

Fact Sheet 2020-21



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1. Contact details

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2. 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 (30 Minutes by bus)
 - 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 save and neatly Darmstadt for an easy everyday life with the bustling 700,000 inhabitants of the nearby city of Frankfurt for culture and social life
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3. Eligibility

- Degree seeking student status at a partner institution maintained throughout the stay at TU Darmstadt
- Completion of 2 years in an undergraduate program before the start of the study program at TU Darmstadt
- Nomination for the exchange through home institutions International Office
- Applicant must be a student of good academic standing

4. Application

The application at TU Darmstadt is an online application to be completed by the applicants and a nomination email by the home university. Please note that only completed applications can be processed. For further information: www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming

Application Deadline (there is no separate nomination deadline)

- **April 30, for winter semester**
- **November 30, for summer semester**

After receiving the complete application documents by your university, we will issue a letter of admission (“Zulassung”) which will be sent via email to you and your home university 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.

5. Visa

International students who do not come from a member state of the European Union (EU) usually need to have a valid visa before travelling to Germany. Please contact the German embassy of your home country at least three months prior to your departure to Germany in order to obtain information on the specific visa regulations of your home country.

All students with non-EU citizenship need to proof that they have sufficient financial means to live in Germany. You are required to have at least €853 per month that you reside in Germany. There are several ways to prove that:

1. **Scholarship:** proof of scholarship, stating duration and amount of monthly allowances
2. **Self-financed stay:** limited-withdrawal bank account (also known as **blocked account**)
3. **Financing by a third party (sponsor)**

More information about the necessary steps for visa and the proof of financial means on our [website](#).

6. Health Insurance

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

Further information for [Degree-Seeking Students](#) as well as [Exchange students from Non-European Countries](#) can be found on our website.

- 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.
 - Every German statutory health insurance charges the same rate for students. TU Darmstadt cooperates with the health insurance “Techniker Krankenkasse”. Their website <https://www.tk.de/en/i-am-tk/ehealth-europe-2052464> is in English and offers information on their insurance benefits and services for exchange students.
 - It is possible to sign up for the health insurance in advance if you need a confirmation for the visa application.
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7. Academic Year

You can find an overview of current and next semesters on our [website](#).

Winter semester: October to February (Orientation in September)

Summer semester: April to July (Orientation in March)

Exam periods: In case exchange students leave before the examination period, there are two options:

- The student arranges an earlier (oral) exam with the TU Darmstadt professor.
- The student arranges a proctored exam at their home university with the TU Darmstadt professor.

8. Arrival/Orientation/German language course

- The arrival day is usually the first working day in September or March.
- TU Darmstadt offers an orientation programme “The Experience Weeks” for incoming exchange students. TU Darmstadt’s student tutors will help you find your way around the university, the city, get to know TU Darmstadt’s student life and show you all that Darmstadt has to offer.
- The X-Weeks start on the second working day in March (for the summer semester), respectively September (for the winter semester). You can find all information regarding the X-Weeks on our [website](#).
- Simultaneously with the X-Weeks we also offer a 4-week Intensive German language course for all international students. The courses are free of charge. Additionally, continuing German language courses are offered throughout the semester (also free of cost).

9. Accommodation

On-Campus accommodation in dormitories of Studierendenwerk Darmstadt is available but cannot be guaranteed due to limited capacities. The unit in charge of room allocation is the [“Welcome and Housing Department”](#) offering assistance to international exchange students in finding adequate accommodation.

10. Costs

Exchange students are exempt from paying tuition but required to pay a fee of approx. €218 per semester. The fee includes free public transport in the larger Rhine-Main Metropolitan area and access to the services of Studierendenwerk Darmstadt (cafeterias, dorms and more). Further information and a general/rough breakdown of costs can be found on our [website](#)

11. Course load, grading, course calendar

Required Course Load and recognition of academic achievements

A German semester runs 24 weeks – 16 weeks of classes, 4-6 weeks self-study and preparation for exams and 3-4 weeks exam period. We recommend exchange students (graduate & undergraduate) to take between 18 ECTS and 30 ECTS per semester. Further information on ECTS credits and the recognition of your academic achievements can be found on our [website](#). The calculation of ECTS credits is explained [here](#).

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) Choose “courses held in English” in the main catalogue.

Course restrictions

Very few like the international master programs within ERAMSUS Mundus and some special courses.

Further information on the departments, their courses, contact persons...:

- [Department of Law and Economics](#)
- [Department of History and Social Sciences](#)
- [Department of Human Sciences](#)
- [Department of Mathematics](#)
- [Department of Physics](#)
- [Department of Chemistry](#)
- [Department of Biology](#)
- [Department of Architecture](#)
- [Department of Mechanical Engineering](#)
- [Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology](#)
- [Department of Computer Science](#)

12. Language Requirements

- Exchange students need at least level B2 in English. There is no minimum requirement for German language.
- The main language at TU Darmstadt is German. A growing number of courses is offered in English though.
- Language levels are according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages ([CEFR](#)).
- Further information about language requirements can be found on our [website](#).

13. Special Programmes

For the following programmes different deadlines and regulations apply:

- [Double Degree with Escola Politécnica of the University of São Paulo](#)
- [INSPIRED, the International Project Week for Interdisciplinary Research-Oriented Digital Learning](#)
- [International Summer University](#)

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