Dear International Students,

Welcome to Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University Mosbach (DHBW Mosbach) in Germany! We are delighted that you have chosen to continue your education in our International Program in Business (IPB). On behalf of the faculty and staff of DHBW Mosbach, I extend you a warm and sincere welcome.

In this document you will find some useful information concerning your arrival here in Germany and your stay in Mosbach.

Professor Dr. Christine Azarmi
Head of International Program in Business
Admission to the International Program in Business (IPB)

Welcome to the International Program in Business in Mosbach, Germany!

You have already received an official admission letter from us by e-mail. Enclosed you will find detailed information to facilitate your move to Germany.

Structure of the International Program in Business (IPB)

The IPB consists of three main parts:

1. German Language Lessons
   The first week of the program is reserved for an intensive German language course (January 11 – 15). Thereafter, you will have German Language and Culture lessons once per week throughout the semester. Naturally, this part is compulsory for all international participants of the IPB. It is worth 5 ECTS credits out of a total of 30 ECTS credits of the IPB.

2. Orientation and Intercultural Communication
   On January 18, the semester starts with 2 orientation days, and you will get to know the German participants in the IPB. The entire first week of this international encounter will be dedicated to the topic of intercultural communication, both in and outside the classroom.

3. Classes and Special Activities
   From January 25th on our business courses begin. All these courses are taught in English and organized in one- or two-week modules. Naturally, the participation in all courses is mandatory. Final exams will either be held directly after the modules or at a later time during the semester. The semester ends on April 8th. Besides the business classes, the program includes special activities, such as excursions to major German cities and company visits.

Travel to Mosbach and Arrival

The official arrival day in Mosbach is Friday, January 8th.

- Arriving by Plane:
  For those who travel by plane, flying either into Frankfurt or Stuttgart is quite convenient in order to get to Mosbach. From both airports you can either take a train or a shuttle taxi in order to get to Mosbach.

- Arriving by Train (From the Airport):
  You can get general information about the train schedule and prices under this link: www.bahn.com/i/view/USA/en/index.shtml.
From Frankfurt Airport: The train ride from Frankfurt Airport to Mosbach (Baden) takes about 2 hours including one train change at Mannheim Hauptbahnhof. The ticket costs 38 EUR per person. (If you book early, you can get a special fare for about 25 EUR). For your departure station in the train schedule please choose “Long Distance Station”="Frankfurt Flughafen Fernbahnhof", not “Regional Station”="Frankfurt Flughafen Regionalbahnhof".

From Stuttgart Airport: The train ride from Stuttgart Airport to Mosbach (Baden) takes about 2,5 hours including two train changes, one in “Stuttgart Hauptbahnhof” (main station) and one in “Bad Friedrichshall”. The train ticket costs 22-30 EUR. For your departure station in the train schedule please choose “Stuttgart Flughafen/Messe”.

⚠️ WARNING: Make sure you get off at the Mosbach main station “Mosbach (Baden)” - and not at Mosbach-Neckarelz or at Mosbach-West, which are the stops before!!

Arriving by Shuttle Taxi (From the Airport):

You can also book a shuttle taxi in order to get to Mosbach from Frankfurt Airport or Stuttgart Airport.

We recommend “Flughafenexpress Kranzmann”. You can make your booking in English at the following web pages:

For Frankfurt: http://www.airport-shuttle-transfer.info/Airport-shuttle-from-Frankfurt/Airport-Frankfurt-Mosbach::588.html?XTCsid=dbe03cd1d0965b613a931a43df30a5d0

Prices per person decrease with more passengers. One person costs 69 EUR, five people pay 25 EUR per person.

For Stuttgart: http://www.airport-shuttle-transfer.info/Airport-service-from-Stuttgart/Airport-Stuttgart-Mosbach::738.html?XTCsid=dbe03cd1d0965b613a931a43df30a5d0

Prices per person decrease with more passengers. One person costs 59 EUR, five people pay 22 EUR per person.

Arrival and Housing in Mosbach

The official arrival day in Mosbach is Friday, January 8th. Please visit the IPB-administrative office to pick up your room key (Address: Oberer Mühlenweg 2-6, 74821 Mosbach, room D 0.120, phone: 49 (0)6261 - 939 264) on Friday, January 8th at 1 p.m.

In case your arrival is on Thursday, you can stay at a hotel in Mosbach or the youth hostel for one night, for instance…

- Youth Hostel Mosbach Neckarelz, walking distance from the train station “Mosbach Neckarelz”

### Housing Details and Costs

Housing in Mosbach will be arranged for you. You will be staying in shared apartments with other international students in the town center of Mosbach, a few minutes' walk from campus. We will inform you individually by e-mail about the specific housing arrangement we will have made for you. Your rent will be between 190 EUR and 260 EUR, depending on your choice of room. In addition to this, you will be charged a refundable deposit of one monthly rent. The first installment will be due during Orientation, so please be prepared that this amount of money will be at your disposal for this purpose.

The rent can be paid by money transfer from your new German bank account, which you are going to open up during our orientation days once the semester has started. Please wait until that time with opening up a German bank account; otherwise it will be more complicated to administer your finances while you are here, and it might produce further costs for you.

### General Costs

Here is an overview of the costs to be expected:

- Housing in Mosbach 260 EUR for a single room and 190 EUR shared room per month plus 1 monthly rent deposit.
- Excursions and special activities 150 EUR
- Student Service Fee approx. 64 EUR

These costs are due on our Orientation days in January.

Additional costs depending on your personal needs:

- Food: approx. 200 EUR per month; lunch at student restaurant on average 3.50 EUR per meal.
- Photocopies/printouts: approx. 15 EUR per month
- Lending deposit (refundable) for headset for e-learning program: 30 EUR (if you have your own headset, bring it with you)
- Local transportation: not needed for everyday life; if you want to travel frequently in the area, e.g. to Heidelberg, approx. 50 EUR per month.
- Other expenses: depend on individual needs and interests, such as signing up at a gym, private trips, etc.

### Buddy Program

Within the next weeks you will receive the contact information of a German student in the IPB, who is going to be your “Buddy”. The Buddy Program randomly pairs Germans studying at DHBW Mosbach with international students, to help with the challenges
experienced while studying abroad. So any questions about your stay in Germany, the specifics of classes at the DHBW or the school in general can be posed to your partner, who will be in touch per e-mail before your arrival in Germany and who will assist you during your time here in Mosbach.

More Information and Don't Forget

Many questions you might have are answered in our Survival Guide, including insurances (IMPORTANT!), things to bring, public transport, etc. You can find it here: http://en.dhbw-mosbach.de/exchange-students.html

By the way, it is very important that you provide us with proof of financial security. Please fill in the financial security statement and provide it to the IPB office during your first days. (available at: http://international.mosbach.dhbw.de/welcome/exchange-students.html). In addition, we ask you to please bring proof of insurance and 1 passport photo with you.

For details about the IPB check our website at: http://www.dhbw-mosbach.de/international-program-in-business.html

You will find your schedule of classes posted in a few weeks (available at http://www.mosbach.dhbw.de/international-program-in-business/calendar-and-courses.html). Please note that the schedule is preliminary and is going to change even during the semester (e.g. if Professors are ill, etc.). Please refrain from booking flights or planning trips on long weekends, until we talk about schedule details during orientation.

Contact

If your buddy cannot answer your question, you can contact the IPB-team:

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