



Fact Sheet Student Exchange 2019/2020

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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.



Erasmus+

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

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Important Links

University of Konstanz	www.uni-konstanz.de/en
International Office	www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office

Study in Konstanz	www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz
Academic Calendar	www.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/while-you-study/semester-dates
Orientation Programmes	www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz/your-first-days-in-konstanz/orientation-courses-and-programmes
Course Catalogue	https://zeus.uni-konstanz.de/
Study Preparation	www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz/preparation
Advise, Service, Contacts	www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz/advising-service-and-contacts
Language Institute	www.sli.uni-konstanz.de/en

Nomination and Application Process

Language Prerequisites	Students need to proof German or English proficiency at a minimum level of B2 (European Reference Frame). B1 competences are not sufficient to follow academic courses.
Required documents from students (uploaded via our online system)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>*Native speakers of English or German do not need to provide a language certificate, they can upload their transcript of records again</p>
The Academic Year	<p>Starting in October, the academic year is divided into 2 independent semesters. Every semester is preceded by an orientation programme (4 weeks or 1 week).</p> <p>Winter semester (WS): October 1 – March 31 Lecture Period: mid-October until last week of February</p> <p>Summer semester (SoSe): April 1 – September 30 Lecture Period: mid-April until last week of July</p>
Nomination	<p>The University of Konstanz will only accept nominations via our Mobility-Online platform. Partners will be invited with log-in details.</p> <p><u>For the Winter Semester 2019/20:</u></p> <p>Nomination period: 15th of March 2019 until 1st of May 2019 Application deadline for students: 15th of May 2019</p> <p><u>For the Summer Semester 2020:</u></p> <p>Nomination period: 15th of September 2019 until 1st of November 2019 Application deadline for students: 15th of November 2019</p> <p>In exceptional cases we might be able to consider later nominations and applications by your students. Please contact the International Office.</p>
Application Process	Students apply online (no paper based application). Supporting documents (see above) need to be uploaded.
Deadlines	<p>May 15 Admissions for the Winter Semester or whole Academic Year</p> <p>November 15 Admissions for the Summer Semester</p>
Admission	Students will receive a Letter of Admission and a Registration confirmation for the 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.

Orientation

German Intensive Language Course and Pre-Semester Orientation	<p>Students choose between one of these programmes (mandatory):</p> <p>Go-Konstanz (4 weeks) Every March and September, intensive German language course with orientation programme (see below), organised 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.</p> <p>OriPro (1 week) 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.</p>
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Study with us

Courses	<p>Students can take academic courses in English or German. On the Bachelor's level many study courses are taught in German, but some departments also 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. The English course offer is increasing. A list with all courses offered in English can be found under the following link: uni.kn/international/courses-taught-in-english</p>
German as a Foreign Language	<p>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.</p> <p>The Language Institute will test the students' 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.</p> <p>Courses for English as a foreign language are not offered to exchange students.</p>
Full time studies	<p>Exchange students are required to complete a full course load while studying in Konstanz. Undergraduate and graduate students are usually enrolled in 24-30 credits per semester.</p> <p>We recommend that students take at least 50% of their classes in their main subject.</p>
Transcript of Records	<p>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.</p>

Study Preparation

Webinars: Final preparations and information before arriving in Konstanz	<p>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. Further information under: uni.kn/international-office/study-with-us</p>
Accommodation	<p>Students who apply for and pay a deposit of 550€ within the deadline, are usually guaranteed accommodation in Student Housing. Since it is rather difficult to shorten your contract, we recommend a contract until end of July (summer term) and end of February (winter term). If need be, you may apply for an extension of your contract. 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.</p>
Monthly expenses	<p>Accommodation: 250-380 € per month in student dorms, Food: 120-250 €/month, Local transportation with semester student pass: 56 €, Printing (50-100€/semester), health insurance (80€/month), campus fees (90€/semester), Personal: 150-450€/month (depends on individual habits).</p> <p>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. Further information under: uni.kn/international/costs-associated-with-studying</p>

Visa and Residence Permit	<p>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 other nationalities do need a student visa (NOT a tourist visa). Apply ahead of time.</p> <p>Please make sure to request a visa that is at least valid until the end of August (summer term) or the end of March (winter term) as some exams might be late in the term.</p> <p>Residence Permit: All non-EU students with no long-term visa will apply for a residence permit ("Aufenthaltstitel") in Konstanz upon arrival.</p> <p>Important: Students must prove that they have sufficient financial support to cover their living costs during their study period in Germany. The current monthly minimum until 31.12.2019 is 720 euros, after 01.01.2020 the monthly minimum is 853 euros.</p>
Health Insurance	<p>Students from the EU/EEA and Switzerland are automatically insured through their EHIC card.</p> <p>Students with non-EU/EEA nationality are required to enrol in German Statutory Health Insurance upon arrival.</p>
Services	<p>All exchange students are provided the same access to university facilities as local students, such as the 24/7 library, internet access both on the university campus as well as in the accommodation or access to all sports facilities.</p> <p>The 'Studierenden-Service-Zentrum' (SSZ) offers all important student services in one facility. The Welcome Centre 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.</p> <p>Exchange students may participate in our Buddy Programme, the Local Erasmus Group, our Orchestra and Big Band, Theatre, Film Nights, Model United Nations, etc.</p>

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