

Information Sheet



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Exchange Programme for the Academic Year 2020/21
Technische Universität Darmstadt
International Relations & Mobility

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Why TU Darmstadt?

Six reasons to study at TU Darmstadt

- Excellent teaching and research in engineering (“German Engineering!”), natural sciences and social sciences/humanities
- Four-week German intensive language course free of charge
- Orientation and buddy program: “experience weeks”
- Central location in Europe, very close to Frankfurt Airport (30min by bus), Frankfurt city 20min by train
- City of Science: major research institutes in cyber security and computer graphics as well as particle physics (GSI/FAIR accelerator) and the European Space Agency
- Have the best of both worlds: combine the 160,000 inhabitants of student city Darmstadt for an easy everyday life with the bustling 700,000 inhabitants of the nearby city of Frankfurt for culture and social life

Application Information

Exchange Information	https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming
Application Deadline	30 April for Winter Semester 30 November for Summer Semester
Online application	https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming_application <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"><p>Regular Exchange Students: Please indicate “Exchange” as type of framework in the section “Current studies and requested stay”.</p><p>Double-Degree Students from China/Indonesia: Please indicate “DD-Tongji/DD-UI” as type of framework in the section “Current studies and requested stay”.</p></div>
Application steps & Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We require a list of nomination via email from our partner university prior to their sending of the application documents.▪ The exchange students should complete the online application as soon as possible after the internal nomination at our partner university.▪ Signed online application form together with following documents are to be submitted to us by our partner university (via email):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Learning Agreement (click to download)- Copy of Passport
Language Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ English Proficiency▪ German Proficiency is NOT a requirement, but we recommend Intermediate German language skills (2 semesters of German) and participation in the 4-week German Language Course prior to the start of the semester at TUD (for Summer Semester: March / for Winter Semester: September)
Student eligibility for exchange program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Student status at our partner university maintained throughout the exchange period at TU Darmstadt▪ Bachelor students must have a completion of 2 years▪ Our partner university takes the responsibility for guaranteeing the student's good course credit and language proficiency meeting up to the standard of an exchange based on their internal nomination.

Semester, Lectures and Exams

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<p>Learning Agreement (Course load)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We strongly advise new exchange students to participate in the German Intensive Course in September/March (free of charge). ▪ During the semester, the students are recommended to take at least one language course at the Language Resource Centre of TU Darmstadt. ▪ Depending on the study level, the students are recommended to take at least 3 lectures. ▪ Bachelor exchange students with sufficient language proficiency are allowed to attend master courses. 										
<p>Common concerns about the exam</p>	<p>In case an exchange student will leave before an exam date, they may have two options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrange an earlier exam individually with the professor at TU Darmstadt. ▪ Arrange a proctored exam at the home university with the professor at TU Darmstadt. 										
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Course restrictions	Anglistics and English Literature (expired programs)
Course catalogue	The course calendar for the upcoming semester is published in July for winter and February for summer semester: https://www.tucan.tu-darmstadt.de (Upper right corner for English → Course Schedule)
Further information on the departments, their courses, contact persons, etc.:	<p>FB1: Department of Law and Economics</p> <p>FB2: Department of History and Social Sciences</p> <p>FB3: Department of Human Sciences</p> <p>FB4: Department of Mathematics</p> <p>FB5: Department of Physics</p> <p>FB7: Department of Chemistry</p> <p>FB10: Department of Biology</p> <p>FB11: Department of Materials Sciences, Department of Earth Sciences</p> <p>FB13: Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering</p> <p>FB15: Department of Architecture</p> <p>FB16: Department of Mechanical Engineering</p> <p>FB18: Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology</p> <p>FB20: Department of Computer Science</p>
Intensive Language Course	A 4-week Intensive German language course is offered in September and March, prior to the beginning of classes. These courses are free of cost for exchange students and offered at different levels. Students sign up for them with their Student Exchange Application. Students studying at TU Darmstadt for two semesters can only sign up for one intensive language course. A continuing German language course is offered throughout the semester.

Dates and Orientation

Arrival Date	We provide a welcoming event “Kick-Off Meeting” on the second weekday of September in Winter Semester and on the second weekday of March in Summer Semester. If possible, we strongly request the exchange students to arrive at latest one day in advance of the Kick-Off Meeting, where they will meet their tutors and other group members of the Experience Week(s). Other important concerns, such as signing a statutory health insurance or registration at TU Darmstadt and the Darmstadt’s Foreigners Administration Office, will follow up the Kick-Off Meeting.
Orientation Week(s)	An orientation program “The Experience Weeks” or “X-weeks” is offered in combination with the German intensive language course. The program is run by student tutors and consists of support with getting settled in Darmstadt as well cultural events: https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/xweeks Winter Semester: 4-Week programme starting with the Kick-Off Meeting Summer Semester: 1-Week programme starting with the Kick-Off Meeting

Obligatory Expenses

Semester Contribution	All enrolled students at TU Darmstadt are required to pay a semester contribution of approx. €220 per semester that includes a ticket for the public transportation within the wider area of Rhine-Main Region.
Health Insurance	<p>For an enrolment at TU Darmstadt all exchange students are required to purchase a German statutory health insurance to avoid complication in case of injuries or sickness. German statutory health insurance offers 100 % coverage for doctor-visits, basic dental repair and hospital treatment. The cost is currently approx. €105 per month for students under the age of 30.</p> <p>Every German statutory health insurance charges the same rate for students. TU Darmstadt cooperates with the health insurance “Techniker Krankenkasse”. Their website is in English and offers information on their insurance benefits and services for exchange students. Such insurance can be purchased in Darmstadt. It is possible to sign up for the health insurance in advance if you need a confirmation for the visa application.</p> <p>The validity of the insurance always starts from beginning of a semester, namely, from 1st April in summer semester. Hence, the students are only required to buy a travel insurance merely covering from their arrival to the beginning of a semester for visa application.</p> <p><u>A German statutory health insurance is an absolute requirement to register at TU Darmstadt!</u></p>
General costs - breakdown	Further information and a general/rough breakdown of costs can be found on our website

Accommodation

Dormitories	<p>Accommodation is available in dormitories of Studierendenwerk Darmstadt but unfortunately cannot be guaranteed due to limited capacities. The allocation of accommodation usually takes place approx. 4 to 6 weeks prior to the Kick-Off Meeting. In charge of room allocation is the “Welcome and Housing Department”:</p> <p>https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/exchange-housing</p> <p>In case rooms in dormitories are not available, the department will assist the students in finding accommodation by sending them a detailed guidebook via e-mail.</p>
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