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General Information

General information	Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. These have been the University of Tübingen's guiding principles in research and teaching ever since it was founded. With this long tradition, the University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany. Its institutional strategy was successfully selected for funding in the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of Germany's eleven universities distinguished with that title of excellence. Tübingen has also proven its status as a leading research university in many national and international competitions – in key rankings Tübingen is listed among the best universities for the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as for Science and Medicine. With its broad spectrum of subjects, the University of Tübingen provides a wealth of opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. And such close cooperation on research extends beyond the University and around the world. The University of Tübingen has joint research projects at all levels with other institutions of higher education, with research institutes and with industry. The University's excellence in research offers optimal study conditions to students who come to Tübingen, combined with the opportunity to emphasize individual interests along the way. The attractive study environment is reinforced by many additional services, such as the Language Center, interdisciplinary lectures in the Studium Generale and the state-of-the-art University Library. The University motto speaks for itself: attempto – I dare!
Academic calendar	**In general:** Classes in the summer and winter semester start on the Monday of April (summer semester) or October (winter semester) which is closest to the 15th of that month. Classes end on the Sunday 13 weeks after the term starts (summer semester) and 18 weeks after the term starts in the winter semester. **Dates for the Winter Semester 2027/2028:** Lectures: Oct. 11, 2027 - Feb. 5, 2028 + exam period of 2-3 weeks no lectures on Nov. 1, Dec. 23, 2027 – Jan. 6, 2028 **Dates for the Summer Semester 2028:** April 10, 2028 - July 22, 2028 + exam period of 2-3 weeks no lectures on April 14, April 17, May 1, May 25, June 5-10 (except Medical Faculty), June 15, 2028 Most exams take place in the **last week of the lecture period up to 3 weeks of the lecture-free period**. However, the **exact exam period** depends on the departments or faculties.
Number of credits or units that students are recommended to complete in one semester/term	Two lectures and two seminars per semester are recommended. In addition, students can attend courses in the area of German as a foreign language or other transdisciplinary classes. We recommend as guideline a **workload which does not exceed 30 ECTS / semester**. The **mandatory number of credits** a student must complete is determined by their **home university**.

Course and Language Information

Language of instruction – Are courses taught in English available?	The main language of instruction at the University of Tübingen is German. The University is, however, constantly increasing the number of courses taught in English: Please see our list of English taught classes (available ca 2 months before semester start) or contact the applicable academic advisor.
Language requirements	We expect our partners to nominate students who are on a B2 / with a completed B1 level of German (for taking German-taught classes at the faculties) or on a B2 level / with a completed B1 level of English (for taking English-taught classes). The levels refer to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). We do not require proof of language proficiency, unless: • Law studies, Nursing (all levels), Chemistry / Biochemistry (B.Sc.): a proof of German completed B1/on B2 by all exchange students • Biology (B.Sc): a proof of German completed B1/on B2 by overseas students (no language proof needed for Erasmus/CIVIS students) • Human Medicine (clinical part): a proof of German completed B1 / on B2 by the Erasmus/CIVIS students
Study field & general course information	Students should have a **basic academic background** in their **chosen study field**. While most courses should be taken within that field, some courses from other departments may be taken to fulfill minor or second-major requirements. Language and interdisciplinary courses can be chosen freely. Some study fields have restricted access • General course information and list of English taught classes • Online Course Catalogue ALMA (course catalogue for all courses in German and English) • German language and Culture classes at the German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs Department, see below. • TÜ-VIP (Tübingen Virtual Intercultural Program) A 10-week, free online program offering intercultural and language courses. Students can collect ECTS even before their exchange stay has started in Tübingen. • **Research stays** are open to MA students and PhD candidates though certain study fields do not accept MA research applicants.
Are there any special language courses for exchange students before or during the semester ?	Yes, more than **50 German courses are offered each semester** through German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs. Participation is free; students only pay for course materials, field trips, etc. Free beginner German courses (A1/A2) are available for exchange students, although places are limited and cannot be guaranteed. In addition to the pre-semester intensive languages course, students may take **up to three courses during the term.**

Exchange-Related Information

Level	Undergraduate / Graduate
Number of exchange students admitted per year	About 800 students
Duration of exchange	One or two semesters

Mandatory fee for exchange students	Exchange students will be required to pay a **non-waivable student services fee (currently around € 120 per semester)** to the Studierendenwerk (governmental student service organization of German universities). The fee is mandatory for all students (also the German students) and subsidizes the semester bus ticket, meals at the cafeteria, as well as free psychological counselling.
Restricted programs or courses (not open to all exchange students)	• **Human Medicine (Clinical part):** Not available for exchange students from overseas university-wide agreements. Erasmus & CIVIS students can join for up to 2 semesters, no third term. • **Biology:** available for students majoring in biology / a closely related study field. • **Pharmacy**: available for students majoring in pharmacy. • **Faculty of Sciences (including Psychology):** needs a Learning Agreement/study plan for course approval • **Economics & Business Administration:** For Bachelor programs in English, overseas students need to have completed 2 math/ statistics/econometrics and 2 business/economics courses (e.g., microeconomics). Does not apply for Erasmus & CIVIS students.
Services available to exchange students (e.g. internet access, sports organizations, etc.)	IESN Tübingen (International Exchange Student Network Tübingen) Buddy Program and Language Tandem Cultural Clubs and Societies and Student Groups Free Wifi/Internet Access and Libraries University Sports Center
Nomination and Application Deadline	**Winter semester:** **Nomination: April 1 to May 15 – Mobility Online Portal** **Application: April 1 to May 31 – Mobility Online Portal** **Summer semester:** **Nomination: October 1 to November 15 – Mobility Online Portal** **Application: October 1 to November 30 – Mobility Online Portal**
Nomination and Application Procedure	1. Partners need to nominate their students via our online portal by the deadlines above. The link to the online portal will be provided by us to all partners. 2. Students receive an email with the link for the online application portal after their nomination is accepted. 3. Students need to complete their application online. 4. Students need to upload the following supporting documents: - Passport style photograph, scan of passport, transcript - Students who wish to study at the **Faculty of Sciences (including Psychology)** or the **Faculty of Medicine**: **a Learning Agreement (ERASMUS & CIVIS) / Study Plan with a course list (Overseas)** that must approved by the applicable academic advisor - Students who wish to study at the **Faculty of Medicine**: **Proof of Measles Immunization** - PhD students / Master students as research candidates: **Supervisory commitment**

Arrival / Orientation Program

Recommended arrival dates	**Winter Semester: October 1** (September 10 for preparatory language courses, see below) **Summer Semester: April 1** (March 10 for preparatory language courses, see below)
Is airport pick-up service available?	No, unfortunately not. There is a regular bus service (Airport Sprinter) from Stuttgart airport to Tübingen, though: More Information on the Airport Sprinter.
Which orientation programs are available? What do they cost?	1. TÜ-VIP (Tübingen Virtual Intercultural Program): A 10-week free online program offering intercultural and language courses. Students can collect ECTS even before their exchange stay has started in Tübingen. Costs: for free. 2. Advisory Course ICW: General orientation program for new international and exchange students in the week before the lecture period starts: Campus tour, practical advice, social activies. Costs: 5€ 3. IESN Intro-Weeks: General orientation program for new exchange students upon semester start. 4. Start Course: 3-week German language course before the semester with an orientation part designed for exchange students with intermediate to good knowledge of German. Costs: 150€
Is pre-departure information available on daily life in Tübingen and intercultural guidance for Germany?	Yes, our Tübingen Basics & Beyond – Web guide informs about • City overview, transportation, shopping, finances & services • Leisureactivities (Activities for international students and general offers from the university and the City of Tübingen) • Practical tips (Holidays, intercultural basics, uni culture) • Health & emergencies (Doctors' Visist, Mental Health Support)

Accommodation

Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?	The student dormitories are not administered by the University, but by the so-called "Studierendenwerk", the Student Service Organization, which is not affiliated with the University. However, the University of Tübingen has a yearly quota of rooms that are reserved for exchange students. Basic info: Accommodation. Please see for details of the dormitories the Overview of residence halls by the Studierendenwerk. All rooms for exchange students are fully-furnished single rooms with shared kitchen and usually shared bathrooms. We strongly recommend exchange students to opt for student housing because of the difficult and expensive private housing market in Tübingen.

Where do students send their accommodation application?	Students can apply for housing online directly on the Website of the Studierendenwerk. Contracts will be available for the duration of the whole semester only. There is a deposit of 600€ due upon arrival.
Is accommodation available over semester breaks?	Yes. Students can stay in their rooms until the end of the contract. Dorms are open year-round, students do not have to move out during breaks.

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	• Basic Information on visa and entry regulations • Citizens of the following countries are allowed to enter Germany without a visa but need to apply for a student residence permit within 90 days after they enter Germany: *Andorra, Australia, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Canada, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, South Korea, United Kingdom and the United States of America*. These students can apply for the residence permit directly at the Foreigners' Office in Tübingen after having arrived. • Students from none of the above-mentioned countries should please contact us or the embassy if they are uncertain whether a visa is necessary prior to entering Germany. • EU students and from Switzerland do not need visas, but will only register their residency once they are in Tübingen.
Are exchange students allowed to work?	On campus: Yes – more than the hours mentioned below (but students should ask for further information!) Off campus: Yes – 120 days per year when working 8 hours a day or 240 days per year when working 4 hours a day.
Is a special visa required for work?	The above-mentioned 120 days need to be marked in the visa. Students have to inform the "Ausländerbehörde" about their work.

Medical Insurance

Are exchange students required to purchase a compulsory plan?	No. But they need to have unlimited health insurance at the time of matriculation. All students can either buy student health insurance at a statutory German insurance company (ca 140€ / month), or as students in the EU they can take their EHIC-card to a "statutory health insurcane company". It will check if the insurance meets the minimum requirements. If yes, it can confirm to the university that the student's insurance policy is sufficient: Basic information on health insurance.

If you need further information, please contact:
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