

Pforzheim University Fact Sheet 2021



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Pforzheim University (Hochschule Pforzheim) was founded in 1877. With its faculties Design, Engineering, and Economics & Law Pforzheim University combines creativity with business education and technical precision. This combination makes the University an attractive science and research partner for the regional and national economy. With around 6,200 students, Pforzheim is one of the largest Universities of Applied Sciences in Baden-Wuerttemberg.

SEMESTER DATES

WINTER SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER
starts last week of September	starts the second week of March
Classes and exams end around the beginning of February	Classes and exams end mid of July
FAST TRACK: In case an exchange student will have to continue the study program at the home university in the beginning of January, students may get an extra examination before Christmas; in this case the exchange students may have to prove additional homework.	
The voluntary pre-semester course German as a Foreign Language starts about 3.5 weeks before the classes	
Exchange students should arrive about three days before the beginning of the program.	

DEADLINES FOR BUSINESS AND ENGINEERING	
NOMINATION OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS BY PARTNERS	
May 1	October 1
APPLICATION FORM SENT BY THE STUDENT	
June 1	November 1
We require the application form , a photo (jpeg), a C.V., the respective language certificate, transcript of records and a learning agreement.	

The Business School offers an [International Study Program \(ISP\)](#) with various tracks for studying either one semester or two semesters in English. The [International Master Exchange Program \(IMEP\)](#) offers a one semester track for graduate students.

DEADLINES FOR DESIGN	
May 15	October 15
All exchange students should send the application and all relevant materials directly to the School of Design .	

ADMISSION POLICY FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Minimum length of the study abroad is one semester (15 weeks). Maximum length of the study abroad is one year. Students may combine the study abroad with an internship (normally 100 working days or 5 months). So a total of 18 months is the maximum length a student may stay on exchange basis. Most of the students stay for one semester of studying and will add an internship in the second semester.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proof of adequate **health insurance** for the study abroad period, **visa** (related to the country of residence) and the **payment of the Student Service Fee**. Students from outside the EU should consider up to three months for getting a visa and should send the application material much earlier than the deadline.

TUITION

None for exchange students.

FEES

83 Euro per semester is a Student Service fee by the Deutsche Studentenwerk. It is a contribution to run cafeterias, student halls etc. and it covers free access to the public transportation system of the city.

20 Euro to receive the student ID (access to the university, copy machines, public transport in Pforzheim etc.)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

German or English

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

GERMAN: min. B2 level (recommended is a level close to C1 within the European framework. TESTDAF (> 16 and min. 4 in all parts), DSH 2 Examination, Goethe Certificate C2, or TEIC Deutsch C1 Hochschule)

ENGLISH: min. an advanced B2 level (recommended is C1). Min. TOEFL (IBT > 90; CBT>235; ITP> 570) or any other official test like IELTS (min. 6.5), TOEIC, PTE, CPE etc. that we may convert into the respective TOEFL-Score.

GERMAN FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The university offers **free German language courses on various levels** during the semester. Generally, a pre-semester German course on level A1 is offered every semester (5 ECTS). This intensive beginners course starts approximately 3.5 weeks before the start of the lecture period and is also **an orientation class for incoming students**.

ECTS

30 ECTS credits per semester are recommended, 24 ECTS credits are the minimum, 36 credits will be the maximum to take. Pforzheim University is a national and international accredited institution.

GRADING SYSTEM

The German grading system ranges from 1.0 (excellent) to 4.0 (pass). Marks are: 1.0; 1.3; 1.7 (excellent; very good); 2.0; 2.3; 2.7 (good); 3.0; 3.3 (satisfactory); 3.7; 4.0 (pass); 4.3; 4.7; 5.0 (fail)

HOUSING

Students are responsible for finding adequate housing by themselves. International Office provides lists of [student residences](#).

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

A softcopy will be emailed to the coordinators at the home university.

DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

Available for all students via the central university administration.

INTERNSHIPS

The region of Pforzheim University is one of the most industrialized regions of Europe and therefore perfect to get some practical experience as well. As long as international students keep the legal status of a student it is possible to get an internship and to combine it with the study abroad period.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer a **Buddy Program** (where we match international with local students) and **Field Trips** in cooperation with the student initiative [gemini](#).

After receiving the application the exchange student will receive a „letter of acceptance“ and we will come in contact with the student via email.