

## **Introduction of the Germany semester ticket for the winter semester 2024/2025**

The Student Council decided to switch to the Germany Semester Ticket at its meeting on 18 June 2024. This means that from the coming winter semester 2024/2025 or 1 October 2024, our semester ticket - like the Deutschlandticket - will be valid nationwide on all local public transport.

To explain exactly what this means for you, we have put together a FAQ below.

### **Where and for which means of transport is the semester ticket valid?**

The semester ticket is valid nationwide on all local public transport (ÖPNV) - i.e. on all short-distance buses, trams, underground trains, suburban trains and regional trains (IRE, RE, RB, RS). Individual ferry connections (e.g. Hamburg) and cross-border connections (e.g. to Hengelo) can also be used with it - but please check again in each case.

However, all long-distance transport (e.g. FlixBus, FlixTrain, ICE, IC, EC, NJ, RJ, TGV) cannot be used with the semester ticket - a separate ticket must be purchased for this.

A table with detailed information on the area of validity of the Deutschlandticket - and therefore also the Semesterticket - can be found here:

[https://deutschlandtarifverbund.de/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/240501\\_TB-D-Ticket\\_Verl\\_30.09.pdf](https://deutschlandtarifverbund.de/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/240501_TB-D-Ticket_Verl_30.09.pdf)

### **How much does the semester ticket cost?**

The semester ticket initially costs €176.40 (€29.40 per month) for the winter semester 2024/2025, which is €13.82 less than our previous semester ticket. The price of the semester ticket is linked to the price of the Deutschlandticket by 60% and is fixed at least eight months before the start of the semester. As the price of the Deutschlandticket - and therefore also the semester ticket - is dependent on political (budget) decisions from the federal and state governments, we will unfortunately only know for sure from 1 August what the price of the D-SeTi will be for the 2025 summer semester.

### **How do I pay for the semester ticket?**

Like our previous semester ticket, the semester ticket is paid to the university via the semester contribution. So there is no change for you here.

### **How do I get the semester ticket?**

The semester ticket can be accessed from October via the website <https://semesterticket.astaonline.de> by registering there with your matriculation number and date of birth. For use without the internet, you also have the option of saving the ticket in a wallet.

Due to limited availability, chip cards can only be issued by application to students for whom an electronic ticket is not an option. Please contact the AStA office.

A printout of the electronic ticket on paper is not provided and will not be accepted by the ticket inspectors.

Please note: As before, the semester ticket is only valid in conjunction with an official photo ID.

We will provide you with more detailed information on ticketing in good time before the changeover in October.

### **Can I take other people with me free of charge?**

Children up to the age of 5 can generally travel free of charge throughout Germany - however, older people and pets require their own ticket.

### **Can I take my bike with me free of charge?**

Unfortunately not. A separate day ticket must be purchased for travelling with a bicycle.

### **Can I cancel the semester ticket?**

No, the semester ticket is - as before - obligatory for all students.

However, it is possible to apply to be exempt from the semester ticket - in the case of severe disability, semester on leave, semester abroad and double enrolment - or to receive a (pro rata) refund in the case of exmatriculation, delayed entry due to visa waiting times and enrolment in the current semester (doctoral students only).

If you have any questions or comments about the semester ticket, please email us at [asta@hs-bremerhaven.de](mailto:asta@hs-bremerhaven.de)