7.1 Busses, Trams and Local Trains (DING – SWU)

Ulm und Neu-Ulm have a very well developed public transportation system. The SWU (Stadtwerke Ulm; the company running the municipal bus and tram lines), several companies from the region and the Deutsche Bahn (German Rail) have joined their services to form the DING (Donau Iller Nahverkehrs Gesellschaft). Within the DING area (which reaches out almost 50 km into the surroundings of Ulm) you can use different companies and means of transportation with only one ticket. The DING area is divided into several zones (Waben). The price of a ticket differs depending on how many zones you will cross. The whole city area of Ulm and Neu-Ulm forms one zone (Wabe 10/20) with standard prices.

There are also night busses in Ulm, which operate the whole night before Saturday and Sunday and before holidays. These night busses are free of charge for students of Ulm University, Ulm University of Applied Sciences and University of Applied Sciences Neu-Ulm, if the student ID card will be shown.

- Routes, tickets and fares for the whole DING area: Link (only in German!)
- Timetables, routes and maps for Ulm and Neu-Ulm, including night buses: Link (only in German!)

**Semester Ticket**

The semester ticket is valid within the whole DING area for the duration of a full semester. The price is currently 116,50 € per semester. All registered students of Ulm University, Ulm University of Applied Sciences and the University of Applied Sciences Neu-Ulm are entitled to buy it.

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<th>Valid time</th>
<th>Winter Semester</th>
<th>Summer Semester</th>
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<tr>
<td>University Ulm</td>
<td>October 1 - March 31</td>
<td>April 1 - September 30</td>
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<td>Universities of Applied Sciences in Ulm and Neu-Ulm</td>
<td>September 1 - Februar 28/29</td>
<td>March 1 - August 31</td>
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Your semester ticket is not transferable and only valid together with your student ID card.

Keep the receipt when buying your semester ticket. In case you lose your semester ticket you can get a new one from the SWU office “traffiti” for a small fee.

It is worth buying the semester ticket even if the semester has already started if you use it for at least 2 months.

Your student ID card is also valid as a ticket, even without buying the semester ticket. With your student ID you can travel after 6.00 p.m. on weekdays and the whole weekend on busses and trains in the whole DING area. This applies only to the chip card student ID. Exchange students who are not matriculated may not use their Teilnehmerausweis for this purpose.

You can buy your semester ticket here:

- Ulm University: Info point of the Studierendenwerk in the Forum of University South (for students of Ulm University)
- Ulm University of Applied Sciences: Mensa, G108, Prittwitzstraße 10, 89075 Ulm (for students of Ulm University of Applied Sciences)
- SWU KundenCenter “traffiti”, Neue Straße 79, 89073 Ulm
  ☑️ +49 (0)731/166-2177, Link (only in German!)
- DB Reise & Turistik, Bahnhofplatz 1, 89073 Ulm (Ulm main train station)
- DB booking terminals within the DING area

Gratiss semester ticket

Students, who are seeking a degree in first semester (Ersteinschreibung) and registering in Ulm for the first time (Hauptwohnsitz), get one free Semester Ticket (for public transportation) from the city.

To receive free Semester Ticket please bring following documents:

- student ID card
- identity card or passport
- certificate of enrolment (for BAföG and purchase of semester ticket)
- students of Ulm University need the certificate for the Semester Ticket (Bescheinigung für das Semesterticket).
**Regular Rates**

- **Single Ticket**: within the city area of Ulm/Neu-Ulm or one zone. If you want to go to other destinations, check the zone map or refer to the ID number (on a list at the DING ticket machine) of the place you want to go to.
- **Daily Ticket**: for a person or group of up to five people for the city area of Ulm/Neu-Ulm. Single day rider tickets are valid for the whole day, group tickets are valid from 8.30 a.m. on weekdays and the whole day on weekends and on holidays.
- **Weekly Ticket** and **Monthly Ticket** are valid in the city area until 12 p.m. the first working day of the following week or month and they are transferable.

The current rates for single, daily, weekly and monthly tickets can be found on: Link (only in German!). You are suggested to have a valid ticket before you enter the bus or the train. You can buy your ticket from the bus driver or from a ticket machine near the bus stop or the train station. There are also some ticket machines on the tram. Travelling without valid ticket in the DING area will result in a fine of up to 60,00 €.

### 7.2. Deutsche Bahn

Germany features an extensive and modern railway network. As a major railway hub in southern Germany, Ulm has good connections to many destinations in and out of the country. *Fernzüge* (long distance trains: ICE, IC, EC) and *Regionalzüge* (regional trains: IRE, RE, RB, S) provide hourly connections in almost every direction.

Website of the Deutsche Bahn: Link
Getting Around in Ulm and Neu Ulm

Time of travel and regular rates (one-way) from Ulm to various destinations (fastest connections):

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Time (h)</th>
<th>Rate (€)</th>
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<tr>
<td>München Hbf</td>
<td>1:15</td>
<td>33,00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stuttgart Hbf</td>
<td>0:55</td>
<td>26,50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frankfurt Hbf (Main)</td>
<td>2:17</td>
<td>72,00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kempten (Allgäu) Hbf</td>
<td>0:52</td>
<td>19,50</td>
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<td>Friedrichshafen Stadt</td>
<td>1:01</td>
<td>22,40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Berlin Hbf</td>
<td>6:34</td>
<td>145,00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wien Westbahnhof</td>
<td>5:41</td>
<td>119,80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paris Est</td>
<td>4:14</td>
<td>139,00</td>
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Travel time from Ulm to nearby airports (fastest connections):

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<th>Airport</th>
<th>Time (h)</th>
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<tr>
<td>München Flughafen Terminal</td>
<td>2:05</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stuttgart Flughafen/Messe</td>
<td>1:37</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Fernbf</td>
<td>2:15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Friedrichshafen Flughafen</td>
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<td>Nürnberg Flughafen</td>
<td>2:39</td>
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<tr>
<td>Memmingen Allgäu Airport, Memmingerberg</td>
<td>0:53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zürich Flughafen</td>
<td>3:06</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Timetables and tickets can be obtained at ticket machines, at the Reisezentrum in railway stations and on the website of the Deutsche Bahn. There you will also find a lot of special offers for discounted travelling (watch out for BahnCard, Sparpreis, Baden-Württemberg-Ticket, Bayern-Ticket and Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket, Sparpreis Europa, Quer-durchs-Land-Ticket). If you will remember to book a ticket earlier, it is very often possible to use budget price and get it cheaper.

7.3. Taxi

Taxis in Germany are rather expensive. However, if you share a taxi with your friends who have the same destination, it might be a good bargain for you. A ride from the inner city to Ulm University or to other distant parts of the city will be about 10,00 to 15,00 €. If you share a taxi with 6 or 7 persons, please order a large-capacity taxi ("Großraumtaxi").

Taxizentrale Ulm: +49 (0)731/66066, Link (only in German!)
Taxizentrale Neu-Ulm: +49 (0)731/77000, Link (only in German!)

Taxis at the main station in Ulm
7.4 **By foot**
The inner cities of Ulm and Neu-Ulm are quite small and everything can be reached by foot conveniently. However, the universities (and also some student residences) in Ulm and Neu-Ulm are located on the outskirts of the cities.

7.5 **Bicycle**
Exploring Ulm by bicycle is easy. There are a lot of bike paths in the city. Especially cycling along the Danube river is very popular. But be aware that Ulm University and parts of Ulm University of Applied Sciences are located in higher regions of the city and the altitude difference to the inner city is up to 200 m.
People who are weary of searching of a parking place and enjoy cycling, not only find a map with cycling ways of Ulm and the nearest area but also other interesting informations about using public bicycle pumps, bicycle shelter, parking and even shower possibilities at Ulm University.
Further information and more tips about cycling in and around Ulm on: [Link](only in German!) and on [Link](only in German!).

**Bicycle Lorry**
You are allowed to take your bike onto the bus and tram for free from 8.30 a.m. to the end of operating hours from Monday to Friday as well as on the whole Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. If you take your bike onto the bus before 8.30 a.m. during the week you have to buy a Bicycle DayTicket or an additional ticket for a child for the distance you want to cover. If the driver gives you a permission, you may take your bike onto the bus beyond the time. It is allowed to transport up to 2 bikes on the bus. With your bike, you have to get into the bus at the second door.

**Bicycle Repair Shop**
Ulm University features a bicycle repair shop (*Fahrradwerkstatt*), where all students can repair their bicycles and can get help and advice from other students. It is located underneath the Mensa of Ulm University, O25.
Opening hours and more information on: [Link](#)
📞 +49 (0)731/50-22401, ✉️ stuve.fahrrad@uni-ulm.de
7.6. Carpooling

The Mitfahrgelegenheit is an organized traveling with other people, where one offers his car and all travelers are sharing the cost of the trip, which makes the journey for all participants much cheaper. There are plenty of online pages with different priorities, which offer Mitfahrgelegenheit. For service of some of them you have to pay, others are free of charge. In this way you can find yourself a transportation or offer the trip to the community.

To avoid misunderstandings during the trip, care to contact your fellow passenger before to find out how many seats are free or to let him know how many you need, to agree with him where to meet and where to drop off and how high the travel expenses are. It’s also useful to exchange names and phone numbers, so you can contact each other in case of some changing plans, problems or delays, but also for your own sake.

You can minimize the risk of traveling with an unknown person by using websites, which offer a rating system for their members and/or verification of their identity by the copy of their ID or other identity documents.

There are professional flight web pages, which help air passengers to find a follow passenger for their flight and some other web sites who connect railway travelers with each other.

BlaBlaCar Link (only in German!)
BesserMitfahren.de Link (only in German!)
mifahren.de Link
Fahrgemeinschaft.de Link (only in German!)
7.7. Long-distance Busses
You want to travel cheap by bus? No problem! Since three years the network and the amount of long-distance busses providers has increased. They are becoming an interesting alternative to Deutsche Bahn. Even though the journey takes more time, the long-distance busses attract with lower prices for destinations within Germany and abroad. Some intercity bus suppliers connect daily large and medium cities together and make it possible to travel cheap across Germany, for example the intercity bus from Ulm to Munich costs 7 €.
The long-distance bus-offer of Deutsche Bahn recognizes the BahnCard for the destinations within Germany. The owners of BahnCard RAILPLUS get 25% discount for the destinations abroad in 28 European countries.
The current offers and prices of all Intercity buses can be viewed at: Link.

7.8 Airports
From Ulm you may conveniently reach different airports in order to travel.

- Stuttgart airport: Link
- Munich airport: Link
- Frankfurt airport: Link
- Friedrichshafen airport: Link
- Nuremberg airport: Link
- Memmingen airport: Link
- Zurich airport: Link