Fact Sheet
Student Exchange
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About Us

- studying at an internationally renowned research university with close ties between research and teaching,
- a campus university with a friendly, welcoming atmosphere of more than 11,000 students from more than 90 countries,
- international and interdisciplinary with 350 partner universities worldwide,
- access to cross-border leisure opportunities in Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Austria,
- in a fantastic location between Lake Constance and the Alps.

We are proud to be part of the Erasmus+ programme.
Our Erasmus Code is D KONSTAN 01

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### Nomination and Application Process

#### Language prerequisites
Students need to proof the ability to speak and write in German or English at a minimum level of B2 (European Reference Frame). B1 competences are not sufficient to follow academic courses. Students can take academic courses in English and courses for German as a Foreign Language offered by the Language Institute. (Courses for English as a foreign language are not offered to exchange students.)

#### Required documents from students (uploaded via our online system)
1. Transcript of Records
2. B2 language certificate (German or English)*
3. Copy of passport picture
4. Erasmus+ students with non-EU citizenship: Copy of residence permit
5. Photo (for student ID card)
6. Proof of deposit payment for student housing

*Native speakers of English or German do not need to provide a language certificate, they can upload their transcript of records again.

#### The Academic Year

**Winter semester (WS):**
- October 1 – March 31
- Lecture Period: mid-October until last week of February

**Summer semester (SoSe):**
- April 1 – September 30
- Lecture Period: mid-April until last week of July

The University of Konstanz has changed its nomination process for Erasmus+ partners and will only accept nominations via our Mobility-Online platform from now on. Partners will be invited with log-in details. Global partners will be asked to nominate students to us with an Excel form.

**For the Summer Semester 2019:**
- Nomination period: 17th of September 2018 until 1st of November 2018
- Application deadline for students: 15th of November 2018

**For the Winter Semester 2019/20:**
- Nomination period: 15th of March 2019 until 1st of May 2019
- Application deadline for students: 15th of May 2019

If you miss the nomination deadline, please get in touch with the International Office so that we can consider later nominations and applications by your students.

#### Application Process
Students apply online (no paper based application). Supporting documents need to be uploaded: transcript of records, language assessment (for non-native speakers), passport, and proof of the transfer of a housing deposit (if desired).
| Deadlines | May 15  
Admissions for the Winter Semester or whole Academic Year  
November 15  
Admissions for the Summer Semester |
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<td>Admission</td>
<td>Students will receive a Letter of Admission and a Registration confirmation for their orientation programme directly through the online application portal. Documents will not be send by postal mail and cannot be copied to the coordinator at the home university.</td>
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### Orientation

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<th>German Language and Orientation</th>
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<td><strong>Go-Konstanz (4 weeks)</strong></td>
<td>Every March and September, intensive German language course with orientation programme (see below), organized by the International Office and the Language Institute (SLI). Groups of about 15 participants are taught by experienced lecturers at all levels: beginners, intermediate and advanced.</td>
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<td><strong>OriPro (1 week)</strong></td>
<td>Every April and October, orientation programme shortly before the start of the semester: opening a bank account, German health insurance, enrolling at the university, and applying for a residence permit, for non EU/EEA students.</td>
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### Study abroad with us

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<th>Courses</th>
<th>On the Bachelor’s level most study courses are taught in German, some departments offer a wide range of courses taught in English, and some in English/German concurrently. On the Master’s level, more courses are taught in English than on the undergraduate level. The English course offer is increasing.</th>
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<td>German as a Foreign language</td>
<td>The Language Institute offers a broad range of classes for international students to strengthen and expand their German skills. Language instruction is offered on all levels in small groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Language classes should not take precedent over student’s core study area, but complement their studies. The Language Institute will test student’s language competences on site and assign students to courses according to their individual language skills – results may be different than other test results, e.g. OLS. Students are not entitled to demand a specific level.</td>
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<td>Full time studies</td>
<td>Exchange students are required to complete a full course load while studying abroad in Konstanz. Undergraduate and graduate students are usually enrolled in 24-30 credits per semester. We recommend that students take at least 50% of their classes in their main subject.</td>
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<td>Transcript of Records</td>
<td>Upon completion of the semester/year, students request a Transcript of Records, once all grades have been posted in their online account. The International Office then issues an official transcript and sends it to the home university.</td>
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### Study preparation

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<th>Webinars: Final preparations and information before arriving in Konstanz</th>
<th>Students can join webinars offered by the International Office focusing on final preparations and formalities before coming to Konstanz. The webinars are offered each time before the respective semester starts. Students receive information and dates by email.</th>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>Students who apply for and pay a deposit of 550€ within the deadline, are usually guaranteed accommodation in ‘Seezeit’ Student Housing. We recommend this option since the private housing market is tense and expensive. There is no assistance for finding private housing in Konstanz, which is best found when on-site. Bring time and patience and be aware of scams.</td>
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<td>Monthly expenses</td>
<td>Accommodation: 230-380 € per month in student dorms, Food: 120-250 €/month, Local transportation with semester student pass: 58 €, Printing (50-100€/semester), health insurance (80€/month), campus fees (90€/semester), Personal: 150-450€/month (depends on individual habits, e.g. travelling, choice of food, etc.). Important: In the first 2 months students will need more money than in the following months to cover all initial costs. Students should prepare accordingly.</td>
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| Visa and residence permit | **Visa:** Citizens from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland, the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Israel and Brazil do not need a visa to enter Germany. All others NEED a student visa (NOT a tourist visa). Apply ahead of time.  
**Residence Permit:** All students (except from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland) will apply for a residence permit (“Aufenthaltstitel”) in Konstanz upon arrival. Important: 720 €/month are required as proof of financial resources in order to obtain the residence permit. |
| Health Insurance | Students from the EU/EEA and Switzerland are automatically insured through their EHIC card. Students with non-EU/EEA nationality are required to enrol in German health Insurance upon arrival. |
| Services | All exchange students enjoy the same access to university facilities as local students. To mention just a few facilities such as computer centre, internet access both on the university campus as well as in the accommodation, access to sports facilities and the 24/7 library.  
In the 'Studierenden-Service-Zentrum' (SSZ) students have access to all services in one room. The Welcome Center offers special services to PhD students and international researchers. In addition to that, a Counselling Centre offers advice and services in times of stress and worries. Exchange students enjoy our Buddy Programme, Local Erasmus Group, our Orchestra and Big band, Theatre, Film nights, Model United Nations, etc. |
Study abroad in Konstanz

Academic Year 2018/19
Join our beautiful campus on the shores of Lake Constance in 2018/19.

Come for one semester, an entire academic year or take part in our annual summer school in August.

The International Office at the University of Konstanz is here to help you plan and successfully complete your study abroad experience in Germany.

1. Apply
After our partner universities nominate you for the exchange, you are asked to create an account in our online portal. Here, you apply for admission, housing and register for the orientation programme. The application is available in German and English.

- Admission
The application deadline for the winter semester 2018/19 (October–February) is 15 May 2018. For the summer semester 2019 (April–July), submit your application by 15 November 2018.

- Housing
We guarantee student accommodation for each exchange student in a convenient and safe location. You submit your housing application together with the regular exchange application and within the same deadlines. A deposit is required to reserve a room. Single apartments or single rooms in shared apartments are available.

- Student Residence Permit and Proof of Financial Resources
All international students who are not citizens of the EU, the EEA or Switzerland need a student residence permit for the duration of their studies. This document is issued by the local Foreigners’ Registration Office. In order to obtain the permit, students must prove that they have sufficient financial support to cover their living costs. Some students need a visa to enter Germany. If you have the option, apply for a long-term visa for the entire duration of your studies. Our International Office will gladly assist you.

2. Pre-semester Orientation
During the orientation period you are taken through the formalities, especially enrollment and course registration. Meet fellow international and German students and have a trouble-free start in Konstanz. Join intensive German language courses at all levels, and enjoy tours of the campus, in town and around the Lake Constance region.

Each semester starts with an orientation programme. Choose one of the following language courses and/or orientation programmes:

- “GO Konstanz” September Intensive German Language Course 2018 with Orientation Programme (4 weeks) 5–28 September 2018
  Moving in days: 3 and 4 September 2018
  Course fee for exchange students: 300 €
  6 ECTS Credits

- “OriPro” October Orientation Programme 2018 (1 week) 4–12 October 2018
  Moving in days: 1 and 2 October 2018
  The programme is free of charge.

- “GO Konstanz” March Intensive German Language Course 2019 with Orientation Programme (4 weeks) 5–29 March 2019
  Moving in days: 1 and 4 March 2019
  Course fee for exchange students: 300 €
  6 ECTS Credits

- “OriPro” April Orientation Programme 2019 (1 week) 3–9 April 2019
  Moving in days: 1 and 2 April 2019
  The programme is free of charge.

3. Study Programmes and Courses
The University of Konstanz provides an excellent study location with innovative teaching and research in German and English. In three faculties – Natural Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences – students can select from multiple courses at the Bachelor and Master level.

- Course Catalogue
The new course catalogue will be published online at the end of the preceding semester. You can find it on the website of the International Office. An “Incoming Student Guide” will help you to find your way through the courses offered by the departments and highlight special services for international students.

- Language Requirements
Exchange students should be proficient (minimum B2 level according to the European Reference Frame) in EITHER German OR English in order to fulfil the course requirements.

- Intensive German Training and Classes Taught in English
Although the language of instruction is German, there are many departments offering a great variety of courses instructed in English. Exchange students with elementary German language skills can combine German language courses at the Language Institute with courses in English within the different departments.

- ECTS Guide
Each academic course has a certain number of ECTS credits, indicating the workload that will be expected from you in this course. You can find the number of credits in the course descriptions.

4. Lake Constance Summer School
This annual summer school offers intensive language courses in German as a foreign language at all levels. The language course is complemented by a weekend excursion programme. Presentations and lectures on the history, art, culture and politics of Germany, Switzerland and Austria are combined with guided tours of these countries.

Course Fee: 400 €
Accommodation: 390 €
6 ECTS Credits

This programme will run from:
2–28 August 2018 and in August 2019
Aplication deadline: 15 May 2018/19

For more information see:
— uni.kn/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz/learning-opportunities-for-incoming-students/ibh-summer-school
Or contact:
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For detailed information, application instructions, courses and our academic calendar see:
— uni.kn/en/international-office
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Get in Touch

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to continuing our exchange programme with your university.

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