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Application and Admission
Requirements The requirements given in the inter-institutional agreement between home university and host university apply. Students should be of good standing and need to present evidence of their language proficiency in English (and German).

Application Procedure Exchange students are selected and nominated by our partner institutions. After the nomination deadline, the nominees receive information on online application, deadlines and requirements by e-mail.

Application Deadlines
Winter Semester (Semester 1) 30 April
Summer Semester (Semester 2) 31 October

Application Documents The online application includes
- Online Registration Form
- Letter of Motivation (in English or German)
- Résumé in tabular form (in English or German)
- Preliminary Study Plan
- Transcript of Records (in English)
- Language Certificate:
  - English: B2 (TOEFL ITP: >543, TOEFL iBT >72, TOEIC >785, IELTS >5.5)
  - German: B2
- Passport copy
- Passport-sized photo

Admission After the application deadline, all complete applications are reviewed. Students who meet the requirements receive an offer of admission within 4 to 6 weeks.

Registration All admitted students need to file a request for pre-registration using our campus management system unibono. Instructions and deadlines are sent by e-mail to all nominees. The in-person registration and the payment of the semester fee are part of the Orientation Days. Students arriving earlier or later may register by appointment. Registration less than one week before Welcome Week is not possible.

Dispatch of Documents Official documents, such as letters of admission or transcripts, will be sent to the International Office at the partner institution by air mail. Students receive digital copies of the documents by e-mail.

Further Information:
http://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/studieren_forschen_in_siegen/uebersee-austausch/
## Important Dates

### Academic Calendar

**Winter Semester** (Semester 1): 1 October 2018 – 31 March 2019
- Lecture period: 8 October 2018 – 1 February 2019
- Lecture-free period: 2 February 2019 – 31 March 2019
- Christmas break: late December to early January

**Summer Semester** (Semester 2): 1 April 2019 – 30 September 2019
- Lecture period: 1 April 2019 – 12 July 2019
- Lecture-free period: 13 July 2019 – 30 September 2019

The academic calendar does not include pre-defined exam weeks. Examination and test dates are determined by the respective department and/or faculty. Exams may take place during the lecture-free period.

### Orientation Days

The Orientation Days in winter semester take place in early September (for participants of the Intensive German Course) and early October (for late arrivals). For summer semester, Orientation Days start in early April. The exact dates are given in the letter of admission. The schedule is sent to all accepted students and is further published on our website.

### Further Information:

- [http://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/termine.html](http://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/termine.html)

## Courses and Credits

### Credits

In accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) 1 credit point is worth 30 hours of work, including contact and non-contact time. A semester of full-time study equals 30 ECTS.

### Grading scale

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### Courses

The majority of courses offered at the University of Siegen are taught in German. Many of them are open to incoming international exchange students, provided they meet both language and subject prerequisites. International graduate courses are restricted. For course offerings visit our student information system [unisono](http://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/termine.html).

### Courses in English

Courses taught in English are offered regularly in the following study programs:

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### Language Courses

The language center *Sprachenzentrum* offers an Intensive German Course in September for all exchange students starting in winter semester. Students need to register until mid-July. The registration form is sent to all applicants once they are accepted.

Additional German language courses are offered during the semester by the language center. Students should register early after registration using our student information system [unisono](http://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/termine.html).
Accommodation and Expenses

Semester Fee
Students registered at the University of Siegen are not charged tuition. However, there is a semester fee that amounts to approx. EUR 250. The fee includes a semester ticket for public transportation in Siegen and North Rhine-Westfalia.

Accommodation
The student services organization Studierendenwerk Siegen provides rooms in student residences on and off campus. Students should apply early as rooms are limited and student numbers are constantly rising. Please note that dishware, cookware and bedding are not provided.

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Cost of Living
According to the German Academic Exchange Service monthly cost of living for international students in Germany amounts to EUR 800.

Further Information:
http://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/studieren_forschen_in_siegen/uebersee-austausch/
http://www.uni-siegen.de/kosi/

Visa and Arrival

Visa exemption
International student from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Republic of South Korea, Singapore, the United States of America are allowed to travel to the Federal Republic of Germany for up to 90 days without having to obtain a visa. Within this period of 90 days students who wish to study in Germany have to apply for a residence permit at the foreigners’ registration office Ausländerbehörde responsible for their place of residence. Students are allowed to register in person at the University of Siegen upon presentation of a valid passport even before the application for residence permit.

For a full list of visa requirements and exemptions visit
http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html

Visa requirement
Students from countries other than listed above have to submit their visa applications as well as all required documents in person at the German mission responsible for their place of residence. Please refer to the German mission closest to you for further information.

Directive 2016/801/EU
For non-EU students who are already registered at an institution of higher education in another EU member state and wish to study for one semester or an academic year in Germany, rules on mobility have been eased. A directive will be transposed until 23 May 2018.
In order to be able to exercise mobility in Germany, the host higher education institution in Germany needs to send a notification to the National Contact Point at the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees.
The following documents are required:
- notification form
- the residence permit issued by the first EU Member State,
- a recognized, valid passport/replacement passport,
- evidence of participation in a Union or multilateral program incorporating mobility measures and of the validity of an agreement between two or more higher education institutions,
- proof of admission to the host higher education institution, and
- proof of subsistence.

Arrival
Students should plan their arrival in accordance with the start of our Orientation Days and inform us about your travel plans at least three weeks prior to their date of arrival.

Health Care
For all students wishing to register at the University of Siegen a valid health insurance coverage is compulsory. Please note that a travel health insurance policy is not sufficient. Students from outside the EU or from a country that does not have a social security agreement with Germany should check with their insurance company if their insurance policy is recognised. If the coverage is not recognised in Germany, students need to take out an insurance policy in Germany. Currently the Student Services Organization in Siegen (Studierendenwerk Siegen) does not offer a service package for international students that includes health insurance coverage.

Further Information:
http://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/studieren_forschen_in_siegen/uebersee-austausch/
http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html#doc480844bodyText2
http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/DAuslandsvertretungenA-Z-Laenderauswahlseite_node.html
https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/health-insurance_27548.php