



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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Academic Year 2020/2021

Join our beautiful campus on the shores of Lake Constance in 2020/21.

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. Afterwards you will be asked to upload all necessary documents for enrolment. The platform is available in German and English.

– Admission

For the Winter Semester 2020/21:
Nomination period: 15 March – 1 May 2020
Application deadline for students: 15 May 2020
Enrolment deadline for students: 15 July 2020

For the Summer Semester 2021:
Nomination period: 15 September – 1 November 2020
Application deadline for students: 15 November 2020
Enrolment deadline for students: 15 January 2021

– 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 non-EU students need a visa to enter Germany. Please 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 all important formalities 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:

Winter Semester 2020/21

– “GO Konstanz” Intensive German language course 2020 with orientation programme (4 weeks) 3–30 September 2020
Moving in days: 2 and 3 September 2020
Course fee for exchange students: 300 €
6 ECTS Credits

– “OriPro” Orientation Programme 2020 (1 week) 5–13 October 2020
Moving in days: 1 and 2 October 2020
The programme is free of charge.

Summer Semester 2021

– “GO Konstanz” Intensive German Language Course 2021 with Orientation Programme (4 weeks) 3–31 March 2021
Moving in days: 1 and 2 March 2021
Course fee for exchange students: 300 €
6 ECTS Credits

– “OriPro” Orientation Programme 2021 (1 week) 7–9 April 2021
Moving in days: 1 and 6 April 2021
(due to the national holidays Good Friday and Easter Monday).



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 choose 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 need to be proficient (minimum B2 level according to the European Reference Frame) in **either** German OR English.

– Intensive German training and classes taught in English

Although the language of instruction is German, many departments offer 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: 400 €
6 ECTS Credits for German course or
8 ECTS Credits when 1 of 2 choosable modules added
(History and politics of Europe, German conversation skills)

This programme will take place in:
August 2019 and August 2020
Application deadline: 15 May 2020 and 2021

For more information see:



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