Study abroad in Konstanz

Academic Year 2017/18
Join our beautiful campus on the shores of Lake Constance in 2017/18.

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 being nominated for an exchange, you will receive a “Welcome Mail” to apply to the University of Konstanz. The application is available in German and English.

– Admission

The application deadline for the winter semester 2017/18 (October–February) is 15 May 2017. For the summer semester 2018 (April–July), submit your application by 15 November 2017.

– 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 and register through your exchange application:

  Moving in days: 1 and 4 September 2017.
  Course fee for exchange students: 300 €. 6 ECTS Credits.

  Moving in days: 2 and 4 October 2017.
  The programme is free of charge.

  Moving in days: 1 and 2 March 2018.
  Course fee for exchange students: 300 €. 6 ECTS Credits.

– “OriPro” April Orientation Programme 2018 (1 week) 5 – 11 April 2018.
  Moving in days: 3 and 4 April 2017.
  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 B1 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.
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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