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General Information

<p>General information</p>	<p>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. Recently, 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.</p> <p>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: <i>attempto – I dare!</i></p>
<p>Academic calendar</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Dates for Winter semester 2015/2016: (Oct. 11, 2015 – Febr. 13, 2016, no lectures Dec. 21, 2015 – Jan. 6, 2016) Summer semester 2016: (April 11, 2016 – July 23, 2016, no lectures May 16, 2016 – May 21, 2016)</p>
<p>Number of credits or units that undergraduate students need to complete in one semester/term</p>	<p>Two lectures and two seminars per semester are recommended. In addition, students can attend courses in the area of German as a foreign language.</p>
<p>Language of instruction (If English is <u>not</u> the medium of instruction, are courses taught</p>	<p>For most courses German is the language of instruction. Some Departments offer a limited amount of courses taught in English. We kindly ask our partners to</p>

in English available?)	nominate either students who have a good command of German and are able to follow courses in German or students who have found a sufficient amount of courses taught in English. According to the ' Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) ' level 'B 2' is required. A list if courses taught in English is available in the download section of our website.
Are there any special language courses for exchange students? If yes, please advise on the schedule and costs.	Yes, more than 50 different courses per semester. You will find them in our download section . Participants do not have to pay any fees, only course material, excursions etc. - We do not offer courses for beginners. Level 'A2' according to the CEFR is required.

Exchange-Related Information

Level	Undergraduate / Graduate
Number of exchange students admitted per year	About 700 students
Duration of exchange	One or two semesters
Restricted programmes or courses (not open to exchange students)	Media Studies is not open. A study plan in medicine has to be agreed upon in advance by the Medical School. All applicants have to be very fluent in German. Since the admission procedure takes a little longer, apply early!
Services available to exchange students (e.g. internet access, sports facilities, libraries, student organizations, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StudIT (Studierendeninitiative Internationales Tübingen) • International coffee-hour • Internet Access • Sports facilities • Libraries
Application deadlines	Winter semester: May 31 Summer semester: December 31 Late applications will be considered until June 15 for the winter semester and until January 15 for the summer semester. We cannot guarantee housing in one of the student dormitories for applicants who submit their applications after the deadlines.
Are application materials available online?	Yes, please see here .
Supporting documents required to be submitted with exchange application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum vitae • The application form has to be stamped and signed by the coordinator of the sending institution.

Arrival / Orientation Program

Recommended arrival dates	1 st semester/term: April 1 st (March 15 th for language course) 2 nd semester/term: October 1 st (September 1 st for language and orientation course)
Is airport pick-up service available? If yes, please provide details:	No, unfortunately not. There is a regular bus service (Airport Sprinter) from the airport to Tuebingen, though. More Information is available here .
Is an orientation programme available?	Yes, " How to Study at a German University " and language programs by DaF. Welcome events starting in October
If yes, when will it be held?	See websites above

Cost of orientation programme (if any)	'How to study at the University of Tuebingen': 15.- € ' Start ' course: orientation & language: 75.- € ' Deutsch-Kompakt ' course: 795.- €
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Accommodation

Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?	Accommodation is administered by the Studentenwerk (Student Services Organization, it is not affiliated with the University) and is available for exchange students.
If yes, do students send accommodation application to your office and where to obtain the application materials?	Students can apply for housing online . Contracts will be available for the duration of the whole semester only.
If students are required to submit accommodation application to a separate office, please advise the application procedures.	There is a deposit of 400.- € due upon arrival.
Is accommodation available over semester breaks? If yes, any additional charges?	Yes. Students can stay in their rooms until the end of the contract. Dorms are open year-round, students do <u>not</u> have to move out during breaks.

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes. Please contact us or the embassy if you are uncertain whether you need a visa prior to entering Germany. EU students do not need visas but will receive their study permit once they are in Tübingen.
Are exchange students allowed to work?	<u>On campus</u> : Yes – more than the hours mentioned below (but students should ask for further information!) <u>Off campus</u> : Yes – 90 days for 8 hours each (or 180 days for 4 hours) / per year.
Is a special visa required for work?	The above-mentioned 90 days need to be marked in the student visa. Students have to inform the "Ausländerbehörde" about their work.

Medical Insurance

Are exchange students required to purchase a compulsory plan? If yes, please provide details:	No. But they need to have health insurance at the time of matriculation. All students can either buy student health insurance at any German insurance company, or bring an international health insurance with them. Europeans should bring their 'EHIC-card' to prove their insurance. A student travel insurance is valid as well.
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