: 0 3691 - 79 23 0.

Weimar

Weimar is a city with lots of arts and it is famous for its cultural heritage. Its cultural heritage is vast. It is most often recognized as the place where Germany's first democratic constitution was signed after the First World War, giving its name to the Weimar Republic period in German politics, of 1918–1933.



Many famous poets, painters, singers, composers, and



scholars lived in Weimar during the last centuries. From 1775 to 1832 Johann Wolfgang von Goethe used to live in this city. In 1999 Weimar became “European Capital of Culture” (a city designated by the European Union for a period of one calendar year during which it organizes a series of cultural events with a strong European dimension).

Worth to see:

The Deutsche Nationaltheater and Staatskapelle Weimar (DNT) is the most important musical and theatrical venue in Weimar in Germany. It is a twin institution, consisting of the theatrical Deutsches Nationaltheater (German National Theatre, now solely based in Weimar) and the symphony orchestra known as the Staatskapelle Weimar.



Fürstengruft: The Fürstengruft is the ducal burial chapel of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, located in the Historical Cemetery in Weimar. It also houses the tombs of Goethe and Schiller. It is part of the Klassik Stiftung Weimar and since 1998 it and the cemetery have also been part of the Classical Weimar World Heritage Site.



Goethe–Schiller Monument: It incorporates Ernst Rietschel's 1857 bronze double statue of Johann Wolfgang Goethe (1749–1832) and Friedrich Schiller (1759–1805).



Goethe House: The Goethe House is the main house lived in by the poet Goethe whilst in Weimar, though he did live in several others in the town.



Buchenwald concentration camp: Was a German Nazi concentration camp established on the Ettersberg near Weimar in July 1937, one of the first and the largest of the concentration camps in Germany.



Tours are available.

November and March

T – SN: 10.30 am and 1.30 pm

December – February

T – SN: 11.30 am

April – October

T – SN: 10.30 am, 11.30 am, 1.30 pm, and 2.30 pm

More Information:

Phone: 0 3643 – 43 02 00

E-Mail: anmeldung@buchenwald.de

City Information:

Phone: 0 3643 – 19 43 3

www.weimar.de

Jena



Jena is a university city on the river Saale. It has a population of approximately 103,000 and is the second largest city in the federal state of Thuringia.

Jena has one of the biggest universities in Germany and its ratio of students to the total of inhabitants may belong to the greatest in Germany, as there are 20,000 students at the university.



Goethe and Schiller lived in Jena as well as the biologist Ernst Haeckel, the physicists Ernst Abbe and Erwin Schrödinger and the philosopher Karl Marx.

At the end of the 19th century, Jena became a center for precision machinery, optics and glass making, with the formation of the world famous companies Carl Zeiss Jena and Schott Jenaer Glaswerk, by Carl Zeiss, Ernst Abbe and Otto Schott.

The **Botanischer Garten Jena** (4.5 hectares) is the second oldest botanical garden in Germany, maintained by the University of Jena and located at Fürstengraben 26, Jena. It is open daily; an admission fee is charged.



Optical Museum: The Optical Museum shows optical instruments from eight centuries. It gives a technical and cultural-historical survey of the development of optical instruments. The development of the city Jena to the center of the optical industries since the mid-19th-century is integrated in the exhibition, connected with the lifeworks of Ernst Abbe, Carl Zeiss and Otto Schott.

Johannistor: The Johannistor is the only conserved town gate in Jena.



You can find many more historical sights in Jena. For more information, please visit: <http://www.jena.de/de/startseite/210413>

6. Culture in Thuringia

Something very special in Thuringia is its nature. The beautiful wooded area offers miles of serene settings for unlimited recreational opportunities.

Thuringia offers a wide variety of landscapes, a remarkable number of castles and palaces, extraordinary architectural and cultural diversity and a great range of leisure activities. Visitors can enjoy an engaging mix of history and tradition, culture and leisure activities, the classical and the modern.

All of this together, a strong past and a constantly changing present, describes Thuringia best. No matter if you look at historical castles, classical buildings, or the beautiful landscape, you can always see the contrast of past and present.



Thuringia is famous for its villages and traditions, which revive on special occasions every year.

Visitors can see how people in Thuringia lived during the last century: you can see people wearing their traditional clothes. You can also get to know they produced butter and other food items at home.

Thuringia is famous for its Thüringer Rostbratwurst (The Thuringian Bratwurst) and Thuringian potatoes and crouton dumplings. Locally these dumplings are known as “Hüts”. That is short for “Hüt es”, which means “to keep (the secret)”. That refers to keeping the secret of the recipe of the dumplings.

Due to the numerous historical events, culture is very important and one of the most popular activities for people living in Thuringia is to go to the theatre. In Meiningen and Weimar there are famous and beautiful theatres which are definitely worth to see.

In Steinbach/Langenbach and in Bauerbach by Meiningen there are open air theatres which are especially attractive for tourists that love nature.

In Thuringia many poets, painters, and composer used to meet, for example Johann Wolfgang Goethe and Friedrich Schiller.

7. Excursions organized by the International Office

7.1. Berlin (each summer semester)

Berlin is the capital city of Germany and is one of the 16 states of Germany. Berlin is a federal city state, just like Hamburg and Bremen.

Kurfürstendamm: The Kurfürstendamm (locally known as **Ku'damm**) is one of the most famous avenues in Berlin. It is a very broad, long boulevard full of shops, houses, hotels and restaurants. Many fashion designers have their shops there.



Pergamon Altar: The Pergamon Altar of Zeus stands in the Pergamon Museum in Berlin. The elaborate Frieise round about the altar depicts the "battle of the Titans", the "gods" against the giants.

KaDeWe (Kaufhaus des Westens – Department store of the West): The KaDeWe is the biggest warehouse in Europe. It is located on Tauentzienstraße, a major shopping street, between Wittenbergplatz and Breitscheidplatz, near the center of the former West Berlin.



Unter den Linden (Under the Linden Trees): Unter den Linden is a main east-west thoroughfare through the city of Berlin and earned its name from the rows of linden trees that were first planted there more than three-and-a-half centuries ago.

Fernsehturm (Television Tower): The television tower is in the city center of Berlin, close to Alexanderplatz. The tower was constructed between 1965 and 1969 by the former German Democratic Republic administration who intended it as a symbol of Berlin. It is easily visible throughout the central and some suburban districts of Berlin.



Pfaueninsel ("Peacock Island"): The Pfaueninsel is an island in the River Havel situated in Berlin-Wannsee, in southwestern Berlin, near the borders with Potsdam and Brandenburg. The island is part of the Palaces and Parks of Potsdam and Berlin World

Heritage Site and a popular destination.

Brandenburger Tor (The Brandenburg Gate): The Brandenburger Tor is a former city gate, rebuilt in the late 18th century as a neoclassical triumphal arch, and now one of the most well-known landmarks of Berlin and Germany. It is located west of the city center at the junction of *Unter den Linden* and Ebertstraße, immediately west of the Pariser Platz. It is the only remaining gate of a series through which Berlin was once entered.



Berlin has many, many more sights worth to see. For more information, please visit the following website: <http://www.berlin.de/en/>

7.2. Dresden (each winter semester)

Dresden is the capital city of the State of Saxony. It is situated in a valley on the River Elbe, near the Czech border.

Semperoper: The Semperoper is the opera house of the Saxon State Opera in Dresden and the concert hall of the Saxon State Orchestra. The building is located near the Elbe River in the historic center of Dresden.





Zwinger: The Zwinger is built in Rococo style. It served as the orangery, exhibition gallery and festival arena of the Dresden Court.

Dresdner Frauenkirche: The Dresden Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) is a Lutheran church in Dresden.



Elbschlösser (Elbe Palaces): Albrechtsberg Palace, Lingner Palace, and the Eckberg Palace.

The Albrechtsberg palace was built 1851-54 in Late Classicist style by Adolf Lohse for Prince Albrecht of Prussia. Its great hall and salons are available for congresses and cultural events. The Lingner palace was built at about the same time for Prince Albrecht's chamberlain. At the end of the 19th century the palace was bought by the industrialist Karl August Lingner, founder of the Hygiene-Museum. The Eckberg palace was built 1859-61 in the style of Gothic Revival. The palace (today a hotel) and its grounds are an example of Late Dresden Romanticism.

Das Blaue Wunder (The Blue Wonder): Because of its scenic beauty and magnificent view of the Elbe valley, the Elbe slopes in Loschwitz have always been one of Dresden's most favorite residential areas. The steel-girder construction »Blaues Wunder«, which was built between 1891 and 1893 to connect the districts Loschwitz and Blasewitz, was considered a technical wonder at that time, too. The bridge owes its name »Blue Wonder« to its light blue paint.



Kreuzkirche: The present church was built in the late Baroque and early Classicistic style between 1764 and 1800. It is the home of the Kreuzchor boys' choir, whose tradition reaches back more than 700 years.



We recommend to buy a Dresden Card which will give you free rides with public transportation and free entrance to several museums. Please find more information about Dresden and the Dresden Card here: http://www.dresden.de/index_en.php

8. Little Dictionary

German	English
Ja.	Yes.
Nein.	No.
Bitte.	Please.
Danke.	Thank you.
Bitte./Bitte schön.	You're welcome.
Entschuldigung!	I'm sorry.
Wie bitte?	Pardon?
Guten Morgen.	Good morning.
Guten Tag.	Good afternoon.
Guten Abend.	Good evening.
Hallo / Grüß dich.	Hello /Hi.
Auf Wiedersehen.	Goodbye.
Tschüß.	See you/Bye.
Wie geht's?	How are you?
Ich verstehe nicht.	I don't understand.
Ich brauche einen Arzt.	I need to see a doctor.
Können Sie mir bitte helfen?	Could you help me, please?
Haben Sie...?	Do you have...?
Wie viel kostet es?	How much is it, please?
Wo finde ich...?	Where can I find...?

9. What do Germans like and dislike?

Punctuality

Germans tend to be very punctual. If you make an appointment or you want to meet friends, Germans expect you to be on time. In case you are late you should apologize, otherwise they will think you are unreliable.

Voice volume

In Germany it is not impolite to speak with each other louder than you might be used to. It simply means that they try to speak clearly with you. In contrast, people who speak more quietly often seem to be impolite.

Eye contact

If people discuss an issue or a problem they look each other in the eyes. For German that means that you are actually interested in the conversation. If you do not look the other person in the eyes, they might think that you are insecure, impolite or not interested in the conversation.

Ask question

In Germany it is normal to ask if you do not understand something. Someone who asks questions is seen as very interested. It is not impolite to ask a teacher a question in class. Students who ask questions will usually be evaluated better than students who do not ask. So, don't be shy and ask!

"Yes" and "No"

If you do not understand a certain issue or you do *not want* something it is normal to say "no". You will not hurt the other party by saying "no". So, don't be shy to use the word "no".

We love rules, organization and structure

This love of rules manifests itself in many ways. For example, crossing the street as a pedestrian at a red traffic light is frowned upon, even if no car is coming. Every house has at least four different garbage cans: plastic and metal, paper, organic waste, and general garbage. Plus, there is even a government office called *Ordnungsamt*, which literally translates to "office of order".

Germans love football (soccer)

By a wide margin, football is the number one, most attended and practiced sport in Germany. It is so popular that it could be considered a national pastime. The German Football Association consists of more than 26,000 clubs and 178,000 teams. There are more football fan clubs in Germany than any other country.

Germans are distant

You may have heard that Germans are often described as being a little standoffish and cold. That might be because people's personal space bubbles are larger here than in other countries. Therefore, Germans have a tendency to treat strangers rather formally, especially at first encounters and – as mentioned earlier – are not always big on small talk. They take a little longer to warm up to others. As a consequence, close friendships with Germans don't necessarily happen overnight, but when they do form they are generally very genuine.

Germans love to drink beer

Germany has over 1,300 breweries and more than 5,000 different brands of beer. The country even has a law about which ingredients may be used in the production of the beverage. The beginning of the so-called *Deutsches Reinheitsgebot* dates back to 1516. Talk about taking brewing seriously.

Germans like beer so much that one of the first things they did after establishing colonies in China was build a brewery. To this day, Tsingtao is China's second largest beer producer.

10. What to do before you leave?

Dormitory

- ✓ You will get a letter from the dormitory before your rental contract expire (approx. 6 weeks before). They ask you if you want to prolong your stay or not.
- ✓ They will give you a pre-appointment to check your apartment and then you need to start thinking about your move out day (only during the week).
- ✓ If you know your exact leaving day, please contact the dormitory administration (Ms. Hofmann or Mr. Fräbel).
- ✓ Please be punctual on your move out day. The dormitory take it seriously and will charge you extra in case you are late or your room is not ready. You will get the exact introductions about the move out

appointment on your pre-check (in which they tell you what you have to clean).

- ✓ After your move out there are two possibilities. In case you are an European citizen you will get your deposit 6 weeks after the end of your contract. In case you are not from the European Union, you have to go immediately to Ms. Höpfner's office and take your deposit. It's not allowed for other people to take your deposit. And in case you will be too late, the office can be closed and you can get the money only on the next working day!

Blocked Bank account

- ✓ In case the foreign office required a blocked bank account and you leave before it's unlocked, you need to contact Mr. Lischke (the immigration office). You need to send him your flight ticket and exmatriculation but not earlier than 2 weeks before you leave. Then, he will send you a letter which allows you to close your bank account. Please don't use your bank card or do a transaction 3 days before you want to close your bank account.

Finish your health insurance

- ✓ Get in contact with Mr. Koch. He will send you a letter with which you have to deregister at the town hall and exmatriculate yourself from the University. After collecting the signatures you need, please go to the AOK office and they will inform you how much you have to pay for the insurance until your flight back home.

Town hall

- ✓ You have to go to the town hall and deregister yourself (max. 2 weeks before you leave).

Erasmus Students

- ✓ Please contact Ms. Weisheit about signatures for the Erasmus documents.

Enjoy your stay at the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences!

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