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●●● 1.2 Central Office for International Affairs (Referat für Internationale Angelegenheiten)

The Central Office for International Affairs is responsible for all international issues concerning the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. Its work deals mainly with the organisation of exchange and scholarship programmes, and with the support of visiting academics and exchange students.
www.uni-erlangen.org/international

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On the Central Office for International Affairs Tutoren homepage you will find information about student assistants, volunteer tutors and the current cultural programme. Further details are also given here about projects which are of interest to international students:

www.aaa-tutoren.uni-erlangen.de

Phone: +49 9131 85-24820, +49 9131 85-24027

1.2.5 Co-ordinators

Subject-related enquiries can be addressed to the Programme Co-ordinators for the respective subject area. These co-ordinators will be able to provide you with important information about your course of study, for example, with details of which lectures, seminars, classes or practical placements are available to you in your subject area.

If you need the contact details of your coordinator, please contact us!
corinne.borjon@zuv.uni-erlangen.de

●●● 1.3 International Relations Office – Nuremberg

The International Relations Office is responsible for organising exchange and scholarship programmes, as well as for supporting exchange students at Faculty of Law, Business and Economics in Nuremberg. This office is, therefore, the point of contact for all ERASMUS and other exchange and scholarship students in Nuremberg.
www.ib.wiso.uni-erlangen.de

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University Erlangen-Nuremberg
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●●● 1.5 International Office at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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●●● 1.6 About the University

The university is organised into five faculties (schools) and several university institutions, such as the Regional Computing Centre (RRZE) or the university library.

The subject areas at the faculties (schools) of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg are:

Schools of Humanities and Social Science, School of Theology:

Philosophy, Psychology, Education Science, Social Sciences, Political Science, History, Archaeology (classical), History of Art, Music, Languages and Literature (Classical, Oriental, Chinese, Japanese, Romance, English, German), Theatre and Media Studies, Evangelical Theology

Law School, School of Business and Economics:

Law, Business, Economics, Social Sciences

Medical School:

Medicine, Dental Medicine

School of Science:

Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Food Chemistry and Pharmacy, Earth Sciences (Geography, Geology/Palaeontology, Mineralogy)

School of Engineering:

Informatics, Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Material Science, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Industrial Engineering with Business Studies

●●● 1.7 University of Erlangen-Nuremberg Academic Year

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- the winter semester begins on October 1st and ends on March 31st
- the summer semester begins on April 1st and ends on September 30th

Teaching usually begins in the middle of October or April respectively, and ends in the middle of February or July.

End of semester examinations (Klausuren) usually take place at the end of teaching period (either at the end of February or the end of July); Diploma and 'Magister' exams, as well as the relevant preliminary and intermediate exams usually take place between March 1st and April 30th, and between August 1st and October 31st.

The current university course prospectus (Vorlesungsverzeichnis) has details of all classes (lectures, seminars, etc.) for the following semester.
univis.uni-erlangen.de

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ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

(Immatrikulation) for Exchange and Scholarship Students

●●● 2.1 Language Requirements

The standard language of teaching at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg is German. Without a good command of the German language, you will have little chance of success in your studies. Although exchange and scholarship students need not have passed the DSH, Test DaF or ZDAF exam, they must however have taken a total of 200 hours of German language classes or provide evidence for their language proficiency according to intermediate level (European Standard Level B1). If you fail to comply with this regulation you will be refused by applying for admission to the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

●●● 2.2 Application

Students on exchanges or other programmes (DAAD, KAAD, SOKRATES-ERASMUS, Robert-Bosch-Stiftung, Diakonisches Werk etc.) should submit an application form for admission (Antrag auf Zulassung) approximately five months before the start of the course of studies planned. This form should be sent to Referat für Internationale Angelegenheiten (Central Office for International Affairs). Application forms must reach the University of Erlangen by the following dates (at the latest):

- May 31st for the following winter semester
- November 30th for the following summer semester

The application should be sent to the following address:

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
Referat für Internationale Angelegenheiten
Schlossplatz 4
D-91054 Erlangen

You can request the application form by post at any time, or you can download it from the Internet: www.uni-erlangen.org/international/students/exchange-students/application.shtml

The application form should be accompanied by the following documents:

- Secondary/High School level certificates (for example, Maturità; Título de bachiller + pruebas de aptitud, GCE/GSEC; Baccalaureát) and the transcript of records. It is not necessary to send originals, copies will be accepted (please send us a German or English translation certified by your home university/coordinator if these documents are in other languages than in German or English)
- Certificate of matriculation at home university
- Certificate indicating level of German (min. requirement: completed level A2; for medicine and law students completed level B1)
- Confirmation from the home university (or scholarship awarder) of nomination as an exchange or programme student
- When required: Application form to be exempted from tuition fees

Incomplete forms will not be accepted!

Applicants will be informed in writing of the success or failure of their application, at the latest in January or in July after the respective deadline for applications has expired. If the application is successful, then along with your letter of admission you will receive information on the registration procedure (location, date, etc.). Make sure you keep the letter of admission because it must be presented when applying for a visa and when registering with the university. As a rule, registration as a programme or exchange student is valid only for one or two semesters.

●●● 2.3 Registration

Each student must register in person at the beginning of the semester in the Studentenkazlei in Erlangen (Halbmondstr. 6, Room 0.034/ 0.033, Opening Hours: Mon -Fri 8:30- 12:00). The following documents are required for registration:

- Confirmation of admission to study at the university
- Passport
- Proof of having registered at the town hall in Erlangen, Nuremberg or Fürth (depending on the place of residence)
- Evidence of health insurance coverage (Krankenversicherung). If you are privately insured you need to obtain a so-called 'exemption' ("Befreiung") from one of the state health insurance companies (gesetzliche Krankenkassen) e.g. AOK, DAK, TKK

Prior to registration, all students are required to pay a fee (currently € 42) to the Studentenwerk. This fee is to be paid right after opening of a bank account in Germany, normally during the Orientation Course "OK").

By the registration you will receive a Studienbuch, a record of study, in which you must keep all "Scheine" (proof of academic achievement in a particular subject). You will also be given two computer printouts. One of these has copies of your proof of registration as a student (Immatrikulationsbestätigung), these can be detached as necessary and used, for example, when buying a monthly bus pass or when applying for a bank account free of charge. Most important, however, is the sheet containing your student identification (Studentenausweis). You should cut that section out and carry it with you at all times! This document indicates your matriculation number (each student at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg is identified by such a number). You will need this number to enrol for courses, for example, at the Language Centre (Sprachenzentrum) and to register for exams. This I.D. also has details of your university e-mail address and your computer login (further information about how to activate your university account can be found under point 5.7 Access to Computer Services). Last but not least, this document also contains a re-registration form for the following semester, as well as information about the dates and deadlines for re-registration. As an exchange and scholarship student, if you wish to study at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg for a second semester you are required to pay a further € 42 and to re-register within the time specified.

●●● 2.4 Status

Exchange and scholarship students may matriculate only for the period of their studies at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (1 or 2 Semesters). As an exchange and scholarship student you have the same status as a full degree student and will be issued with a student I.D. on completion of registration.

●●● 2.5 Status Change

It is possible to switch from an exchange and scholarship programme to a German degree programme (leading to a German university qualification). In order to do this, you must submit a new admission application (Antrag auf Zulassung), which requires further documentary evidence of a change in status. Again there is a specified timeframe for completion of this process. If you choose to do this, you will then be subject to the same rules and regulations as apply to German and international full degree students, for example, Numerus Clausus, DSH-exam, etc. Further information is available from the Information and Advice Centre (IBZ), Schlossplatz 3, D-91054 Erlangen, e-mail: ibz@zuv.uni-erlangen.de
www.uni-erlangen.de/studium/service-beratung/studienberatung.shtml

3 HEALTH INSURANCE

As a rule, all students, including exchange students, are obliged to take out health insurance cover. For the registration with the university you should provide evidence for being insured. Without it the registration with a German university is not possible. Students from member states of the EU (also the new member states), do not have to join the German state health insurance scheme, as long as they provide written confirmation (European Health Insurance Card/ EHC-Versicherungskarte) that they have comprehensive health insurance cover from their home country. This card should be confirmed at a local health insurance provider (Krankenkasse), which can be carried out while visiting the orientation courses of the Central Office for International Affairs (Referat für Internationale Angelegenheiten). Students from Switzerland need a CH11 form, those from Turkey require a T/A 11.

Important information for non-EU students, including students from the USA: Not all private health insurance schemes in foreign countries are recognised by the German State! Travel insurance health cover will not be accepted when registering with the university, nor will it be counted as valid when you are applying for the obligatory residence permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis) and, therefore, such travel insurance should be used ONLY to provide insurance cover up until the start of semester. On arrival in Germany you should join one of the health insurance schemes provided by the German State (gesetzliche Krankenkassen) for example, the TK, AOK, etc. The health insurance is then valid from the beginning of semester and the costs are approximately € 70 per month. All of these companies provide the same level of cover for students.

If you should become ill in Germany, you are entitled to see any doctor of your choice. The services provided by health insurance schemes change quite often, so it is advisable to ask exactly what costs are covered by the insurance policy before you agree to sign up.

State Health Insurance Providers in Erlangen and Nuremberg:

AOK Bayern, Studenten-Service
Universitätstr. 25
91054 Erlangen
www.aok.de

AOK Bayern, Studenten-Service
Kesslerstr. 16
90489 Nürnberg

TK Techniker Krankenkasse
Erwin-Rommel-Str. 60/ Karl-Zucker-Str. 3
91058 Erlangen/ 91052 Erlangen
www.tk-online.de

TK Techniker Krankenkasse
Südwestpark 65
90449 Nürnberg

4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

●●● 4.1 Introductory Week and Tutor Programme

The Central Office for International Affairs in Erlangen and the International Relations Office in Nuremberg organise an Orientation Course (OK) for all exchange and scholarship students coming to study at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. The course takes place in the week before the start of semester and lasts several days. The course is mandatory for all exchange students. It provides a pain-free opportunity to discover essential information about the university and about the local area, and also offers help in dealing with the necessary bureaucracy. Not least, the orientation course is the ideal opportunity to get to know other exchange students and the German student tutors. Details of the course programme will be sent to incoming students by e-mail. The relevant programme is also available in the Central Office for International Affairs (in Erlangen) and in the International Relations Office (in Nuremberg).
<http://www.uni-erlangen.org/international/students/exchange-students/ok.shtml>

●●● 4.2 Arrival

Erlangen and Nuremberg are part of the region known as Central Franconia (Mittelfranken) within the state of Bavaria. Both places are easily accessible by train. Travel information can be found at: www.bayern.de | www.nuernberg.de | www.erlangen.de

The main station in Nuremberg (Nürnberg Hauptbahnhof) is an important railway interchange at which all trains halt and where connections can be made to all other major cities in Germany (including Erlangen). Information on rail travel can be found at: www.reiseauskunft.bahn.de

Nuremberg is also integrated into the Eurocity network, and the national IC (inter city) and high speed ICE networks of the German railways system (Deutsche Bahn) and so the city is also an important railway interchange for international routes. You can reach Erlangen (via Nuremberg) in 2,5 hours from Frankfurt, in 1,5 hours from Munich, and in 4- 5 hours from Berlin or Hanover. Nuremberg airport is served by a range of national and international airlines. It is possible to fly to most European capitals from Nuremberg. Most other cities can be reached via Frankfurt or Munich. Information on flights can be found at: www.flughafen-nuernberg.de

●●● 4.3 Registration

Every person coming to live in a German town or city, whether German or foreign, must register with the relevant authorities within 7 days of arrival. To register, you must go to the town hall either in Erlangen, Nuremberg or Fürth, depending upon where you are living:

- Stadt Erlangen, Rathaus, Bürgeramt, Rathausplatz 1
- Landratsamt Erlangen-Höchstadt, Marktplatz 6, 91054 Erlangen
- Einwohnermeldeamt der Stadt Nürnberg & Ausländeramt
Äußere Laufer Gasse 25 (Near Rathenauplatz)
(U-Bahn Line U2 Rathenauplatz; Bus No. 36, Bus Stop "Innere Laufer Gasse")
www.einwohneramt.nuernberg.de
- Bürgeramt Fürth, Schwabacher Straße 170, 90763 Fürth

Registration is possible only when you have a fixed address. The address of a youth hostel or guesthouse is not acceptable. On registration you will be given a receipt confirming that you have registered (Meldebestätigung). You will need this receipt later to register with the university and for various other administrative formalities. Please keep the receipt in a safe place!

If you are coming from Non-EU-Country and are intending to stay in Germany for longer than 3 months, then you will need to apply to the Aliens Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) for a residence permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis). Application for this permit should be made as soon as possible. For your application you will require the following documents:

- Application form for a residence permit
- Passport (with visa if necessary)
- Confirmation of registration with the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
- Confirmation of health insurance cover or exemption certificate
- Proof of financial independence (a minimum of € 648 per month - updated: August 2010)
- 2 biometrical photo
- Money for application fee

You must have your residence permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis) with you all the time in case you are stopped by the police and asked to show it. German citizens are also required to be able to prove their identity when asked to do so by the police. If you are stopped by the police, remain calm and show the required documents including your student I.D. If you are not able to prove your identity as and when required, you may be escorted to the nearest police station so that your identity can be determined. These identity controls are necessary in the fight against crime and terrorism. You should not consider these measures as acts of intended discrimination, but, rather, as preventative measures to increase the security of all citizens.

●●● 4.4 Costs of Living

You should expect the following fixed costs per month:

- Rent:
 - Hall of Residence (depending on the size of the room and the condition of the accommodation)
€ 120 - € 250
 - Individual apartment (depending on size, location and the condition of the accommodation)
€ 200 - €350
- Health Insurance approx. € 70, unless you have an exemption in which case there are no costs (see point 3)
- Travel costs (see point 4.5.1)
- Food approx. € 200
- Study materials approx. € 50 - € 100

●●● 4.5 Travel

4.5.1 Local Public Transport

There is an extensive and well maintained local public-transport service in the Erlangen-Nuremberg region; Tickets can be bought from the local association of transport companies (Verkehrsverbund: VGN) for use on buses, trains, underground trains and trams. There are special semester-tickets for students (either for Erlangen alone, or for Nuremberg, Fürth and Stein, or for Nuremberg, Fürth and Erlangen). Details of fares and timetables can be found at: www.vgn.de Further information about local public transport can be found at: www.vag.de

Within Erlangen the tickets are for 'short' journeys only (Kurzstrecke). For such journeys you need stamp only one of the strips on a 5-er Streifenkarte (a ticket with 5 strips). If you travel only occasionally to Nuremberg, then a 10-er Streifenkarte (a ticket with 10 strips) is the most inexpensive option. Depending on circumstances, it should be stamped for price levels (Preisstufe) between 2 and 10. A journey within the centre of Nuremberg requires 2 strips on the 10-strip card. If you are going only a short distance in the city, then you can buy a '5er Streifenkarte'. With this ticket you need to stamp only one strip per journey.

One-way journey from Erlangen to Nuremberg 'costs' 4 strips on the 10-strip card (10-er Streifenkarte).

The easiest and cheapest option for students is the semester ticket (Semestermarke). This is valid, in conjunction with your travel photo card, for 3 or for 4 months. The length of the validity of these tickets is determined by the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg semester dates. www.vgn.de/produkte/fahrscheine

4.5.2 Bicycles

Erlangen und Nuremberg are cycle-friendly cities. The network of cycle paths is large and well maintained. It is, therefore, well worth your while to rent or indeed buy a bicycle. The publication "Alles", which is widely available in newsagents in the region (and also accessible on the Internet at: www.alles.de) offers a wide range of new and second-hand goods for sale, including bicycles. Most of the bicycle shops in Erlangen both sell and rent bicycles (for example, the "Fahrradkiste" at Henkestr. 59, D-91054 Erlangen). If you need your bicycle repaired you can go to the workshop at the "E-Werk" (E-Werk Kulturzentrum, Fuchsenwiese 1, D-91054 Erlangen). Here you can also buy inexpensive bicycles which you can repair yourself. In summer there is a mobile workshop available at the entrance to the central refectory (Langemarkplatz).

In Nuremberg, inexpensive bicycles can be purchased at the NOA-Fahrradwerkstatt (bicycle workshop): www.noa.nuernberg.de

4.5.3 Car Sharing

In Germany it is quite usual to use an agency to bring together drivers and passengers to share the costs of (longer) car journeys. Such agencies (Mitfahrzentralen) which can be found on the Internet or which have offices in Erlangen or Nuremberg, charge a fee for their services. The advantages are that both the driver and the passenger(s) must submit their addresses to the agency and the price for the journey is negotiated and agreed in advance. This gives all parties a degree of security.

www.mitfahrzentrale.de | www.citynetz-mitfahrzentrale.de
www.drive2day.de | www.mitfahrbrett.de | www.mfz.de

4.5.4 Buses & Trains

It is not altogether usual in Germany to travel long distances by bus, even though this form of travel is relatively inexpensive. For a return journey to Amsterdam or Budapest you can go with the coach company Deutsche –Touring.
www.touring.de

German Rail Deutsche Bahn (DB) offers a variety of tariffs and reduced fares: www.bahn.de

●●● 4.6 Libraries

4.6.1 University of Erlangen-Nuremberg Libraries

ERLANGEN

Main Library: Universitätsbibliothek (UB), Schuhstraße 1a, D-91054 Erlangen.

Opening times, information and lending online:

www.ub.uni-erlangen.de

Science and Technology Branch Library, Erwin-Rommel-Straße 60, D-91058 Erlangen.

NUREMBERG

Business, Economics and Social Sciences Branch Library, Lange Gasse 20, 90403 Nürnberg

Education Branch Library, Regensburger Straße 160, D-90478 Nürnberg

In addition to the university library and the branch libraries mentioned above, there are a further 16 subject-specific or faculty libraries. Most of these departmental or hospital libraries are reference libraries only, so that borrowing is often not possible, or possible only on restricted conditions.

Staff at the main university library, known as the HB or UB, conduct introductory tours of the library lasting ca. 45 minutes. Details of these tours can be found on notices in the main library building or on the UB website.

In order to borrow books all students need a university library card (UB-Benutzerkarte). This card you can get in the main library after you have registered with the university. Please bring your student I.D. and your passport with you. This card indicates your personal user number. This number can be used in conjunction with your individual PIN number to log into and conduct searches in the entire library catalogue, either online or via the OPAC computers in the library building. Reserved items can usually be collected from the service desk the following day, after approximately 11 a.m.

4.6.2 Public Libraries

Stadtbibliothek Erlangen

Marktplatz 1

91054 Erlangen

www.erlangen.de

Stadtbibliothek Nürnberg

Gewerbemuseumsplatz 4

90403 Nürnberg

www.stadtbibliothek.nuernberg.de

●●● 4.7 Banks

We recommend all students to open a bank account (current account/Girokonto) after their arrival as soon as possible. This is possible at all banks and Sparkassen (communally based banks). A current account enables you to transfer money, and is also necessary for the setting up of direct debit instructions for example, paying rent to Student Services, so that your rent is automatically transferred from your account every month.

Students usually benefit from special conditions which are less expensive than those available to other customers. You will find a large number of banks and "Sparkassen" in every town. The biggest banks in Germany are, for example, Hypo-Vereinsbank, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank (also DB 24), and the Sparkasse group.

●●● 4.8 Access to Computer Services

Every registered student at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg has access to the university's computer network. Your personal e-mail address together with your student ID card and the other registration documents you will get, when you register at the university. An information leaflet telling you how to activate your account will be given to you during the orientation course or can be downloaded at:

www.rrze.uni-erlangen.de/dienste/internet-zugang

Further information can be obtained by contacting service@rrze.uni-erlangen.de

The university computer network is maintained and administered by the computer centre (Regionales Rechenzentrum/RRZE). Information about the services provided by the computer centre can be found at: www.rrze.uni-erlangen.de

There are computer pools (CIP-Räume) situated within the individual faculties:

www.uni-erlangen.de/infocenter/service/computerraeume.shtml

In Erlangen and the nearby area you can easily find internet access. Alongside CIP-Pools at university the internet access is also available for a reasonable fee at some shops/bookstores and, of course, internet cafes.

●●● 4.9 Refectories and Cafeterias

Student Services run a number of student refectories (Mensen) all year round in Erlangen and Nuremberg. During the teaching periods they are open from Monday to Friday 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. serving a variety of meals. Payment is by means of chip-cards, which all students can obtain for about 5 Euros. These cards can be loaded with cash at machines designed for this purpose located in the refectories. Between semesters, the opening hours are slightly shorter (usually by about half an hour). Please note that the cafeterias and refectories are not open in the evenings. Here you can have a meal at lunch time only. Menus, photographs and additional information can be found at:

www.studentenwerk.uni-erlangen.de/verpflegung/de/mensen.shtml

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Zentralmensa
Langemarckplatz 4

Mensa Süd
Erwin-Rommel-Str. 60

Cafeteria Südmensa
Erwin-Rommel-Str. 60

Cafeteria Kochstraße
Kochstraße 4

Cafeteria Bibliothek
Schuhstrasse 1a

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Zentralmensa Nürnberg
Andreij-Sacharow-Platz 1

Mensa EWF Nürnberg
Regensburger Str. 160

Cafeteria Mensa Insel Schütt Nürnberg Cafeteria Lange Gasse 20 Nürnberg

●●● 4.10 German Classes

4.10.1 University Language Centre (Sprachenzentrum)

The language centre has a separate department for „German as a foreign language“ (Deutsch als Fremdsprache), which offers German courses at different levels for exchange and scholarship students. Detailed information concerning the courses on offer in the coming semester can be obtained from the language centre:
www.sz.uni-erlangen.de

The independent-learning laboratory (Selbstlernlabor) at the faculty in Nuremberg offers students the opportunity to improve their language skills in around 30 different languages through independent study using CD-ROMs, audio-cassettes, satellite television and radio broadcasts, and video recordings.
www.sz.uni-erlangen.de/materialien/nuernberg

The language courses in the Language Centre cost between 40-80 Euros per semester.

4.10.2 Intensive Language Courses

A four-week intensive course (80 hours) is offered before the beginning of each semester, either in March or in September, at a cost of about € 320, intended for exchange or scholarship students.
www.uni-erlangen.org/international/language/index.shtml

4.10.3 Non-university German classes

Courses offered by private language schools vary greatly in price and quality. Reasonably-priced language courses, including both long and short-term intensive courses are offered by the following further education colleges (Volkshochschulen):
www.bildungszentrum.nuernberg.de | www.vhs-erlangen.de

●●● 4.11 Jobs

In Germany many students take on part-time jobs during their time at university, both during the semester on weekends and in the time between semesters. Some students find employment with companies as a working student (“Werkstudent”), some find work as official interns, which is directly related to their studies (known as “Praktikum”), others simply work to cover the living costs or get extra money. The official bodies known as “Studentische Jobvermittlung” offer help to students looking for employment.

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Richard-Wagner-Platz 5, 90443 Nürnberg

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Arbeitsamt Erlangen, Strümpellstr. 14, 91052 Erlangen

More information about jobs for students you will find in the student guide of the Student Services, updated every academic year:

www.studentenwerk.uni-erlangen.de (Please go to: Service und Beratung/ Wegweiser Studium)

At the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, the Careers Service in the building at the corner of Halbmondstrasse/ Schlossplatz will help you to look for a job.

www.uni-erlangen.de/infocenter/jobs

Important information: All students can work max. 19 hours per week, for students from countries outside the EU (including new EU member-states) according to the so-called 90-days-regulation (90-Tage-Regelung) there are limits to the number of hours which they may work without a work permit: 90 days, or 180 half days per year.

In order to be able to work you must obtain a tax card (Lohnsteuerkarte) from the relevant authority at the Town Hall (Einwohnermeldeamt) where you live or in the financial office of the city you live in. This can be issued as soon as you are in possession of a valid residence permit.

It is often possible to find work as a student assistant within the university departments (for example in the libraries, in the secretaries' offices or as a tutor). The wage-rate paid for these "Hiwi" jobs, as they are known, is usually around € 7 per hour. Keep your eye on the departmental notice boards since this is where most "Hiwi" jobs are first advertised.

5 **SPORT AND LEISURE**

Erlangen and Nuremberg have much to offer in the way of leisure activities. A stroll through the old town centres and new shopping areas is a good way to get to know your host town. You might, on the other hand, like to do something more athletic such as walking or cycling, hiking or climbing in the surrounding countryside, known as Franconian Switzerland ("Fränkische Schweiz"). As a student you will also be able to take advantage of special reduced-price tickets for the region's broad range of cultural events (theatre, opera, cinema, concerts, festivals etc.)

If you travel a little further away from Nuremberg and Erlangen, you will discover that southern Germany is also dotted with many very attractive towns. Among the most historically interesting, within easy travelling distance, are Bayreuth, Würzburg, Bamberg, Ansbach, Aschaffenburg, Coburg, Eichstätt, Dinkelsbühl and Rothenburg o. d. Tauber. All these towns are situated along what is known as "the Romantic Road" ("Romantische Strasse").

If you are fond of water-sports like swimming, windsurfing or yachting then the "Fränkische Seenland", a leisure and holiday park built around a number of beautiful lakes some 30 km south of Nuremberg is the place for you in summer-time. In the North-East of Erlangen, between Bamberg and Bayreuth, you can experience the unique landscapes of the "Fränkische Schweiz" natural park (Franconian Switzerland). Cycling or walking is the best way to do this. Here, within a relatively small area, you will find a diversity of impressive sights: tranquil river valleys and massive outcrops of rock ("Walberla" is the most popular). Here, too, you will find majestic castles and castle ruins. www.fraenkische-schweiz.com | www.seenland.de

These attractions alone would make Franconia well worth a visit, but and for the many fascinating museums, for example the Germanische Museum in Nuremberg (The National Museum of German Art and Culture), the Documentation Centre (Dokumentationszentrum) at the Reichsparteitagsgelände,

or the Franconian Jewish-Museum (Jüdische Museum Franken) in Fürth. If you would like further information on leisure opportunities in general then take a look at the following websites:

www.frankentourismus.de
www.bayern.by

Frankentourismus e.V.
Bayern Tourismus Line

●●● 5.1 A harmonious quartet of towns

Together with the neighbouring towns of Fürth and Schwabach, Nuremberg and Erlangen make up a quartet of communities which draws large numbers of tourists to the Franconian region. Each of the towns brings its own special charms to this “family city”. Nuremberg, which was once a free city of the Holy Roman Empire, has, while retaining its medieval flair, become a centre for international fairs and exhibitions, Fürth, Nuremberg’s close neighbour, boasts a medieval town centre, Erlangen, a centre of excellence for scientific and medical research, is a town of splendid Baroque architecture and Schwabach boasts a romantic marketplace and genteel town houses.
www.erlangen.de | www.nuernberg.de | www.fuerth.de | www.schwabach.de

The tours organised by the organisation “Geschichte für Alle” in Nürnberg, Fürth, Erlangen und Bamberg are highly recommended: www.geschichte-fuer-alle.de

Here are a few good tourist guide books which we can recommend to you:

- Nürnberg und die Fränkische Schweiz, Atteln, Gisela. Dumont Reise-Taschenbuch. 2000
- Stadtbuch Nürnberg-Fürth-Erlangen. Stadtbuch-Verlag
- Marco Polo, Franken
- Nürnberg und Fürth. Ralf Nestmeyer. Michael-Müller Verlag

5.1.1 Erlangen

Erlangen, with a little over 102,000 inhabitants, is Bavaria’s eighth-largest city. Its social infrastructure provides a wide range of opportunities. Erlangen is first mentioned in documents dating from 1002, but its real history began with the influx of Huguenot refugees from France in 1686. The town was specially rebuilt for the Huguenot settlers, and that original layout and that essential architectural concept can be seen to this day. In Germany there are few examples of the “ideal cities” of the Baroque period which are as well-preserved as Erlangen.

One of Erlangen’s best known and best loved attractions – aside from the extensive network of cycle paths – is the Bergkirchweih, (www.der-berg-ruft.de) the local beer festival, though local is hardly an apt description. The beer festival has taken place at Pentecost ever since 1755 (!) It is one of the most enjoyable and enjoyed festivals in southern Germany, and each year it attracts around 1 million visitors from near and far. Among the other highlights of the colourful cultural year in Erlangen are the International Comic-Salon (<http://www.comic-salon.de>), the Figurentheater-Festival (puppet theatre), the Poets’ Festival are the highlights of the colourful cultural life of the community. This panoply of the arts has ensured Erlangen’s reputation as a unique cultural venue.

In the wider world, Erlangen is also renowned both as home to the second largest university in Bavaria, which is home itself to a highly regarded Faculty of Engineering, one of the most important Siemens AG sites alongside Munich and Berlin, and a committedly environmentalist city. With its broad range of privately and publicly funded research facilities Erlangen has developed into an important European centre in the field of micro-electronics. The basis of much of the success has been the close co-operation between science and business. Currently, Erlangen is establishing itself as a significant centre in the fields of Medicine and Health.

The homepage of the City Erlangen provides information about festivals and other cultural events: www.erlangen.de

5.1.2 Nuremberg

The history of Nuremberg is an illustrious one. The history of the town of „nourenberc“ (rocky mountain) begins in 1050 with the freeing of the serf Sigena, an event recorded in a document issued by the Emperor Henry III., to begin with the town spread randomly around the southern face of the rocky hillside on which the castle is built. The rise of the city was based on foreign trade and tradesmanship and these enabled the town to grow, supplied funds for charitable foundations and guaranteed the inhabitants a prosperous lifestyle and supported a flourishing of the arts. Karl IV often held court in Nuremberg for months on end, and in 1356 with “the Golden Bull” he determined that each newly elected German king must hold his first Imperial Diet in Nuremberg.

In 1424, when the city on the Pegnitz was given keeping of the imperial treasure, the free city of Nuremberg reached the height of its power. This European metropolis became the centre of German Humanism (Celtis Pirckheimer, Schedel), of science, and of painting and sculpture. Martin Behaim designed the first globe of the world, and Peter Henlein created the first pocket-watch. Koberger employed up to 100 workers in his printing press, and poetry and master-singing reached a high point in the work of Hans Sachs und Hans Rosenplüt. Works of art to rank with the best in Europe were created in the workshops of the woodcarver Veit Stoß, of the stone mason Adam Kraft, of the iron-casting family Vischer and of the painter Albrecht Dürer.

The Thirty Years War and the discovery of trade routes at sea dealt Nuremberg near fatal blows. The city of 40.000 inhabitants sank into a long and troubled slumber from which it awoke only with the era of industrialization, and the building between Nuremberg and Fürth of the first railroad in Germany. In January 1945 „the jewel casket of the German Empire” was razed to the ground by Allied bombing. The rebuilding process after the apocalypse was long and hard.

Today it is possible, once again, to imagine the lost power and majesty of the “Medieval cosmopolis”. The city now has about 500,000 inhabitants and once again boasts fine town houses, magnificent churches, a castle and 5 kilometres of city wall. Millions of visitors from all around the world are attracted each year to Nuremberg by international fairs and conferences, cultural events of international standing and by cultural amenities such as the Museum of German Art and Culture.

Nuremberg, with a total of 300,000 jobs, is the second largest economic centre in Bavaria, specialising in the technologies of information and communication, in traffic technology and logistics, in energy technology, in automation and manufacturing, in measurement technology and control engineering, and in entertainment technology. Brand leaders in the fields of typewriters and food production can also be found in Nuremberg. In addition to this, Nuremberg is of great economic importance as Germany’s principle centre for engraving, as an international centre for industrial fairs and for service industries (consumer research, computer centres, facility management, banking, and insurance). You can find useful information on Nuremberg at: www.nuernberg.de

Tourist Information
Hauptmarkt 18
www.tourismus.nuernberg.de

●●● 5.2 Events organised by the Central Office for International Affairs

Throughout the semester the Central Office for International Affairs organises excursions, film evenings and get-togethers for foreign students, where they can get to know each other. Students also have the opportunity to become acquainted with other towns and cities in Germany. The programme of events (Kultur- und Freizeitprogramm) is published in October for the winter semester, and in April for the summer semester. The programme can be picked up at the Central Office for International Affairs. Programme alterations and details of other activities connected with the Central Office for International Affairs can be found at the tutors’ homepage (Tutoren-Homepage) for Erlangen and Nuremberg:
www.aaa-tutoren.uni-erlangen.de

●●● 5.3 Buddies

The university “Buddy Programme” is designed to strengthen and promote ties between German and international students in Erlangen. Volunteer German “buddies” help the “Internationals” to become integrated into student life in Erlangen. If you would like to have a German “buddy”, simply contact the assistants in the Central Office for International Affairs. Further information can be found at:

www.uni-erlangen.de/internationales/wer-wir-sind/buddies.shtml

We will then find you a suitable German student who will help you during your first few weeks in Erlangen, and with whom you can also have a lot of fun!

●●● 5.4 Language Exchange Programme (Sprachtandem)

If you are looking for somebody to help you improve your German, someone who is perhaps learning your native language, than our “Sprachtandem” programme may be just what you are looking for. You can find a suitable partner straight away.

www.sprachduo.uni-erlangen.de

●●● 5.5 Lectures, Seminars etc.

A number of university and external institutions host a variety of events, for example the Volkshochschule Erlangen and the Bildungszentrum Nuremberg (lectures, seminars, courses, field trips) or the Collegium Alexandrinum in Erlangen (lectures). The Academic Choir, the Collegium Musicum at the university, the university sports centre, sports clubs and theatre groups provide opportunities for you to get actively involved in University life. For more information see:

www.bz.nuernberg.de
www.vhs-erlangen.de

Bildungszentrum Nürnberg
VHS in Erlangen

●●● 5.6 Music

5.6.1 The University

At the University of Erlangen there are many opportunities to pursue your musical interests. The Academic Choir, the Collegium Musicum (symphony orchestra) the Big Band and the Blechbläser ensemble (brass band) as well as several other music groups rehearse weekly in designated rooms at the university.

More details: www.musik.uni-erlangen.de

5.6.2 Opera and Concerts

Performance dates and details of special events at the Nuremberg Opera House, and also concerts by the Nuremberg Symphony Orchestra can be found at:

www.staatstheater-nuernberg.de | www.nuernbergersymphoniker.de

The Hochschule für Musik in Nuremberg regularly puts on concerts and other musical events: www.kubiss.de/bildung/info/musikhochschule/index.htm

●●● 5.7 Theatres, Museums, Galleries

Erlangen and Nuremberg together offer a wide programme in their many theatres, musical theatres, museums and art galleries. Programmes are advertised in the local press. The culture server for the region provides information for all theatres and other events: www.kubiss.de

Useful calendars of events (Veranstaltungskalender) in Nuremberg and Erlangen can also be found at www.doppelpunkt.de, www.plaerrer.de and www.curt.de. Hard copies of these city and culture guides are also distributed free of charge in most pubs and cafes in the region. Information about theatrical performances at the Markgrafen Theatre in Erlangen and at the Schauspiel in Nuremberg can also be found at: www.theater-erlangen.de and <http://www.staatstheater-nuernberg.de>

The E-Werk in Erlangen (the former electricity works) is also a popular venue for pop concerts, parties, musical festivals, and (art-house) cinema: www.e-werk.de
Information on current cinema programmes is available at:
www.filmtips.de (Germany) | www.kino.de | www.filmstarts.de | www.cinecitta.de |
www.admiral-filmpalast.de (Nürnberg) | www.cinestar.de (Erlangen).

●●● 5.8 Sport

The Sports Centre at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg is responsible for the education of the students of Sport at the university. During the semester it does, however, offer a broad spectrum of sporting opportunities for students of all faculties.
Sportzentrum der Universität, Gebbertstraße 123, D-91058 Erlangen
The courses currently available can be found at: www.sport.uni-erlangen.de

●●● 5.9 Pubs

There is a wide and varied choice of pubs, cafes and bars in Erlangen und Nuremberg. An overview of the best of these can be found on the homepage for the city of Erlangen and in the city magazines (Curt, Hugo, Doppelpunkt, Plärrer).
www.erlangeninfo.de/freifr-erlangen.htm

The region is also famous for the number and charm of its beer gardens, where in summer you can enjoy a cool refreshment and a bite to eat ("Brotzeit", german equivalent for picnic) to the strains of beer-garden music. Particularly popular are the gardens in Erlangen where the annual beer festival (Bergkirchweih) is held and which are open throughout the summer, and the Kettensteg-Biergarten in Nuremberg.

●●● 5.10 Day trips and sightseeing

There are many interesting and charming destinations for sightseeing and day trips (or longer) in the Erlangen and Nuremberg region. There is beautiful countryside (Fränkische Schweiz, Hersbrucker Schweiz, Fränkische Seenlandschaft, Maintal) and there are many towns and villages of historical and architectural interest (Bamberg, Würzburg, Ansbach, Rothenburg o. d. Tauber and many others).

Munich, the capital city of Bavaria, with its broad and full range of museums, theatres, and galleries is only 1 1/2 to 2 hours away by train. Information on the cities can be found at:
www.muenchen.de | www.wuerzburg.de | www.augsburg.de
www.amberg.de | www.rothenburg.de

