



ERASMUS – EXCHANGE

General Information

Ulm University holds exchange agreements with numerous universities on all continents. Student exchange with partner institutions in other European countries is usually carried out in the framework of the ERASMUS program. EXCHANGE with non-EU countries is either based on direct bilateral agreements between Ulm University and its partner institutions, or it is carried out in the framework of the Baden-Württemberg program, where the state of Baden-Württemberg holds exchange agreements with partner regions in the US, Canada, Australia and Mexico. Some of the exchange agreements are open for students of all subjects, some are subject-specific (i.e. ERASMUS).

Students from partner universities, who have been nominated by their home university as ERASMUS / EXCHANGE student, are eligible to study at Ulm University for a period of 1 – 2 semesters (depending on the exchange agreement) and enjoy a number of privileges.

Status at the University

ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students are registered as *Zeitstudenten* (non-degree, temporary students). They have the same rights and obligations as degree-seeking students; in particular, they have full access to computer pools and library facilities. However, they may not take intermediate exams (e.g. *Vordiplom*) and cannot earn a final degree (e.g. *Diplom*, Bachelor Master) from Ulm University. Admission as *Zeitstudent* is granted for a maximum period of 1 year/2 semesters.

Language Proficiency

In general, **classes are taught in German**. Students' level of German should be minimum B1 in order to follow classes and take exams. Students who have only level A2 may apply, but they are required to participate in the intensive German language prior to the beginning of their studies (September / March).

Ulm University offers a limited number of **Master programs taught in English** (Communications Technology, Advanced Materials, Molecular Medicine, Energy Science and Technology, Biology). Students wishing to take classes from these programs should have minimum level B1 in English and they should be Master level students at the time they start their studies in Ulm (i.e. they should either have formally completed a Bachelor degree or at least three years of undergraduate study or an equivalent of 180 ECTS). **Special regulations for Non-European nationals:** TOEFL ibt (88 minimum) or IELTS (6.5 minimum) is required if they want to take classes from English taught MSc programs!

Medical students wishing to sign up for **clinical rotations / medical electives** must have a minimum of B1 proficiency in German.

For **project work** with a specific department, a good command of English is sufficient.



Intensive German language courses are offered for ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students before the beginning of each semester (September/October and March/April) and accompanying courses during the semester free of charge. (See → [Language Course Information](#))

Tuition and Fees

ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students from partner universities are exempted from tuition and from the administrative fee. ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students cannot be exempted from the so-called "semester-fee" (currently € 60), as this fee is not charged by the university but by the *Studentenwerk* (Student Service Agency). This fee is only a nominal contribution to a large number of services that are provided to students, such as accommodation, student restaurants and cafeterias, counselling, etc. Most importantly, after payment of the semester fee students receive a free public transportation ticket for their first semester and - at the beginning of their second semester - are entitled to by the so-called "Semesterticket" at the preferred price of € 76, which is valid for a whole semester and in the whole region of Ulm.

Welcome Service

ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students will be picked up at the train station in Ulm by our S.T.E.P.S. (**S**tudent **T**utors for **E**xchange **P**rogram **S**tudents). The S.T.E.P.S. will have the keys to the rooms and a welcome package stuffed with information material. They will escort the newly arrived students to their residence and assist them during their first few days in Ulm with all the formalities, showing them around the city and the campus.

In order to profit from this service, incoming students must inform the International Office of their arrival at least 10 days in advance, using the [Arrival Information](#) form.

Orientation Program

The International Office organizes an orientation program for ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students. This consists of the welcome service and individual assistance by S.T.E.P.S. tutors, welcome meeting, language course placement test, intensive German language course and a full day orientation workshop before the beginning of classes. This program is rounded off by excursions and other activities.

LEI – Lokale ERASMUS Initiative (Local ERASMUS Group)

The International Office is very proud of its ERASMUS group, which is run by a number of volunteer students, most of whom have been ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students themselves. This group organizes numerous activities open to all interested international students. Activities are announced on their website

<http://www.erasmus-ulm.de/>

or through the ERASMUS mailing list (sign-up possible through the website).