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General Information

General information	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. 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. 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: attempto – I dare!
Academic calendar	**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. **Dates for the Winter Semester 2022/2023:** Oct. 17, 2022 – Feb. 11, 2023 no lectures on November 1, Dec. 24, 2022 – Jan. 7, 2023 **Dates for the Summer Semester 2023:** April 17, 2023 – July 29, 2023 no lectures on May 18; May 29 – June 3, June 8, 2023 Please be advised that the **examination period in Business and Economics** might last until two weeks after the end of the lectures!
Number of credits or units that undergraduate students need to complete in one semester/term	Two lectures and two seminars per semester are recommended. In addition, students can attend courses in the area of German as a foreign language. We recommend a workload which does not exceed 30 ECTS / semester.

Course and Language Information

Language of instruction – Are courses taught in English available?	The main language of instruction at the University of Tübingen is German. The University is, however, constantly increasing the number of courses taught in English: Please see our list of English taught classes (available ca 2 months before semester start) or contact the applicable faculty advisor.
Language requirements	We recommend our partners to nominate students with a 'B 2' level of German (in case they would like to take German-taught classes at one of the faculties) or a 'B 2' level of English (in case they would like to take English-taught classes). The levels refer to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). We do not require proof of language proficiency. Students can also take German language classes, which usually start at a B1 level (see below).
Course Information	• General course information and list of English taught classes • Online Course Handbook ALMA (search engine and course catalogue for all courses in German and English) • German language and Culture classes at the German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs Department: Students can only take a maximum of **three courses** at the 'German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs' Divison, see below. • Tü-VIPP (Tübingen Virtual Intercultural Preparation Package) A 10-week online course program offering intercultural and language courses. It is for free, students can collect ECTS credit points and be awarded with a scholarship for a future exchange semester abroad, potentially at the University of Tübingen.
Are there any special language courses for exchange students before or during the semester ?	Yes, more than 50 different courses per semester. You will find them on the website of the Division German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs. Participants do not have to pay any fees, only course material, field trips etc. We offer free beginner's courses in German for exchange students (A1/A2 level), **but please be aware that spaces are limited and we cannot guarantee any spaces**. In addition to pre-semester intensive languages courses, students can take up to three classes during the semester with German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs.

Exchange-Related Information

Level	Undergraduate / Graduate
Number of exchange students admitted per year	About 800 students
Duration of exchange	One or two semesters

Mandatory fee for exchange students	Exchange students will be required to pay a non-waivable student services fee (currently around € 88 per semester) to the Studierendenwerk (governmental social service organization connected to German universities). The fee is mandatory for all students (also the German students) and subsidizes the semester bus ticket, meals at the cafeteria, rent at dormitories, kindergarten for students´ children, as well as free psychological and legal advisors.
Restricted programs or courses (not open to exchange students)	**Medicine** is restricted for exchange students coming to Tübingen through a university-wide agreement and students need to be fluent in German. The **Faculty of Science** needs a Learning Agreement/study plan and a transcript of the student for the pre-approval of courses, see below 'Nomination and Application Procedure'.
Services available to exchange students (e.g. internet access, sports facilities, libraries, student organizations, etc.)	• StudIT (Student Initiative for International Students) • Language Tandem and Buddy Program • International Coffee-Hour • Sports facilities • Choirs und Theatre • Internet Access • Libraries
Nomination and Application Deadline	**Winter semester:** **Nomination: May 1 to June 15 – Mobility Online Portal** **Application: May 1 to June 30 – Mobility Online Portal** **Summer semester:** **Nomination: October 1 to November 15 – Mobility Online Portal** **Application: October 1 to November 30 – Mobility Online Portal**
Nomination and Application Procedure	1. Partners need to nominate their students via our online portal by the deadlines above. The link to the online portal will be provided by us to all partners. 2. Students receive an email with the link for the online application portal after their nomination is accepted. 3. Students need to complete their application online. 4. Students need to upload the following supporting documents: - Passport style photograph - Scan of passport - Students who wish to study at the **Faculty of Science (= Natural Sciences)** or the **Faculty of Medicine**: **Transcript of Records** and **a Learning Agreement (ERASMUS) / Study Plan with a course list (non-ERASMUS)** that must be sent to the applicable faculty advisor for approval. - Students who wish to study at the **Faculty of Medicine**: **Proof of Immunization and proof of complete Covid vaccination** (March/2022)

Arrival / Orientation Program

Recommended arrival dates	Winter Semester: October 1 (September 1 for language and orientation course, see below) Summer Semester: April 1 (March 1 for language course and orientation course)
Is airport pick-up service available?	No, unfortunately not. There is a regular bus service (Airport Sprinter) from Stuttgart airport to Tübingen, though. More Information on the Airport Sprinter is available here.
Is an orientation program available? What does it cost?	Yes: 1. Tü-VIPP (Tübingen Virtual Intercultural Preparation Package): A 10-week online course program offering intercultural and language courses. It is for free, students can collect ECTS credit points and receive a scholarship. 2. How to study at the University of Tuebingen: General orientation program for international and exchange students in the week before the semester starts: 15€ 3. Start course: 3-week language course before the semester with an orientation part designed for exchange students with intermediate to good knowledge of German: 300 € 4. Deutsch-Kompakt course: Intensive 5-week language course before the semester designed to prepare exchange students for their study-abroad experience in Tübingen. The course includes cultural events and excursions: 825 €

Accommodation

Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?	The student dormitories are not administered by the University, but by the so-called "Studierendenwerk", the Student Services Organization, which is not affiliated with the University. However, the University of Tübingen has a yearly quota of rooms that are reserved solely for exchange students. More info: Application and Preparation for your Stay in Tübingen Please see for details of the dormitories the Overview of residence halls by the Studierendenwerk. All rooms for exchange students are fully furnished single rooms with shared kitchen and usually shared bathrooms. We strongly recommend students to opt for student housing because of the difficult and expensive private housing market in Tübingen.
Where do students send their accommodation application?	Students can apply for housing online directly on the website of the Studierendenwerk. Contracts will be available for the duration of the whole semester only. There is a deposit of 400€ due upon arrival.

Is accommodation available over semester breaks?	Yes. Students can stay in their rooms until the end of the contract. Dorms are open year-round, students do not have to move out during breaks.

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Citizens of the following countries are allowed to enter Germany without a visa but need to apply for a student residence permit in Tübingen within 90 days after they enter Europe: Andorra, Australia, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Canada, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, South Korea and the United States of America. Those students apply for the student residence permit as part of the steps to matriculation. Students from none of the above-mentioned countries should 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 only register their residency once they are in Tübingen.
Are exchange students allowed to work?	On campus: Yes – more than the hours mentioned below (but students should ask for further information!) Off campus: Yes – 120 days per year when working 8 hours a day or 240 days per year when working 4 hours a day.
Is a special visa required for work?	The above-mentioned 120 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?	No. But they need to have unlimited health insurance at the time of matriculation. All students can either buy student health insurance at any German insurance company, or take their EHIC-card to a "gesetzliche Krankenkasse". It will check if the insurance meets the minimum requirements. If yes, they issue a certificate confirming that the student's insurance policy is sufficient and forward it directly to the student secretary.

If you need further information, please contact:

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