

## **IV. FURTHER PRACTICAL ADVICE**

### ***1. Everyday life***

#### **1.1 Banks**

Students are advised to open a current account in Mannheim for their period of residence. This provides students with the opportunity to pay by check or bank card and also the ability to pay rent by credit transfer or standing order. The opening times of the individual banks vary, but as a rule they are open Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. and close between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

#### **1.2 Public Transport**

Local Transport is well developed with buses trams and trains. Students can purchase a semester ticket for approximately 115,-€.

#### **1.3 Post Office/ Telephone**

The Deutsche Post AG handles all postcards, letters, parcels and packages. At present the fees are 0,45 € for postcards, 0,55 € for letters inside Germany and Europe, and 1,53 € for letters to all other countries.

The German telephone network is operated by Deutsche Telekom AG and since 1998 by a number of commercial suppliers. The telephone costs depend upon the distance, the supplier, time of day and length of the call. It is necessary to purchase a telephone card for use in public telephone boxes.

Important Telephone Numbers:

Information (National)	11 8 33
Information (International)	11 8 34
Telegram	0 11 31
Police	110
Fire/ Rescue Services	112

### ***2. Leisure-Time Activities***

There are a number of possibilities to make constructive use of weekends, holidays, etc. within the university or externally. General information concerning events in the city can be found in the daily local newspaper "Mannheimer Morgen", while the monthly magazine "Meier" lists the events and tips for the whole region.

## **2.1 Sport**

The Institute for Sport at the University (located in L 13,15) offers a wide-ranging sports program throughout the year (also during the holidays). Apart from this there are a large number of sports clubs and many opportunities for walking and water sports.

## **2.2 Music**

Those interested in music can participate at the „Collegium musicum“ with either the orchestra, choir or jazz band. For those who only wish to listen there is a tremendous variety of special offers for concerts ranging from classical to the most contemporary.

## **2.3 Theatre/ Cinema**

The University of Mannheim contains the oldest student studio-theatres in Germany, where amateur actors are warmly welcomed. As well as the famous National Theatre of Mannheim (with 50% reduction for students) there are many good smaller theatres. The many modern cinema complexes in Mannheim offer the most recent movie releases.