

Travel Directions

1 How to reach Weingarten

1.1 General information

Please note: Ravensburg and Weingarten are two separate towns but located right next to each other! The university is located in Weingarten but the *nearest railway station is in Ravensburg*.

- Airport choice:
 - If possible, fly to Friedrichshafen airport (via **Frankfurt**), for more information see 1.2.1
 - If not, fly to Stuttgart or to Munich: preferably Stuttgart: it is closer, less expensive, and the train connections are less complicated!
 - Zurich is geographically quite near, but is in Switzerland and it depends on your nationality whether or not you are allowed to transit through Switzerland. For specific information see <http://www.auslaender.ch> (select English >> Entry & Residence >> Entry>> "Do I require a visa?")

- The closest railway station is in Ravensburg.

Attention: There is **NO** proper railway station in "our" Weingarten, but there is a station in another town in Baden, near Karlsruhe, with the same name (250km away). Thus be careful not to end up in the "wrong" Weingarten.)

- Where to get a train ticket?
 - "**Fahkartenschalter**" / ticket counter at train stations and at the ticket machines in the station and on the platforms (see picture)
 - **Online-ticket:**
<https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>



More Information about the online-ticket:

<https://www.bahn.de/p/view/service/buchung/onlineticket/onlineticketinfo.shtml>

- **Mobile-Ticket:**
https://www.bahn.com/en/view/booking-information/booking/db-navigator-app.shtml?dbkanal_007=L04_S02_D002_KIN0061_NAVIGATION-LINKS-NAVIGATOR-APP_LZ01



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the information / service counters of the Deutsche Bahn at any time. In Germany, it is not allowed to travel without a ticket! Tickets cannot be purchased in trains (exception: bus driver in buses). Those who do not have a ticket and get caught will have to pay a penalty!

- Information about train connections in Germany can be found on <http://www.bahn.de>

- In the top right corner of the page, you can click "Menü" and select a language under "Sprachauswahl" and have all the information about rail services and trains in English and in several other languages
 - For train connections, search under "Timetable-booking" on the starting page
 - Attention: When you type in "Ravensburg" as your destination, the program might ask you to specify the exact stop. Select "Bahnhof, Ravensburg".
- **Download the "DB-App"** on your smartphone to be informed about possible current changes. <https://www.bahn.de/p/view/service/mobile/db-navigator.shtml>
 - It is advisable to book the train tickets from your home country. Book the tickets for the train at a time around 2.5 - 3 hrs after your arrival by plane, in case there is a flight delay or any other issues.
 - Pay attention to changes in departure tracks and times. Do not wait for a long time when you reach the track without checking again whether any changes have been made. Check also when you get on the train.
 - Check if you have sufficient time for changing onto the connecting trains. Delays unfortunately occur quite frequently and must be taken into account.
 - If you miss a train, take the next one going into the same destination. However, it is very likely that the train will depart from a different track. Don't just stop and wait, please inform yourself via the DB App or ask anyone around.
 - Try to make sure that your train ticket is not only valid for a specific train connection/number (best case), otherwise it will no longer be valid after you missed that connection. In case this happens to you, please go to the DB information points. It is always a good idea to have somebody sign or stamp that you missed a train/ that a train was cancelled or delayed etc. and that you are "officially allowed" to take another train than the one specified on your ticket.
 - Be in the right place at the track before the train arrives.
 - At the moment delays are quite frequent for rail connections in Germany, DB is trying to improve, so please do not be too bothered by that.
 - If you don't understand an announcement, don't be afraid to ask anyone around you.
 - Please be in contact with your friends and/ or your student buddy to inform them about any issues/ delays you might have. In the best case, you get an International Calling Card, such as Matrix etc. for a couple of days before you get your German mobile number. They are not that expensive.

1.2 Train ticket options

- From Stuttgart: **Baden-Württemberg-Tickets (Young)**
 - If you arrive at Stuttgart train station, you can buy a Baden-Württemberg Ticket (Young):
 - It is valid for one day (Mo.-Fri. from 9 a.m., Sat., Sun. and on official holidays from midnight on) in all trains except IC, EC and ICE and costs only € 24 for one person or rather € 21 if you are younger than 27 years (when bought at the ticket machine or online, otherwise € 26 or rather € 23 when younger than 27). Every additional person up to 4 persons pays € 6.

- You don't need to buy a ticket for the bus from the station in Ravensburg to Weingarten! Buses are included in the train ticket.
- From Munich: **Bayern-Ticket**
 - If you arrive in Munich, you can buy a Bayern-Ticket and travel from Munich to Lindau. From there, you can journey on to Ravensburg at regular prices. For the Bayern-Ticket, the same conditions as for the Baden-Württemberg Ticket apply.
 - The ticket costs € 25 and every additional person up to 4 persons pays € 6 (when bought at the ticket machine or online, otherwise € 27 and € 8).
- More than one state ("Bundesland"): **Quer-durchs-Land-Ticket**
 - If you arrive between Monday and Friday and need to cross several states ("Bundesländer"), you have the option of buying a Quer-durchs-Land-Ticket for € 44 (when bought at the ticket machine or online, otherwise € 46). It can be used in all local and regional trains from 9 a.m. on, but not in IC, EC and ICE trains (plus € 8 for every additional person up to a total of five persons).

1.3 Long-distance bus

You can also travel with one of the long-distance buses (Fernbusse), you will find travel information on www.busliniensuche.de.

A well-known company with many connections both national and international is **FlixBus**: <https://global.flixbus.com/>. Please note though that these connections often take longer than by train.

1.4 Airports

There are several rail construction projects currently ongoing on the route between the airports and Ravensburg so that there might be *rail replacement bus service* (**Schienerersatzverkehr - SEV**) on some routes. There are buses that will take you to the next possible stop.

1.4.1 Friedrichshafen

The closest airport is Friedrichshafen, a small airport approx. 25 km from Weingarten. There are 4 arrivals from Frankfurt every day.

If you fly from your home country with Lufthansa or one of its partner airlines (see: www.staralliance.com), no additional cost for the connecting flight from Frankfurt – Friedrichshafen will be charged (apart from € 30-40 in taxes), thus it is the most convenient way to get here.

From Friedrichshafen airport it is very easy to get to Ravensburg by train: The "Bodensee-Oberschwaben-Bahn", known as "BOB"-Bahn, stops just in front of the airport, you only have to cross the rails over a little footbridge to be on the right platform (train heading towards Aulendorf, not Friedrichshafen). During day time, there are many trains. After 7 p.m., however, there are fewer trains. On weekends, the schedule may vary a bit. The journey from Friedrichshafen airport to Ravensburg takes 15 minutes and costs around € 5.

A taxi from the Friedrichshafen airport to Weingarten costs about € 50.

1.4.2 Stuttgart

Trains from Stuttgart Airport to Ravensburg run every hour. It takes normally between **2.5 and 3 hours** and costs about € 30-40 (when there are constructions on the route it might take an hour more with a rail replacement bus service). A cheaper way to travel is to use the Baden-Württemberg-Ticket (please see "General information" above). You have to change train at Stuttgart Hbf (Hauptbahnhof = main station) and for most connections also at Ulm Hbf (more transitions if there are railway constructions!).

1.4.3 Munich (München)

There are connections from Munich airport to Ravensburg every hour as well, but some are better than others. The best way is to take the local train S8 to München Pasing, get a train from there to Ulm and then change in Ulm to a train to Ravensburg. This journey takes **3 to 3.5** hours and costs up to € 50 (when there are constructions on the route it might take an hour more with a rail replacement bus service). A cheaper way to travel is to use a "Bayern-Ticket". You can travel with this ticket from Munich to Lindau for 23 € as a single person. In Lindau, you have to change the train and can journey on to Ravensburg for approx. € 10.

If you have a lot of luggage, try to avoid all connections via München Hbf (train station), because it is a very big station and it takes about 10 min. to walk from your point of arrival to your point of departure.

1.4.4 Zurich (Zürich), Switzerland

From Zürich airport, there are good connections by train to Ravensburg via Schaffhausen. Try to avoid connections which include ships to cross Lake Constance (including the Katamaran). (Though if you have time and the weather is nice it is certainly the most beautiful way to get to Weingarten across the lake!) The journey takes **2.5 to 3 hours** and costs around € 40. For all details about connections, also for Switzerland: <http://www.bahn.de>.

1.4.5 Frankfurt

From Frankfurt airport, there are connections by train to Ravensburg via Ulm. The journey takes 3.5 to 4 hours and costs around € 40. Another opportunity is to use a connection fly to Friedrichshafen.

Please remember: There is **no** train station in Weingarten. If you indicate at the ticket counter that you want to go to Weingarten, you will arrive at another destination 250km away. **The correct train station for this Weingarten is Ravensburg.**

2 How to reach RWU

Hochschule Ravensburg-Weingarten University (RWU) is located at about 6 km from the Ravensburg railway station. A taxi ride costs approx. € 15.

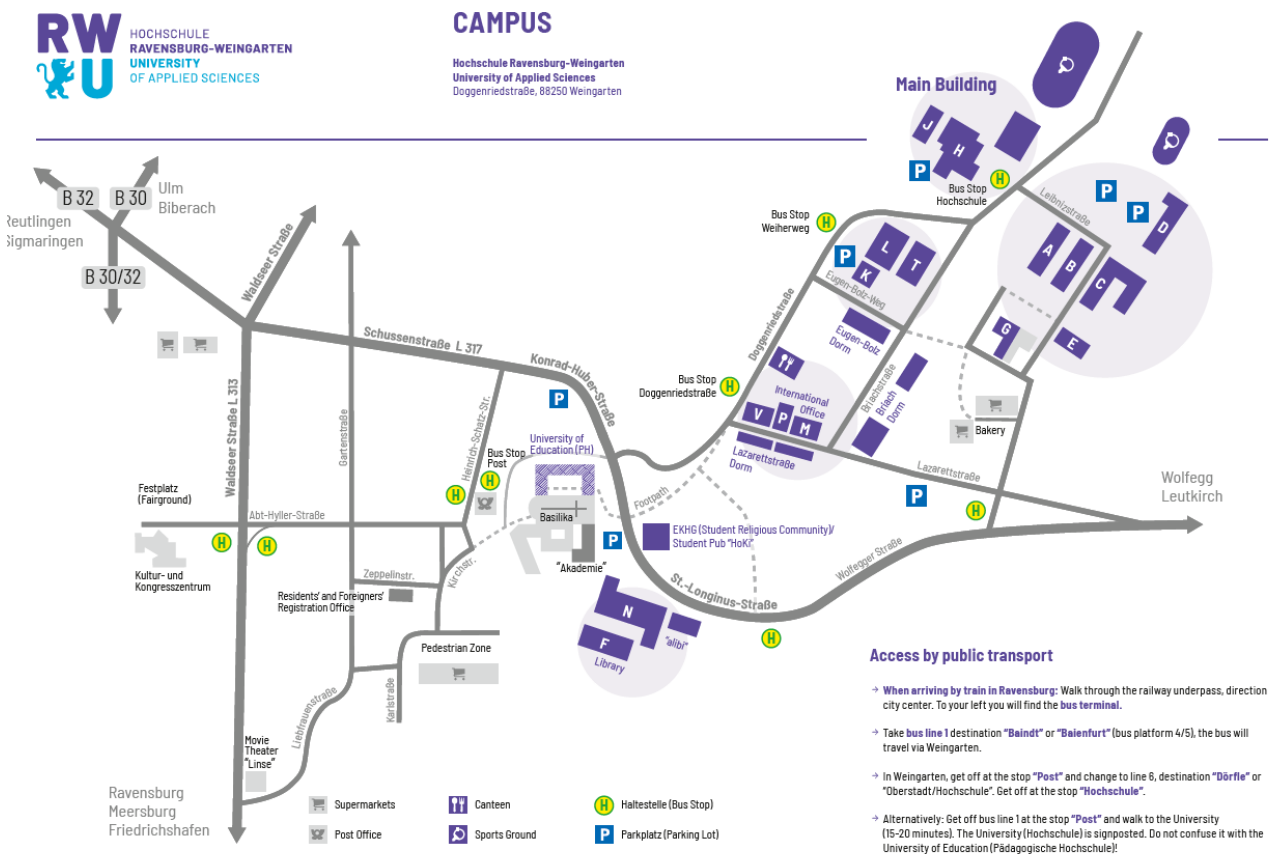
There is no pick-up service from the university. You will have to use public transport to get to your destination yourself.

You can also easily reach the university by public transport:

1. Go to the bus terminal to the left of the railway station
2. Take bus number 1 from platform 1 destination **Baindt** (Marsweiler/Rathaus/Sulpach Kapelle), Baienfurt or **Weingarten** (Güterbahnhof/Post/Charlottenplatz).
It departs every hour at x.00, x.15, x.30 und x.45
3. Get off at the stop „**Weingarten Post**“
4. Wait there for bus number 6
It departs during day every hour at x.17 and x.47
You needn't buy a new ticket since you are just changing the bus line
5. Get off at bus at the stop "**Doggenriedstraße**" in front of the International Office.

Note that you do not have to buy another ticket when you change to bus no. 6. A single ride to the university or dormitory costs € 2.30 (as of 01.01.2020) **If you have a Baden-Württemberg Ticket, you don't have to buy any ticket for the bus because it's included.**

For a city and campus map see our website, please: www.rwu.de - Kontakt & Anfahrt - scroll down - Campus plan (EN)



Please inform your contact person (degree-seeking students → ramona.herrmann@rwu.de, exchange students → barbara.wildenhain@rwu.de) **on your arrival date, time and place as soon as you know it!**

The **International Office** is located on the ground floor of building P in Lazarettstraße 3 in Weingarten:



- **Ramona Herrmann** (Coordinator for international degree-seeking students), room P 001, Tel. (+49 - 751) 501-9592
- **Barbara Wildenhain** (Coordinator for international exchange students), room P 001, Tel. (+49 - 751) 501-9929
- Incoming Student helpers, room P 001

The Admission Office is on the ground floor of the university's main building, building H:

- **Fabienne Damasch**, room H 021, Tel. (+49 - 751) 501-9566

3 How to reach the dormitories

You can reach all dormitories by public transport. When taking the bus, please talk to the bus driver to make sure that you go in the right direction!

3.1 Dormitories in Weingarten

The dorms are very close to the university, so the bus connection is the same as described in the previous paragraph.

3.1.1 Dorms Briachstraße:

Get off at "Hochschule", walk left a few meters downhill and then left into Briachstrasse and find the dormitories on the left at number 2 or 10. The two dorms are right next to each other.

3.1.3 Dorm Lazarettstraße:

Get off at "Doggenriedstraße". The dormitory consists of the two big buildings painted in light yellow just across the street, Lazarettstraße 2-4 and 6-8.

3.2 Dormitories in Ravensburg

3.2.1 Dorm Tettninger Straße:

Take bus number 3 in the direction Untereschach/Oberzell/Gornhofen from Ravensburg railway station. Get off at "Weingartshof". Walk away from the roundabout and turn left into Tettningerstraße. Walk this street up hill and find the dormitory on the left at numbers 130-136. However, as bus number 3 takes different routes according to the schedule and destination, please ask the bus driver whether he stops at "Weingartshof" or not.

3.2.2 Dorm Weingartshof:

Take bus number 3 in the direction Untereschach/Oberzell/Gornhofen from Ravensburg railway station. Get off at "Weinberg". Turn into Saumweg and find the dormitory to your right at numbers 8-10. However, as bus number 3 takes different routes according to the schedule and destination, please ask the bus driver whether he stops at "Weinberg" or not.

3.2.3 Dorm Henri-Dunant-Straße:

Take bus number 1 in direction Schmalegg, Huberesch, Zuppingerstr., Westfriedhof or other from Ravensburg railway station. Get off at "Henri-Dunant-Straße". Turn into Henri-Dunant-Straße and find the dormitory to your right at number 6.

Example: from Stuttgart airport to Weingarten

1. Arrival & luggage pick-up



2. From airport Stuttgart by S-Bahn to Stuttgart HBF (Main Station)

- Buy a ticket at the machine for the trip to Ravensburg (train station, Ravensburg)



3. From Stuttgart Hbf by train to Ravensburg



4. From station Ravensburg by bus to Weingarten
- Buy your ticket from the bus driver to your destination



All information is supplied without guarantee. Hence check your travel details before arriving to Weingarten, please.