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The BTU understands the importance of the family unit for coming generations. We actively support young parents in their efforts to coordinate their university studies and careers. In recent years, the BTU has won several awards in the area of equal opportunity. Also we signed the Charta »Familie in der Hochschule« (Family at university), a list of standards the BTU agreed to fulfill. A series of measures have been taken to ensure that students with family responsibilities (children and dependents) can study without being at a disadvantage.

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FAMILY-CONSCIOUS
CONDITIONS AND
SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

FAMILY-ORIENTED INFRASTRUCTURE

Mensa

The dining halls are equipped with high chairs and a children's corner, as well as declared baby change spots.

Parent Child Rooms

We offer Parent Child Rooms on our campuses in Cottbus and Cottbus-Sachsendorf. It is intended as a special room where students and university staff – both mothers and fathers – can stay with their children in cases when day care facilities are closed and babysitters are not available, especially during school holidays. The rooms offer a variety of toys and appliances for children of all ages and is equipped with a fully functioning workplace for the parents, including an Internet-connected PC and a telephone.

Where you can find the parent child rooms:

Main campus:

Main building, Room 4.22. You can use this room all day. Please ask for the key at the security desk in the foyer.

Campus Cottbus-Sachsendorf:

Building 7, Room 252. You can use this room from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please ask for the key at the student service office.

CHILD CARE

With the completion of their first year in life, children have a legally enforceable right to a place in day care facilities.

Day Care Facility

Studentenwerk Frankfurt (Oder) offers students with children a day care facility (Kindertagesstätte) located in the immediate vicinity of the BTU campus, where up to 125 children aged eight weeks to preschool are currently supervised.

Planning Your Studies

The Student Advisory Service (Zentrale Studienberatung), Academic Advisors (Fachstudienberaterinnen und -berater) and the Student Registry Office (Studierendensekretariat) support and counsel students with children. Compatibility of family commitments and academic activity is secured on a personal basis, with regards to the students' individual situation.

STUDENT COUNSELLING

Various counseling opportunities are offered through the Student Registry Office (Studierendensekretariat), the Student Union (Studierendenrat), the study course experts (Studiengangsexperten) and the Office of the Equal Opportunity Commissioner (Büro der Gleichstellungsbeauftragten). Apart from this, the Student Services Organization Studentenwerk Frankfurt (Oder) provides assistance and information support in social and cultural matters, as well as in managing related difficulties. All interested students are welcome to visit the service joints.

LIVING WITH A CHILD

Dormitories

Studentenwerk Frankfurt (Oder) offers BTU students dormitory apartments (one-room apartments, single-bed rooms, as well as two- to five-room apartments) in six different locations. Prices vary depending on location and apartment size. All apartments are fully furnished, including desks, chairs, beds, shelves and lamps; kitchen equipment includes electric stoves and refrigerators; bathrooms are complete with WCs and showers. TV, radio and Internet outlets are available. Also offered are separate washing and drying rooms, as well as bicycle storage rooms. Students with children are very welcome. Upon application, Studentenwerk Frankfurt (Oder) provides its tenants with child-friendly appliances and furniture, e.g. cribs, baby changing tables, high chairs, baby food warmers, baby tableware, etc.

International Meeting Centre (Begegnungszentrum)

Upon request, the International Guesthouses (IBZ) provides foreign academics and researchers, such as doctoral candidates, with child-friendly apartments.

Combining Studies and Family

BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg works towards ensuring that pregnancy, parenthood and the supervision of family members with special needs does not impede the process of studying or obtaining a degree. This is reflected in the study regulations, in so far as the legal framework allows. The University sees to it that scholarships and the federal student support (BaföG) can be temporarily on hold, upon application, due to family commitments during parental leave or an academic leave of absence.

FINANCE ASSISTANCE

Child Benefit (Kindergeld)

Kindergeld is an allowance from the German Government to help ease some of the cost of raising children. Eligible for Kindergeld are parents (both German natives and foreigners) residing in Germany. In case for foreigners, this applies to citizens of other EU countries and non EU citizens who hold a valid residence permit in Germany. The amount of Kindergeld does not correlate with parent's income rate. Please note that foreign students, whose residence permit in Germany is limited to studies only, are, as a rule, ineligible for Kindergeld. For the first and the second child, a monthly Kindergeld payment is 190 Euro; for the third child 196 Euro; for every next child 221 Euro. Application for Kindergeld is to be submitted to the Department for Child and Family Service (Familienkasse) in charge.

➤ www.arbeitsagentur.de

Parental Allowance (Elterngeld)

Eligible for Elterngeld are individuals who have a residence in Germany or a valid residence permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis) that allows them to work in Germany; reside together with their child, care and rear their child personally; and do not work more than 30 hours per week during the time Elterngeld is issued. The Elterngeld amount is about 67 % of the applying parent's after tax earnings, averaged over 12 months before the child's birth. Parents who haven't received income in the 12 months before the child's birth are issued the minimum monthly allowance (Mindestelterngeld) of 300 Euro. Low-earning parents are offered special support.

➤ www.familien-wegweiser.de

Welcome money for newborns

In order to support young parents studying at the BTU, the student council (Studierendenrat) pays a »welcome money« of 100 Euro and the Student Union Frankfurt (Oder) pays 50 Euro for every newborn baby.

➤ www.stura-btu.de