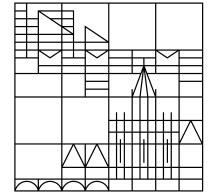


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# Info Meeting

20th August 2024



**SEDS Master's Program**

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# Who are we?



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**Peer Advisor & Student Assistant**

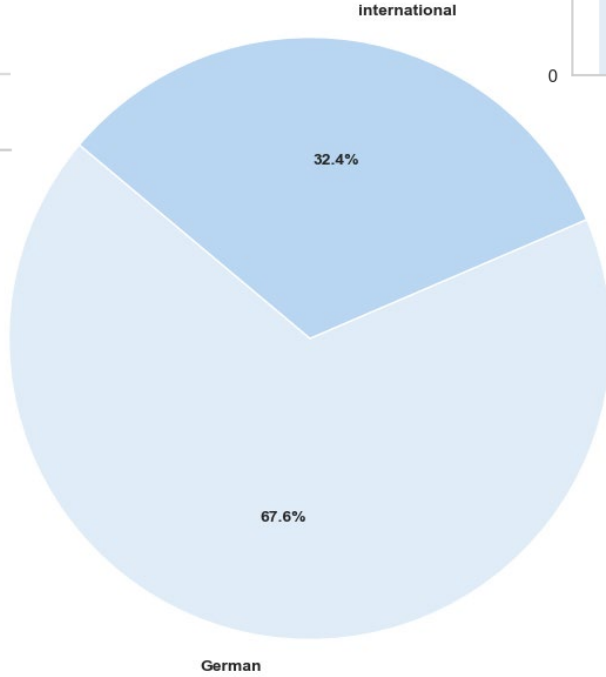
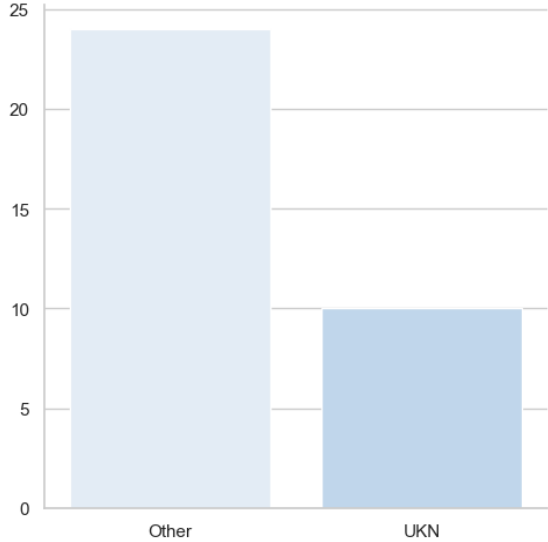
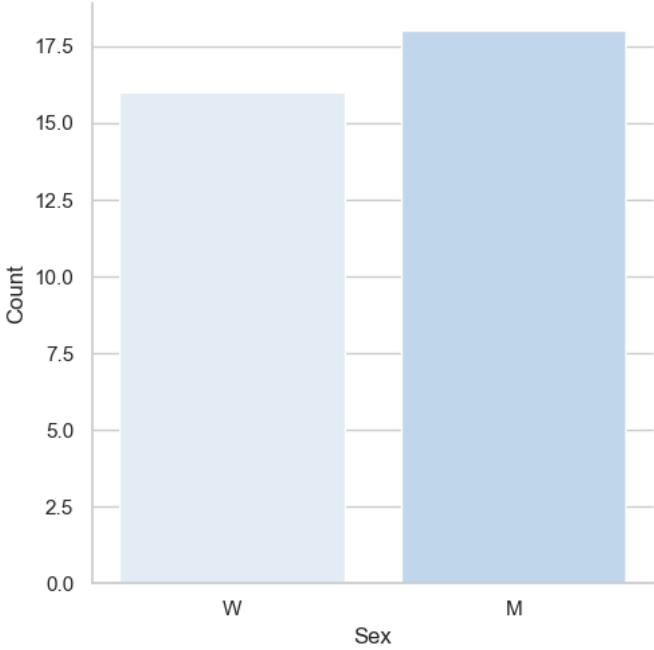
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**Liane Strauch**

**Teaching Assistant ICSS**

# Who are you? Cohort 2024/2025



# Get in touch

## 1. WhatsApp Groups

- Cohort Group:
  - Scan the QR-Code or follow the link in the chat:
  - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jfzev1u2Hx1HZMHBaKN2uk>
- SEDS All Group:
  - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GfVacOegQkZLdmQ3Mk1qMg>

## 2. SEDS Buddy

- Get a current SEDS Student as a Buddy
- Write an e-mail to [seds.msc@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:seds.msc@uni-konstanz.de)



# How to communicate and who to ask?

## 1. Peer Advisor & Student Assistant

- Tessa Bartels, [seds.msc@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:seds.msc@uni-konstanz.de)



**Peer Advisor and Student Assistant**

MSc Social and Economic Data Science

## 2. Programm Coordinator

- Katharina Arendt, [seds.admin@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:seds.admin@uni-konstanz.de)



**Program Coordinator (during parental leave)**

MSc Social and Economic Data Science

Office hours:

- Tue, 11-12 AM (online)
- Wed, 1.30-3 PM (D328)

## International Office

- All information for the international students
- <https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz/degree-studies/>



**Amaia Epalza Zubiaurre**

Advising international degree-seeking students



**Tamara Joanne Weber**

Coordination International Degree-Seeking Students

# Before you start – How does studying at the University of Konstanz work?

- Every university works differently
- at the University of Konstanz:
  - Eduroam (Wi-Fi)
  - ZEuS (administration, booking of courses & exams)
  - Ilias (materials)
  - Sogo (email)
  - Git(Lab) (computer science projects)
- Take a look at the explanatory videos, they are very helpful!
- Guide for new students
- Other helpful service center:
  - Student Service Center (SSZ)
  - KIM (technological support)



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- SEDS is interdisciplinary, which is why the courses are spread across the departments of
  - Computer Science,
  - Political and Administrative Sciences,
  - Psychology and
  - Economics
- Each department has different registration and deregistration periods for examinations
- Important notes:
  - Pay attention to which chair your course is at
  - You do not have to write all exams during the first examination period
  - Follow the mailing lists!

# Before you start - SEDS

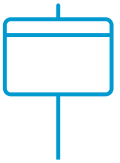
## 1. Pre-courses:

- Python Crash Course (SEDS)
- Mathematics (Computer Science)
- Social Science Methods (Politics and Administration)

## 2. Reading:

- SEDS Handbook
- Module Handbook
- Examination regulations
- Course Catalogue
- Additional Course List
- **Follow the instructions on your registration confirmation letter!!**

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matics

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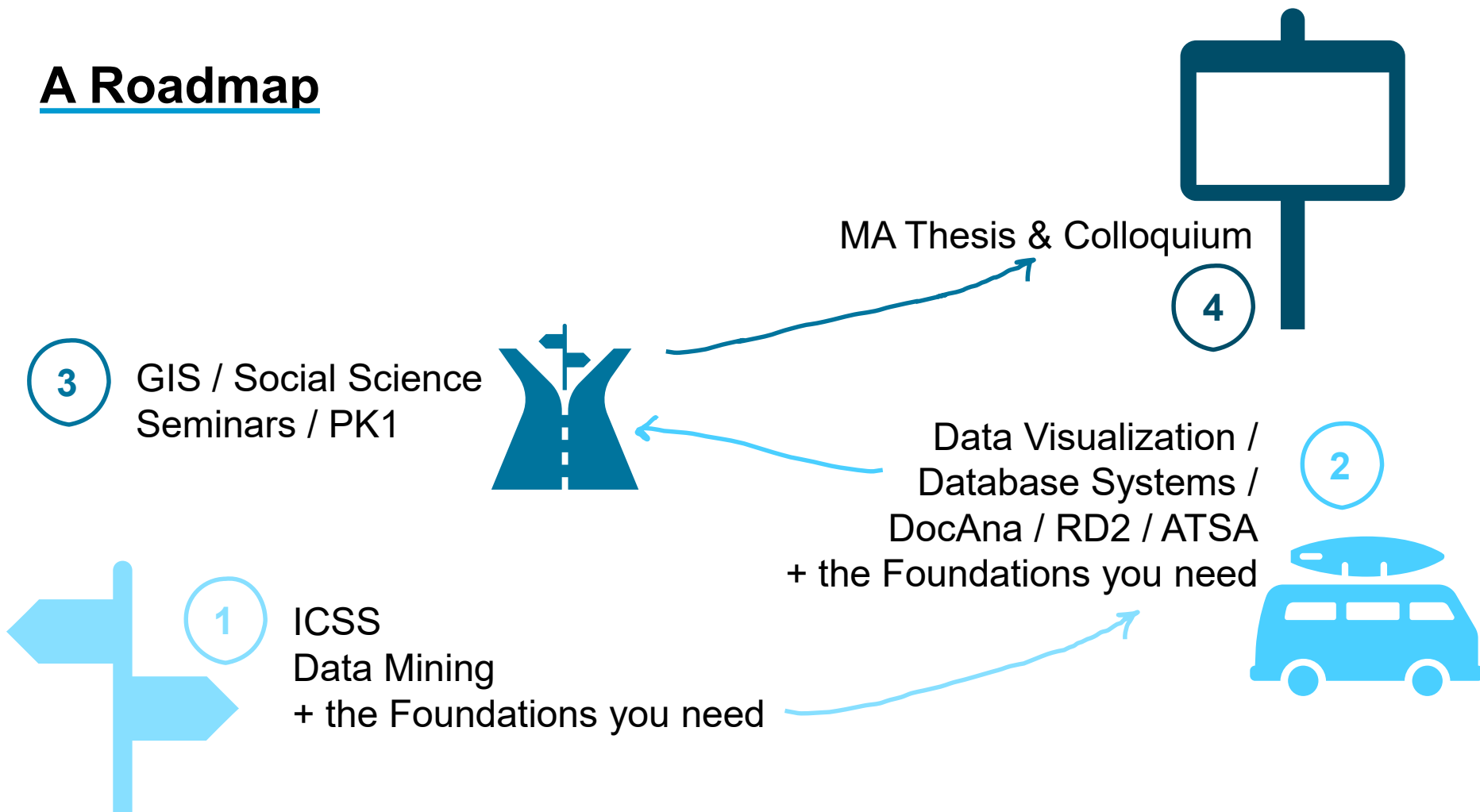
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## 1. Credits are not equal to credits

- Some courses are more difficult than others and the ECTS do not mirror the work load

## 2. “Shopping Week”

- First two weeks of the semester you can visit all courses you want, before the final registration
- Opportunity to try out and see, if that course fits

# Getting Help as a Student – Mental Health

- Do not hesitate so seek help or ask for it!
- Everybody struggles!
- Do not compare yourself to others! Especially in SEDS.

## 1. Advice, services and support – University

- Anti-Discrimination-Office
- Equal-Opportunities-Office
- Psychotherapeutic counseling
- Studying with child

## 2. Seezeit – Studierendenwerk

- Psychotherapeutic counseling

## 3. StuVe – Student Council

- Awareness, Sexism, Racism
- Mental health
- Queerness
- Studying with disabilities

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# Masterhöfe – Orientation Camp

- **When?**
  - Registration: 26th September 11 am (first come, first serve)
  - 1. Camp: 30th September – 02nd October
  - 2. Camp: 02nd October – 04th October
- **Where?**
  - Hostel near St. Georgen
  - 1 ½ hours away from Konstanz
- **What?**
  - Peer-to-peer
  - Fun activities
  - Get to know each other
  - Useful information

# Life in Konstanz - What to do in your first weeks here?

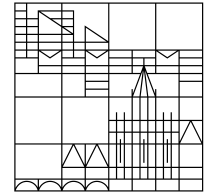
- with your parents:
  - Wirtshaus (brewery, great location, traditional swabian food)
  - Ikrams (great libanese food)
  - Voglhaus (vegan bio café)
  - Defne (turkish restaurant, unbeatable prices)
- explore the lake beaches
  - be careful of pointy rocks
  - don't forget there is a current especially in the Seerhein. Be careful!
  - Rent some sports gear at the University's watersport area
- explore some bars
  - Logans (irish pub with many special nights)
  - Destille (smoking bar)
  - Old Mary's Pub (student prices)
  - Einstein Bar
  - Strandbar (great location at the Seerhein)

# Life in Konstanz

- Transportation:
  - bring a bike
  - bring a lock for your bike
  
- Pay your bills:
  - only accept Cash
  - others only EC-Card
  - No credit card
  
- Citizen´s registration:
  - get your coupon booklet



**Any  
Questions?**



# 1 - What is it about?

Structure of the Study Program & Some Tips for Your Start

# 1.1 Preparation Courses



Dept. of Politics  
and Public  
Administration

**Python Crash Course: In-  
troduction to Pro-  
gramming with Python**

16/10/23 – 20/10/23 (all-day) in room  
C358/D406. Please, register via [ZEuS ↗](#).

**Prep Course: Research  
Methods and Statistics**

09/10/23 – 20/10/23 (Mon, Wed, Fri,  
10:00 AM to 1:15 PM) in room L602. For fur-  
ther information click [here ↗](#).

Dept. of  
Economics

**tba**

Dept. of Com-  
puter and Infor-  
mation Science

**Prep Course: Mathema-  
tics I (in German)**

09/10/23, 2:30 – 4.45 PM in room R513  
09/10/23 – 13/10/23, 9:00 AM – 4.45 PM  
in room R513. For further information click  
[here ↗](#).

**Online Prep Course: Ma-  
thematics I (in German)**

[www.ve-und-mint.de/index.php](http://www.ve-und-mint.de/index.php)

Find links here:  
[Website SEDS](#)

# 1.2 Course Structure

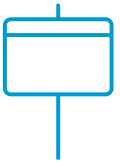
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You are very flexible in choosing different courses within the particular modules.

However, it is obligatory to attend **ICSS** (Introduction to Computational Social Sciences) in the **first semester** & to complete all courses in the **Foundations of Data Science** in the first **2 semesters**.

Curriculum & Module Handbook:  
[SEDS Website](#)

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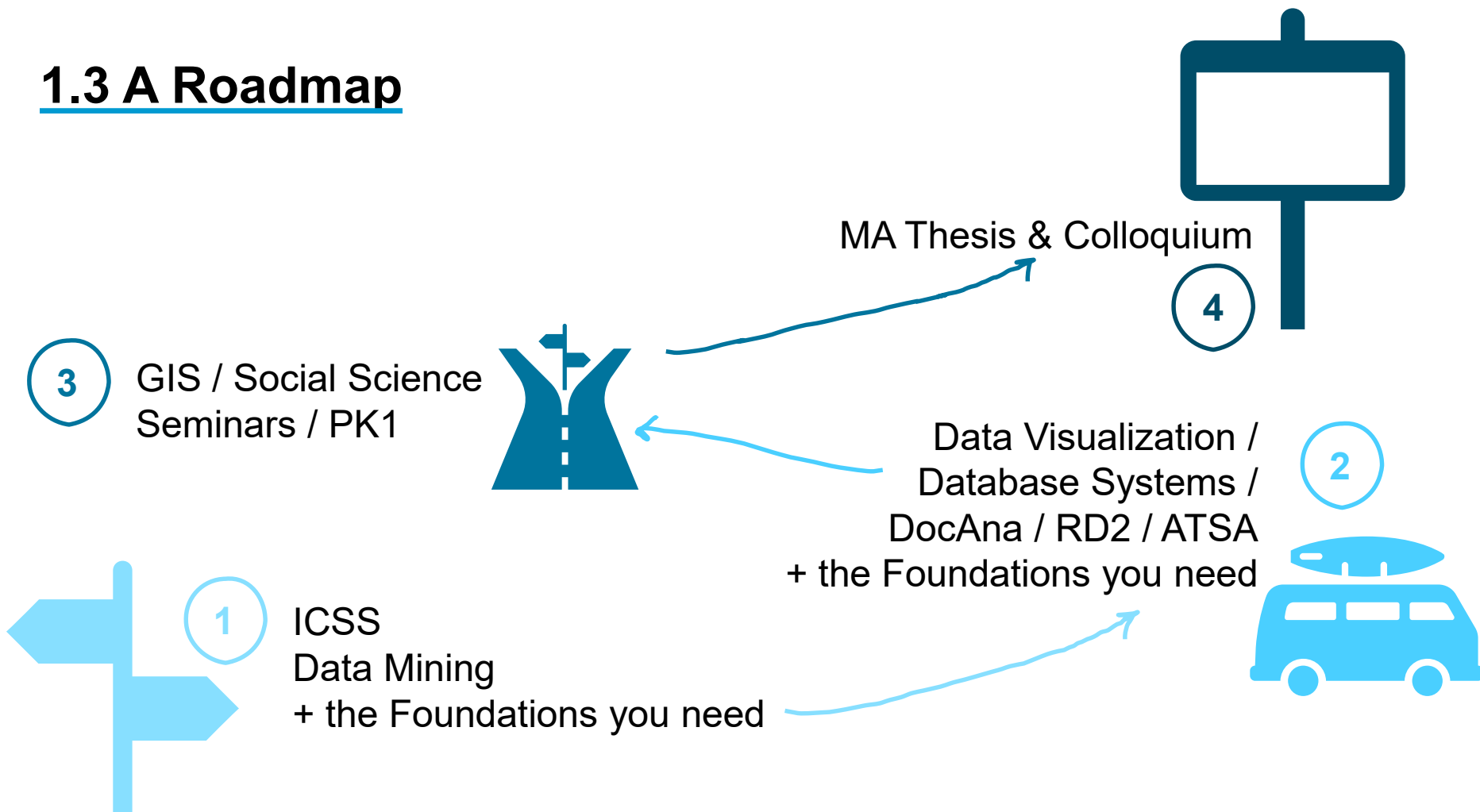
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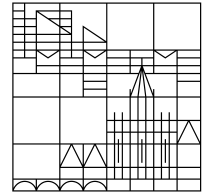
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## 2 - Where do I find information?

About the Website, ZEUS, and Ilias

# 2.1 Website



**Fachbereich**   **Forschung**   **Studium**   **Service und Beratung**   **International**

Fachbereich Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaft > Studium > Master > Master Social and Economic Data Science > Curriculum

**Master Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaft** +

**Master Social and Economic Data Science** -

Curriculum

How to apply

First-year students

Exams and Master's Thesis

Data Science Project and Internship

Study Abroad

Alumni & Career

AK SEDS

Contact

**Double Degree-Optionen** +

## MSc SEDS Curriculum

An overview of your classes

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Module handbook

Module handbook

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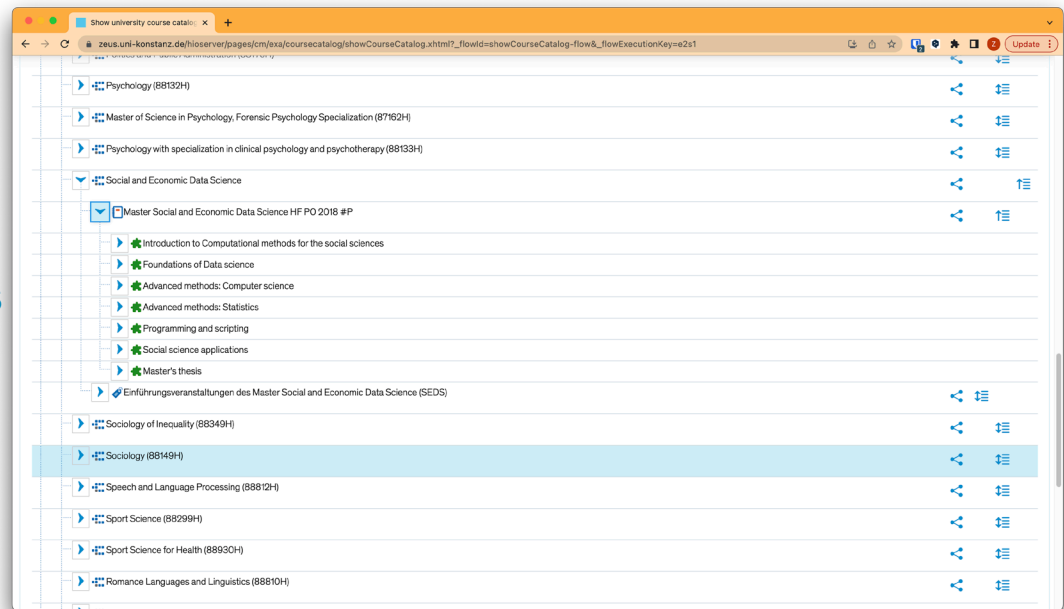
Python block course

[polver.uni-konstanz.de/studium/master/master-social-and-economic-data-science/](https://polver.uni-konstanz.de/studium/master/master-social-and-economic-data-science/)

## 2.2 ZEUS



- Course Catalogue
- Course Registration
- Exam Registration
  - ZEUS > Courses > Show university course catalogue (+ check semester dropdown at the top!)
- Timetable
  - ZEUS > My Studies > Class Schedule
- Transcript of records
  - ZEUS > My Studies > My Achievements
- Enrollment Certificate & payment receipt for study fees
  - ZEUS > My Studies > Student Service



<https://zeus.uni-konstanz.de/>

## 2.3 ILIAS



- Study materials from each course
- Handing in assignments etc.

most times  
you're added  
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in ILIAS when  
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ZEUS,  
otherwise:  
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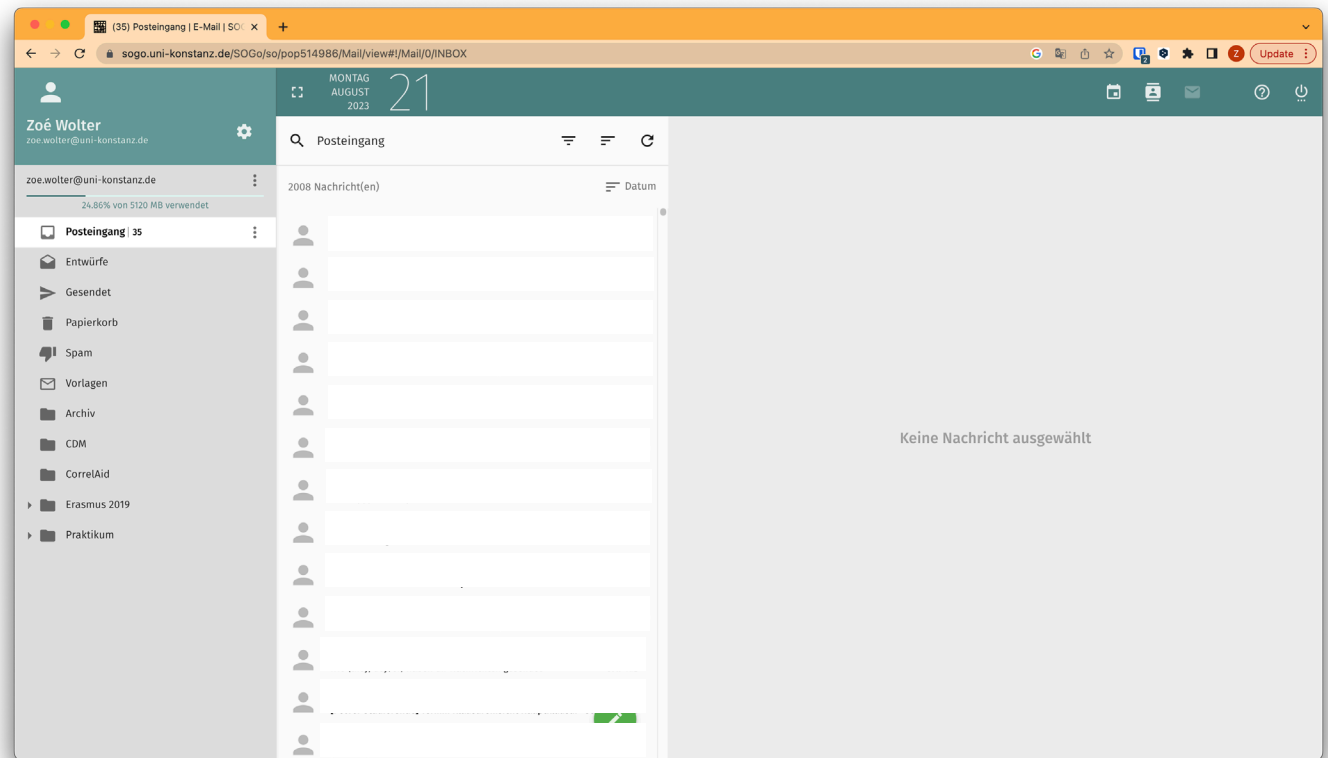
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<https://ilias.uni-konstanz.de/>

## 2.4 Sogo



- University email platform
- Tip: use a different client (<https://www.kim.uni-konstanz.de/en/email-and-internet/university-email/email-clients-contacts-calendar/>)



<https://sogo.uni-konstanz.de/>

## 2.5 VPN



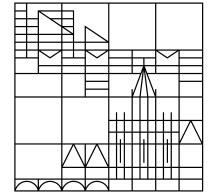
- Remote access to the campus network
- Tip: be careful while web scraping when you're connected to campus network via VPN to avoid university IPs to be blocked

<https://www.kim.uni-konstanz.de/en/email-and-internet/vpn/>



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# 3 - How does the program become *our* program?

[About the AK SEDS](#)

# AK SEDS



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# AK SEDS – Upcoming Events

Event

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# AK SEDS – How to join us

Write us:

Email: [seds.ak@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:seds.ak@uni-konstanz.de)

Or just ask in the SEDS all group on Whats App 😊

Meetings usually take place once in a month

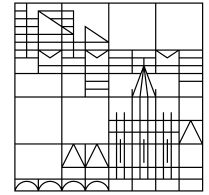
Next meeting:

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probably at the beginning of the  
semester in a bar 😊



**Any  
Questions?**



# 4 - How is life at University of Konstanz?

Some Remarks and Tips for Non-Konstanz Students

## 4.1 Transportation



When it comes to transportation in Konstanz, the best options to use are the public **transportation network or a bicycle**. For instance, to reach the **campus**, one can use the **bus lines 9A, 9B, 11, and 4**.

### Studiticket

The “Studi-Ticket” is a **student travel card** at a special price of € 58.80. It is valid for **one semester** (1st October - 31st March or 1st April - 30th September) and can be used on all Konstanz bus lines, the “Seehas” train, and the ferries.

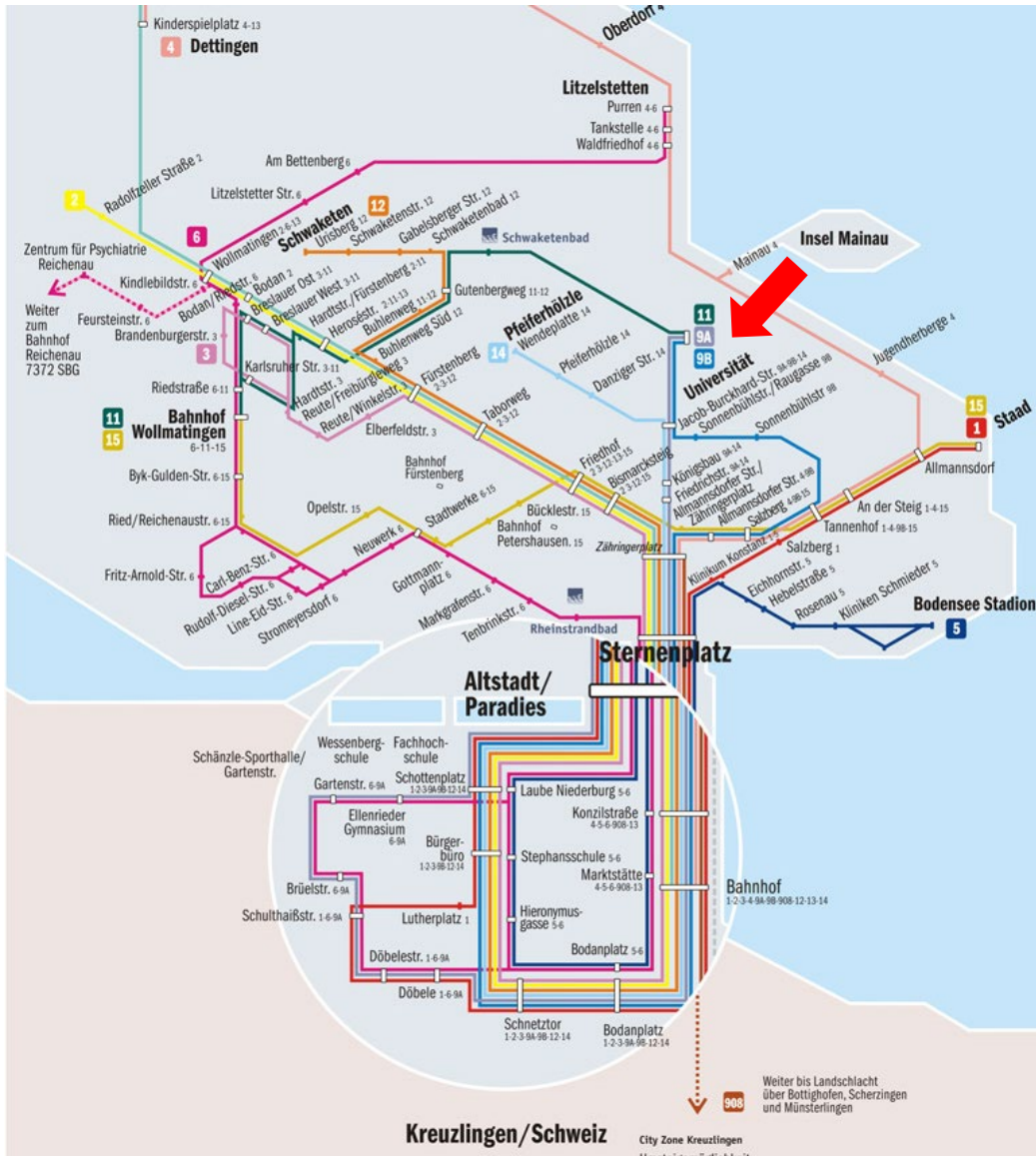
To use the travel card, you need to **present your student identity card together with the travel card**.

The “Studiticket” is **available at different places**, e.g. in the Seezeit Shop in the foyer of the University. You can also buy a **mobile version** of it by downloading and registering on the App “My Konstanz” (available on Google Play and Apple Store).

→ alternatively: check out the **JugendticketBW** for travelling in Baden-Württemberg or **Deutschlandticket** for travelling in Germany



# 4.1 Transportation



Get yourself an overview of the bus tickets and prices, connections, and the transportation schedules.

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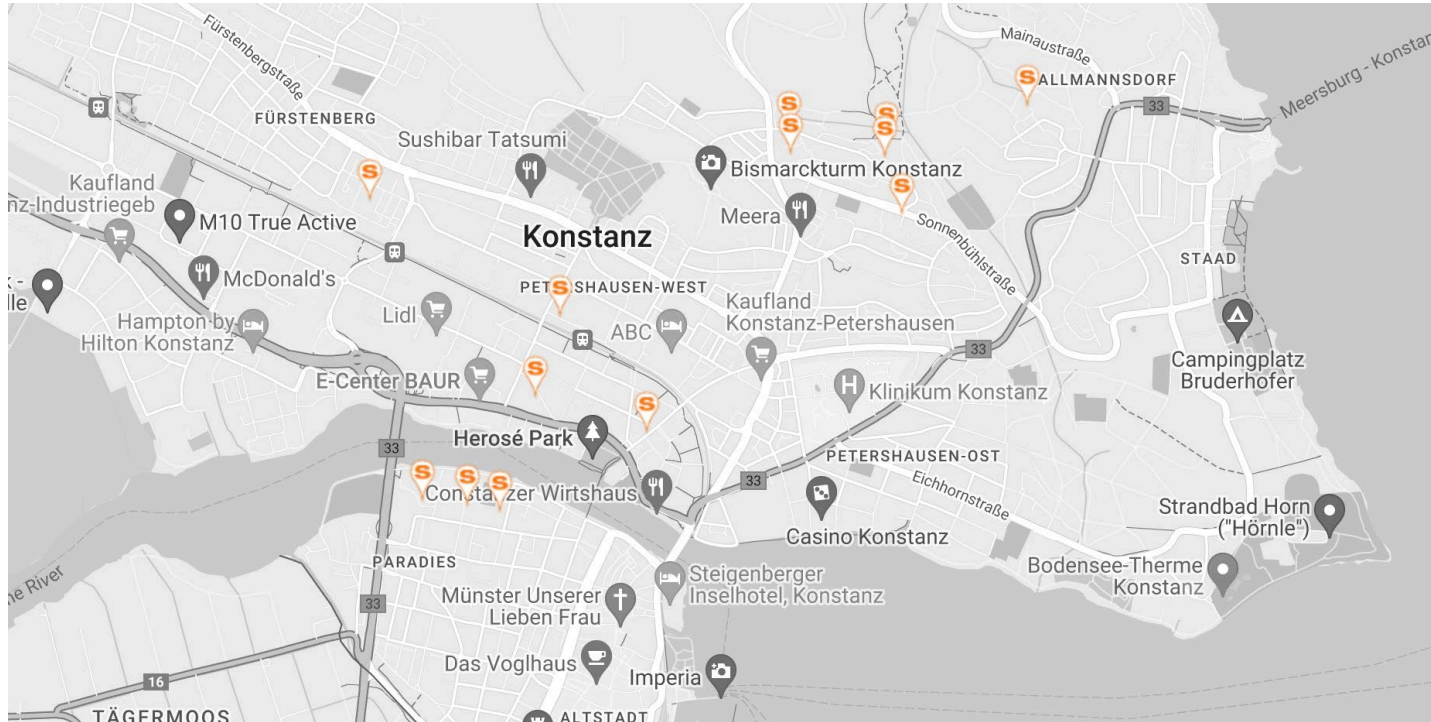
## Bicycles

Konstanz has a good infrastructure for cyclists. Transportation by bike is especially **useful on a night out** in Konstanz, as the buses drive at night less frequently, or when you want to reach **places that are seasonally approached less by bus**, like the Strandbad Horn (“Hörnle”).

You can **search** for an affordable bike in the [Ebay wants ads](#) or have a look at the [list of bicycle shops](#) provided by the Internationals Office. Further you can also **rent** a bike, here the Internationals Office provides you with [further information](#) too.



## 4.2 Accommodation



<https://seezeit.com/en/accommodation/halls-of-residence/>

<https://www.wg-gesucht.de/>

<https://www.vierwaen.de/4-Waende-in-Konstanz.1.html>

<https://www.immowelt.de/suche/konstanz/wohnungen/mieten>

If there's no other option: StuVe "Haste mal'n Sofa?"

# 4.3 Mensa



- Mensa (check EasyLoad if you want)
- Printers
- Library

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Study programmes

Formalities -

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Re-registration (continuing your studies)

Taking leave of absence

Changing your field of study

Changing personal information

Exmatriculation

Legal matters

Applications and forms

FAQ formalities

Study portals +

Examinations +

Transferable skills +

Study abroad

Studierendenausweis Student ID Card

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Paul Art  
\*01.01.1998  
Matrikel-Nr. / Enrolment No. 01/1234567  
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**The key to (almost) everything.**

Links

- Uploading a suitable passport photo of yourself to ZEuS
- Further information on what constitutes a good-quality passport photograph (PDF, 544 KB)
- Student Service Centre (SSZ)
- ↗ Canon Printing Service
- ↗ Seezeit Bodensee Student Services

**What does the UniCard look like?**

Please click here to get an idea of what your UniCard (student ID card) look like. Please click to enlarge:

<https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/while-you-study/formalities/unicard/>

# 4.4 Library



## KIM IT-Support

- Help with software
- Help with hardware
- Presenter and adapter rental

<https://www.kim.uni-konstanz.de/>

## Group rooms etc.

- Reading room in BS6
- Group rooms in J and BS
- Crowded during exam phase (!)

## Writing Tutoring Service

- Support for writing projects (en/de)
- Tuesdays, 10:30 – 12:30

<https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/writing-centre/our-offers/writing-tutoring-service/>

# 4.5 Sports



1

Buy the "Sportticket"

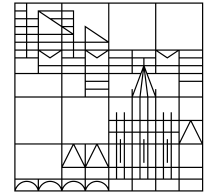
2

Book your course(s) (be on time Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2pm)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `sportbuchung.hsp.uni-konstanz.de/angebote/aktueller_zeitraum/index.html`. The page title is "Sommersemester 2023 & 50 Jahre hspKN (01.04.2023-30.09.2023) Sportangebot". On the left, there is a navigation menu with categories like "more than just sports", "Active Campus Konstanz", and "uniSport - das ganze Angebot". The main content area displays a list of sports courses under the heading "Sportangebot". The list is organized by letter, with "O" and "B" visible. Under "O", the following options are listed: "0.0 - Sportticket", "0.1 - SportABO inkl. PLUSprogramm", and "0.2 - SportABO inkl. PLUSprogramm Ferienzeit". The "0.0 - Sportticket" option is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Under "B", various sports like Badminton, Ballett, Basketball, and Beachvolleyball are listed. Under "F", options like Fit4Free and Fitness-Party are listed.



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# 5 - How is life in Germany?

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## 5.2 Health Insurance



In order **to enroll** at the University of Konstanz, all students (international and German) **must have health insurance**. There are several options:

- statutory German health insurance, **or**
- private German health insurance if you are older than 30 years, **or**
- the European health insurance card / EHIC (including the E 106 form)

### Students from EU/EEA countries or Switzerland

**Apply for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** for the entire time of your stay – before travel to Germany – and hand in a copy when enrolling. Applications can be done via the [Application Form](#).

## 5.2 Health Insurance



### Students not from EU/EEA countries or Switzerland

If you are **under 30** insure yourself with a **German statutory health insurance**.

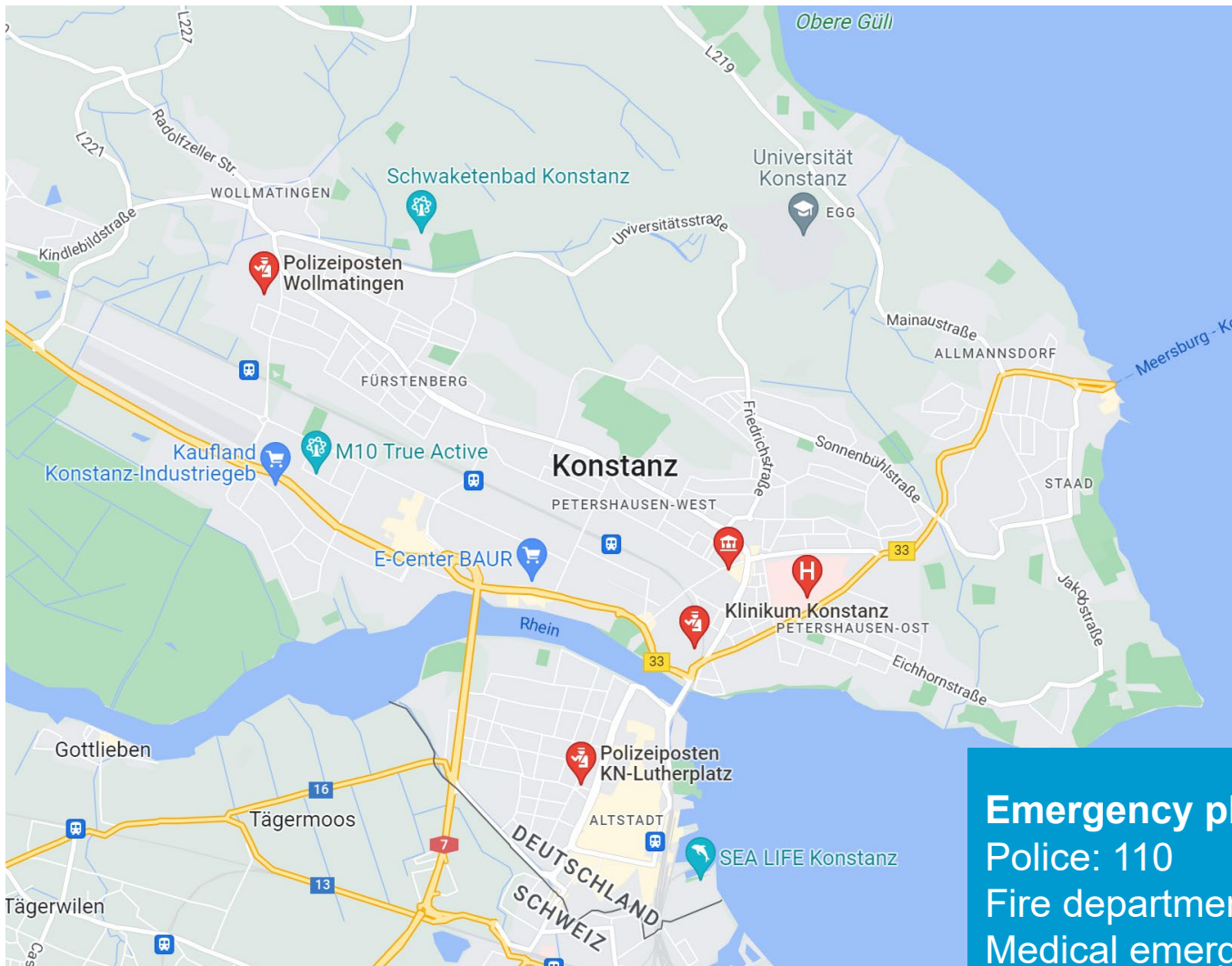
If you are over **30 years old** and older, it is highly recommended to take out **private German health insurance**.

### Exception:

If you are a **citizen of a non-EU/EEA state and have a EHIC card**, you can also bring the **E 106 form** with you from your home country as proof of health insurance. If so, please make sure it is valid throughout the entire time of your study visit.

Tips on how  
to select an  
insurance:  
[Health  
insurance tips](#)

## 5.3 In case of an emergency



**Emergency phone numbers**  
Police: 110  
Fire department: 112  
Medical emergency & Ambulance: 112

## 5.4 Bank Account



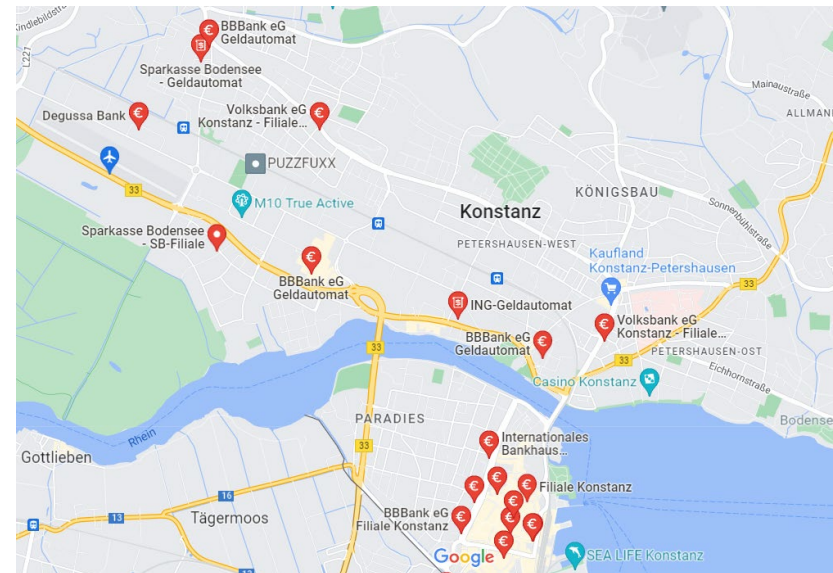
You are **strongly advised to open a bank account at a German bank** and in **some cases, it is compulsory** to do so, as some payments are only accepted from a German bank account (regularly payments for Seezeit, getting a phone, paying insurances etc.)

### How to get a bank account

To open a bank account, international students must present a **passport or EU-ID** and their **acceptance letter from the University of Konstanz** at the bank.

### Banks in Konstanz and in general

In Konstanz, the easiest accessible banks, or respectively their bank automatons, are the **Sparkasse and Volksbank**. Further there are also special offers from banks for students, like the “**Deutsche Bank**” offers a free bank account for students.



**ALWAYS CARRY CASH!**  
In some bakeries, restaurants & cafes you can only pay in cash.



## 5.5 Buying a Cell Phone & Getting a SIM Card

You can acquire a cellphone in many places in Konstanz, e.g. in the MediaMarkt. Here you can either get a contract in addition, which comes with a fix price for services, or just buy the phone and opt out for an alternative. If you already have a phone, you can also choose between these two options.

### Mobile phone contract

Getting a contract requires a **German bank account** and an **identity document**. Terms of a cell phone contract include a **monthly payment** for contract period, which is usually **one to two years**, and often can **not be cancelled** before. If you plan switching your service provider, you need to cancel the contract at least three months before it ends. Here is an [overview of mobile communication providers](#).

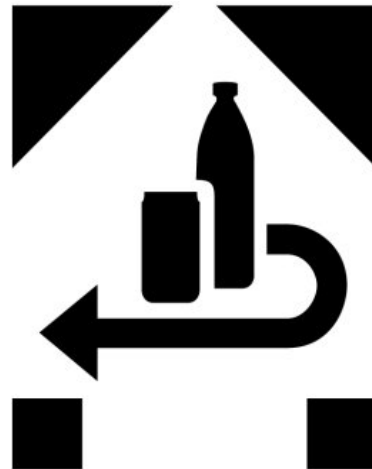
### Prepaid SIM card

You can also purchase a **prepaid SIM card**, which are available for small money at most supermarkets, petrol stations or kiosks. For using a prepaid card, you need to **provide your address** to activate it. Once activated, you **add credit** to the card. The credit is used to pay for calls, SMS, internet surfing or to book **combined packages**.



## 5.6 Pfand

- German Recycling system for **beverage containers** (most plastic bottles, glass bottles (especially beer & water bottles), cans)
- You **pay the Pfand** once you buy the bottle
- Once you give back the bottle, you **receive the Pfand back** (via a coupon that you can use for shopping or pay out)
- Bottles can be handed in at most supermarkets (look out for automats)
- **0.25 €** for plastic bottles & cans
- **0.08 – 0.15 €** for glass bottles

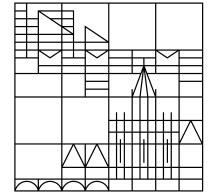




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