

## **1. Tuition**

Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz does not charge exchange students for tuition.

## **2. Cost of Living**

Semester fees for *one* semester (see also section 3) € 319,15

**Monthly expenses** (*without* semester fees!):

Health insurance<sup>1</sup>: ca. € 90,00

Rent for a dorm room<sup>2</sup>: ca. € 350,00

Food, clothing, etc.: ca. € 350,00

**Sum<sup>3</sup>**: ca. € 790,00

<sup>1</sup> Health insurance is *mandatory* for students in Germany, but the persons listed under ch. 4.1 may be exempted from this requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Dormitory rents are usually subsidized in Germany, so that living in a dorm is often considerably cheaper than living in private housing.

<sup>3</sup> Dorm rental contracts and insurance plans run for 6 months (= the legal duration of one semester), even if you leave earlier, so please include that in your calculation.

## **3. Semester Fees**

The semester fee is a mandatory student services charge which entitles students to use the service institutions and benefits at this university; fee payment is a necessary prerequisite for enrollment. The semester fee includes:

94,00 € for the *Studierendenwerk* (Dining and Housing Administration),

13,10 € for the Student Government,

2,00 € for the Student Aid Fund of the Student Parliament,

1,60 € for the students' sports facilities,

208,45 € for the semester ticket\*

\*The semester ticket entitles JGU students to ride all busses, streetcars and local trains (*S-Bahn* or *Nahverkehrs zug*) not only in Mainz, but also in the larger Rhein-Main area. Basically, the semester ticket obviates the need for buying a car. For a detailed map and further information, see <https://www.studium.uni-mainz.de/semesterticket>. The ticket is valid for the official semester period (winter: 01 Oct. – 31 March; summer: 01 April – 30 Sept.), not just for the lecture period.

If you are an EU citizen, you are required to pay the semester fee 4 weeks prior to enrollment at JGU. Non-EU citizens can pay the fee during the InfoDays (or upon arrival here). All information about payment is included in your Letter of Admission.

#### **4. Health Insurance**

Please read the following explanation carefully and keep in mind that in case of serious illness, you may be burdened with extreme expenses if you do not have adequate health insurance coverage.

##### **4.1. Public Health Insurance (mandatory insurance)**

All full-time students have to be covered by health insurance until they are 30 years of age. Currently, the student health insurance plan costs about € 540,00 per semester (i.e. 6 months).

Germany has mutual insurance agreements with all countries of the European Union, as well as Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Israel, Turkey, and Tunisia. Students from these countries do not have to buy additional health insurance here. However, this *only* pertains to students who are actually covered by health insurance in their home countries (under an internationally valid insurance plan) and can provide one of the following forms (from their insurance agency or the relevant authorities in their home country):

all countries of the European Union plus Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, Serbia, Macedonia and Liechtenstein	EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)
Montenegro	DE/MNE 101
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BH 6
Israel	D/ISR 101
Turkey	T/A 11
Tunisia	TN/A 11

Upon your arrival in Mainz you will have to present one of the forms listed above to a public health insurance office. This visit is part of the InfoDays ("AOK" or "Techniker Krankenkasse" are located on campus). The office will issue the "Proof of Insurance" needed for enrollment. Students who are covered by one of these insurance plans should ascertain prior to departure exactly what is covered by the insurance plan.

##### **4.2. Private Health Insurance**

We *urgently* recommend that students who cannot buy into a public health insurance plan (e.g. because they are older than 30 years of age) or do not choose to do so get private health insurance coverage instead.

If you are privately insured in your home country, please have your insurance provider issue a statement (in English or in German) listing all services included in your plan, as well as the validity period of your plan.

Private health insurance coverage may be purchased:

- in Germany – and, usually,
- in the student's home country (request an international insurance plan which is valid in Germany).

Please note: If you have private health insurance, you pay the costs for medical treatments yourself and then apply for reimbursement from your insurance company. We urgently recommend buying health insurance in Germany, since reimbursement from your home health insurance company may take an exceedingly long time.

Note: The figures listed above are only approximations, they are not absolute, and the International Office is not responsible for any changes in these figures.
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