



University of Stuttgart
International Office

Survival guide for your arrival

for exchange students

Our small guide will provide you with details on what to expect here in Stuttgart upon arrival and practical information that will help you find your way. You should read this guide **PRIOR** to coming to Stuttgart. It will answer your questions and make the transition to life in Stuttgart much easier for you. Please feel free to come up with comments and suggestions, regarding this guide. Please send them to incoming@ia.uni-stuttgart.de. Have a safe and pleasant journey!





What should I do before arriving in Stuttgart?

- Make sure your passport is valid
- Obtain the appropriate visa if needed
- Purchase your travel ticket to Stuttgart
- Buy some EUR so you have some cash when you arrive. You will need this if you plan on taking buses/taxi.
- Look at a city map in order to locate your student housing or the International Office



How to travel to Stuttgart?

The easiest way to travel to Stuttgart is by plane, train and the various coach operators

- Airport: Stuttgart airport can be reached easily and quickly. You can continue your journey from the airport to Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof) with the S-Bahn S2 or S3. The journey between Stuttgart airport and the Vaihingen campus of the University of Stuttgart takes 16 minutes. If you are travelling to Stuttgart main station it takes about 30 minutes. The S-Bahn departs from Stuttgart airport from approx 5 am until approx 11 pm every 10 to 30 minutes. Please note that different times apply on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. A [map of the rail network](#) is a good thing to have!
- Main Station: The main train station is located in downtown Stuttgart, in close proximity to the Königstraße (Stuttgart's main pedestrian zone). The following S-Bahn lines, subway lines (U-Bahn) and buses are running from main station to the surroundings of Stuttgart:
S-Bahn: S1 - S6
- Subway: U5 - U7, U12, U14, U15, U29
Bus: No. 40, 42, 44, N2, N3, N4, N10
- Stuttgart's public transportation (S-Bahn, subway and buses) operates daily from about 5 am to 1 am. There are night buses on Friday and Sunday night. A brochure with schedules for the entire network can be collected at main station as well as at the VVS ticket counters. You can always check the [timetable online](#) as well. Tipp: Download the app for Android, Windows or Iphone.
- Central Bus Station: The [SAB \(Stuttgart Airport Busterminal\)](#) is located within easy walking distance to the airport. The SAB has small shops and a waiting area. You can take the S-Bahn from the airport to the city center of Stuttgart.



When should I arrive? What should I do after arrival?

Plan your arrival on the basis of when the German intensive course or your classes will start.

Moving into your student dormitory or private room should be the first step after arriving in Stuttgart. Please check where your dorm room/private room is located (campus Vaihingen/Stadtmitte). You can only move into your dorm room during the office hours of the caretaker responsible for your dormitory (please check before). The most important thing to bring along is the signed tenancy agreement.

If you do not have a room yet we strongly recommend that you book a room in one of the [youth hostels](#) in Stuttgart or the [International Student Hotel](#) managed by the Studierendenwerk Stuttgart as soon as possible. Afterwards, we strongly recommend that you go to the office of the [Studierendenwerk Stuttgart](#) in order to find out if they have rooms available.

As it is almost impossible to find accommodation in Stuttgart, please also search for rooms in the region of Stuttgart (e. g. Böblingen, Esslingen, Ludwigsburg). We've gathered important information for you on our [homepage](#).

After settling in your student dorm or your private apartment you should come to the [International Office \(IZ\)](#), which is located in Pfaffenwaldring 60, Stuttgart Vaihingen (see map information below).

How to get to the IZ by public transportation:

- From Stuttgart airport by S-Bahn lines S2 or S3, get off at stop "Universität"
- From Stuttgart main station by S-Bahn lines S1, S2 or S3, get off at stop "Universität"

At the stop „Universität“, please take the exit to "Universitätszentrum".

Office hours of the IZ:

Mon–Fri: 10 am to 12 pm

Mon/Wed: 1.30 pm to 4 pm

General information about Stuttgart can be found here:

- www.stuttgart-tourist.de/en
- www.stgt.com/stuttgart/homeee.htm

We wish you a safe and pleasant trip!

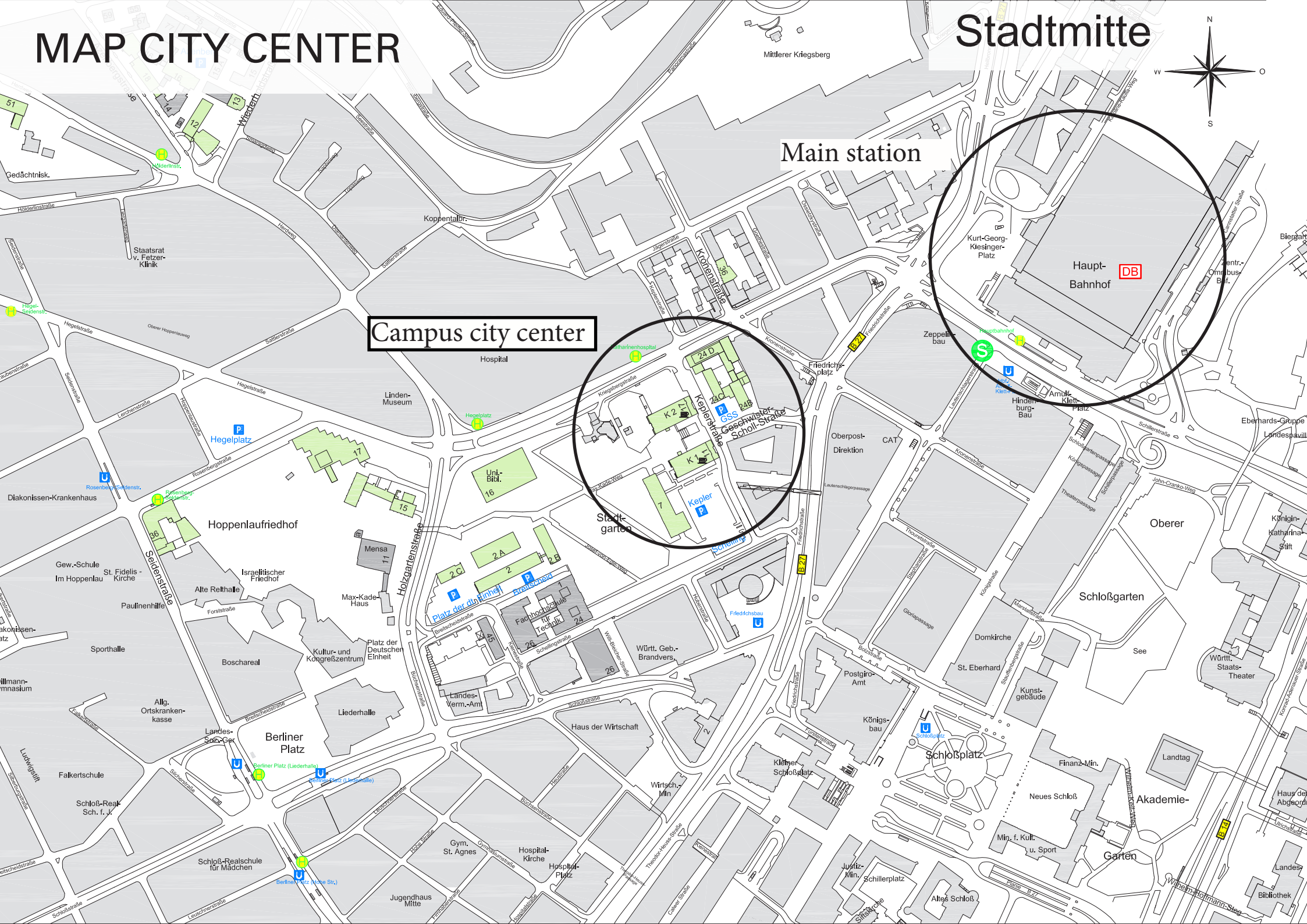
MAP CITY CENTER

Stadtmitte



Main station

Campus city center



MAP CAMPUS VAIHINGEN

