

# International Students Telephone Guide



Find the perfect cellphone provider

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# General Information

## Helpful Tips

Working out which cell phone plan to choose can be time-consuming and tiresome! Finding the suitable rate depends primarily on your habit of use.

### Cellphone rates, what to keep in mind

It is practically impossible to be without smartphones today, whether iPhone or Android devices, mobile phone rates are important.

- Without a good rate, the device is almost useless.
  - A well-developed network is crucial for reliable reception.
  - Shorter agreement periods, bring a plus in flexibility.
  - Transparent and fair price structure is important.
  - Advantage: rates are mostly adapted to user's individual needs
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- The best option would be to choose a pay-as-you-go plan, which you can top up monthly. This is suitable for exchange students who are only in Germany for one semester or two. You can use your own cell phone and only need to purchase a sim-card from the provider of your choice.
  - **Pay-as-you-go rates** (Call Ya or Prepaid), allows you to top-up your phonenumber with credit and then use the phone until that pre-paid credit runs out. This means you are not tied to a contract or into paying for a fixed amount each month.

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Helpful Tips (continued)

## Contract (~24 months)

- Choose a bundle or contract and pay monthly for the chosen package rate, this might be an interesting choice, if you are staying for more than a semester. Please be informed that you have free Wi-Fi on campus at Macromedia University of Applied Sciences and might not need that much data, unless you intend to travel a lot.
- Advantage of prepaid cards, excellent costs control.
- The more phone calls and use of mobile internet, the more worthwhile it is to have a contract with a cheap rate. (Average agreement 24 months, + Basic fee)

Thanks to the EU-Roaming guidelines (EU-Countries only) you do not have to pay any additional Roaming fees when using your cell phone in EU countries outside Germany.

- ✓ Students coming from EU countries might not even need to get a new cellphone contract, because if you go back to the country of the cellphone contract at least every 3 months, you use the EU's Fair Use-policy applies.

» **Following up, a few links and online providers that might help you make a choice**

## Links to rates and providers

| Cell-phone websites / providers           | Start-up-kit / General information  | Provider                                  |
|---|---|---|
| <a href="#">Check24 – Search platform</a> | Mobile phone rates in comparison.<br>Search and compare Cellphone rates (Sim cards only), and providers that suit your needs. (German)  | Various – Digital Tool                    |
| <a href="#">VERIVOX – Search platform</a> | Choose the best rate from a list of providers. (German)<br>Rate: Otelo Allnet flat Classic All flat, Flat SMS, 15 GB Data, LTE. Ø 9,37 € per Month (Set-up-fee 19,99 €)   | Various – Digital Tool                    |
| <a href="#">ALDI TALK</a>                 | ALDI TALK Starter-Set (incl. Triple-SIM-Card)<br>Rate: <u>Package S</u> 1,2,19 FLAT - Unlimited calls and SMS – 3 GB high-speed Internet, incl. LTE19, EU roaming incl. Ø 7,99 € / 4 Weeks<br>12,99 € One-Time fee, incl. <b>10,- €</b> Credit balance, | Aldi discounter / Medion AG Product range |
| <a href="#">CONGSTAR</a>                  | Prepaid <u>Allnet XL</u> Rate. 9,99 € One-Time Service Fee<br>All flat in German network – 20,00 € / 4 Weeks, 12 GB Data, EU roaming incl.; cheaper options available   | Digital Tool – Online Provider            |
| <a href="#">VODAFONE</a>                  | <u>The CallYa Digital</u> – Vodafone<br>15 GB Data – Telephone Flat, SMS Flat in Germany, 20 € for 4 weeks with 4G LTE Max- and 5G,, EU roaming incl.   | Vodafone und Kabel Deutschland GmbH       |
| <a href="#">MEDIA - MARKT</a>             | Super Select - MediaMarkt Tarifwelt   |   |



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