



# **EXCHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE - STUDY AT EINSTEIN'S BIRTHPLACE!**

# INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE APPLICANTS FROM BILATERAL AND BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG EXCHANGE PARTNERS

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# STUDY OPTIONS - PROGRAMS TAUGHT (PARTLY) IN GERMAN

(BACHELOR PROGRAMS / MASTER PROGRAMS / DOCTORAL DEGREES)

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Artificial Intelligence   Computer Science   Computer Systems Engineering   Electrical Engineering   Media Informatics   Software Engineering   Psychology
Faculty of Mathematics and Economics	Computational Science & Engineering   Business / Economics   Mathematical Data Science   Mathematics   Mathematics & Management   Mathematics & Biometry   Sustainability Management
Faculty of Sciences	Biochemistry   Biology   Chemistry   Chemistry & Engineering   Chemistry & Management   Industrial Biotechnology   Pharmaceutical Biotechnology   Physics   Physics & Management
Faculty of Medicine	Molecular Medicine   Dentistry   Human Medicine (restricted to observational electives, German language proficiency required)

# STUDY OPTIONS - MSc PROGRAMS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

	Communications Technology (exchange period should preferably start in summer semester)  Cognitive Systems  Electrical Engineering (some modules in English)	Admission to Master Level Courses: Students should either have completed
Faculty of Mathematics and Economics	Finance	<ul> <li>a formal Bachelor's Degree in a</li> </ul>
Faculty of Sciences	Advanced Materials Chemical Engineering Energy Science & Technology (only few spots available for exchange students) Biophysics Biology Physics Chemistry	comparable study program or  • 3 years of undergraduate study in a comparable study program with grades above average
Faculty of Medicine	Molecular Medicine (MSc + PhD Program) (only few spots available for exchange students)	
•	Molecular and Translational Neuroscience	Only for students in Master study program

Search for Courses at: <a href="https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de">https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de</a> > Courses > Search for Lectures (choose language "English" or "German" to see all lectures offered in the respective language)

# RECOMMENDED COURSE LOAD / DURATION OF ENROLLMENT

In general, exchange students are expected to choose a minimum of 3 courses per semester:

- 2 courses from regular degree programs
- 1 course from our language center or other key-qualification courses

Maximum Course Load per Semester	30 ECTS credits
Maximum Period of Enrolment	2 semesters

Exchange Students may also choose from numerous courses of the following non-degree programs and receive transferable ECTS credit points – but the main focus of the exchange should be on the academic programs!

- Foreign Languages and Cultures, Terminology, Rhetorics, Literature, Intercultural Communication <a href="https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/einrichtungen/zsp/home/">https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/einrichtungen/zsp/home/</a>
- Philosophy and Humanities (taught in German) http://www.uni-ulm.de/einrichtungen/humboldt/

SEMESTER DATES		
	Semester 1 (Winter Semester)	Semester 2 (Summer Semester)
Semester Dates (fixed)	October 1 – March 31	April 1 – September 30
Lecture Period (varies annually)	Mid-October – Mid-February WS = 15 lecture weeks	Mid-April – Mid-July SS = 14 lecture weeks
For exact dates see: <a href="http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/study/organisation/lectures/academic-term-dates/">http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/study/organisation/lectures/academic-term-dates/</a>		
Examination Period	To be determined by course instructors (in many programs during last week of lecture period / first 3 weeks of semester break)	
Orientation including 3 ECTS German Intensive Course (pre-session) no tuition / participation optional	September / October (3 weeks)	March / April ( 3 weeks)
Orientation Program https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning-study-abroad/orientation-period/		

#### STUDY OPTIONS - RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS FOR MASTER LEVEL STUDENTS

#### PLACEMENTS AT UNIVERSITY INSTITUTES

# (full months only, preferably in January / February or between May and August)

Upon individual arrangement – German language skills not required, proficiency in English is sufficient. Interested students should write an email to <a href="mailto:exchange@uni-ulm.de">exchange@uni-ulm.de</a> in order to check the availability of internships before they send their full application (preferably 6 months before they want to start their internship period). – Internship students are not expected to do their own research, they will rather work in a team under the supervision of doctoral students and will assist in ongoing faculty research projects.

How to find institutes and their research areas?

See at https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/university/organisation-facilities/faculties/

> choose one of the faculties > institutes

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF APPLICATION – EXCHANGE APPLICANTS

#### Students who wish to take classes taught in German:

Minimum level: B1 in German. Students who have only level A2 may apply, but they are required to participate in the Intensive German Language Course prior to the beginning of their studies (September / March).

#### **German taught lab courses** (e.g. in Chemistry)

Students wishing to do lab work may have to attend a safety briefing prior to the start of the lab. Approval may be denied or withdrawn if the performance of the student raises serious doubts that she/he will be able to follow or react to instructions due to poor linguistic competence and/or academic preparation in order to avoid hazards.

Students who want to do practical work in a hospital (medical elective/clinical rotation): German Minimum Level B1, often B2 (depending on host department)

# Students who wish to take classes from English taught MSc programs:

Exchange students whose native language is NOT English / whose study program at home university is NOT taught in English need to submit TOEFL or IELTS results (Generally, **TOEFL ibt - 88 minimum or IELTS - 6.5 minimum\***)

\* For the study programs Advanced Materials, Chemical Engineering, Energy Science and Technology, Biophysics, Molecular Medicine, Molecular and Translational Neuroscience: TOEFL ibt - 95 minimum

https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning-study-abroad/language-issues/

# HOUSING

U Ulm International Office assists with finding accommodation in student residences if applicants mark the appropriate sections in their exchange application form. Room lease has to be paid for full calendar months, even if students move out earlier!

More information at: http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning/housing-assistance/

For residence details and pictures see: <a href="http://www.studentenwerk-ulm.de/wohnen/wohnhaeuser.html">http://www.studentenwerk-ulm.de/wohnen/wohnhaeuser.html</a> (only in German)

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Exchange applicants may apply for the Baden-Wuerttemberg SCHOLARSHIP, awarded by "Baden-Wuerttemberg Stiftung" (Foundation).

More information at: <a href="http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/applying/exchange-students/">http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/applying/exchange-students/</a>

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

All exchange students are required to have a valid insurance in Germany, they may either bring it from their home country or purchase it online or after arrival in Germany. For students who are from non-European countries, it is highly recommended to take out a travel sickness insurance in their home country which also covers medical treatment before the start of semester (March or September) after arrival in Germany then choose a public health insurance during study abroad period in Germany. Detailed information can be found on: <a href="https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning-study-abroad/insurance-information/">https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning-study-abroad/insurance-information/</a>.

EXPENSES – 825 Euro per month minimum			
Accommodation	320 - 400 Euro / month	Student Service Agency Fee	87 Euro / semester
Meals	150 Euro / month	Books	100 Euro / semester
Health Insurance	50 - 90 Euro / month	Semester Bus Ticket	130 Euro / semester

Tuition Fees:

**none** – non European nationals whose home institution signed a student exchange agreement and are accepted as non-degree exchange students at Ulm University are **exempt** from paying tuition fees (normally 1.500 Euro per semester)

http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/study/application-and-enrolment/studiengebuehren/

## **WELCOMING SERVICE IN ULM**

The International Office offers Welcoming Service to exchange students (pick-up from train station, assistance with administrative procedures, city and university tours etc.) supported by S.T.E.P.S. – **S**tudent **T**utors for **E**xchange **P**rogram **S**tudents

NOMINATION DEADLINES	
For following Winter Semester = Semester 1	February 28
For following Summer Semester = Semester 2	July 15

APPLICATION DEADLINES	
For following Winter Semester = Semester 1	March 31
For following Summer Semester = Semester 2	September 30
Individual periods (research internships – advanced students) with placements at university institutes	Preferably 6 months prior to beginning of planned exchange period

# **Clinical Elective / Hospital Rotation Periods**

see http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning-study-abroad/study-offers/ > Individual Periods

Application will be accepted only via the online platform "Mobility Online"!

exchange application forms including housing request at <a href="http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/applying/exchange-students/">http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/applying/exchange-students/</a>

#### APPROVAL PROCESS OF EXCHANGE APPLICATION

#### RECEIPT OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

U Ulm International Office sends a confirmation email via the online platform "Mobility Online" to the applicant as soon as the application documents are received.

Note: students have not been accepted to U Ulm until the International Office has sent out the "Acceptance Notification" to the applicant / exchange coordinator at applicant's home university.

## STARTING DATE OF APPROVAL PROCESS

The approval process of exchange applications starts by the closing dates for exchange applications.

#### **INITIAL ASSESSMENT**

U Ulm International Office checks whether application documents are complete and whether applicants meet the eligibility criteria including language proficiency.

## LEARNING AGREEMENT (STUDY PLAN) APPROVAL

Applications are sent to academic advisor(s) of the study program(s) of which the exchange applicant has chosen course units. U Ulm is not responsible for assessing whether the applicant has the necessary prerequisites and academic background to choose the selected units. This responsibility has to be taken by faculty advisors of the sending institution!

At the beginning of the exchange period U Ulm International Office schedules a meeting with an academic advisor for every exchange student to discuss the study plan and possible changes.

#### **BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION**

After the partner university has sent the scholarship nomination(s) U Ulm International Office sends an email to selected students with the application information. Decision on scholarship approval to be expected in June (for winter semester) and in December (for summer semester).

#### **ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION**

As soon as the application has been approved by the academic advisor(s) U Ulm International Office will issue an acceptance notification sent to the student and / or exchange coordinator of student's home university. Notifications will be sent out no later than 3 months before beginning of exchange period. The acceptance notification is required for entry visa application to Germany.

#### **VISA APPLICATION**

Depending on their nationality exchange students may be required to obtain a study visa for Germany. Please check the website of the German Federal Foreign Office and make sure to apply early as it might take six weeks (or even longer) until visa application has been approved!!

https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node#content\_1

#### PREPARING TO COME TO ULM

https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/preparing/

USEFUL LINKS	
Ulm for Beginners Hosted on YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bRcebr5S8I
Ulm Science City Hosted on YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMCXo4eUHhs
Germany	https://www.deutschland.de/en
Study and Research in Germany	https://www.study-in.de/en/
The German Federal State "Baden-Württemberg"	http://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/en/home/
Ulm Tourist Information	https://tourismus.ulm.de/web/en/index.php

WELCOME TO ULM  EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THIS BROCHURE AFTER ARRIVAL	
Wetcome	http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/degree-phd/welcome/