

GUIDELINES FOR DISABLED AND CHRONICALLY ILL STUDENTS – STUDYING BARRIER-FREE

Bielefeld University is considered one of the best higher education institutions in Germany. Much of this reputation is due to its truly interdisciplinary approach to research and teaching. With roughly 18,000 students (including 1.700 with an international background), our university is not only modern and vibrant but also offers a broad range of subjects and excellent work and study facilities which includes 73 study courses in 13 departments. Bielefeld University tries to make every student feel comfortable and at home and has constantly been improving its already very high quality standards for a barrier-free campus.

The building:

Bielefeld University is characterized by a unique feature, its campus: All departments, services, seminar rooms, and lecture theaters are located under one roof, linked by a lively central hall - fine for meeting people and making friends. This is also what makes this architectural feature a decisive advantage for the great number of international guests: It facilitates contacts among students and scientists.

Having just one campus offers the big advantage that all facilities are located in one building. For example:

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Faculties | Administration | Mensa | Cafeteria |
| Restaurants | Post office | Savings bank | Bookshop |
| Stationary shop | Organic bakery | Health insurance | Sports facilities |
| Library | Computer center | Seminar rooms | Lecture halls |

Arrival:

Parking space:

Persons with impaired mobility have the possibility of obtaining a free parking permit close to the building.

Contact for the parking permit:

Frau Schumacher

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Local traffic:

There are several barrier-free buses- and tramstations: To get an overview of the Bielefeld local traffic have a look at:

http://www.mobiel.de/BIELEFELDER_LINIEN_2008_barrierefrei.pdf

(all grey marked stations are barrier-free, like for example the station for the University)

Accommodation

Accommodation can be arranged at a students' hall of residence.

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Pia Jakubeit

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Depending on your degree of disability, the hall of residence may not be adequate for you. Therefore, it might be possible to get in contact with the big housing associations BGW and Freie Scholle that offer handicapped accessible rooms and flats.

(It has to be found out whether suitable rooms are vacant for the period of your stay)

BGW

Carlmeyerstr. 1

33613 Bielefeld

Tel.: (0521) 880901

bgw@bgw-bielefeld.de

Freie Scholle eG

Jöllenbecker Straße 123

33613 Bielefeld

Tel.: (0521) 9888-0

baugenossenschaft@freie-scholle.de

Premises at the University

Most of the seminar rooms are provided with movable tables; some of the rooms are confined in space, though.

Currently, there is a relaxation room for students in A0-125. The key is available at RSB (C1-186).

Library

The Library is situated on the ground and first level in Part C, S and U.

Opening hours and Access:

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| U1: | Mo-Fr | 8.00 am – 1.00 pm |
| | Sa/Su/public holidays | 9.00 am – 10.00 pm |
| C1: | Mo.-Fr. | 8.00 am – 19.00 pm |
| | Sa/Su/public holidays | 9.00 am – 19.00 pm |

Tower C has fully automatic doors.

The space between the bookshelves is approximately 105 cm.

The library has handicapped accessible computers for

- Visually impaired persons
- Persons with hand or foot disabilities.

Since 2007, there have been wheelchair adapted Book-eyes
The copying machines and printers are approximately 100 cm high.

Severely handicapped students (minimum 50% degree of disability) have modified lending conditions.

For more details and questions you should contact:

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Sport

The University organizes an extensive sports program for all students.

More information

[http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Serviceangebot/Sport/Sportprogramm WS 0809 2.pdf](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Serviceangebot/Sport/Sportprogramm_WS_0809_2.pdf)

(the program varies from semester to semester)

The sports hall is provided with handicapped accessible sanitary facilities.

- Wheel chair sport (Basketball and Table tennis)

Contact:

Günther Jesgarzewski

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- The indoor swimming pool can be reached from the ground-level, but it does neither have handicapped accessible sanitary rooms nor hydraulic lifting equipment.

- UNIFIT, is an exercise room the use of which is subject to charges.

Students with a 50% degree of disability can get 30% reduction.

Cost and reduction

Bielefeld University has the option of granting a reduction of the semester fees as follows:

- Erasmus students are not being charged tuition fees.
- On application bachelor and master students may be granted an exemption from or reduction of the payment of study fees provided their handicap or severe illness has negative effects on the course of their studies, i.e., the duration of their studies is extended.
- Students with a certificate of multiple disabilities can get the Semesterticket refunded and therefore travel free with local public transport.

Support and Advice at the University

In charge of disabled/handicapped persons

(Beauftragter des Rektorats für die Belange von Studierenden mit Behinderungen oder chronischen Erkrankungen)

For questions and requests concerning a barrier-free study:

Contact:

Herrn Prof. Dr. Jacoby

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Secretary:

Frau Eisele

Tel.: (0521) 106-6947

Representative of disabled employees

(Schwerbehindertenvertretung)

Contact:

Frau Fröhlich

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Tel: (0521) 106-4201

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Department for students with disabilities and chronic illness (RSB)

(Referat für Studierende mit Behinderung und chronischer Erkrankung)

Range of functions:

Support in daily routine

Explanation of rights

Meeting point and exchange with other students

Public relation activities

This is a service from students concerned to those who need assistance.

Contact:

RSB-Team

R. C1-186

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Office of Academic affairs

(Studierendensekretariat)

The Office of Academic Affairs attends to all administrative formalities, e.g. how to study in Germany, enrolment, semester confirmation of registration.

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The International Office supports and gives advice to international students before and during their studies here. For further information:

<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/Students/>

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Broschüre (in German)

[http://www.jura.uni-](http://www.jura.uni-bielefeld.de/Lehrstuehle/Jacoby/Beauftragter_fuer_Studierende_mit_Behinderung/leitfaden_behinderte.pdf)

[bielefeld.de/Lehrstuehle/Jacoby/Beauftragter_fuer_Studierende_mit_Behinderung/leitfaden_behinderte.pdf](http://www.jura.uni-bielefeld.de/Lehrstuehle/Jacoby/Beauftragter_fuer_Studierende_mit_Behinderung/leitfaden_behinderte.pdf)