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Fact Sheet 2025/26
for Exchange Students

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Pforzheim University (Hochschule Pforzheim) was founded in 1877. With its schools Design, Engineering and Business & Law Pforzheim University combines creativity with business education and technical precision. This combination makes the University an attractive science and research partner for the regional and national economy. With around 6,000 students, Pforzheim is one of the largest Universities of Applied Sciences in Baden-Wuerttemberg.

ERASMUS CODE: D PFORZHE01

SEMESTER DATES (ACADEMIC CALENDAR)

WINTER SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER
starts last week of September	starts the second week of March
Classes and exams end around the beginning of February	Classes and exams end mid of July
FAST TRACK: In case an exchange student will have to continue the study program at the home university in the beginning of January, students may get an extra examination before Christmas; in this case the exchange students may have to prove additional homework.	
The voluntary pre-semester course "German as a Foreign Language" starts about 4 weeks before the classes	
Exchange students should arrive about three days before the beginning of the program.	

DEADLINES	
NOMINATION OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS BY PARTNERS	
May 1	October 1
APPLICATION FORM SENT BY STUDENT	
May 15	October 15
Nominated students will receive an e-mail to apply and submit documents on our *Mobility Online* platform.	

The **Business School** offers an International Study Program (ISP) with various tracks for studying either one semester or two semesters in English (including Engineering & Management). The International Master Exchange Program (IMEP) offers a one semester track for graduate students.

All exchange students applying for the **School of Design** should send their application and all relevant materials directly to the School of Design: exchange.design@hs-pforzheim.de

ADMISSION POLICY FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Minimum length of the study abroad is one semester (15 weeks). Maximum length of the study abroad is one year. Students may combine the study abroad with an internship (normally 100 working days or 5 months). A total of 18 months is the maximum length a student may stay on exchange basis. Most of the students stay for one semester of studying and will add an internship in the second semester.
https://www.hs-pforzheim.de/en/international/studying_in_pforzheim/exchange_students

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Proof of adequate health insurance for the study abroad period, visa (related to the country of residence) and the payment of the Student Service Fee. Students from outside the EU should consider up to three months for getting a visa and should send the application material much earlier than the deadline.

TUITION
None for exchange students from partner universities.

FEES
112 Euro per semester is a student service fee by the *Deutsches Studierendenwerk*. It is a contribution to run cafeterias, student halls etc. and covers free access to the public transportation system of the city.

20 Euro for the student ID (access to the university, copy machines, public transport in Pforzheim etc.)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
English and/or German

STUDY PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH AT A GLANCE

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
ENGLISH: min. B2 level. Min. TOEFL (IBT>85; CBT>235; ITP>570) or any other official test like IELTS (min. 6.5), TOEIC, PTE, CPE, DTE (min.110) etc.
GERMAN: (for certain Double Degree programs or if you choose courses in German): min. B2 level, TESTDAF (> 16 and min. 4 in all parts), DSH 2 Examination, Goethe Certificate C2, or TEIC Deutsch C1 Hochschule).

GERMAN FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
The university offers free German language courses on various levels (A1 to C1) during the semester.
Generally, an intensive pre-semester German course for beginners is offered approximately 4 weeks before the start of the lecture period (5 ECTS).

ECTS-CREDITS
30 ECTS credits per semester are recommended. 24 ECTS credits are the minimum, 36 credits will be the maximum to take. Pforzheim University is a national and international accredited institution.

GRADING SYSTEM
The German grading system ranges from 1.0 (excellent) to 4.0 (pass).
Marks are: 1.0; 1.3; 1.7 (excellent; very good); 2.0; 2.3; 2.7 (good); 3.0; 3.3 (satisfactory); 3.7; 4.0 (pass); 4.3; 4.7; 5.0 (fail)

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS
A soft copy will be emailed to the student and the home university at the end of the semester. Hardcopy on demand.

DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT
Available for all students via the central university administration.

INTERNSHIPS
Pforzheim University is located in one of Europe's most industrialized and innovative regions and therefore perfect to get some practical experience as well. As long as international students keep the legal status of a student, it is possible to get an internship and to combine it with the study abroad period. Our career center is happy to help you.

HOUSING
Students are responsible for finding adequate housing by themselves. We recommend these student residences. Rent is between 220 € and 400 €.

COST OF LIVING
On average 800 € for students (depending on individual lifestyle).

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
We offer a Buddy Program (where we match international with local students) and field trips in cooperation with the student initiative ESN.

After a successful application, the exchange student will receive a letter of acceptance via the application portal.