



## Ready for departure? – Final Packing Checklist

The following is a short list of items – ranging from the necessary to the useful - that we recommend you bring:

- **Passport** (and visa for students who need a visa before arriving, see section Residence Permits)
- **Zulassungsbescheid** (letter of admission) from Heidelberg University
- **Financial statement** (bank statement, notarized parental letter, etc. – only for students applying for a residence permit)
- **Health Insurance Documentation** (if you are bringing insurance from home)
- **Student Identification**, preferably an International Student ID card
- **Prescription medicine and prescriptions** (Make a note of not just the brand name but also the scientific name. This will make it easier to find an equivalent.)
- **Clothes**. Students in Germany tend to dress fairly casually. Jeans or skirts are fully acceptable for everyday wear. In summer, the temperature in Heidelberg is around 25°C; winter temperatures rarely fall below freezing. You should come prepared for wet weather; rain is more common than snow and is heaviest during winter and spring.
- **Linen**. You can buy pillows, duvets and sheets at your residence or in a store.
- **Sleeping bag** (in case you arrive too late to purchase pillows, duvets and sheets immediately)
- **Bath towels** are not provided by the residence.
- **Toiletries**. You might want to bring enough of your usual toiletries for the beginning of your stay. Since Germany has a good selection of all such items, shipping or bringing large amounts of toiletries is not necessary.
- **Appliances**. Germany's electricity runs on 220V. You may need an adaptor and converter for any appliance brought from home. For standard items students from the UK just need to buy a different cable when they get to Germany.
- **Mobile phone**. We recommend you check with your phone company at home whether you can use your own mobile with a German *PrePaid* card. *PrePaid* cards do not have a minimum duration and can be topped up according to your needs.
- **Internet**. A safe and very convenient way to access the internet in Heidelberg immediately after your arrival is via *eduroam*. We recommend that you check whether your home institution is an *eduroam* participating site. If so, you will be able to obtain internet access across the campuses at Heidelberg University with your user credentials from home. To learn more about *eduroam*, please see <https://www.eduroam.org>  
Map of access points in Heidelberg: <https://www.urz.uni-heidelberg.de/de/wlan>