# Information for Students on Exchange

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<td>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</td>
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| ii) Academic Calendar | **Semester 1 (Winter Semester):** 1 October – 31 March (Lecture Period usually middle of October to middle of February)  
**Recommended:** **Semester 2 (Summer Semester):** 1 April – 30 September (Lecture Period usually middle of April to middle of July)  
**Orientation including 3 ECTS German Intensive Course** (pre-session) no tuition / participation optional: September / October (3 weeks) or March / April (3 weeks)  
| iii) Exchange Duration | **Semester 2 (summer) exchange is recommended** due to severe overlapping academic calendar. |
| iv) Examination | **Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at Ulm 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 Ulm departments but generally take place between July and September in semester 2.  
**Please approach the respective Ulm’s departmental coordinator at the start of your exchange for the exact examination dates. If the examination date** |
clashes with NUS’ academic calendar, please consider taking alternative modules which allows you to have the examination by late July.

Unfortunately, examination dates for many programmes are only determined during last week of lecture period / first 3 weeks of semester break. Should professors not be able to provide an alternative exam timing or assessment, students should respect the professors’ position and stay in Germany to finish the examination in August/September.

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

| v) Curriculum Structure | Credit for Bachelor’s and Master’s courses is given in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

In general, exchange students are expected to choose a minimum of 3 courses per semester:
- 2 courses from regular degree programs
- 1 course from our language center or other key-qualification courses

Students who take the maximum credits allowed at host university (i.e. 30 ECTS per semester) will be considered for transferring the maximum credits back to NUS. |

| vi) Entry Requirements | (a) registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS
(b) not eligible for exchange in the graduating year
(c) a student of good standing at NUS with
  a. a minimum upper division second class honours or;
  b. a minimum B average grade or;
  c. a CAP of at least 3.5 (out of 5) for NUS students

in order to follow the master level courses at Ulm |

| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | Almost all bachelor level courses at Ulm are taught in German. Students who wish to take classes taught in German need to have:

Minimum level: B1 in German based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Students who have only level A2 may apply, but they are required to participate in the Intensive German Language Course prior to the beginning of their studies in March.

Only master level courses are available in English. Students who wish to take classes taught in English must meet Ulm’s requirements as follows:
- NUS students must have good or very good academic qualification
- NUS students who wish to take master level courses taught in English |
or do project work need not submit TOEFL or IELTS as NUS teaches in English


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<th>viii) Modules Compatibility (Please read!)</th>
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| Ulm University also offers **very limited** English taught courses for Bachelor students. See "Quick Search for Courses" at [https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning-study-abroad/study-offers/](https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning-study-abroad/study-offers/).

Students may choose a mixture of courses from bachelor and master level programmes if they meet the language and course requirements.

Philosophy and Humanities courses are taught in German. [http://www.uni-ulm.de/einrichtungen/humboldt/](http://www.uni-ulm.de/einrichtungen/humboldt/)

The master level courses taught in English are from the following faculties

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<td>• Communications Technology (exchange period should preferably start in summer semester)</td>
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<td>• Faculty of Sciences – Chemical Engineering</td>
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<td>• Faculty of Sciences – Energy Sciences and Technology (limited places available)</td>
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| FoS | • Faculty of Sciences – Advanced Materials |
|     | • Faculty of Sciences – Biology |
|     | • Faculty of Sciences – Biophysics |
|     | • Faculty of Sciences – Physics |
|     | • Faculty of Medicine – Molecular Medicine (limited places available) |
|     | • Faculty of Medicine – Molecular and Translational Neuroscience |

| SoC | • Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science – Cognitive Systems |

| Cross disciplinary | • Faculty of Mathematics and Economics – Finance |
|                   | • Foreign Languages and Cultures, Terminology, Rhetorics, Literature, Intercultural Communication. [http://www.uni-ulm.de/einrichtungen/zsp/startseite/](http://www.uni-ulm.de/einrichtungen/zsp/startseite/) |

Search for courses at: [https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de](https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de) > Courses > Search for Lectures (choose language “English” or “German” to see all lectures offered in the respective language)
## ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Exchange students are not restricted to choosing their courses from one single study program, instead, they can choose a combination of courses from different programs and different from different faculties.

It is possible to choose a combination of courses in German and English, as long as the applicant meets the language requirements in both languages. It is even possible to choose courses from both, bachelor and master programs, as long as the applicant meets the requirement for master level courses.

## D. Application

### i) Procedures

All NUS student has to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for fee-waiver exchange at the host university.

The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

Please check with your faculty for its internal application deadlines.

Nominated students need the supporting documents for the application to the host university.

Pass the necessary scanned copies of the supporting document to your Dean’s Office. Thereafter, NUS Registrar’s Office will consolidate all application and supporting documents from various NUS faculties and schools and send a batch delivery to Ulm. For details on the supporting documents required by Ulm, please refer to [https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/applying/exchange-students/](https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/applying/exchange-students/).

The longer you took to prepare your application materials to Ulm, the later you will get a reply on your application status.

### ii) Deadlines

All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

**Deadline for submitting application to host university:**

Semester 2 (summer): 30 September

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

## E. Accommodations
### i) University Accommodation

Ulm International Office assists with finding accommodation in student residences if applicants mark the appropriate sections in their exchange application form. **Room lease has to be paid for full calendar months, even if students move out earlier!**

However, due to high demand Ulm cannot guarantee that every student receives a room in their preferred location. Students will receive our housing assignment by email as soon as a room is available.


For residence details and photos, refer to: [http://www.studentenwerk-ulm.de/wohnen/wohnhaeuser.html](http://www.studentenwerk-ulm.de/wohnen/wohnhaeuser.html)

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

### F. Visa

#### Consular/Visa Regulation

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 "Ausländerbehörde" (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](https://singapur.diplo.de/sg-en/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/1349502)

For more guidance on the visa application, please login NUS VPN and access the information on SharePoint shared in the pre-departure briefing slides.

### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance
i) Health/Medical Insurance

All exchange students are required to have a valid insurance for Germany, they may either bring it from their home country, purchase it online or after arrival in Germany. It is recommended to choose an insurance with unlimited coverage for medical treatment during study abroad period in Germany, which also includes an accident and a liability insurance. Detailed information will be sent with the acceptance letter from Ulm.

In addition, all registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/insurance-schemes/undergraduate-scheme.html.

For more information on NUS insurance, please refer to:
- https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/

Students are encouraged to take up additional insurance to cover themselves while abroad.

ii) Emergency Number at host university

+49 0731 50 22014
110 (for police)
112 (for medical services and fire brigade)

H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>€260 - €460</td>
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<td>Transport (per semester)</td>
<td>€43.30 - €57.80</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>€40 - €100</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>€200</td>
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<td>Others (Books, entertainment etc.)</td>
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<td><strong>Monthly Estimate</strong></td>
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Students have to pay for semester fees of € 79.50. More information can be found here: https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/mob-in/planning-study-abroad/fees-costs/

In order to receive a residence permit, you need to present to the Ausländerbehörde (local foreigner’s registration office) a statement of financial support proving that you have at least €735 to live on for each month of your stay. This can either be a bank statement, a notarized parental letter or a scholarship certificate.
### ii) Scholarship

Exchange applicants may apply for the so-called Baden-Wuerttemberg SCHOLARSHIP, awarded by “Baden-Wuerttemberg Stiftung” (Foundation).

Important to know: a limited budget does not allow to support every exchange student with this scholarship and the distribution among students from different partner institutions varies from year to year.

Ulm will inform NUS Global Relations Office if the scholarship is available to NUS student(s). NUS student need not apply if there no information is sent out from NUS Global Relations Office.


### I. Other Useful Information

#### i) Welcome Service

The International Office offers Welcoming Service to exchange students (pick-up from train station, assistance with administrative procedures, city and university tours etc.) supported by S.T.E.P.S. – Student Tutors for Exchange Program Students.


#### ii) COVID-19 related

[https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/](https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/)

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Note: All information is subject to change.