

# Fact sheet 2022-23



TECHNISCHE  
UNIVERSITÄT  
DARMSTADT

USP Double Degree | July 2021



## 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.

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.



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## 2. Contact details

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## 3. Six Reasons to study at TU Darmstadt (there are more 😊)

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- 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
- 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 safe 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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## 4. Eligibility

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- Degree seeking student status at a partner institution maintained throughout the students’ study program at TU Darmstadt
  - Nomination for the Double Degree through home institutions International Office
  - Applicant must be a student of good standing
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## 5. Application

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Exchange Website [www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming](http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming)

Double Degree specific information: [https://www.tu-](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studieninteressierte/internationale_studieninteressierte/doppelabschlussprogramme_inbound/index.en.jsp)

[darmstadt.de/studieren/studieninteressierte/internationale\\_studieninteressierte/doppelabschlussprogramme\\_inbound/index.en.jsp](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studieninteressierte/internationale_studieninteressierte/doppelabschlussprogramme_inbound/index.en.jsp)

### Application Deadline for Double Degree students:

- **March 30, 2022 (date of submission of the online application)**

Application Steps & Required Documents (To be submitted by student)

Online application [www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming](http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming) (--> Your application)

Please upload the following documents in the online application:

- Copy of passport
- Passport photo
- Proof of your language proficiency
- Transcript of Records: List of all your university grades so far
- Learning Agreement/Study Plan: This is the overview of all courses you want to take at TU Darmstadt. Please complete the Learning Agreement/Study Plan typed (not handwritten) in German or English, stating all the courses you wish to attend. The templates of the document can be found in the download section. Once you are in Darmstadt, there is still the possibility to modify your learning agreement. In case of any questions regarding the learning agreement please contact the departmental advisor: [www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming](http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming) -->Departmental Advisors

What happens next?

- After receiving the complete online-application, we will issue a letter of admission (“Zulassung”) which will be sent via email to you and your home university approx. 6-8 weeks after receipt of your documents (End of April – middle of May). The admission letter is important for your visa application/residence permit; please bring it with you to Darmstadt.

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## 6. Language Requirements

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DD-Students need to submit proof of their German knowledge of level B2 according to the „Common European Framework of Reference for Languages“ with one of the following certificates:

- Goethe-Zertifikat B2, <https://www.goethe.de/ins/de/de/prf/prf/gzb2.html>
- Deutsches Sprachdiplom Level II (DSD II), [https://www.auslandsschulwesen.de/Webs/ZfA/DE/Deutschlernen/DSD/DSD-II/dsd-II\\_node.html](https://www.auslandsschulwesen.de/Webs/ZfA/DE/Deutschlernen/DSD/DSD-II/dsd-II_node.html)
- TestDaF [www.testdaf.de](http://www.testdaf.de)
- or a similar certificate with level B2 (online self-tests not accepted)

If you cannot provide a proof for level B2 till the application deadline, please hand in a proof for level B1. If you get admitted by TU Darmstadt, it will be under the condition that you can show proof of level B2 till the end of October 2022.

An additional proof of English language proficiency is not necessary.

Exception: For the English-language Master programme Information and Communication Engineering please submit proof of English level C1.

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Information about German language levels used at TU Darmstadt according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

- 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
- C2 CEFR mother tongue level

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## 7. Visa

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- Most students from Brazil can enter Germany without a visa. Students who plan to reside within Germany and the European Schengen Area for MORE than 90 days are required to apply for a student visa within 12 weeks after arrival in Germany.
- Please inform yourself on the website of the German embassy in Brazil about the specific visa regulations that apply to your country.

- **Proof of financial means**

All students need the proof that they have sufficient financial means to live in Germany. You will have to show the proof either when applying for a visa in your home country, or when applying for a residence permit in Germany. The federal government expects you to have at least 853 € per month that you reside in Germany.

There are several ways to proof that:

1. **Scholarship:** proof of scholarship, stating duration and amount of monthly allowances
2. **Self-financed stay:** With a limited-withdrawal bank account (also known as **blocked account**) you can provide evidence during the visa application process that you have adequate financial resources. A monthly amount of at least 853.00 EUR (e.g. 10.236.00 EUR for a whole year) has to be at your disposal when studying in Germany.

Providers of such blocked accounts in Germany are listed on the website of the German embassy in Brasil, **we recommend you to inform yourself and set-up such an account before coming to Germany.**

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## 8. Health Insurance

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Double Degree students studying at TU Darmstadt **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. 660 € per semester/110 € per month for students under the age of 23. Students over 23 pay a slightly higher rate (approx. 680 €). 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.
  - Every German statutory health insurance charges the same rate for students. TU Darmstadt cooperates with the health insurance "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.
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- It is possible to sign up for the health insurance in advance, we will inform you accordingly. But you can also sign up for the statutory health insurance with some providers of the blocked bank account. Just make sure that it is not a private health insurance.

Travel Insurance:

- Students have to purchase a travel health insurance to have cover for times and places that are not covered by the health insurance of your home country and the statutory German health insurance.
- Students participating in the Intensive German Language Course during September/March 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.

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## 9. Academic Year

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[https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studierende\\_tu/semestermine/index.en.jsp](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studierende_tu/semestermine/index.en.jsp)

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## 10. Arrival/Orientation/German language course

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Winter semester arrival day:

- September 1<sup>st</sup> (t.b.c.) for students taking the Intensive German Language Course and participating in the orientation

German language course

- 4-week Intensive German language course is offered in September, prior to the beginning of classes
- These courses are free of cost for double degree students and offered at three levels.
- Students sign up for the language course with their Student Exchange Application.
- Students studying at TU Darmstadt for two or more semesters can only sign up for one intensive language course.
- Continuing German language courses are offered throughout the semester (free of cost).

Orientation

- 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 consists of support with getting settled in Darmstadt as well cultural events: [www.tu-darmstadt.de/xweeks](http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/xweeks)

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## 11. Accommodation

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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.

- To apply for on-campus housing, simply register with the office by completing and submitting the registration form under the following link: [www.tu-darmstadt.de/exchange-housing](http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/exchange-housing)
  - Please enter the code you receive with the letter of admission or afterwards by email.
  - The allocation of on-campus rooms usually takes place 1-2 months prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Because of high demand, students staying for two semesters or longer will only get a room in a dormitory for one semester.
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## 12. Costs

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Double degree students are exempt from paying tuition but required to pay a fee of approx. 220 € 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).

### Estimated Expenses

- Tuition: waived
- Semester fee: approx. 220 € per semester
- Health insurance: approx. 660 € per semester
  
- On-campus housing: approx. 400-500 € per month
- Off-campus housing: approx. 400 € per month
- Food and Personal Expenses: approx. 350 € per month

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## 13. Course load, grading, course calendar

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### 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 held in English” in the main catalogue.

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