



Newsletter June 2025

Still wondering whether to apply for our Knowledge and Communication Master's programme? The application portal is already open! If you're in the decision-making stage, there are a few important factors to consider. Have you thought about housing? Have you already taken care of your visa? These can take time to arrange, so it's best to plan ahead. Here's what you need to keep in mind!

Housing

[Finding an apartment](#) or a place to stay in Münster can be one of the student hardships. There are [several options](#) to find places to stay. These university's websites have the necessary information:

1. [Student hall residences](#)
2. Housing and shared flats (Wohngemeinschaft and WG (abbreviation)) research engines:
 - [WG-gesucht.de](#)
 - [Westfälische Nachrichten](#)
 - [na dann](#)
 - [asta.ms](#)
3. [Housing for students with needs](#)

It is important to note that these websites/suggestions are not the only options/sources. It is always better to ask fellow students for places to stay. Also, many students announce free rooms in international and local Münster WhatsApp or Facebook

groups. It is important to keep an eye on them.

In case of emergencies, the General Students' Committee ("Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss", short: "[AStA](#)") offers a temporary place to stay until a student finds a place of his own.



Visa & Residence permit



For some students, visa is an essential requirement to enter Germany. Are you unsure whether you need one? Check the [Visa-Navigator](#) to find out. It is important to begin the visa application process well in advance, as securing an appointment can take up to three months.

Please make the necessary arrangements with the German embassy in your current place of residence as soon as possible. **You may schedule a visa appointment even before receiving your admission letter.**

You may refer for further reliable details to [German Federal Foreign Office website](#). Also, our university provides an extensive and comprehensive [guide](#) to your next steps. Similarly, *My German University* provides [easy-to-follow guide](#) on visa and, most importantly, information on [the proof of financial recourses](#) - another integral part for international students.

Semester Fee

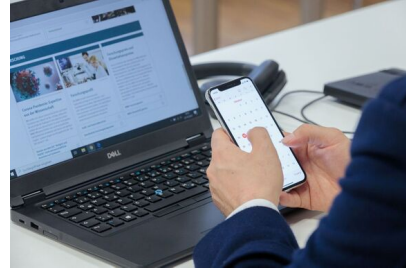
Another important aspect before starting your studies at the University of Münster is paying a [semester fee](#). There is no tuition fee, only a semester fee that serves to finance various student-related services, such as your public transport ticket, academic services, University Sports, etc.

The semester fee is **320,17 €** (updated March 2025).

In case of trouble, a student should [contact AStA](#).

Small reminder

The application is being performed via the [application portal](#). **It is already activated until 15 July (cut-off deadline), including applicants from non-EU countries. Apply now!**



Still unsure about joining our Department of Communication?

Let us put your mind at ease! By becoming part of our programme, you'll gain the skills and expertise to master the field. Here's what awaits you:

- ✅ Gain a comprehensive understanding of knowledge and science communication, particularly in a digitalised society.
- ✅ Develop expertise in qualitative and quantitative research methods, as well as computational communication science, to analyse and interpret digital data effectively.
- ✅ Acquire strong methodological and epistemological skills to conduct independent, theory-driven research and critically reflect on findings.
- ✅ Learn to present and discuss research processes and results in English, both orally and in writing, for different audiences.
- ✅ Build teamwork and coordination skills to identify and resolve problems collaboratively in a professional and constructive manner.
- ✅ Understand knowledge communication as an academic discipline and its societal significance, particularly in the context of digitalisation.
- ✅ Gain insights into the standards of professional action in the field of knowledge and science communication.



In case of questions, the main programme advisors:



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Hopefully, this information was valuable to you. If any of these aspects seem confusing, we're here to help! Feel free to reach out to our academic advisors (mentioned above) for guidance and support. We are looking forward to seeing you next month!

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