

Fact sheet 2017-18



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Exchange information

1. A leading university of technology

Since its foundation in 1877, TU Darmstadt has played its part in addressing the urgent issues of the future with pioneering achievements and outstanding research and teaching.

TU Darmstadt focusses on selected, highly relevant problem areas. Technology is at the heart of all our disciplines at TU Darmstadt. The Natural Sciences as well as Social Sciences and Humanities cooperate closely with Engineering.

In order to expand its expertise strategically, TU Darmstadt maintains a variety of partnerships with companies and research institutions. It is a vital driving force in the economic and technological development of the Frankfurt-Rhein-Neckar metropolitan area.

Our outstanding performance makes us one of the leading universities of technology in Germany and has earned us international visibility and renown. At present it is one of the world's top 100 universities for engineering and technology according to both THE World University Rankings and QS World University Rankings.

2. Contact Details

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3. Academic Year

Winter semester 2017/2018 (01. October 2017 – 31. March 2018)

Language Course	September (4 weeks)
Orientation:	Beginning of September
Begin of classes:	16. October 2017
Christmas break:	27. December 2017 - 05. January 2018
End of classes:	09. February 2018
Exam Period:	February/March

Summer semester 2018 (01. April 2018 – 30. September 2018)

Language Course	March (4 weeks)
Orientation:	Beginning of March
Begin of classes:	Mid-April 2018
End of classes:	End of July 2018
Exam Period:	July/August/September

- Exam periods
In case exchange students leave before the examination period, there are two options:
 1. The student arranges an earlier (oral) exam with the TU Da professor.
 2. The student arranges a proctored exam at their home university with the TU Da professor.

4. Eligibility for the exchange program

- Degree seeking student status at a partner institution maintained throughout the students' study program at TU Darmstadt
- Completion of 2 years in an undergraduate program
- Nomination through home institutions International Office
- Applicant must be a student in good standing (B+)

5. Language Requirements

- German language proficiency of A2 according to CEFR is recommended

6. Application

- Exchange Website <http://goo.gl/aEF39a>
 - Application Deadline
31 May for winter semester
30 November for summer semester
 - Application Steps & Required Documents
 1. Online application <https://tuda.moveon4.de/locallogin/55b8849b84fb96032c000000/eng>
 2. Paper application to be submitted to:
Technische Universität Darmstadt, c/o Christian Tischer, International Relations & Mobility,
Karolinenplatz 5, 64289 Darmstadt, Germany
 - a. Print out of online application
 - b. Letter of nomination *
 - c. Intensive German language course application form *
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d. Learning agreement * (approved list of courses the student wishes to take at TUD)
(*form provided)

▪ What happens next?

After receiving your complete application documents signed and stamped by your university, we will issue an admission letter (“Zulassung”) which will be sent to you approx. 4 weeks after receipt of your documents. The admission letter is important for your visa application/residence permit, please bring it with you to Darmstadt.

7. Course load, grading, course calendar

▪ Required Course Load (graduate & undergraduate)

A German semester runs 24 weeks – 16 weeks of classes, 4-6 weeks self-study and prep for exams and 3-4 weeks exam period. The regular course load for undergraduates and graduates is 30 ECTS/semester, exchange students (graduate & undergraduate) are recommended to take between 18 ECTS and 30 ECTS per semester.

▪ Grading System

1 = very good (a particularly outstanding achievement)

2 = good (a considerably better than average achievement)

3 = satisfactory (an achievement which fully meets the required standards)

4 = sufficient (an achievement which meets the required standards)

5 = fail (significant deficiencies)

a = successful participation in a course, for which no grade is given

▪ Course Calendar

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) Choose “courses for Exchange Students” in the main catalogue.

▪ Course restrictions

None with one exception: no access to the Master of Science International Cooperation in Urban Development

8. Language Information

▪ A growing number of courses is offered in English at TU Darmstadt, but the main language remains German. Examples of courses that have been taught in English in the past can be found here: <http://goo.gl/MTSSqu>

▪ German language levels according to CEFR: Common european framework of reference for languages

▪ A1 CEFR is the beginner’s level

▪ A2 CEFR stands for basic German which will enable you to cope with language in everyday life

▪ B1 CEFR as the next level will enable you to communicate within the university

▪ B2 CEFR is the minimum for following lectures and writing exams in German

▪ C1 CEFR is very good German language proficiency and C2 CEFR mother tongue level

▪ German language classes

A 4-week Intensive German language course is offered in September and March, prior to the beginning of classes. These courses are free of charge for exchange students and offered at different levels. Students can

sign up for the language course with their Student Exchange Application. A continuing language course is offered throughout the semester.

9. Information on Visa, Health Insurance

- Student Visa

Students from the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand can enter Germany without a visa. Students from Mexico and South America, please contact the German embassy at least 3 months before your departure to Germany about the specific visa regulations that apply to your country.

All Students who plan to reside within Germany and the European Schengen Area for MORE than 90 days are required to apply for a residence permit upon arrival in Germany. Please make sure your students consider their traveling time in Europe prior and after the program when calculating their residence time in Europe.

- Health Insurance

Exchange students studying at TU Darmstadt for one or two semesters **are required to purchase a statutory German health insurance** (Gesetzliche Krankenversicherung) in order to be able to register as a student at TU Darmstadt.

German Public Health insurance offers 100% coverage for doctor's visits, basic dental repair and hospital treatment. The cost is approx. 470 € per semester for students under the age of 23. Students over 23 pay a slightly higher rate (approx. 480 €). Students over the age of 30 cannot purchase the health insurance to student terms. The insurance coverage is for one full semester (winter semester: October 1st – March 31st; summer semester: April 1st – September 30th) and will automatically continue if not canceled.

All statutory German insurers charges the same rates to students. TU Darmstadt cooperates with “Techniker Krankenkasse”. Their website <http://www.tk.de/tk/faq/s-english/students-from-abroad/199676> is in English and offers information on their insurance benefits and services for exchange students.

Attention: Students participating in the Intensive German Language Course place prior to class begin are not covered by the statutory German health insurance and therefore must buy additional travel insurance for September (winter semester) or March (summer semester) before the departure to Germany.

10. Tuition & Fees

Exchange students are exempt from paying tuition but as all students are required to pay a service fee of approx. 215 € per semester. The fee includes free public transport in the larger Rhine-Main Metropolitan area.

Estimated Expenses

Tuition:	waived
Social service fee:	approx. 215 € per semester
Health insurance:	approx. 470 € per semester
On-campus housing:	approx. 370 € per month
Off-campus housing:	approx. 400 € per month
Food and Personal Expenses:	approx. 325 € per month

11. Arrival/Orientation

- Winter semester arrival day:
 - September 1st for students taking the Intensive German Language Course
 - October 1st for students not taking the language course
- Summer semester arrival day:
 - March 1st for students taking the Intensive German Language Course
 - April 1st for students not taking the language course.

Orientation

A 4-week long 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 supports with getting settled in Darmstadt and familiarize with TU Darmstadt as well exploring the German culture.

12. Accommodation

On-campus accommodation in dormitories of Studierendenwerk Darmstadt is available but cannot be guaranteed due to limited capacities. Students from outside the European Union are prioritized. To apply for on-campus housing, simply register with the “Welcome and Housing Department” by completing and submitting the registration form under the following link:

<http://www.intern.tu-darmstadt.de/wohnengaestehaeuser/austauchstudierende/index.en.jsp>

Please select “exchange student” as your status and enter the code you received along with the letter of admission.

- The allocation of on-campus rooms usually takes place 1-2 months prior to September 1st/March 1st.
 - Exchange students staying for two semesters might only get a room in a dormitory for one semester.
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