

INFORMATION SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATORS

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Exchange Programs and Dates

Dates for Academic Year - Semester System	Winter semester: Mid September - End February <i>Lectures and final exams end in the middle of February</i> Summer semester: Beg March - End August <i>Lectures and final exams end in the middle of July</i>
Length of stay	Maximum 2 semesters as exchange student; Students wishing to stay two semesters can extend their stay during their first semester; Internship during 2 nd semester is possible
Exchange program ERASMUS/Global	The exchange program ERASMUS is open for students from ERASMUS partner universities. The Global exchange program is open for students from partner universities worldwide with bilateral exchange agreements.
INTAP - International Automotive Engineering Program	Specially designed classes in automotive engineering outside our regular study program. As the number of participants is limited, a special agreement between Hochschule Esslingen and students' home university is necessary.

Free Mover Students	We accept free mover / visiting students for a maximum of 2 semesters.
Nomination Deadlines	15 April for following winter semester 15 October for following summer semester
Application Deadlines	30 May for following winter semester 30 November for following summer semester
Application details	We are using an online application system. For detailed information on the application process, please go to www.hs-esslingen.de/incoming
Language Requirements	At least B1 in German for German taught courses or B1 in English for English taught courses.
Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival day summer semester: first working day of March • Arrival day winter semester: middle of September • Students receive welcome package, dormitory instructions and further information about the orientation program.
Orientation Program	Full orientation program contains welcome meetings, administrative issues, introduction to computer labs, campus tours, intensive German classes, intercultural training, field trips, meeting with academic supervisor and informal “get-togethers”.
Orientation Program Dates	Winter semester: 2 weeks in September Summer semester: First 1-2 week(s) of March


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<p>Campuses and Faculties</p> 	<p><u>Esslingen City Campus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Sciences • Automotive Engineering • Mechanical Engineering • Building Services - Energy - Environment <p><u>Esslingen Hilltop Campus</u> (about 2,5 kilometers from City Campus; connection by bus):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Technology • Management • Social Work, Health Care and Nursing Sciences <p><u>Göppingen Campus</u> (about 30 minutes from Esslingen City Campus; connection by regional trains):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechatronics and Electrical Engineering • Engineering Management
Rankings	Regularly ranked in the top field among all German Universities of Applied Sciences, especially in Mechatronics and Electrical Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Management.
University services available to exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-campus cafeterias • Library • Computer labs • Printers, copy machines, printing shop • Through student union “ASTA”: bike rental, store for office supplies etc.

Courses of Study

Language of Instruction	German and/or English (depending on program)
Level	BA / undergraduate level (taught in German and English) MA / graduate level (taught in German)
Types of Courses	Lectures, Seminars, Laboratories, Tutorials
Requirements for temporary students	Background in relevant field of study and proficiency in language of instruction (depending on program)
Courses available to Exchange Students	Undergraduate ERASMUS/Global exchange students may choose from undergraduate courses of all faculties provided they have the necessary pre-requisites for the course. The majority of courses should be from the faculty where they are enrolled during their stay at Hochschule Esslingen.
Course Descriptions	www.hs-esslingen.de/incoming >Module descriptions <u>Please note that courses are offered on 3 campuses</u> and it might be difficult to attend classes on different campuses. After their arrival at Hochschule Esslingen, students will be able to discuss and adjust their timetable with the academic coordinator of their department.
Courses taught in English	www.hs-esslingen.de/etc
German as a Foreign Language	German language classes at different levels are offered every semester. (Free of charge for exchange students!)
German History and Culture	"German History and Culture" classes (taught in German or English) are offered every semester. (Free of charge for exchange students!)

Accommodation Information

<p>Residence Halls</p> 	<p>Residence Halls are owned and run by the student services "Studierendenwerk Stuttgart"</p> <p>Residence Halls in Esslingen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geschwister-Scholl-Straße • Gördelerweg • Fabrikstraße • Roßneckar I and II <p>Residence Halls in Göppingen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studentendorf Göppingen
General Housing Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single rooms only; all residences are mixed (male/female); • All rooms are furnished with bed, mattress, chair, desk, wardrobe and lamps • Bed linen, pillow and cover can be bought upon arrival • Coin operated washing machines and dryers are in the basement • Cookers, fridges, freezers and cupboards are provided; dishes and food can be locked away • Students will be offered a room in the city where their chosen faculty is located, i.e. students who study at Göppingen campus will be assigned a room in Göppingen.
Estimated Costs of Housing (per month)	Between approx. 260 € and 350 € per month, depending on student residence hall. Rooms have to be rented for complete semesters (September - February or March - August).
Application for Accommodation	Accommodation information letters can be downloaded at www.hs-esslingen.de/incoming >Living Accommodation application: http://www.studierendenwerk-stuttgart.de/en/onlinebewerbung-wohnen
Private housing market	As the market for private housing is very tight and expensive and rooms are usually unfurnished, we recommend making reservations for the student residence halls. The International Office cannot assist in finding private accommodation.

The cities of Esslingen and Göppingen

<p>Location (map)</p> 	<p><u>Esslingen:</u> Surrounded by vineyards, Esslingen is located on the Neckar River. It is only 20 kilometers away from Stuttgart, the capital of Baden-Wuerttemberg (12 minutes by train from Esslingen). Esslingen's historic old town with its numerous half-timbered houses, bars, restaurants as well as cultural events make an ideal location for a successful semester abroad. There are good connections to the Black Forest, Munich, France and Switzerland. The story of Esslingen goes back over 1200 years. It is an attractive location for industry and economy.</p> <p><u>Göppingen:</u> Göppingen is situated only 25 kilometers from the main campus in Esslingen (25 minutes by train from Esslingen). This town lies in one of the most beautiful parts of the country in Baden-Wuerttemberg. At the foot of Mount Hohenstaufen you will find lively surroundings, a great variety of leisure time activities and a rich industrial tradition.</p>
<p>City Population</p>	<p>Esslingen: about 93.000 Göppingen: about 58.000 Stuttgart: about 600.000</p>

Frequently Asked Questions

<p>Visa and Identification Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passports should be valid for at least 6 months after end of stay in Germany. • European Union nationals do not need a visa. They just need to bring their valid passport or personal identification card. • Some nationalities (e.g. USA, Republic of Korea) can travel to Germany without a visa. A residence permit has to be applied for after arrival. Students get assistance by the International Office during orientation weeks. The procedure causes cost of approx. 100 €. If a student receives a scholarship and has written proof of it, he/she might be exempt from the fee for the residence permit. • Students from Mexico, Argentina, China and Singapore among others have to apply for a visa before arrival using the official letter of admission. The visa has to be extended at Immigration Office in Esslingen or Göppingen before it expires. • Visa regulations: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/03_Visabestimmungen/Visabestimmungen_node.html
<p>Financial Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students need to prove financial support for the local Immigration Office. • Required amount: approximately 735 € per month • Options of financial proof: letter of parents, proof of scholarship, internship, bank statement

Health Care Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health insurance is required by law. • Students from EU countries have to send a copy of their EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) to the International Office of Hochschule Esslingen by 1 February (for following summer semester) or 1 August (for following winter semester). They do not have to take out extra health insurance in Germany. • For students from Non-EU countries, we strongly recommend taking out German statutory student health insurance for approx. 90€ per month. The International Office can help students to arrange insurance before or during orientation program.
Banking Information	Students can open a bank account during orientation. The account is usually free of charge for students; monthly rent for the residence hall and contribution for health insurance company is taken from this account.
Student Union Fee per semester	100.60 € (2017/2018; subject to change)
Fees for Free Mover students per semester (subject to change; Exchange students are exempt!)	Tuition Fee 1.500 € Administrative Fee 60 € Subscription for Student Body 5 € Contribution for support program & extracurricular courses 500 €
Local Transportation	Car is not needed in Esslingen or Göppingen. Public transportation ticket "Studiticket" available for students, approx. 200 € per semester.
Contact Graduate School	For Master's degree programs taught in English please see http://www.hs-esslingen.de/en/the-university/faculties/graduate-school.html
Contact for Regular International Students	For regular admission into study programs at Hochschule Esslingen please see http://www.hs-esslingen.de/en/international-future-students.html

You are welcome to contact the International Office of Hochschule Esslingen for further information: incoming@hs-esslingen.de