



Get in Touch

Please do not hesitate to contact us
if you have any questions or concerns.
We look forward to continuing our exchange
cooperation with your university.

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Study abroad in Konstanz

Academic Year 2015/2016

Join our beautiful campus on the shores of Lake Constance. Come for one semester, an entire academic year or take part in our summer school in 2015.

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 receive a "Welcome Mail" to apply at the University of Konstanz. The online application form is available in German and English. Complete it electronically, print it out, sign it and send it to us by postal mail.

– Admission

The application deadline for the winter semester 2015/16 (October – February) is 15 May 2015. For the summer semester 2016 (April – July), submit your application by 15 November 2015.

– Housing

We guarantee student housing for every exchange student in a convenient and safe location. You submit your housing application together with the regular exchange application and within the same deadlines. To reserve a room, you have to pay a deposit. 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 Office of Foreigners' Affairs. 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 gladly assists you.

2. Pre-semester Orientation

During the orientation period you go 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 on all levels, guided tours on 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:

– "GO Konstanz" September Intensive German Language Course 2015 with Orientation Programme (4 weeks)

3 - 30 September 2015.

Move-in days: 1 and 2 September 2015.

Course fee for exchange students: 300 €. 6 ECTS Credits.

– "OriPro" October Orientation Programme 2015 (1 week)

5 - 9 October 2015.

Move-in days: 1 and 2 October 2015.

The programme is free of charge.

– "GO Konstanz" March Intensive German Language Course 2016 with Orientation Programme (4 weeks)

3 - 31 March 2016.

Move-in days: 1 and 2 March 2016.

Course fee for exchange students: 300 €. 6 ECTS Credits.

– "OriPro" April Orientation Programme 2016 (1 week)

5 - 8 April 2016.

Move-in day: 1 and 4 April 2016.

The programme is free of charge.

3. Study Programmes and Courses

The University of Konstanz is 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 on the Bachelor's and Master's 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 many offers at the departments and highlight special services for international students.

– Language Requirements

Exchange students should be fluent (B1 level according to the European Reference Frame) in EITHER German OR English in order to successfully complete a full course load during their exchange studies.

– 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 at 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. Summer School 2015

The University of Konstanz will offer the following summer school:

– Lake Constance Summer School 2015

This summer school offers intensive language courses in German as a foreign language on all levels. The language course is complemented by a weekend excursion programme. Presentations and lectures on history, art, culture, and politics of Germany, Switzerland and Austria are combined with guided tours into these countries.

6 ECTS Credits

Course Fee: 380 €

Housing: 360 €

This programme will run from 1 - 30 August 2015.

For more information visit:

– international.uni-konstanz.de/en/internationalstudents/study-opportunities/ibh

Or contact ibh2015.international@uni-konstanz.de