TICKET TO RIDE
Your student ID card acts as your ticket for public transport in and around Bielefeld as well as for regional transport throughout North Rhine-Westphalia.

The sticker on the ID is your "Semestermarke". Each semester you will receive a new one. The student ID and current Semestermarke, along with an official photographic ID (ID/passport/driver's licence) serve as your ticket. This ticket includes the East Westphalia (OWL) Ticket (including the opportunity to use regional trains to and from Lower Saxony) and the North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). This ticket permits you access to regional trains throughout North Rhine-Westphalia.

As the ticket is to be used by you only, it is only valid when you take your ID along to prove your identity, in case there is a ticket control.

The East Westphalia (OWL) Ticket
BUSES and TRAM: Your ticket is valid for the buses and the tram/subway ("Stadtbahn") in the scope of "Der Sechser" (dark zones on the map).

TRAINS: You may use the regional trains of the DB (Deutsche Bahn), the NordWestBahn and the eurobahn. Those are: RE (RegionalExpress), RB (RegionalBahn) and S-Bahn (all 2nd class carriage only), on the black routes shown on the map below.

![map of routes valid for East Westphalia Ticket]
The North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) Ticket
From the beginning of the winter semester 2008/09 students from Bielefeld University may use the Semesterticket to travel throughout North Rhine-Westphalia. This means that, within NRW, you may use the regional trains RE (RegionalExpress) and RB (RegionalBahn) of the DB (Deutsche Bahn), the NWB (NordWestBahn) and the eurobahn as well as the tram/subway (all 2nd class carriage only).

Please note that your ticket cannot be used for long-distance trains like the ICE, EC or IC!

Another thing you should know: For special types of business (e.g. taxis, airport bus lines, disco- and night buses etc.) there are different local regulations and it depends on the type of business if you have to pay extra or not.

Up all night? THE NIGHT BUS
If you have been out all night and have missed the last Stadtbahn, you can still catch the night buses (Nachtbus). They commute on Fridays and Saturdays and before public holiday (Feiertag) from approximately 1 am to 4 am. The N1 route goes to (and from) University, but there are plenty of other lines as well which go almost everywhere in Bielefeld.

The nightbus ticket is also included in your semesterticket, as long as you do not take the long rides out of town in which case you would have to pay extra.

For timetables check: http://www.mobiel.de/fahrplaene_nachtbus.html

FORGOT your ticket?
Then you have to buy an ordinary ticket like anyone else.

If you get into a control without a valid ticket for the zone of the Semesterticket, you may say to the ticket inspector that you normally use the Semesterticket. The fine for travelling without a ticket may be reduced from 40 Euros to 7 Euros, if you present your Semesterticket to the administration of the transport company on the day after incurring the fine.

LOST your ticket?
You will be able to obtain an new plastic card from the Zentrale Leihstelle, A 1-151. A new Semestermarke can be obtained from the Studierendensekretariat in C 0. You will be charged 15 Euros for a new card (price in winter semester 2005/06). Please don't forget to bring your ID and a Semesterbescheinigung (as proof of matriculation).

Date of EXPIRY
The ticket is valid for the above mentioned routes, for an unlimited amount of trips. It expires at the end of the semester (the exact date of validity is marked on the Semestermarke).

MORE INFORMATION? HELP NEEDED? ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning the semesterticket, you can contact the student group for traffic called "AstA-Verkehrsgruppe".
That's our homepage (unfortunately only in German): http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/stud/verkehrsgruppe

* You can, of course, contact us by email: asta.verkehrsgruppe@uni-bielefeld.de
* Come along during our contact hours, our room is: C2-118. Contact hours are changing from semester to semester and are published on our homepage and at the sign on our door.
* Or give us a call (with answering machine): (0521) 106-3435

useful links:
www.mobiel.de (public transport in Bielefeld, timetables etc.) and www.bahn.de (the German railway)