

Information for Students on Exchange

University	RWTH Aachen University
	https://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Studium/Im- Studium/Internationales/%7Ebqtq/Exchange-Incomings/?lidx=1
Country	Germany
Academic Calendar	Semester 1 (Winter semester): Early October – Late March (lecture ends in early February) Semester 2 (Summer semester): Early April – Late September (lecture ends in late July)
	For more information on academic calendar: https://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Studium/Im-Studium/%7Eegv/Semestertermine/lidx/1/
Exchange Duration	One semester. Semester 2 only due to severe overlapping of academic calendar.
Language Proficiency Requirement	In order to apply for exchange studies at RWTH Aachen, you must possess the language skills required for your desired course of study. This is either German or English at the B1.1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
	If you are applying to the Division of Earth Science and Geography, you must provide proof of German skills of at least B2.1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
	If you choose only English-taught courses on your Learning Agreement, you do not have to prove your German skills, but your English skills. Seek advice from your host <u>Departmental Coordinator</u> .
Course Information Please read the important information on examination below	The regular semester workload for full- time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 30 ECTS. Credits earned at the host university may not be directly equivalent to NUS credits and you can refer to the SEP Credit Transfer Calculator for information on units exchange ratio at the host university. Please note that the actual number of credits earned is subject to the units exchange ratio at the point of credit transfer.
	Most of the lectures and seminars at RWTH Aachen are held in German. Please search for English-taught courses carefully if you do not have the necessary German proficiency level.



English-taught courses are only available at the master level in these disciplines:

- 1. Data Science
- 2. Electrical Engineering
- 3. Computer Engineering
- 4. Physics

You can view the course catalogue here: https://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/studium/Im-Studium/Internationales/Exchange-Incomings/Bewerbung/~iprm/Fachliche-Vorbereitung/lidx/1/

You can see the list of English taught courses <u>here</u>.

Please take note that you need to meet the higher pre-requisites in order to be considered for master-level English taught courses.

The courses offered at the following faculties/schools are not open to NUS students:

- School of Business and Economics
- Helmholtz Institute for Biomedical Engineering

Important information on examination

Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at Stuttgart during the official examination period until September. Be aware that earlier or extra examinations for exchange students might not be available and subjected to host university's discretion and approval.

Examination dates vary between departments but generally take place between July and September in semester 2.

Please approach the respective Aachen's departmental coordinator <u>at the start of your exchange</u> for the exact examination dates. If the examination date clashes with NUS' academic calendar, please consider taking alternative courses which allows you to have the examination by late July.

Leave of Absence from NUS is subjected to your home faculty's approval and is not guaranteed.



Accommodation

As an exchange student from NUS, you can also apply for so-called "quota rooms". The International Office has arranged a limited allotment of rooms in the dorms with Studierendenwerk.

If you are eligible for a quota room, the International Office Housing Service will inform you about the application procedure in a separate email (around December for summer term) after you have applied as an exchange student or scholarship holder.

Please note that there is <u>no guarantee</u> that you will be allocated in student dorms, as the number of exchange students and scholarship holders exceeds by far the number of rooms reserved.

Students who have contract that ends in August or September are expected to pay for the rental until August or September. There will be <u>no</u> refund of the rental if you leave the student accommodation earlier.

More information is found here:

https://www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/egp/lidx/1

Visa

EU citizens and citizens from the following countries do not need a visa to enter Germany: Australia, Canada, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the United States. However, after entering Germany, you will have to apply for a residence permit at the local "Auslaenderbehörde" (Immigration Office) if you are staying for more than three months.

Students from all other countries must apply for a visa for study purposes via the German diplomatic representation in their home country. You must not under any circumstances travel to Germany on a tourist visa.

All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university.

Some visa application process could take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

For more visa information, please refer to

https://singapur.diplo.de/sg-en/service/05-visaeinreise/1349502-1349502



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Insurance	All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/ .
	In Germany by law a proof of health insurance must be provided. Non-EL citizens have to purchase a student health insurance in Germany upon arrival Otherwise, you will not receive your residence permit.
	Health insurance must comply with German rules and will be checked by German public health insurance company. Extra costs are possible for students outside the EU. Personal Liability & Accident Insurance are highly recommended.
	For more information, please visit: https://www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/talrg/lidx/1
	It is also recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Germany. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.
	Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.
Useful Links	RWTH Aachen University Fact Sheet: https://www.rwth-aachen.de/global/show-document.asp?id=aaaaaaaaabsuidar&download=1
	Cost of Living: https://www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/bqmo/lidx/1
	Planning Your Stay at RWTH: https://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Studium/Im-Studium/Im-Studium/Internationales/Exchange-Incomings/%7Edjtn/Planung-des-Aufenthaltes/lidx/1/

Note: All information is subjected to change. Please check the partner university's website for the most upto-date information.