

Potsdam, 6. August 2025

## Deutschlandsemesterticket for Winter Semester 2025/26

The Deutschlandsemesterticket is issued as a digital ticket via the Ride Campus App. It is valid from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 in all regional public transportation in Germany (high speed trans like IC or ICE are not included).

Please pay the amount of **€ 208,80 until 25.09.2025** to

XU Exponential University  
IBAN DE85 1005 0000 0190 4815 95  
BIC BELADEBEXXX  
Berliner Sparkasse  
Reference: Semesterticket, name, student number

XU University will then send the student information (name, student number, date of birth) to Ride Campus on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

You will have to sign in to the Campus App and activate your Deutschlandsemesterticket for October 1<sup>st</sup>. A reminder will be send out via Teams XU Students All and TraiNex.

[Login Campus App](#)

**Please note:**

**The purchase of a semester ticket is mandatory for all Bachelor students.**

ONLY students that have paid the fee, will have their data sent to Ride Campus. If you have not paid the fee, you will not be able to activate your Deutschlandsemesterticket.

For all students whose payment is received AFTER the 25.09.2025, an administrative fee of 20 € will be charged. The ticket price then raises to **228,90€**.

Please check if any of the criteria for ticket exemption apply to you (See FAQ). If yes, then please fill out the [exemption form](#) and send it with appropriate evidence to Student Services.

Best regards,

XU Student Services

## FAQ Semester Ticket

### 1) I am a Bachelor student, do I have to buy a semester ticket?

The decision for or against the semester ticket is made by the Bachelor's student body. The Student Council will organize a vote to determine the student body's will. This is a majority vote. If the majority of Bachelor students votes for the ticket, then all Bachelor students will have to purchase it, even if the individual decision was made against the ticket. So for the current semester this means: yes, if you are a registered Bachelor's student at XU, you have to buy the semester ticket.

### 2) I am a Master student, do I have to buy a semester ticket?

No, you do not have to buy a semester ticket since only Bachelor students are obliged to. Nevertheless, if you wish to purchase the semester ticket you can do so voluntarily. Please use the payment instructions as stated in this document.

### 3) Can I be exempted from buying the semester ticket?

Yes, under certain circumstances you can be exempted from buying the ticket or can be reimbursed for all full months that you do not use the ticket. These circumstances are:

- You are staying outside the area covered by the semesterticket for a duration of more than 3 consecutive months (because of a semester or apprenticeship abroad, the reason of your stay abroad must be academic).
- You will be exmatriculated in the current term, you were matriculated more than one month after semester start, you took back your matriculation, you become so seriously ill, that you would have the right to take a vacation semester
- You have a disability that prevents you from using public transport. This disability might also be temporarily. This must be supported by appropriate evidence.

Please apply for exemption from the semester ticket using the relevant application form and hand in the corresponding evidence no later than 4 weeks after semester start.

### 4) I have only my thesis left to write, do I have to buy a semester ticket?

Since you have to be a registered student to write and hand in your thesis, the answer is yes. However, you can be exempted from paying the full semester ticket price. See also 3.) An appropriate evidence for you finishing your studies in the next weeks would be the confirmation e-mail from exam office that you received when you handed in your thesis.

### 5) I am not staying in Potsdam/ Berlin. Do I still have to buy the semester ticket?

If you are a registered bachelor's student and the circumstances for exemption do not apply to you, then you have to purchase the ticket.

**6) I will be on a vacation semester, can I still use the semester ticket?**

No. Students that are on a vacation semester do not have the possibility to purchase the semester ticket.

**7) I plan a semester abroad, can I still buy a semester ticket?**

Students that are or will be on an exchange semester abroad are not eligible to buy a semester ticket. Nevertheless you can apply for using the semester ticket for the full months that you will be in Germany. Please hand in an appropriate evidence (e.g. the acceptance letter of your guest university).

**8) How can I pay for my semester ticket?**

Please send the amount for the semester ticket to the XU bank account. Please use the word "Semesterticket", your name and student number and as areference:

For example: Semesterticket, Max Mustermann, 123456-25

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**9) Where ist my semester ticket valid and which public transport can I use with my semester ticket?**

The Deutschland semester ticket is valid nationwide in all local public transport. The semester ticket is not valid in interregional trains such as ICE or IC trains.

**10)Can I take my bike with me?**

The Deutschland semester ticket does not include bikes unfortunately. You will have to buy an extra ticket for your bike if you wish to take your bike with you. However, dogs are included in your ticket in the VBB area.

**11)What happens, when I do not pay for the semester ticket in time?**

Sould you miss the dedadline for paying the fee for the ticket, an additional administrative fee of 20€ will apply. Should you generally refuse to pay the semester ticket fee even after official reminders, XU will take legal action.

**12)How can I access my semester ticket?**

The Deutschland semester ticket is only issued digitally as a wallet or web ticket. Please use the following App: [AboApp](#)

After typing in your date of birth and student number, you will see your Deutschland Semester Ticket.