

Regulations on Mandatory Dues to the Tübingen-Hohenheim Student Union

(Beitragsordnung, Studentenwerk Tübingen-Hohenheim A.d.ö.R.)

Effective beginning with the winter semester 2010-2011

§ 1 Why Dues Are Assessed

According to the German state law of Baden-Württemberg (*Studentenwerksgesetz* or *StWG*), student's unions are responsible for the task of creating and encouraging a positive social environment for students (§ 2 *StWG*). In order to fulfill its mission (and in accordance with § 12 Abs. 2 *StWG*), the *Studentenwerk Tübingen-Hohenheim A.d.ö.R.* ("student union") charges a mandatory fee ("dues") to be paid each semester by all students at the institutions named below in § 2 Abs. 1.

§ 2 Who Must Pay

- 1 Student union dues must be paid each semester by students at:
 - the University of Tübingen
 - the University of Hohenheim
 - *Pädagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg – Fakultät Sonderpädagogik*, located in Reutlingen
 - *Staatliche Hochschule für Musik* Trossingen
 - *Hochschule Albstadt Sigmaringen – Ingenieur und Wirtschaftswissenschaften*
 - *Hochschule Nürtingen Geislingen – Wirtschaft und Umwelt*
 - *Hochschule Reutlingen – Technik und Wirtschaft*
 - *Hochschule Rottenburg – Forstwirtschaft*
- 2 Students on a leave of absence must also pay dues.
- 3 Former students awaiting final examinations may continue to use student union facilities and services if they pay dues voluntarily. The student union will issue such persons identification cards entitling them to access its facilities and services.

§ 3 Dues Amount

The fees for each institution for each semester are as follows:

University of Tübingen (€41, plus €22.50 toward the Semester Ticket on regional public transport)	€63.50
University of Hohenheim (€37.20, plus €37.85 toward the Semester Ticket on regional public transport)	€75.05
Pädagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg Fakultät Sonderpädagogik mit Sitz in Reutlingen (€39, plus €22.50 toward the Semester Ticket on regional public transport)	€61.50
Staatliche Hochschule für Musik Trossingen	€26.50
Hochschule Albstadt Sigmaringen Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft (€37.50, plus €11.50 toward the Semester Ticket on regional public transport)	€47.20
Hochschule Nürtingen-Geislingen Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Umwelt (€35.70, plus €37.85 toward the Semester Ticket on regional public transport)	€73,55
For those enrolled at the Geislingen campus	€35,70
Hochschule Reutlingen Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft (€39, plus €22.50 toward the Semester Ticket on regional public transport)	€61.50
Hochschule Rottenburg Hochschule für Forstwirtschaft (€29.50, plus €22.50 toward the Semester Ticket on regional public transport)	€52.00

If any student is enrolled in two or more of the institutions named above, he or she should pay only once, to the institution charging the highest amount.

Students at Hohenheim and Nürtingen (except those enrolled in the Geislingen location) pay €37.85 toward the Semester Ticket program on VVS, the public transportation network for the Stuttgart region.

Students at Tübingen, Reutlingen, and Rottenburg pay €22.50 toward the Semester Ticket program on naldo, the public transportation network for the Neckar-Alb-Donau region. Students at Albstadt-Sigmaringen pay €11.50 toward the Semester Ticket on the naldo network.

Students at the Trossingen School of Music do not participate in the Semester Ticket program.

§ 4 Deadline and Payment

- 1 Dues must be paid before enrolling or re-enrolling for the next semester. They should be paid by transfer (*Überweisung*) into the bank account of the respective institution.
- 2 At enrollment or re-enrollment, students must present evidence that dues have been paid (generally a stamped receipt from the bank or a statement of account activity).

§ 5 Discounts and Waivers

- 1 Dues will not be canceled or deferred, and there are no discounts. If a student withdraws from an institution during the course of the semester, no partial refund is available.
- 2 However, handicapped students eligible to ride public transportation free of charge may apply for a refund of the amount earmarked to subsidize the Semester Ticket program. Refund requests should be submitted to the Student Union before the end of the semester in question.

§ 6 Refunds

Student union dues for a given semester or year will be refunded under the following conditions:

- 1 Dues will be refunded if a student withdraws from the respective institution within two weeks of the first day of the semester, or if the student paid dues and then failed to enroll. The refund application (*Antrag auf Rückerstattung*) should be submitted within one month after the first day of the semester. It must include proof of dues payment, as well as certification that the student withdrew from the institution within two weeks after the start of the semester or failed to enroll.
- 2 A dues refund will also be provided if a student enrolls in another institution of higher education within one month after the first day of the semester. The refund application should be submitted within two months after the first day of the semester. If the other institution's semester is shown to begin later than that of the institution from which a refund is desired, the deadline can be extended for an additional month. The application should include written evidence of admission to and enrollment in the other institution (*Zulassungsbescheid* and *Immatrikulationsbescheinigung*), as well as evidence of withdrawal (*Exmatrikulation*) from the institution from which a refund is desired.

The deadlines named above will be strictly observed.

These regulations on student union dues (*Beitragsordnung*) will be published in the official registers (*amtliche Bekanntmachungen*) of the Universities of Tübingen and Hohenheim. They go into effect one day after publication. These regulations replace the previous regulations dated November 27, 2008.

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