

Online Pre-Departure Meeting — Link List

Winter Semester 2026/27 ·

1. English Website

- TH Brandenburg English Website — <https://englisch.th-brandenburg.de/>
- Information on studying at THB (ZIS) — <https://zis.th-brandenburg.de/en/international-applicants/>

2. Visa & Funding

- **German Student Visa Guide** — Overview of the visa process, permit types and requirements (as referenced in the session): <https://www.studying-in-germany.org/german-student-visa/>
- **DAAD — Visa & Entry Requirements** — Official DAAD guidance on German student visas and entry requirements: <https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/visa/>
- **Fintiba** — Blocked account (Sperrkonto) provider widely used by international students: <https://www.fintiba.com/>
- **Expatrio** — Alternative blocked account provider, supports split/instalment payments: <https://www.expatrio.com/>
- **APS Certificate (if applicable to your country)** — Mandatory academic document verification for applicants from India, China, Vietnam and Mongolia — Check the official portal for your country before applying for your visa: <https://aps-india.de/>

APS is a visa requirement set by the German mission, not by THB — it applies even if it wasn't requested during your university application.

3. Health Insurance

- **DAAD — Health Insurance Guide** — Explains statutory vs. private cover and what's required before enrolment: <https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/health-insurance/>

Statutory health insurance is obligatory for all students under 30 before enrolment; students 30+ need private cover instead. Liability insurance is recommended but not mandatory.

4. Enrolment & Campus Services

- **THB Student Service Desk** — Your first point of contact for all questions about studying at THB: <https://www.th-brandenburg.de/studium/service-fuer-studierende/studienstart/>
- **THB Information & Advice** — General information and advice for students: <https://www.th-brandenburg.de/studium/information-und-beratung/studentischer-service-desk/>
- **International Applicants (ZIS)** — THB's central page for international applicants — admissions, requirements and contacts: <https://zis.th-brandenburg.de/en/international-applicants/>

5. Housing

- **Studierendenwerk West:Brandenburg — Halls of Residence** — Apply online for a room in the student halls (Zanderstraße, Brandenburg): <https://www.stwwb.de/en/housing/online-application-residences>
- **Further Housing Offers (Studierendenwerk)** — Additional housing options listed by the Studierendenwerk: <https://www.stwwb.de/en/housing/further-housing-offers>

- **Student Accommodation Guide (YouTube)** — "Living & Residing in Brandenburg an der Havel" — a quick video walkthrough before you start your search: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6AWSF7ukcA>
- **wg-gesucht.de** — Popular platform for shared flats (WGs) and private rentals across Germany: <https://www.wg-gesucht.de/>
- **immobilienscout24.de** — One of Germany's largest property listing platforms: <https://www.immobilienscout24.de/>
- **kleinanzeigen.de** — Classifieds platform — also useful for temporary/furnished listings and second-hand furniture: <https://www.kleinanzeigen.de/>
- **Guide to Finding Accommodation (THB)** — THB's full accommodation guide with local landlords, co-operatives and budget furnishing tips — available from the International Office on request.

The full guide lists all local housing providers individually — ask the ZIS/International Office for a copy rather than searching separately.

6. Settling In — Registration & Residence Permit

- **Citizen Service Brandenburg (Bürgerservice)** — Book your city registration (Anmeldung) appointment here — schedule as early as possible: <https://www.stadt-brandenburg.de/struktur/buergerservice>
- **Broadcasting Fee (Rundfunkbeitrag)** — Information on the mandatory German broadcasting fee and how to register: https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/welcome/englisch/index_ger.html

Residence permit appointments (Ausländerbehörde) should also be booked as timely as possible .

7. Learning German

- **Deutsche Welle — Learn German** — Free structured German courses and videos (YouTube/DW Learn German): <https://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/s-2469>
- **Easy German** — Free YouTube channel — real conversations with German subtitles, great for everyday listening practice: <https://www.youtube.com/@easygerman>
- **Your German Teacher** — Free YouTube channel with structured German grammar and vocabulary lessons: <https://www.youtube.com/@yourgermanteacher>

8. Get Involved & Social Integration

- **Special Offers for International Students (ZIS)** — Beach volleyball, canoe tours, group outings, international cooking events and more: <https://zis.th-brandenburg.de/en/internationalisierung/special-offers-for-international-students/>
- **International Applicants (ZIS)** — Also your entry point for the Brandenburg Connect programme — pre-semester German courses, academic orientation workshops and buddy support: <https://zis.th-brandenburg.de/en/international-applicants/>

9. Contact

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