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General Information

General information	Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477.
General information	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. Recently, 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:
Academia calendar	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 15 th 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
	Winter semester 2015/2016:
	(Oct. 11, 2015 – Febr. 13, 2016,
	no lectures Dec. 21, 2015 – Jan. 6, 2016)
	Summer semester 2016:
	(April 11, 2016 – July 23, 2016,
Number of exadite or units that	no lectures May 16, 2016 – May 21, 2016)
Number of credits or units that	Two lectures and two seminars per semester are
undergraduate students need to complete in one semester/term	recommended. In addition, students can attend courses in the area of German as a foreign language.
Language of instruction	For most courses German is the language of instruction.
(If English is <u>not</u> the medium of	Some Departments offer a limited amount of courses
instruction, are courses taught	taught in English. We kindly ask our partners to
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in English available?)	nominate either students who have a good command of
,	German and are able to follow courses in German or
	students who have found a sufficient amount of courses
	taught in English. According to the 'Common European
	Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)' level
	'B 2' is required. A list if courses taught in English is
	available in the download section of our website.
Are there any special language	Yes, more than 50 different courses per semester. You
courses for exchange students?	will find them in our download section. Participants do
If yes, please advise on the	not have to pay any fees, only course material,
schedule and costs.	excursions etc We do not offer courses for beginners.
	Level 'A2' according to the CEFR is required.

Exchange-Related Information

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Level	Undergraduate / Graduate	
Number of exchange students	About 700 students	
admitted per year		
Duration of exchange	One or two semesters	
Restricted programmes or	Media Studies is not open. A study plan in medicine has	
courses (not open to exchange	to be agreed upon in advance by the Medical School. All	
students)	applicants have to be very fluent in German. Since the	
	admission procedure takes a little longer, apply early!	
Services available to exchange	StudIT (Studierendeninitiative Internationales	
students (e.g. internet access,	Tübingen)	
sports facilities, libraries,	International coffee-hour	
student organizations, etc.)	Internet Access	
	Sports facilities	
	Libraries	
Application deadlines	Winter semester: May 31	
	Summer semester: December 31	
	Late applications will be considered until June 15 for the	
	winter semester and until January 15 for the summer	
	semester. We cannot guarantee housing in one of	
	the student dormitories for applicants who submit	
	their applications after the deadlines.	
Are application materials	Yes, please see here.	
available online?	,	
Supporting documents required	Curriculum vitae	
to be submitted with exchange	The application form has to be stamped and signed	
application	by the coordinator of the sending institution.	

Arrival / Orientation Program

	1 st semester/term: April 1 st
	(March 15 th for language course)
	2 nd semester/term: October 1 st
	(September 1 st for language and orientation course)
	No, unfortunately not. There is a regular bus service
available? If yes, please provide	(Airport Sprinter) from the airport to Tuebingen, though.
details:	More Information is available here.
Is an orientation programme	Yes, "How to Study at a German University" and
available?	language programs by DaF.
	Welcome events starting in October
If yes, when will it be held?	See websites above

Cost of orientation programme	'How to study at the University of Tuebingen': 15€
(if any)	'Start' course: orientation & language: 75 €
	'Deutsch-Kompakt' course: 795 €

Accommodation

Is university-administered	Accommodation is administered by the Studentenwerk
accommodation available to	(Student Services Organization, it is not affiliated with
exchange students?	the University) and is available for exchange students.
If yes, do students send	Students can apply for housing online. Contracts will be
accommodation application to	available for the duration of the whole semester only.
your office and where to obtain	
the application materials?	
If students are required to	
submit accommodation	There is a deposit of 400 € due upon arrival.
application to a separate office,	
please advise the application	
procedures.	
Is accommodation available over	Yes. Students can stay in their rooms until the end of the
semester breaks? If yes, any	contract. Dorms are open year-round, students do not
additional charges?	have to move out during breaks.

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required	Yes. Please contact us or the embassy if you are
to obtain a student visa?	uncertain whether you need a visa prior to entering
	Germany. EU students do not need visas but will receive
	their study permit once they are in Tübingen.
Are exchange students allowed	On campus: Yes - more than the hours mentioned
to work?	below (but students should ask for further information!)
	Off campus: Yes - 90 days for 8 hours each (or 180
	days for 4 hours) / per year.
Is a special visa required for	The above-mentioned 90 days need to be marked in the
work?	student visa. Students have to inform the
	"Ausländerbehörde" about their work.

Medical Insurance

Are exchange students required	No. But they need to have health insurance at the time
to purchase a compulsory plan?	of matriculation. All students can either buy student
If yes, please provide details:	health insurance at any German insurance company, or
	bring an international health insurance with them.
	Europeans should bring their 'EHIC-card' to prove their
	insurance. A student travel insurance is valid as well.

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