Fact Sheet
Academic Year 2020/2021

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**General Information**

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Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. 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. 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: *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 15th 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 the Winter Semester 2020/2021:**

Oct. 12, 2020 – Feb. 06, 2021

no lectures on Dec. 24, 2020 – Jan. 6, 2021

**Dates for the Summer Semester 2021:**

April 12, 2021 – July 24, 2021,

no lectures on May 13; May 24-30

Please be advised that the examination period in **Business and Economics** might last until two weeks after the end of the semester!

**Number of credits or units that undergraduate students need to complete in one semester/term**

Two lectures and two seminars per semester are recommended. In addition, students can attend courses in the area of German as a foreign language.

**Language of instruction – Are courses taught in English available?**

The main language of instruction at the University of Tübingen is German. The University is, however, constantly increasing the amount of courses taught in English. Lists of these English-taught courses (updated shortly before each semester) are available on our website (http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/90763).
We recommend our partners to nominate students with a ‘B 2’ level of German (in case they would like to take German-taught classes at one of the faculties) or a ‘B 2’ level of English (in case they would like to take English-taught classes). The levels refer to the ‘Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)’. We do not require proof of language proficiency. Students can also take German language classes, which usually start at a B1 level (see below).

### Course Information

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<td><strong>English-taught classes</strong> (list is updated before every semester)</td>
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<td><strong>German language and Culture classes</strong> at the German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs Department</td>
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### Are there any special language courses for exchange students during the semester?

Are there any special language courses for exchange students during the semester? Yes, more than 50 different courses per semester. You will find them on the website of the Division “German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs” ([http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/1056](http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/1056)). Participants do not have to pay any fees, only course material, excursions etc.

We do offer free beginner’s courses in German for exchange students (A1/A2 level), but please be aware that spaces are limited and we cannot guarantee any spaces.

### Mandatory fee for exchange students

Exchange students will be required to pay a non-waivable student services fee (currently around € 88 per semester) to the Studierendenwerk (governmental social service organization connected to German universities). The fee is mandatory for all students (also the German students) and subsidizes the semester bus ticket, meals at the cafeteria, rent at dormitories, kindergarten for students’ children, as well as free psychological and legal advisors.

### Exchange-Related Information

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<th>Level</th>
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<td>Number of exchange students admitted per year</td>
<td>About 800 students</td>
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<td>Duration of exchange</td>
<td>One or two semesters</td>
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<td>Restricted programs or courses (not open to exchange students)</td>
<td><strong>Medicine</strong> is restricted for exchange students coming to Tübingen through a university-wide agreement and students need to be fluent in German. The <strong>Faculty of Science</strong> needs a study plan and a transcript of the student for the pre-approval of courses.</td>
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| Services available to exchange students (e.g. internet access, sports facilities, libraries, student organizations, etc.) | • **StudIT** (Student Initiative for International Students)  
• **Sports facilities**  
• **Language Tandem**  
• **International Coffee-Hour**  
• Choir und Theatre  
• Internet Access  
• Libraries |
| Nomination/Application deadline | Winter semester: May 31 - online  
Summer semester: December 31 - online  
Paper applications will be considered until June 15th for the Winter Semester and until January 15th for the Summer Semester. **We cannot guarantee housing in one of the student dormitories for applicants who submit their application after the deadline.** |
| Application Procedure and Application Documents | 1. Students need to apply online through our Application System ([http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/113870](http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/113870)).  
2. After completing the online application, the students print out their application form (it can be generated in the application system).  
3. The application form has to be **stamped and signed** by the coordinator of the sending institution and sent to the following address by mail:  
   
   International Students Admissions Office  
   University of Tuebingen  
   Nauklerstr. 2  
   72074 Tuebingen  
   GERMANY  
   **Scans or copies cannot be accepted.**  
4. Students do not need to hand in any supporting documents with their application except students who wish to study at the **Faculty of Science** (= Natural Sciences) or the **Faculty of Medicine**. They need to hand in a **Transcript of Records** as well as a **Study Plan with a course list** that can be sent to the faculty for approval. |

### Arrival / Orientation Program

| Recommended arrival dates | Winter Semester: October 1st  
(September 1st for language and orientation course, see below)  
Summer Semester: April 1st  
(March 1st for language course and orientation course) |
| Is airport pick-up service available? | No, unfortunately not. There is a regular bus service (Airport Sprinter) from the airport to Tübingen, though. More Information is available [here](#). |
| Is an orientation program available? What does it cost? | Yes:  
1. General orientation program for international and exchange students in the week before the semester starts ‘**How to study at the University of Tuebingen**’: 15€  
2. ‘**Start**’ course: 3-week language course before the semester with an orientation part designed for exchange students with intermediate to good knowledge of German: 300 €  
3. ‘**Deutsch-Kompakt**’ course: Intensive 5-week language course before the semester designed to prepare exchange students for their study-abroad experience in Tübingen. The course includes cultural events and excursions: 825 € |
**Accommodation**

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<td>Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?</td>
<td>The student dormitories are not administered by the University, but by the so-called “Studierendenwerk”, the Student Services Organization, which is not affiliated with the University. However, the University of Tübingen has a yearly quota of rooms that are reserved solely for exchange students. This means that housing in the dormitories can practically be guaranteed, given that the student applies before the deadline (31 May for the Winter Semester, 31 December for the Summer Semester). More info: <a href="http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/113870">http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/113870</a> For an overview of the dormitories, please see here: <a href="http://en.mystuwe.de/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/">http://en.mystuwe.de/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/</a> All rooms for exchange students are fully furnished single rooms with shared kitchen and usually shared bathrooms. We strongly recommend students to opt for student housing because of the difficult and expensive private housing market in Tübingen.</td>
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<td>Where do students send their accommodation application?</td>
<td>Students can apply for housing online directly on the website of the Studierendenwerk. Contracts will be available for the duration of the whole semester only. There is a deposit of 400€ due upon arrival.</td>
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<td>Is accommodation available over semester breaks?</td>
<td>Yes. Students can stay in their rooms until the end of the contract. Dorms are open year-round, students do not have to move out during breaks.</td>
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**Visa Requirements**

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<td>Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?</td>
<td>Yes. Please contact us or the embassy if you are 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.</td>
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<td>Are exchange students allowed to work?</td>
<td>On campus: Yes – more than the hours mentioned below (but students should ask for further information)! Off campus: Yes – 120 days per year when working 8 hours a day or 240 days per year when working 4 hours a day.</td>
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<td>Is a special visa required for work?</td>
<td>The above-mentioned 120 days need to be marked in the student visa. Students have to inform the “Ausländerbehörde” about their work.</td>
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**Medical Insurance**

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<td>Are exchange students required to purchase a compulsory plan?</td>
<td>No. But they need to have unlimited health insurance at the time of matriculation. All students can either buy student health insurance at any German insurance company, or bring an international unlimited-cover health insurance with them. Europeans are automatically covered by their home insurance and only need to bring their ‘EHIC-card’.</td>
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*If you need further information, please contact:*

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Your Exchange at the University of Tübingen
YOUR CITY

Tübingen – In the Heart of Europe
Tübingen is a traditional university town located in the southwest of Germany, right in the center of one of the most prosperous and innovative regions in Europe, the State of Baden-Württemberg. It is idyllically situated at the river Neckar and at the edge of the Schönbuch nature park as well as the Swabian Alps mountains.

The next major city with an international airport, Stuttgart, is only half an hour away, and the borders of France, Austria and Switzerland can be reached in just two hours, making Tübingen the ideal place to explore Germany and Europe.

Combining Old and Young
Founded in the 11th century, Tübingen can look back on a long and rich history. But that does not mean that Tübingen is antiquated! Quite the contrary: With around 30.000 of the 87.000 inhabitants being students, Tübingen is a vibrant student town with many cultural offerings and a high standard of living – and Germany’s youngest city by average age.

„Typisch Tübingen!“ - Typical Tübingen
On average, the hottest day in the summer is 39° C (102.2° F).
In winter, the thermometer can reach -15° C (5° F).
Tübingen is well known for its hilly topography. Songs were even written about it!
Despite all the hills, Tübingen is a bike city.

Tübingen, the UniverCity
If you ask a German what he or she knows about Tübingen, the immediate answer will be: “The university!” Tübingen without the university is almost unthinkable. University buildings are scattered throughout the city, as are the university students, meaning that bumping into classmates in the city is quite a commonplace occurrence. Making new friends from around the world could not be easier!

The University Museum is home to some of the oldest artifacts of mankind. The small horse figurine exhibited there is over 40.000 years old.
It is the iconic sign of Tübingen: the punting boat! The punting boat race, held in May and organized by the university’s fraternities, is a spectacle that attracts over 15.000 visitors.
Tübingen is home to the biggest Chocolate Festival in Germany. It takes place every year in December and attracts up to 300.000 visitors.
YOUR UNIVERSITY

A Place of Tradition
The Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen is one of Europe’s oldest universities. The University’s history began in 1477, when Count Eberhard “the Bearded” of Württemberg founded the University. Several hundred years of history in the sciences and humanities have been written here.

Tübingen notables include Georg F.W. Hegel, Friedrich W.J. Schelling, Johannes Kepler and Wilhelm Schickard. In 1869, in a small laboratory in the Tübingen castle, Friedrich Miescher isolated nucleic acid for the first time in history, paving the way for the identification of the DNA.

A Place of Excellence
Tübingen today remains a place of research and teaching. Around 30,000 German and international students study at one of the seven faculties.

The latest chapter of the University’s history is marked by its success in the German government’s Excellence Initiative, which recognized the University of Tübingen as a top-class research university and made it one of Germany’s eleven “Universities of Excellence”. This is also reflected in the international rankings, where Tübingen is listed as number 89 in the world (THE Ranking 2019).

International since 1477
From the USA to Uzbekistan, from Botswana to Brazil, from Fiji to Finland – The University of Tübingen has more than 500 partner universities around the globe and is truly an international place. Around 14 % of the university’s students are international students, alongside 800 exchange students who come to Tübingen from our partner universities every year to study in this beautiful city for one or two semesters.
7 faculties: Humanities, Science, Economics and Social Sciences, Medicine, Law, Protestant Theology, Catholic Theology

29,800 undergraduate and graduate students in total

3,800 international students

1,477 is the year the University of Tübingen was founded by Count Eberhard the Bearded

89th in the THE World University Ranking 2019

8 Nobel Prize Winners

>500 partner universities around the world

**Semester Dates**

Winter Semester: Mid-October - mid-February
Summer Semester: Mid-April - late July

Main Administration Building
What’s an Exchange?
As an exchange student, you can study at the University of Tübingen for one or two semesters. You do not have to pay any tuition fees in Tübingen and can receive credits at your home university for the courses you take (given the approval of your home university).

Courses Options
You can choose freely from the courses offered at the University of Tübingen, even across faculties. Only the Faculty of Medicine is not part of the exchange.

Select one or combine the following options:

1. Take academic classes taught in German at one of the faculties. In this case you should have a good level of German (B2 recommended).

2. Take academic classes taught in English at one of the faculties. The amount of classes in English offered at the University of Tübingen is increasing every year. A list of the classes is uploaded to our website before each semester: www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/90763

3. Take classes in German language and culture offered by our Department of German as a Foreign Language. This department offers more than 50 courses for exchange students every semester. Most of the courses start at a B1 level. You can also participate in one of the fee-based pre-semester language and orientation programs.

Language Requirements
We do not require any proof of your language proficiency, but we recommend you to have a B2 level in German if you want to take academic classes taught in German, and a B2 level of English for classes taught in English.

Most German language and culture classes at the Department for German as a Foreign Language start at a B1 level. They also offer free beginner’s language courses (A1/A2), but spaces are limited and cannot be guaranteed.

Housing
As an exchange student, housing in one of the student dorms is guaranteed given that your application is complete and on time.

Your Path to Tübingen

1. Check with the International Office at your home university if there is an exchange agreement with Tübingen in place

2. Apply at the International Office at your home university for an exchange

3. Your home university nominates you for an exchange in Tübingen

4. Apply at the University of Tübingen and for a spot in the dormitories. Deadlines: 31 May for the Winter Semester and 31 December for the Summer Semester

5. Choose your courses and come to Tübingen!

www.uni-tuebingen.de/international