



Guide for International Students



Studying at the Charité

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Introduction

Welcome to Berlin!

We would like to compliment you on your decision to study at Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin – Center for Dental and Craniofacial Sciences (Dentistry) (CC3) within the ERASMUS programme. In this programme, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin (Joint Medical Faculty of Freie Universität Berlin and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin) cooperates with about 70 partner universities in Europe, 9 of them are Partners with the School of Dentistry (1 place each of them for 6 months):

Medizinische Universität Wien, Austria
Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
Université Claude Bernard Lyon, France
Université Paul Sabatier Toulouse, France
Université Paris Descartes (Paris V), France
Università La Sapienza, Rom
Aarhus University, Denmark
University of Turku, Finland
Istanbul University, Turkey

The new edition of our guide book should help to make your stay as smooth as possible. Please get back to us if you find any mistakes or omissions – we are always open to suggestions.

Please read through the booklet carefully and make your choices with consideration. Also make sure that you explore our website for incomings students:

https://erasmus.charite.de/en/erasmus_incoming_students/

https://erasmus.charite.de/en/erasmus_incoming_students/dentistry/

Your Charité International Cooperation Team

Charité International Cooperation

Charité International Cooperation (ChIC) is the division of the academic administration that co-ordinates and organizes the international medical school activities and exchange programmes for medical and dental students.

The Charité maintains an extensive network of cooperations. For almost three decades, ERASMUS has been the programme line for higher education in Europe. Since 2007 it has been part of the "Life Long Learning Programme" of the European Commission, and as of 2014 it called ERASMUS+. This programme includes student exchange as well as teaching staff and administrative staff mobility.

There are many more bilateral cooperations and programmes with medical schools worldwide in which the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin is involved.

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History of Charité

The Charité was founded in 1710. Originally it was planned to serve as a quarantine home for patients during a plague epidemic in Russia. This epidemic came to a halt in Prenzlau just outside the city in front of the "Spandauer Tor". The so-called "Epidemic House" was then converted into a lodge for the old, crippled and sick.

After 1726 the house served as a military hospital. One year later the King of Prussia, Friedrich Wilhelm I, gave order to train the medical personal as army doctors, and he named the hospital "Charité". In 1810 the Berlin University was founded and the Charité soon became its faculty of medicine. The faculty's first dean was Christoph Wilhelm Hufeland. In the following decades due to the wise political decisions taken at the Friedrich-WilhelmsUniversität zu Berlin, a worldwide recognized scientific expansion took place. As a result of the creative atmosphere among world famous scientists working at the Charité, Berlin became one of the leading medical centers in the world in the 19th and beginning of the 20th century. Physicians such as Johannes Muller, Johann Lucas Schönlein, and Johann Friedrich Dieffenbach contributed to the great development in the medical field.

Founded in 1884, the Dental Institute of Berlin was the first throughout Germany to be associated with a university. This laid the cornerstone for Berlin dentistry which now looks back on a changeful history of more than 130 years.

At this time, teaching in dental operative dentistry, prosthetics and surgery took place in the dental clinic in Berlin Mitte (Invalidenstraße) that was built specifically for this purpose in 1912. After World War II and the German division, it housed the Institute of Stomatology of Humboldt Universität zu Berlin until the end of the GDR. In 1951, the dental clinic became a part of Charité.

Almost at the same time, in 1956, a new dental clinic was founded in southwest Berlin (Aßmannshäuser Straße) as an Institute of Freie Universität Berlin. It expanded with the opening of an additional site at Rudolph Virchow Hospital in 1983.

After the German reunification, the three clinics were merged into one facility on the southern site (Aßmannshäuser Straße) in 2003.

Currently, there are about 40 beginners per semester that start their dental training at the Center for Dental and Craniofacial Sciences (CC3), Aßmannshäuser Straße.

Academic Authorities and Organization of Charité

The chief management body of the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, the Board of Directors, makes strategic decisions and directs operations. The Board of Directors is comprised of three members: the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Dean, and the Hospital Director.

Prof. Dr. Karl Max Einhäupl	Prof. Dr. Axel Radlach Pries	Astrid Lurati
Chairman of the Board	Dean	Hospital Director

The Dean, who is responsible for all matters regarding research and teaching, is both a member of the Board and Head of the Faculty Board. The Clinical Director is responsible for the entire area of medical care and is, likewise, a Board member. In addition, the Medical Director heads the Clinical Center Management.

The Berlin University Medical Law (Berliner Universitätsmedizingesetz) of 2005 requires the establishment of a Supervisory Board to advise the Board of Directors as well as to monitor the finances and the quality of the teaching and research conducted at the Charité.

Faculty Board:

The Faculty Board represents the medical faculty of the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin in all internal and external academic matters and is in charge of setting the scientific orientation and focus. Responsibilities include strategic planning and implementation as well as the continual evaluation of the productivity and quality of the research and teaching at the Charité.

The Faculty Board has, to a large extent, financial sovereignty - thus, the Dean is responsible for the fiscal plan for "Research and Teaching". The Faculty Board proposes this fiscal plan and, upon confirmation by the Supervisory Board, carries out its implementation. Included are the management of consumable materials and the concrete allocation of funds for research and teaching.

The Faculty Board of the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin is comprised of four members: the presiding Dean and member of the Charité's Board of Directors, the Vice-Dean for Research, the Vice-Dean for Studies and Teaching, and the Head of Finance of the Faculty.

	Prof. Dr. Axel Radlach Pries	
	Dean	
Prof. Dr. Christian Hagemeyer	Prof. Dr. Joachim Spranger Prof. Dr. Adelheid Kuhlmeier	Anne Großkopff
Vice Dean of Research	Vice Dean for Education	Faculty Business Director

Supervisory Council:

The Supervisory Council (Aufsichtsrat) advises the Management Board (Vorstand) and oversees the appropriateness and the economic feasibility of its decisions.

It controls the implementation of programmes within teaching and research and appoints the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Clinical Director. In addition, the Supervisory Board decides on the official annual financial statements and on the use of surplus funds.

Center for Dental and Craniofacial Sciences (Dentistry) (CC3)

The Center for Dental and Craniofacial Sciences (CharitéCentrum 3) primarily focuses on training in dental and orofacial medicine, i.e. teaching and research. It serves as the center for dental course of study in the region of Berlin-Brandenburg and admits about 40 students per semester. During their training, the prospective dentists already take part in supervised patient treatment.

Key aspects of research lie in the subjects of preventing malignant diseases of the maxilla-facial system, promoting innovative implantology, and developing new treatments for dental and maxillary malpositions as well as working on integrated therapy approaches.

Charité guarantees for the fulfilment of formal standards and promotes the development of quality in both studies and teaching by regularly surveying the degree programme. Accreditation is performed by external experts.

Director of the Center

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<https://zahnerhaltung.charite.de/abteilung/>

Before Leaving for Berlin

Once you are selected by your university the following steps will become very important to you:

Step 1: Read our guide carefully!

Step 2: Fill in the Student Application Form including the Learning Agreement which you can find at:

https://erasmus.charite.de/fileadmin/user_upload/portal_relaunch/international/dokumente/Learning-Agreement_aktuell.pdf

Add the transcript of records issued by your home university, and the result of your German language test (see "Language"). Please take this test very seriously, and don't pass it with help of others, as your language skills will be checked by the university in a similar way when you enrol here!

Note: Respect our deadline for **both semesters** (summer and winter term): **1st June**. No exceptions will be made.

Step 3: In case you want to apply for **accommodations** please read the information in the corresponding section of this guide.

Step 5: The faculty advisor at the department of dentistry is responsible for inscribing you into the courses. If you have problems in understanding your course schedule or you need detailed information on this topic please contact directly:

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Please note that the Learning Agreements will not be signed by our office. They will be signed by the department of dentistry.

Language

This booklet is in English because you will probably consult it well in advance of your stay in Berlin. This does not mean that English language skills are sufficient to study at the Charité. All courses are taught in German only. So we only accept students with sufficient language skills in German.

Note: The Charité requires German language skills on a B2 level. Please complete the test for the German language course (Einstufungstest):

http://www.sprachenzentrum.hu-berlin.de/studium_und_lehre/kursangebot

You will receive the results via email - please make sure that you keep the result and send it to us along with your application form or as soon as you take the test. Please fill in your results on the Student Application Form. We cannot accept students without this test!

Please take this test really serious, don't pass it with help of others, as your language skills will be checked by the university in a similar way when you do your matriculation here!

Language proficiency is important to you in your own interest, because if we feel that your level of German is insufficient, we will have to send you to language classes instead. In this case you will not be enrolled for the semester courses you have applied for.

Once you are here make sure to use the opportunity to improve your already sufficient German skills. We do also offer a Medical German courses. You can find more information here:

http://www.charite.de/international/studium_lehre_international/angebote_an_der_charite/sprachkurse/wochenendkurse/

Language Schools in Berlin

There are many different language schools in Berlin and around Berlin. Prices, size of the learning group, times etc. vary from school to school. So please check the internet and see the terms and conditions of each school. The following links are only a few examples - there are many more schools in Berlin.

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin:

<http://www.sprachenzentrum.hu-berlin.de/>

Freie Universität Berlin:

<http://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/>

Technische Universität Berlin:

<http://www.skb.tu-berlin.de/contao/index.php/de>

Others:

<http://www.hartnackschule-berlin.de/>

<http://www.prolog-berlin.de/>

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/de/ort/ber/deindex.htm>

Accommodation and Housing

Living in Berlin is fairly inexpensive in comparison to other European capitals. There is a wide-ranging offer of private flats and the very popular flat sharing. Rooms and flats are offered in all price categories.

A wide range of available flats can be found at

Berliner Morgenpost:	http://www.morgenpost.de/berlin/wohnung-mieten/
Immobilienscout 24:	http://www.immobilienscout24.de
Wohnung Jetzt:	http://www.wohnung-jetzt.de/wohnungsmarkt/wohnungen/berlin.php
Immonet:	http://www.immonet.de

Student flats and flat-sharing ads can also be found at the following websites:

City Mitwohnzentrale:	http://www.city-mitwohnzentrale.com
WG-Gesucht:	http://www.wg-gesucht.de
Studenten-WG:	http://www.studenten-wg.de/Berlin,wohnung.html
Wohnungsmarkt:	http://www.studentenwohnungsmarkt.de
Zitty:	http://www.zitty.de
Zeit Raum:	http://www.zeit-raum.de

Information on the student dorms run by StudentServices Berlin can be found on their website:

<http://www.studentenwerk-berlin.de/wohnen/wohnheimseite/index.html>

This service is only available for students who are enrolled at the Charité.

Should you have any questions regarding housing in student dorms, please contact wohnen@hu-berlin.de.

There is an online apartment market ("Wohnungsbörse") available, where Charité students who go abroad for a while, offer their flat or room.

<http://forum.fsi-charite.de/viewforum.php?f=142&sid=564b4c6824d011afe7ac5fcac5a54c2b>

Or just have a look on our website to find more information:

http://erasmus.charite.de/en/erasmus_incoming_students/accommodation/

Health Insurance Coverage

All students are required to provide proof of health insurance coverage when they register. Of course the European Health Insurance Card is accepted. If you bring along form E-111 or E-128 you have to let it retyped at a German public health insurance. You can find information and rates here:

<http://www.krankenkassentarife.de>

Here two examples for public health insurances. You can also find special offers for students there.

TK Berlin
<https://www.tk.de/>

AOK Berlin
www.aok.de/berlin

Barmer GEK
<https://www.barmer-gek.de>

If a student has private health insurance coverage, a German statutory insurance company may give an exemption from compulsory insurance coverage in Germany. Once this option has been chosen, it will be irreversible until studies are completed. Monthly premiums for health insurance are increased moderately at regular intervals. Please see the website for more details:

http://www.berliner-adressen.de/Gesundheit_Medizin/Krankenkassen/

If a doctor is consulted, the health card (chip or smartcard) must be presented. General practitioners and specialists may refer patients to other specialists or physicians.

After your arrival

Step 1: All exchange students planning to attend clinical subjects at the Charité are obliged to undergo a physical examination and get their lab results checked by our company doctors (Betriebsarzt). So please make an appointment at the occupational health center at Campus Virchow Klinikum (CVK)

Arbeitsmedizinisches Zentrum – Bereich CVK

Tel: +49 30 450 570 700

Fax: +49 30 450 570 970

E-Mail: amz-anmeldung@charite.de

Ort: Campus Virchow Klinikum, Südring 6b, ground floor
Augustenburger Platz 1, 13353 Berlin

Hours: Monday to Thursday 7:30 h to 16:00 h
Friday: 7:30 h to 15:00 h

You need to fix an appointment before your clinical rotation or the start of the semester. You can even call them from your home country. Please make sure you bring your vaccination records. <http://amz.charite.de/kontakt/>

Step 2: Even though all your problems should be solved by this time, please make sure to come by our office if you have problems or something is still not clear, and we will help you. **Please respect our office hours!**

Matriculation at the Charité

The fees for the student identity card differ from year to year. For more information please contact our office.

You need the following documents for the matriculation:

- Application of matriculation (you will obtain it from our office)
- Personal ID card or passport
- European Health Insurance Card
- The receipt of paid semester fees

Matriculation office:

Cornelia Herzfeld and Mona Hecke
Hannoversche Straße 19,
10117 Berlin – Germany

Email: studium@charite.de

Fax: +49 30 450 576 921

Hotline: +49 30 450 576 042

Opening hours:

Tuesday 9:30 h – 12:30 h and 13:30 h – 16:00 h,

Thursday and Friday 9:30 h – 12:30 h

Registration Office

Everybody wishing to stay in Berlin must register with the local authorities. You can ask your landlord, head of your student accommodation or the neighbours which Bürgeramt (registration office) you should go to, as there are different ones for each district. You can find registration offices on the internet with the keyword “Bürgeramt” under www.berlin.de. Appointments will be given online or by telephone.

For registration you need:

- The official registration form (“Anmeldung bei der Meldebehörde - Landeseinwohneramt Berlin”) which can be bought from any newsagents or downloaded at <https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/pdf/>. Fill it in before you go and get it signed by your landlord
- Your passport
- Your tenancy agreement signed by your landlord

Please note that it is very difficult to get an appointment. You must arrange it as quickly as possible from your homeland at best.

Studying at the Charité: Useful Information

Exams and grades

We try very hard to provide you with all the necessary courses and exams, in order to continue smoothly with your studies at home. However, we sometimes encounter problems we cannot solve in your favour. Therefore, we would like to give you an overview on how exams are executed at the Charité.

Written exams at the end of each semester (Semesterabschlussklausuren):

They are normally executed as multiple choice tests in German. At the end of each semester you will obtain your certificate on successfully passing a course only if you took part in that specific exam.

We would like to emphasize that there is no way to skip the exams at the end of the semester. You have to take the exams in order to receive your official Transcript of Records.

Proof of attendance (courses and clinical rotations)

Upon your arrival you will receive something called „Anwesenheitsnachweis/Testatkarten“. After each course (practical training, not lectures) you will be required to get a signature from the doctor who held your course and you yourself will have to sign a sheet to prove you attended the course.

If you fail to present all signatures required at the end of the semester, you will not be allowed to attend the exams and you will not receive the credits points for that subject.

So please make sure to always get a signature!

Once you have finished all appointments in one subject, make sure to get the certificate (stamp) from the „Lehrsekretariat“. Just check with the German students or find the location at:

“Lehrsekretariat für Zahnmedizin” (secretary's office for teaching matters):

Ms Christina Balk

Aßmannshauser Straße 4 – 6
Haus 1, Raum 01.60 b
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After that you have to present those certificates in order to get your “transcript of records” (the paper you take back to your home university) to:

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Types of Teaching and Learning

Lectures:

Lectures are usually held in the morning whereas courses take place in the afternoon. Your lectures will be in the dental clinic at Aßmannshauser Straße.

If you get lost ask for assistance at the entrances. Attendance during lectures is not mandatory though very much recommended.

Courses:

The main course you will visit is called "Integrierter Kurs". It will take place four days a week and is divided in two days of prosthodontics and two days of restorative dentistry. You will be organised in teams of two students, sharing a treatment unit and assisting each other. During the treatment, you are supervised by the employed dentists.

Praktikum: Oral surgery, orthodontics and pedodontics are taught in so-called "Praktika". You will be deployed at the corresponding department.

Seminar: Theoretical courses are taking place in a group of usually 40 students.

Types of courses

Clinical semesters:

After five preclinical semesters our clinical part begins and goes from clinical semester K1 to K5. So the 2nd semester of the 3rd year in university is clinical semester 1 (in German: 1. Klinisches Semester or the short version K1)

Course programme

The course programme is run in accordance with the Licensing Regulations for Dentists. The programme, which comprises ten semesters, is divided into pre-clinical (five semesters) and clinical dentistry (five semesters). As part of their clinical training, students will be supervised by professionals, and actively involved in the treatment of patients. The course options offered range from microscopic anatomy to surgical techniques. Students are required to pass preliminary examinations in science and dentistry during the first part of the course. The second part concludes when students take the dental licensing examination (Staatsexamen).

<https://zahnmedizin.charite.de/studium/>

https://campusnet.charite.de/zm/wise2016_17/zk4/studierende/stundenplan/

European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

ECTS makes teaching and learning more transparent and facilitates the recognition of studies (formal, non-formal and informal). The system is used across Europe for credit transfer (student mobility) and credit accumulation (learning paths towards a degree). It also informs curriculum design and quality assurance.

Institutions which apply ECTS publish their course catalogues on the web, including detailed descriptions of study programmes, units of learning, university regulations and student services. Course descriptions contain learning outcomes (what students are expected to know, understand and be able to do) and workload (the time students typically need to achieve the learning outcomes), expressed in terms of credits. In most cases, student workload ranges from 1,500 to 1,800 hours for an academic year, and one credit corresponds to 25-30 hours of work.

Note: The basic allocation of academic credits in ECTS is 60 credits per year of study or 30 credits per semester.

Credit transfer and accumulation are helped by the use of the ECTS key documents (Learning agreement, and Transcript of records) as well as the Diploma Supplement. ECTS also includes a standard grading scale, intended to be shown in addition to local (i. e. national) standard grades.

Transcript of Records

In the European ECTS system transcripts are called Transcript of Records, and are used to document the performance of a student over a certain period of time by listing the course units or practical trainings taken, the credits gained, and the grades awarded. The Transcript of Records provides a standard format for recording all study activities carried out by students. It is an essential tool for academic recognition.

The ECTS Transcript of Records preferably includes, along with the local grades, the ECTS grades of the student.

It is used for exchange students both ways: First, it must be issued and sent to the host institution by the home institution for all outgoing students before their departure in order to provide information about the course units that they already have completed and the results obtained. Secondly it must be issued and sent by the host institution to the home institution for all incoming students at the end of their period of study.

Please note that each semester has to be completed by an examination in order to be listed in the Transcript of Records. Credits are not awarded for sole attendance.

All questions concerning your Transcript of records:

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Academic calendar

The semester calendars are published up-to-date on the medical education website campusnet. Here you can find timetables, your exam results, contact persons and much more. So please take a closer look because you will need this information:

<http://campusnet.charite.de/>

The winter term usually runs from mid-October till the end of February and the summer term from mid-April till the end of July.

Courses for Incoming ERASMUS students in Dentistry

Prosthodontics, Gerodontology and Craniomandibular Disorders	
Course Code: Integrated Course 2.1 Prosthodontics	ECTS Credits: 11
Type of course: Practical clinical course including course related demonstrations and lesson about Gerodontology	Year of study: 9 th term, 4 th clinical semester, 5 th year
Prerequisites:	Accreditation for the study of dentistry at Charité – University Medicine Berlin; Successfully passed preclinical examination (Physikum); Successful participation of the first two clinical courses including prosthodontics (treatment of patients with removable partial and complete dentures, crowns, bridges)
Course contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicum including course related demonstrations (Σ 129,5h = 7770 minutes/semester + ca 42h = 2520 min/semester pre- and post-processing preparation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical treatment (under supervision) of patients including the whole spectrum of prosthodontic treatment possibilities (fixed and removable dentures, prosthetic supply of implants, treatment of patients with craniomandibular disorders) • Assistance of fellow students, participation in the service for pain patients and course related duties • Fabrication of removable and/or fixed dentures for patients in the dental laboratory • Course related demonstrations includes themes like <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretreatment and impressions for implant supported dental prostheses • Attachments (double crowns, bars, anchors, magnetic attachments, etc.) • Model cast dentures • Perioprosthodontic • Adhesive fixation of prostheses • Treatment planning • Correspondence with dental insurances and dental accounting • Lesson Gerodontology (14 h = 840min/semester including pre- and post-processing preparation). Topics of the lesson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic • Process of aging • Aging related alteration of organs • Dementia • Diabetes • Pharmacology in the elderly • Oral mucosal change in the elderly • Nutrition of the elderly • Adaptation of treatment in the elderly

Course objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination and treatment planning • Counselling of patients, cost-planning • Pretreatment, preparation, impression, temporary restorations, try-in and fixation of prostheses • Recall of patients with prostheses • Interaction with external dental laboratories • Fabrication of removable complete or partial dentures • Fabrication of occlusal splints • Restoration of endodontically treated teeth
Teaching methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical practical training • Seminar • POL
Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple-choice-examination • Evaluation of theoretical knowledge during practical training • Evaluation of practical skills by supervision • Not more than 15% times absent • Completion of scope of work, including restoring 5 teeth with fixed dentures (crowns, bridges, combined fixed and removable partial dentures), treatment of recall patients). In total 45 points for prosthetic treatment including repairing dentures has to be reached (based on a points system).

Orthodontics	
Course Code: Integrated Course 2.1 – Orthodontics	ECTS Credits: 3
Type of course: Practical clinical course, seminar, clinical demonstrations	Year of study: 9 th term, 5 th year
Prerequisites:	Student at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin (matriculation); Preclinical exam (Physikum) passed; Integrated clinical course 1.1 (7th semester) and 1.2 (8th semester) passed
Course contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical clinical course (Σ 504 minutes/semester + set-up time/postprocessing time) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of treating patients (under supervision) already taken care of during semesters 7 and 8 (in particular preprosthetic measures) and/or • Internship in orthodontics: getting to know a cross-section of patients and therapeutical methods • Seminars (110 min./week + time for preparation and review) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students prepare module on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cephalometric analysis • Angle-Class II • Alternatives for molar distalisation • Analysing records of 2 patients and developing a treatment plan • Biology of tooth movement side-effects of orthodontic therapy • Straight-wire-technique • Wires in orthodontics • Segmented arch technique • CAD/CAM in orthodontics • Clinical demonstrations (45 min./week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case presentation by students or academic staff with emphasis on developing alternative treatment plans based on the diagnosis
Course objectives:	The students should be familiar with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes, consequences and therapeutic principles of malocclusions and growth disturbances • Fundamentals of orthodontic therapy • (Exemplarily) orthodontic appliances • Risks of orthodontic therapy
Teaching methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient-centred teaching incl. practical exercises • PBL

Assessment methods:	• Multiple-choice test	
	• Appraisal of seminars prepared by the students	
	• Compliancy with time table (compulsory attendance)	
	• Fulfillment of demands (at least 50 points/ semester):	
	Bonding brackets – per bracket	5 points
	Cementing a band – per band	10 points
	Debonding brackets – per bracket	5 points
	Removing bands – per band	5 points
	Ligating with elastic ligatures – per arch	2 points
	Ligating with stainless-steel ligatures – per arch	5 points
	Placement of elastic chains – per chain	2 points
	Placement of an open or closed coil spring – per spring	2 points
	Professional prophylaxis in a patient with fixed appliances – per arch	10 points
	Adapting and placing a superelastic archwire – per wire	5 points
	Adapting and placing a stainless steel/TMA wire – per wire	10 points
	Placing Kobayashi hooks and fitting elastics – per patient	4 points
	Taking and analyzing mid-term records	25 points
	Controlling retention appliances – per patient	4 points
	(Predominantly) autonomous counselling of patient	5 points
	Taking and analyzing initial records, incl. oral-hygiene instruction – per patient	30 points
	Fitting of an extraoral anchorage device	5 points
	Fitting of a quadhelix/TPB or assisting during the placement of a mini-implant	5 points
	Bite block from Triad, Fuji Ortho LC or similar – per tooth	3 points
Bending and placing a segmented arch	4 points	
Fitting a Pendulum appliance	10 points	
Cementing an acrylic RME device	8 points	
Fitting a fixed Class-II mechanic	10 points	
Bending and placing an archwire with contraction loops	7 points	
• Assistance with Invisalign or lingual patients – per patient	5 points	

Paediatric dentistry clinical course II	
Course Code:	ECTS Credits: 1
Type of course: seminar / clinical course	Year of study: 9 th term, 5 th year
Prerequisites:	Successful participation in the clinical course of operative dentistry I and paediatric dentistry clinical course I
Course contents:	<p>Learning of basic dental treatment in all areas of paediatric dentistry for the growing and developing child.</p> <p>Students are specially trained on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paediatrics Diagnosis and treatment planning Prevention Restorative dentistry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary teeth, mixed dentition, permanent teeth Orthodontics Dental traumatology Oral surgery Oral medicine Oral pathology Maxillofacial surgery Children with special needs/medically compromised Child psychology and development
Course objectives:	The students learn how to treat children pedodontically taking into account their mental status and how to deal with anxiety incl. nitrous oxide.
Teaching methods:	Clinical course, patient-centred teaching incl. practical exercises PBL
Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of clinical work and seminars prepared by the students

Interdisciplinary Lectures on Implant Dentistry - Part II	
Course Code: Imp Dent 9.1	ECTS Credits: 2.5 14 hrs lectures, 20 hrs private studies, 1 hr mc questionnaire
Type of course: Lecture	Year of study: 9 th term / 5 th year
Prerequisites:	Basic knowledge in anatomy of the head, face, neck; basic knowledge in biochemistry, pharmacology, physiology, macro- and microanatomy as well as pathology of bone and soft tissues of maxilla and mandible, dental radiology, prosthetic treatment planning, periodontology, oral surgery (straightforward level), physiology and pathology of wound healing; osseointegration, pre-implant diagnostics and treatment planning as well as patient education, basic knowledge in implant-prosthetic treatment options, indications, contraindications and risk factors for implant treatment, straightforward surgical procedures in implantology
Course contents:	Indications, risk factors, materials, surgical procedures for bone augmentation in order to optimize the bone quantity and / or quality at the implant site (guided bone regeneration, sinus floor elevation and augmentation, ridge splitting / spreading, vertical distraction, bone block grafting); evaluation of implant success or –failure; forensic aspects; esthetics in implant dentistry; implants in orthodontic treatment; implants in epithetic treatment of large alveolar and facial defects; implant treatment of periodontally compromised patients; diagnosis and treatment of peri-implant disease; recall and maintenance following implant treatment; materials science and materials combinations in implantology; introduction in CAD/CAM technology in implant dentistry: Procera system.
Course objectives:	Students should learn -how to recognize situations requiring augmentation treatment prior to or in combination with implant installation, to perform diagnosis and treatment planning in such situations and how to inform patients about several treatment options to augment the alveolar bone with regard to anatomical peculiarities; -how to evaluate risk factors in augmentation procedures and consider these in treatment decisions; EBM should be used as a tool for treatment decisions too; -how to evaluate implant success and failures as well as how to diagnose peri-implant disease; -how to plan and manage implant treatment in periodontally compromised patients; -how to treat peri-implant disease and how to manage recall and maintenance in implant patients; -prerequisites of esthetic treatment outcomes; -more about implant-based treatment options in orthodontic treatment and for epithetic treatment in patients revealing large facial or alveolar defects e.g. following tumour surgery; -basic knowledge in implant materials science as well as combinations of different materials in implantology; -basics in CAD/CAM technology in implant dentistry.
Teaching methods:	lectures private studies
Assessment methods:	Written multiple choice questionnaire following the course (9th term, for ERASMUS students only)

Course on Oral Surgery – Part II	
Course Code: Oral Surg 9.2	ECTS Credits: 4 36 hrs. practical training, 36 hrs. private studies, 1 hr mc questionnaire, 1 hr oral examination
Type of course: Practical training	Year of study: 9 th term / 5 th year
Prerequisites:	Knowledge of topographic anatomy and minor operative surgery of the oral region, general and special pathology, radiology, internal medicine, pharmacology and communication skills, basic knowledge in epidemiology and public health
Course contents:	Surgical removal of third molars Surgical management of retained roots Surgical treatment of apical periodontitis (apicoectomies) Pre-cancerous lesions and tumours of the oral mucosa Diagnostic methods of benign and malignant tumours in the oral region Oral and dental problems in risk patients Use of prophylactic antibiotics (in risk patients) Observation and performance of treatment manipulations under supervision Discussion and presentations of patients Drug reactions and interactions Diagnosis and management of odontogenic infections Postoperative patient care, pain control and management of complications, with emphasis on prevention Indications and contraindications for outpatient oral surgery Preprosthetic surgery
Course objectives:	Students should be able to Review the general principles of oral surgery, including asepsis, tissue handling and hemostasis Review armamentarium; form and function Discuss various specific techniques for (complicated) surgical extractions Discuss impacted teeth and identify third molars suitable for removal in the general dentist's office Discuss indications and contraindications for oral surgery with emphasis on judging difficulties and when to refer Complete thorough medical evaluation Independently remove a retained root Learn postoperative patient care, pain control and management of complications, with emphasis on prevention Understand the diagnosis and management of odontogenic infections Review preprosthetic ridge preparation
Teaching methods:	practical training private studies
Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation of the performance during practise • Oral examination • Written multiple choice questionnaire following the cours (9th term, for ERASMUS students only)

Lecture on Oral Medicine Part III	
Course Code: Oral Med 9.3.	ECTS Credits: 2.5 28 lectures, 28 hrs private studies
Type of course: Lecture	Year of study: 9 th term / 5 th year
Prerequisites:	Basic knowledge in internal medicine, infectious diseases, dermatology general and special pathology, radiology, pharmacology, basic knowledge in epidemiology and public health
Course contents:	<p>Oral <u>Pathology</u> and Microbiology</p> <p>General and dental pharmacology and therapeutics</p> <p>Diagnosis of oral and <u>dental</u> lesions and their early detection.</p> <p>Medical management of precancerous lesions of mouth and other infective inflammatory, neoplastic oral lesions.</p> <p>Radiological investigation of oral structures related to diagnosing different maladies.</p> <p>Bullous diseases</p> <p>Oral manifestations of HIV/AIDS</p> <p>Viral, bacterial and mycotic infections of the oral region</p> <p>Autoimmune disorders (Lichen planus, Lupus erythematosus)</p> <p>Systemic diseases with oral manifestations (diabetes, dermatological disorders)</p>
Course objectives:	<p>Students should be able to</p> <p>Classify and identify different pathological conditions and lesions affecting the oral and perioral region</p> <p>Recognize clinical, radiological and histopathological features of oral diseases</p> <p>Interpret the pathological findings and correlate to the clinical presentation of oral diseases</p> <p>Analyse and discuss the underlying principles of management of these diseases</p> <p>Perform relevant examination techniques in order to arrive at a diagnosis</p> <p>Apply correct judgement and skill in arriving at the diagnosis and treatment of orofacial diseases.</p> <p>recognise the necessity and coordination of interdisciplinary treatment</p>
Teaching methods:	<p>Lectures</p> <p>Private studies</p>
Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral examination as part of the graduation / state examination

Periodontology	
Course Code:	ECTS Credits: 4
Type of course: - Patient treatment - Practical surgical training	Year of study: 5 th year
Prerequisites:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge of periodontal and periimplant diseases and of systematic treatment and maintenance concepts - Theoretical knowledge of periodontal surgery techniques
Course contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention, diagnosis, periodontal therapy and maintenance of periodontal and periimplant diseases • Periodontal surgery, practical training (porcine mandibles)
Course objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should be able to prevent, diagnose and treat gingivitis and periodontal diseases according to the disease classification system, American Academy of Periodontology, 1999: I. Gingival diseases, II. Chronic periodontitis, III. Aggressive periodontitis, IV. Periodontitis as manifestation of systemic diseases, V. Necrotizing periodontal diseases, VI. Periodontal abscess periodontium, VII. Periodontitis associated with endodontic lesions, VIII. Developmental or acquired deformities and conditions • Students employ measures of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of mucositis and periimplantitis • Students apply systematic periodontal treatment methods, including measures of hygiene phase, initial treatment phase, corrective treatment phase and maintenance care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ documentation of periodontal findings ○ professional and individual biofilm management ○ subgingival debridement techniques ○ adjunctive antimicrobial treatment regimens ○ evaluation of the need of corrective periodontal therapy ○ assessment of the therapy outcome, prognosis and maintenance care intervals. • Students learn periodontal surgery techniques by the use of a model (porcine mandibles): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resective periodontal surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access surgery (Modified Widman Flap, modified access flap surgery techniques, distal wedge procedures, apically repositioned flap) ▪ Osseous surgery (osteoplasty, ostectomy) ▪ External/internal gingivectomy ▪ Surgical furcation management techniques (amputation, hemisection, tunnel techniques) ○ Regenerative periodontal surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grafting procedures ▪ Enamel matrix derivative; root surface conditioning ▪ Growth factors and mediators in periodontal regeneration ▪ Guided tissue regeneration (GTR) ○ Mucogingival surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gingival augmentation ▪ Root coverage procedures (coronally positioned flap, tunnel techniques, envelope technique) ▪ grafting procedures (FST, connective tissue)
Teaching methods:	Clinical treatment of patients with periodontal and periimplant diseases Practical surgical training (model)

Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of theoretical knowledge during practical training • Evaluation of practical skills by supervision • check on attendance (> 85%)
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Interdisciplinary Course	
Course Code: Scientific Retrieval Seminar II	ECTS Credits: 2
Type of course: Seminar	Year of study: 9th Semester
Prerequisites:	Admission to enrollment in Dentistry (Zahn-, Mund- Kieferheilkunde) an der Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin; <i>Physikum</i> Diploma (bestandene Zahnärztliche Vorprüfung, Physikum)
Course contents:	In the seminar, all questions dealing with dentistry and medicine (related with dentistry) can be addressed. The selection of the topics will be done in the first meeting, together with all participants. Duration: 2 hrs per week, alternating between seminar and supervised group work. Plus pre- and post-processing time.
Course objectives:	Method of the seminar is to investigate a question down to the base by means of original publications. Participants learn strategies how to formulate a question precisely and how to retrieve studies using Pubmed at NIH. Furthermore, discussions about the formal criteria, how scientific studies are designed, are intended in order to evaluate the quality and persuasiveness of the original publications. The aim of the seminar is to foster the ability to deal critically with "eminence based" allegations, and instead to maintain an "evidence-based" action in clinical practice.
Teaching methods:	Participants work in groups of eight. Selected topics will be discussed during group work. The retrieval of original studies will be carried out in PubMed at NIH. At intervals of 14 days all groups meet and will report each other in the lecture hall. Based on the discussion, further questions will be developed in order to pursue the topic further during the subsequent group work and the presentation in the lecture hall. Seminar, Group work (POL), lecture.
Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • final report.

Operative Dentistry	
Course Code: Integrated Course 2.1 Operative Dentistry	ECTS Credits: 10
Type of course: Practical clinical course including course related demonstrations	Year of study: 4 th clinical semester
Prerequisites:	Accreditation for the study of dentistry at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin; Successfully passed preclinical examination (Physikum); Successful participation of the first two clinical courses including Prosthodontics, Periodontology and Operative Dentistry)
Course contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicum including course related demonstrations (Σ 95,2 h = 4284 minutes/semester) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessment of patient's oral hygiene • treatment planning • clinical treatment (under supervision) of patients including direct amalgam or composite posterior and anterior resin restorations, endodontical treatment of molars, premolars and anterior teeth • assistance of fellow students, participation in the service for emergency patients and course related duties • course related demonstrations includes following topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adhesive dentistry for restoring teeth • treatment planning • new developments in endodontic treatments • new developments in restorative materials
Course objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examination and treatment planning • consulting patients according to their treatment needs • pain diagnosis • individual pretreatment of patients according to their status of oral hygiene • restoring anterior and posterior teeth, including preparation, handling of matrix systems for anterior and posterior restorations, application of different adhesive systems, layering techniques for the application of composite resins, finishing and polishing • endodontical treatment of anterior and posterior teeth including access cavity preparation, determination of working length, preparation of root canal system, irrigation, filling of the root canal system. • restoration of endodontically treated teeth • recall of patients according to their oral hygiene
Teaching methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical practical training • Seminars • POL
Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple-choice-examination • Evaluation of theoretical knowledge during practical training • Evaluation of practical skills by supervision • check on attendance (> 85%) • Completion of scope of work, including 1500 points

Blackboard and e-learning

General information

The Blackboard Learning System is a web-based server software platform. Features include course management, a customizable open architecture, and a scalable design that allows for integration with student information systems and authentication protocols. It may be installed on local servers or hosted by Blackboard ASP Solutions. Its main purposes are to add online elements to courses traditionally delivered face-to-face and to develop completely online courses with few or no face-to-face meetings.

The Blackboard system for the Charité is administrated by a partner institute (CeDiS) from the Freie Universität Berlin. You will find an e-learning part for almost every course which is offered by the Charité. In Blackboard you can find online information, lecture materials, learning videos (not in all courses) etc. And the most important thing: You will get the latest information about your courses.

How to use

If you want to use the Blackboard you need an account with login and password. We will register the ERASMUS students and give you the information via e-mail before the new semester starts. So please don't forget your login and password.

Login: <http://lms.charite.de>

Once you are logged in you can customize your profile by using the menu to the left. Please change your password. On the right side you will find all the courses in which you are registered. The first time it will be only your Blackboard module called "ERASMUS". Feel free to look at the entire online course options of the Charité.

Note: There are courses which are protected by passwords. You can get those passwords by attending the lectures in the first weeks of each semester.

Check our module every week to get the latest information. It is really important to be there as often as possible.

CIPom - Access to the Internet for free

If you don't have internet access at home, you can use the computers provided at two of the three campuses (CCM, CVK) for free. All you need is your Charité-mail, username and password. These will also allow you to access the free Wi-Fi (eduroam) on all of the campuses and in some places throughout Berlin with universities or faculties nearby.

<http://www.cipom.de>

Location: **CCM:** 2nd floor, Lernzentrum, Virchowweg 5
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 h – 20:00 h

Location: **CVK:** 3rd floor, Forum 3 (near the library to the left)
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 10:00 h – 18:00 h

Libraries

For those of you who feel more comfortable studying at the library than at home, there are plenty of public and also three Charité-associated libraries. Your student identity card also serves as your library card.

Zahnmedizinische Bibliothek (CBF)

Aßmannshauser Str. 4 - 6 (at House 2, floor 02), 14197 Berlin

Tel.: +49 30 576265

opening hours & further information:

http://bibliothek.charite.de/die_bibliothek/zweigbibliothek_zahnmedizin/

Bibliothek Campus Mitte (CCM)

Philippstr. 11/12, 10117 Berlin

Tel.: +49 30 450 576 078

opening hours and further information:

http://bibliothek.charite.de/die_bibliothek/zweigbibliothek_ccm/

Bibliothek Campus Virchow (CVK)

Weststraße 1 (at the end of Mittelallee) 13353 Berlin

Tel.: +49 30 450 576 306

opening hours & further information:

http://bibliothek.charite.de/die_bibliothek/bibliothekszentrale_cvk/

Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum (University library of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 1/3, 117 Berlin

Tel.: +49 30 2093 99370

opening hours & further information:

<http://www.grimm-zentrum.hu-berlin.de/>

Meals and student restaurants

Student restaurants and cafeterias are located all over town. The Mensa Nord for example is located in walking distance from the Campus Charité Mitte (CCM). You can find a list of all the student restaurants on the homepage of the Studentenwerk Berlin <http://www.studentenwerk-berlin.de/mensen/index.html>

Restaurant at the dental clinic

Aßmannshauser Str. 2-6

14197 Berlin

Restaurants close to Campus Mitte

Mensa HU Nord
Hannoversche Straße 7
10115 Berlin

Mensa HU Süd
Unter den Linden 6
10117 Berlin

Restaurant close to: Campus Virchow-Klinikum

CVK/Nordring 2
Augustenburger Platz 1
13353 Berlin

Mensa TFH
Luxemburger Straße 9
13353 Berlin

Restaurant close to Campus Benjamin Franklin

FU II (Silberlaube)
Otto-von-Simson-Straße 26
14195 Berlin

Sports at the University

All students can participate in the university sports programme (Hochschulsport-Programm). Most of the courses during the semester charge a fee of 15€ to 25€. Courses during the holidays (Semesterferien or vorlesungsfreie Zeit) cost a bit less.

The sports programmes include various team sports, martial arts, dancing and fitness courses. Usually, registration opens about one month in advance. In addition, there is a gym only for students (Campusfit) on the premises of CCM.

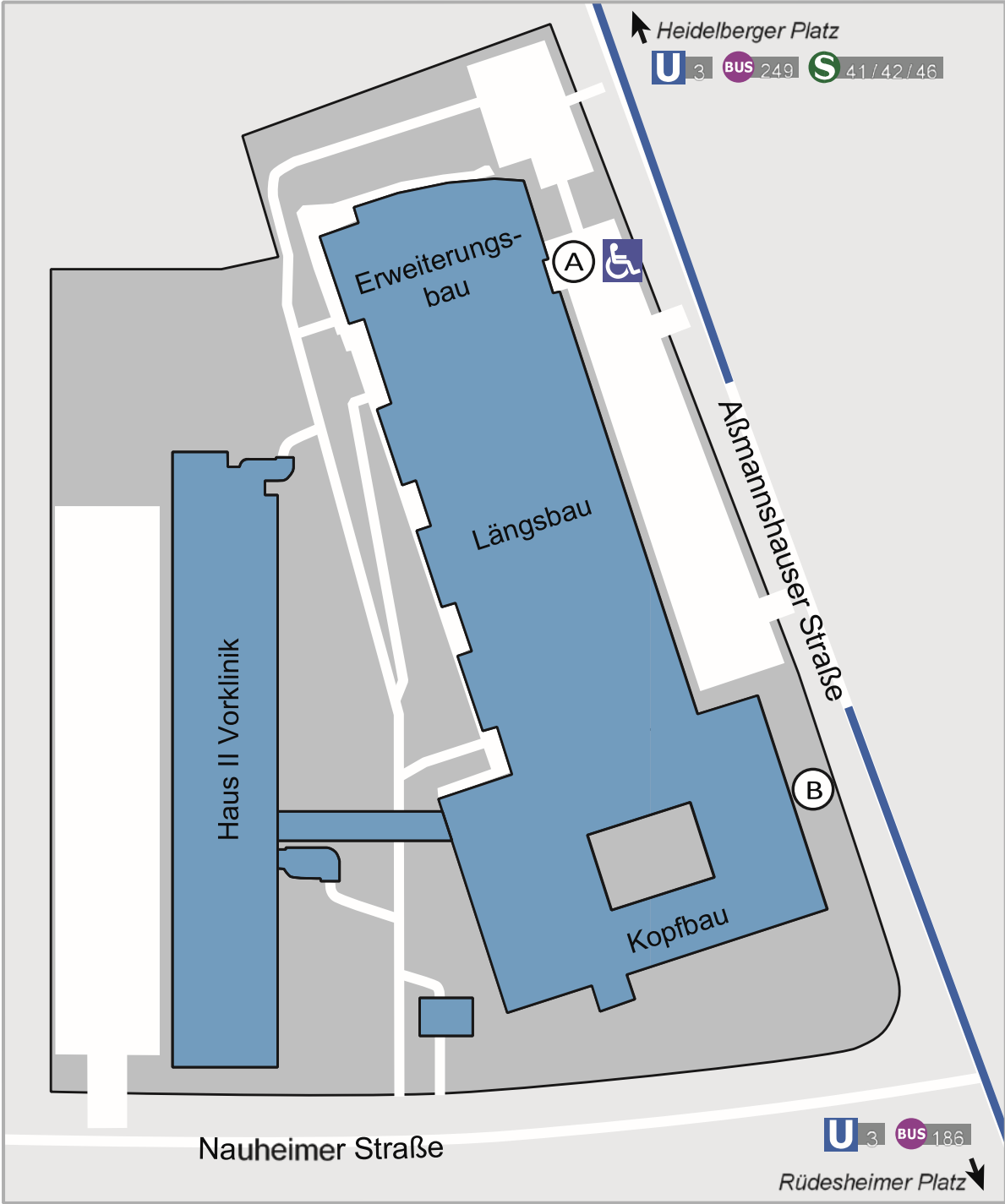
You will need to present a student card or a provisional student card. In any case speed is necessary as many attractive sports are booked out within a few hours. As a Charité student you are also allowed to take part in university sports that are offered by the Freie Universität Berlin (FU), Technische Universität Berlin (TU), Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (HU) or the Beuth-Hochschule für Technik Berlin.

HU-Humboldt Universität Berlin:	https://www.hochschulsport.hu-berlin.de/de/hochschulsport-an-der-humboldt-universitaet-zu-berlin
FU-Freie Universität Berlin:	http://www.hochschulsport.fu-berlin.de
TU-Technische Universität Berlin:	http://www.tu-sport.de
Beuth-Hochschule für Technik Berlin	http://www.beuth-hochschule.de/zeh/

Campus maps

Zahnklinik Süd
Aßmannshauser Straße 4-6
14197 Berlin

- Transport connection:**
- Station Heidelberger Platz (5min walk)
 - S41/S42 Ring, S46
 - U3 Bus 249
 - Station Rüdeshheimer Platz (6min walk)
 - U1
 - Bus 186

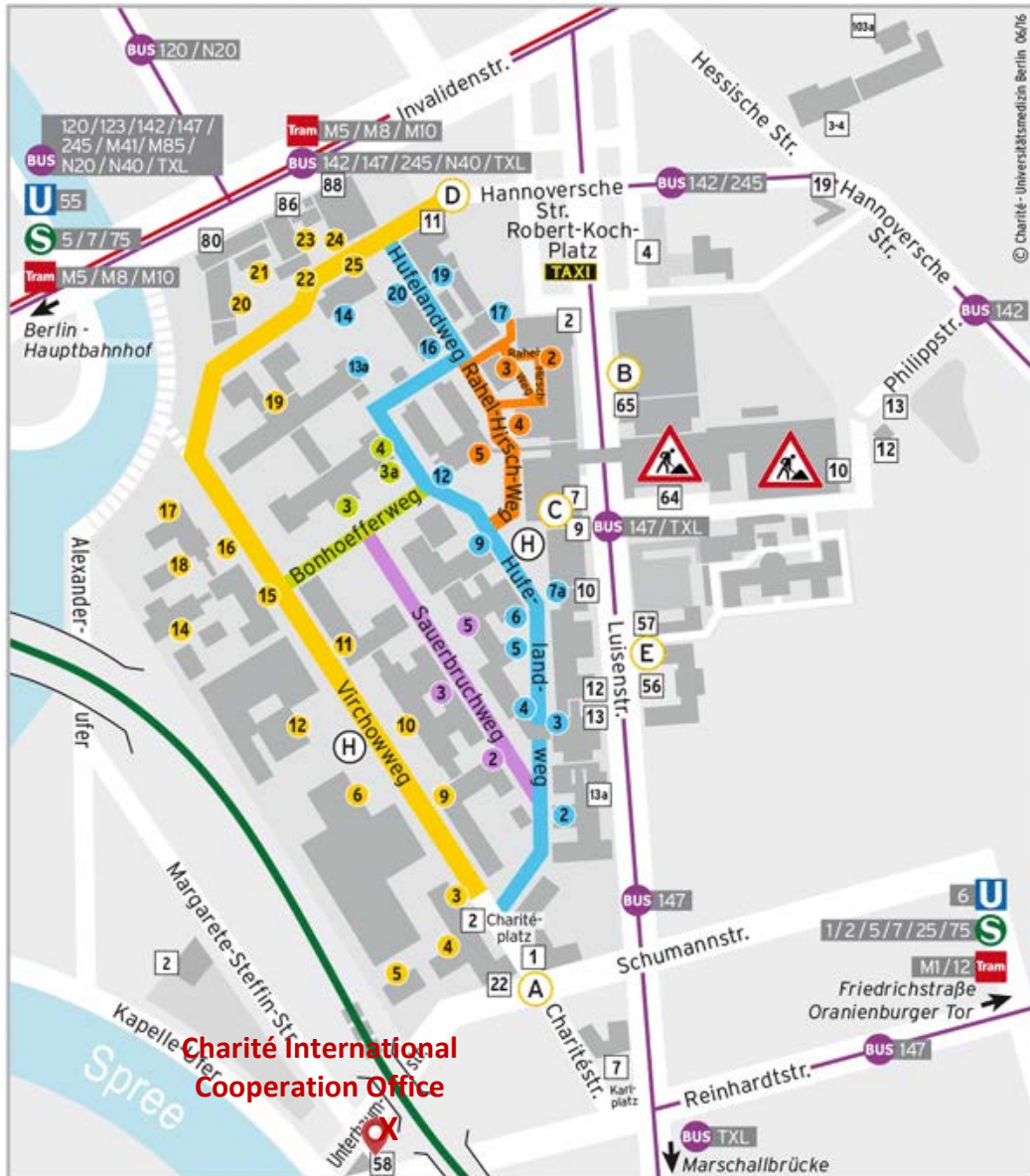


Campus Charité Mitte (CCM):

Charitéplatz 1 / Luisenstraße 65
10117 Berlin

Transport connection:

- S+U Friedrichstraße. DB, 10min walk
- U6 Oranienburger Tor, 10 min walk
- Bus 147 till Luisenstraße /Charité



http://www.Charité.de/Charité/standorte/campus_Charité_mitte_ccm/lageplaene/

Note: Campus buildings are labeled with internal addresses (e.g., Virchowweg 10). Street numbers refer to those on the campus map.

You will find an overview of abbreviations for the most common auditory halls and course rooms here:

https://campusnet.charite.de/fileadmin/user_upload/campusnet/ZM/downloads/sose-14/Legende_Raumkuerzel_ZM_SoSe14.pdf

Here you can find:

- 1) Our office Charité International Cooperation (ChiC) – marked in red
- 2) The High-Rise-Building / Bettenhochhaus (No. 64)
- 3) Library (Oskar-Hertwig-Haus, Phillipstraße 11/12) [right side, white pathway]
- 4) Referat für Studienangelegenheiten (No. 24)
- 5) Hexenhäuschen /leisure house for students (Philipstr. 12)
- 6) CIPOM-Computer room (Lernzentrum Virchowweg 5 Ebene 2) [No. 5 in yellow]
- 7) Medical history museum (No. 17)

General information about life in Berlin

Living Expenses

The cost of living is an approximate estimation that might vary depending on your personal situation. As an estimate, you will need roughly 600 - 900 EUR a month to cover your cost of living including rent.

Cost of living is not as high in Berlin as it is in other major cities. Nevertheless, you should think about the intellectual and cultural challenges which studying in Germany can bring, and that it would be an additional handicap to have to look for some kind of job from the very start of your studies, just in order to support yourself. If you receive no financial support from home, for example parents or family, or if you do not have adequate financial resources, very soon other problems will start to occur.

This total is made up of:

Expenditures for	EUR
Rent	400 - 600
Food	200 - 300
Public transport	65 (or semester-ticket, included in the student identity card)
Books and other study materials	50
Cultural events	100
Health, liability, malpractice, accident insurance	approx. 40 (only for students who are not enrolled at the Charité or not covered by the European Health Insurance system)

Student Campus Card (incl. semester ticket)

Your student campus card does a quadruple duty:

- Student identity card
- Student public transportation card (Semester ticket).
The semester ticket operates throughout the ABC local transport zones operated by the Berlin-Brandenburg transport consortium (VBB) for an unlimited number of journeys. In addition, a passenger may take children (up to the age of six years), luggage, one dog, a baby buggy or pram and one bicycle without additional charge.
- Mensa card
- Library card

Berlin by bike

Having a bicycle is now seen as a very good alternative to using public transport, since this enables you to get about and explore Berlin and the surrounding countryside and do something to keep fit, too.

If you don't want to buy a new bike, you can either hire a bicycle or buy one secondhand. There are advertisements for second-hand cycles in the fortnightly advertising magazine "Zweite Hand", or the German Railways Deutsche Bahn AG auctions bicycles regularly (dates and times are posted in local daily newspapers).

Bicycles for hire: Fahrradstation
Rosenthaler Straße 40/41
10178 Berlin Mitte
Tel.: +49 03 28 38 48 48
<http://www.fahrradstation.de>

For all questions which have anything to do with cycles and cycling you can contact the Allgemeine Deutsche Fahrrad-Club (National Cycling Association - ADFC):

<http://www.adfc.de>

Opening a Bank Account

It is advisable to open a bank account, because only bank account holders can make transfers to other accounts with no additional charge (cash transfer is up to €6 handling fee). If you produce your Charité student ID and your local office registration most banks will agree to open a student account for you. Students are not charged any account handling fee per month.

A selection of banks near CCM:

Berliner Bank
Friedrichstraße 185-190
10117 Berlin
(entrance in Mohrenstraße
Tel.: + 49 30 31 09 90 90
www.berliner-bank.de

Berliner Sparkasse
Friedrichstraße 193
10117 Berlin
Tel.: +49 30 869 869 69
www.berliner-sparkasse.de

Telephone & Internet Services

The German telephone company "Deutsche Telekom" is still the most known and prevalent telephone service provider, however, there are other companies, and it is well worth comparing prices, especially for long-distance or international calls. More detailed information can be found on the Internet.

<http://www.telefontarife.de/>
www.billiger-telefonieren.de

For mobile phone services one can choose from a variety of options. There are four main mobile providers in Germany.

www.o2online.de
www.vodafone.de
www.t-mobile.de
www.eplus.de

However, there are a lot of low cost providers, offering pre-paid options. These pre-paid packages can be bought in major supermarkets. Internet is also accessible through WiFi Hotspots on campus or in public libraries, cafés etc.

TV and Radio License Fee - Rundfunkbeitrag

Any public broadcast receiver equipment - such as a radio or television set - is subject to registration and payment of a license fee.

With effect from 1st January 2013, the monthly license fee amounts to **approx. 20 Euro** for one flat. You can pay in quarterly, semi-annually or annually. That means if you share your flat with other people you share the fee, too. The licence fee covers all types of radio and television sets or PCs.

It is in the discretion of the licensing authority to waive the license fee on application in particular cases of hardship. An application to have the license fee waived must be made directly to the authority. Application forms may be obtained from local (district) or city administrative offices or online. The application form must be signed by the applicant personally and then sent, along with any required documents, by post to the address of the licensing authority www.rundfunkbeitrag.de.

Travel

The next few sections will give you a number of ideas for opportunities to travel, both within Germany and from Germany to other countries. It is advisable to compare several offers before deciding. It is also true to say that the earlier you book, the more attractive are the prices. The most inexpensive accommodation offered is provided by youth hostels (JH or YHA), which are to be found in over 60 countries. All the youth hostel addresses can be found online:

<http://www.jugendherberge.de/>

Railway:

All kinds of information on anything to do with railway travel in Germany and abroad including special offers are to be found on the Internet.

An alternative carrier to DB is provided by the InterConnex trains. These trains run every day on the routes connecting-Leipzig-Berlin-Rostock and also on the Zittau-Berlin-Stralsund route.

www.bahn.de
www.interconnex.de

Air travel:

A quick and inexpensive way to cover larger distances to get away from Berlin as a basis is provided by air travel as alternative. Now there are many airlines increasingly offering reduced rate flights. Because there are frequently only a limited number of seats allocated at cheap rates, it is advisable to book as early as possible.

When comparing various prices it is important to check carefully whether the respective individual airlines also apply additional taxes and airport landing fees. Below is a list of some sample addresses which you may find useful in looking for bargain prices for flights:

www.airlines.de
www.fliegen.de
www.flug.de
www.flugboerse.de
www.fernweh.com

Long-distance bus services:

If you prefer to remain firmly on the ground when traveling, you have the choice of being able to reach lots of cities in Germany and in Europe at reasonable prices using long-distance bus services. You can find the required information at:

www.berlinlinienbus.de
www.adac-postbus.de
www.meinfernbus.de
www.eurolines.com
www.gullivers.de
www.busreisen.de
www.buswelt.de
www.flixbus.de

Car sharing centers - getting together to drive;

If you are looking for an inexpensive alternative way to travel apart from taking a bus, the train or a plane, you can contact one of the many car sharing centers which operate in Berlin. In these centers you can arrange to get a ride with someone else. With Berlin as point of departure there is at short notice nearly always the chance to travel to other parts of Germany. Sharing the costs of gas is usually a condition for sharing a car ride.

The actual price should be agreed with the driver of the car before setting out.

<http://www.blablacar.de>
<http://www.mitfahrgelegenheit.de>
<http://www.mitfahrzentrale.de>

Social Life - Cinema, theater and opera houses in Berlin

Berlin is well-known for its wide cultural diversity, whether these are theaters, opera houses or cinemas, so that you could in fact go to some kind of performance every day. Locations may be found in the programme or listings magazines called Zitty, Tip and the English-language "Metropolis", which also offer interesting websites. It is cheaper to go to the cinema on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, because these days are known as cinema days (Kinotage). This means that cinema tickets for all performances only cost between € 4 and € 6 (on other days they are from € 8 to € 11). In some cinemas students can buy reduced price tickets if they produce their student ID.

There is the Classic-Card which enables any young person up to 30 years old to obtain very reasonable tickets for performances at several cultural institutions. (Deutsche Oper, Konzerthaus, Komische Oper, Staatsballett, Staatsoper im Schillertheater, Deutsches Symphonieorchester, Rundfunk-Symphonieorchester). This Internet site contains everything you need to know about the Classic-Card. You can easily buy it in the Internet or at the great bookshop Dussmann (Kulturkaufhaus) (Friedrichstraße 90, 10117 Berlin)

http://www.classiccard.de/en_EN/home
<http://www.kulturkaufhaus.de/de>

In many other theaters and opera houses student reductions are available. You can often only obtain tickets at reduced prices at the ticket desk on the day of performance (Abendkasse).

What else? Special groups for students

ERASMUS Freunde

The "ERASMUS Freunde" (or in English the ERASMUS Friends) are a special group of retired doctors who organize an excellent semester programme for our incoming students. Some members of the "ERASMUS Freunde" present their actual programme at our welcome meeting in the first week before the semester starts. You can find more information here:

http://erasmus.charite.de/erasmus_incoming_students/erasmus_freunde/

Contact: Erasmusfreunde-berlin@gmx.de.

Some features are:

- Sightseeing and museum tours
- Cycling tours in and around Berlin
- Hikes of all kind
- Guided expositions and many more...

ERASMIX

Erasmix Charité is a group of students who organize various events such as an international dinners, movie nights and different trips for the international students of the Charité. Their goal is to help you with any questions concerning life as a student in Berlin and to connect you to both German and other international medical students. They also offer a buddy programme to make your start in Berlin easier and a tandem programme if you wish to practice German with a native speaker. Feel free to contact them via erasmix.charite@gmail.com.

You can find the current programme under:

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=erasmix.charite%40googlemail.com&ctz=Europe/Berlin>
or via their Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/Erasmix-Charit%C3%A9-507907189360366/>.

If you always want to be up-to-date just send a mail to erasmix-charite+subscribe@googlegroups.com.