



# Fact Sheet Student Exchange 2023/2024

International Office

## 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

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## The academic year 2023/24

| <b>Term deadline</b>         | <b>Winter semester</b>      | <b>Summer semester</b>   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Semester dates               | 23 Oct 2023 – 10 Feb 2024   | 8 Apr 2024 – 13 Jul 2024 |
| Nomination period            | 15 Mar–1 May                | 15 Sep–1 Nov             |
| Student application deadline | 15 May                      | 15 Nov                   |
| Student enrolment deadline   | 15 July                     | 15 January               |
| Lecture period               | late October - mid-February | mid-April - mid-July     |
| Examination period           | February + March*           | July + August*           |

\* As some exams will take place in March/August, students need to apply for a visa that is valid until the end of March/August, since an extension of one month is in principle not possible.

## Nomination and application information

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| Nomination  | The University of Konstanz will only accept nominations via our Mobility-Online platform. Partners will be invited with log-in details. In exceptional cases, we might be able to consider later nominations and applications by your students. Please contact the International Office.  |
| Language prerequisites  | German or English proficiency at a minimum level of B2 (European Reference Frame). B1 competences are not sufficient to follow academic courses.  |
| Application process   | Students apply online (no-paper based application possible). Supporting documents (see below) need to be uploaded.  |
| Required documents for admission from students (uploaded via our online system) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Transcript of Records</li><li>– B2 language certificate (German or English)*</li><li>– Copy of passport (page with photo)</li><li>– Erasmus+ students with non-EU/EEA citizenship: copy of residence permit</li><li>– Proof of housing deposit payment (copy of bank transfer receipt)</li></ul> *Native speakers of English or German do not need to provide a language certificate  |
| Admission   | Students will receive a letter of admission including information about their registration for the orientation programme directly through the online application portal.  |
| Required documents for enrolment from students (uploaded via our online system) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Copy of both sides of EHIC (EU/EEA students) or German statutory health insurance certificate (non-EU/EEA students)</li><li>– Proof of social contribution fee and GO-Konstanz course fee payment (if applicable)</li><li>– Portrait photo (for student ID card)</li><li>– Exmatriculation certificate from German university (if applicable)</li><li>– Non-EU/EEA students with visa obligation: copy of long-term student visa for Germany</li><li>– Proof of financial resources</li><li>– Non-EU students: Study Proposal - list of preferred courses for the exchange (to be completed in Mobility Online)</li></ul> |
| Additional uploads to Mobility Online   | As Mobility Online is the main tool for managing the exchange, students are asked to upload further documents also after their arrival, e.g. the entry stamp to the Schengen area to apply for a residence permit, or other documents. Students should make sure to regularly work with Mobility Online during their exchange.  |

## Orientation

### Students choose between one of these programmes (mandatory):

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#### GO-Konstanz (4 weeks)

March or September, intensive German language course with orientation programme (see OriPro), organised by the International Office and the Language Institute (SLI). Groups of about 15 participants are taught by experienced instructors up to level C1.

#### OriPro (1 week)

April or October, orientation programme shortly before the start of the semester: Information on course selection with coordinators of the departments, getting to know the structures of the University and applying for a residence permit for non-EU/EEA students.

## Study with us

### Courses

Courses are available in English or German. On Master's level, more courses are taught in English than on Bachelor's level. All courses offered in English [can be found on our website](#).

### German as a Foreign Language

German language instruction is offered by the [Language Institute](#) 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.

The Language Institute will test the students' language competences 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.

Courses for English as a foreign language are not open to exchange students.

### Full-time study

Exchange students are required to complete a full course load. Undergraduate and graduate students are usually enrolled in 24–30 credits per semester.

We recommend that students take at least 50 % of their classes in their main subject.

### Transcript of Records

Upon completion of the semester/year, students request a Transcript of Records after entry of all results in the online system. The official transcript is then issued and uploaded to Mobility Online. We are currently not able to grant partner institutions access to the transcripts in Mobility Online. Should you wish to obtain your students' transcripts directly, please contact [international.transcripts@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:international.transcripts@uni-konstanz.de).

## Study preparation

### Webinars

Webinars covering final preparations and formalities before coming to Konstanz are offered before each semester. Students receive information and dates by email. Further information is [available on our website](#).

### Accommodation

Housing application is included in the online exchange application. If students apply and pay a deposit of currently 800€ within the deadline, their application for accommodation in Seezeit student residences will be forwarded automatically.

Since it is rather difficult to shorten the contract, we recommend a contract until end of July (summer semester) and end of February (winter semester).

If need be, an application for the extension of a contract is possible.

The private housing market in Konstanz is tight and expensive. There is no assistance for finding private housing in Konstanz, which is best found when on-site.

### Monthly expenses

An overview of estimated costs is [available on our website](#).

In the first 2 months students will need more money than in the following months to cover all initial costs. Students should prepare accordingly.

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## Study preparation

### Visa and residence permit

**Visa:** Citizens from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland do not need a visa to enter Germany. Most other nationalities need a student visa to enter Germany for study purposes (no tourist visa). Apply ahead of time. Find an overview of which nationalities have to apply for a visa [here](#).

**Residence Permit:** All non-EU/EEA students with no long-term visa must apply for a residence permit in Konstanz upon arrival. The necessary documents for the residence permit must already be uploaded to Mobility Online before arrival, as it is easier for students to prepare those documents while still in their home country.

Students must prove that they have sufficient monthly funds to ensure their subsistence during their study period in Germany. The current monthly minimum to be proven is currently 934€ (subject to change).

### Health insurance

Students from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland are automatically insured through their EHIC card (GHIC for students from the UK). Students with non-EU/EEA nationality are required to enrol in German statutory health insurance before arrival. They should also take care of travel health insurance until the beginning of the semester.

### Services

All exchange students are provided the same access to university facilities as local students, such as the 24/7 library, internet access on campus, accommodation in the Seezeit student residences, access to all sports facilities, psychotherapeutic counselling etc.

The [Student Service Centre \(SSZ\)](#) offers all important student services in one facility.

The [Welcome Centre](#) offers special services to PhD students and international researchers.

Exchange students may participate in our [Buddy Programme](#), the ESN Konstanz, our university orchestra and big band, theatre, film nights, Model United Nations, etc.

## Departments and Subjects at the University of Konstanz

### Faculty of Sciences

Mathematics and Statistics

Computer and Information Science

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

Psychology

### Faculty of Humanities

Philosophy

History

Sociology

Sports Science

Empirical Educational Research

Literature, Art and Media Studies

Linguistics

### Faculty of Law, Economics and Politics

Politics and Public Administration

Law

Economics



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