

Fact Sheet for ERASMUS+ Exchange Students

Academic Calendar 2025/26	
Winter Semester 2025/26: Duration of semester Orientation weeks (incl. language course) Course/Lecture period Christmas Holidays Public Holidays: "Tag der deutschen Einheit" "Reformationstag" Christmas New Year's Day	01.10.2025 - 31.03.2026 22.09.2025 - 10.10.2025 13.10.2025 - 30.01.2026 22.12.2025 - 02.01.2026 03.10.2025 31.10.2025 25./26.12.2025 01.01.2026
Summer Semester 2026: Duration of semester Orientation weeks (incl. language course) Course/lecture period Public Holidays: Good Friday and Easter Monday "Tag der Arbeit" (Labour Day) "Christi Himmelfahrt" (Ascension Day) "Pfingsten" (Pentecost)	01.04.2026 - 30.09.2026 16.03.2026 - 03.04.2026 07.04.2026 - 10.07.2026 03.04.2026 und 06.04.2026 01.05.2026 14.05.2026 24./25.06.2026
<p>In the winter semester, the lecture period begins on the 13th of October 2025 and in the summer semester on the 7th of April 2026.</p> <p>The orientation weeks already start on the 22nd of September 2025 (winter semester) and on the 16th of March 2026 (summer semester). The end of the lecture period in winter semester is on the 30th of January 2026 and on the 10th of July 2026 in summer semester.</p> <p>Important: Exams will take place in the last week of lectures or within 2-3 weeks after the end of the lecture period (during the course free time). The exact date and type of exam will be communicated by the lecturers of each course during the first week of lectures!</p>	
Orientation Weeks The three orientation weeks include an optional intensive German language course on level A1-B2, as well as information events and many opportunities to get to know the University of Bremen, the campus, the city and other exchange students. They start 3 weeks before the start of lectures.	

You do not need to register for the orientation weeks. For the intensive German language course, you need to register with the Goethe Institute, who organizes the intensive course. You will get detailed information about the registration directly from the Goethe Institute after the end of the online registration period. **If you are interested to participate in the intensive language course, you have to indicate this in the online application form.**

Exam Period


There is no specific exam period at the University of Bremen. The dates and type of the exams differ from course to course. Usually, lecturers will communicate the exact type and date of exam for each course during the first week of lectures.

However, most exams will take place within 2-3 weeks after the end of the lecture period during the course free time so that most students will be able to finish their study period by end of February (winter semester) or mid-August (summer semester).

If you require further information to plan your exact departure date, please contact your **Departmental Erasmus Coordinator**:

[PDF List of Departmental Erasmus Coordinators](#) 

Academic Information

Language Requirements	<p>German: B2 English (for English taught courses only): B2</p> <p>The main teaching language at the University of Bremen for most Bachelor study programs is German. Thus, most courses are taught in German. Please make sure that your German knowledge is sufficient to follow courses and lectures successfully.</p> <p>There is a growing variety of Master programs and also a few Bachelor programmes taught in English.</p>
Course Catalogue	<p>https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/course-catalog/</p> <p>The final version of the course list for the summer semester is published in September (winter semester) and in March (summer semester). To view courses taught in English please select your study program and then click on the button at the top “in English”.</p> <p>All questions regarding your choice of courses, ECTS points, Learning Agreement, etc. should be directed to your departmental coordinator:</p> <p>PDF List of Departmental Erasmus Coordinators </p> <p>There are also courses taught in English in “Global Education” open for incoming exchange students of all study programs. To view courses in Global Education scroll down to the bottom of the course list.</p>

Grading System	<p>Sehr gut (Marks 1 and 1,3): Very good Gut (Marks 1,7; 2 and 2,3): Good Befriedigend (Marks 2,7; 3 and 3,3): Satisfactory Ausreichend (Marks 3,7 and 4): Sufficient Nicht ausreichend (Mark 5): Not sufficient/fail</p> <p>An ECTS grading scale is not available.</p>
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Online Application

<p>STEP 1: Online registration for the Erasmus exchange (in "Mobility Online")</p> <p>STEP 2: Online Application for the Enrolment/ Matriculation as a Visiting Student at the University of Bremen (in "MOIN")</p>	<p><u>1. Online Registration for the Erasmus Exchange at the International Office ("Mobility Online"):</u> We will send you the link to the Erasmus online application database "Mobility Online" and the instructions how to use it in a separate email as soon as the database is open. Online registration period for the Erasmus exchange is: 15th of May until 30th of June (winter semester and whole academic year) 15th of November until 31st of December (summer semester)</p> <p><u>2. Online Application for the enrolment as a visiting student at the University of Bremen with the Student Office ("MOIN"):</u> In a second step, you have to apply for the official enrolment as a visiting student at the University of Bremen using a another database "MOIN". Details including the link to "MOIN" will be communicated by email after your successful application in "Mobility Online" for the Erasmus exchange. Deadlines: 15st of August (winter semester) 15th of February (summer semester)</p> <p>Required documents for upload in both databases ("Mobility Online" and "MOIN"):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signed Application Form (generated in Mobility Online, 1st page) • signed Declaration of Language Competence form (2nd page) • Enrolment Certificate from home university (or certificate of student status) <p>After submitting the complete online application for the enrolment as a visiting student, you will receive the "Admission Letter" from the Student Office. The admission letter is needed for the application for a room in a student dorm or for your application for a student visa (if you need a student visa to enter Germany)</p> <p>Then you have to complete your enrolment. For this, you have to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign the "Acceptance of a Study Place" and send it by post or email to the Student Office • pay the semester contribution (see below) • initiate the ESMV Health Insurance procedure (see below)
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Health insurance	<p>Exchange students are required to have a valid health insurance that is equivalent to the German statutory health insurance, i.e. unlimited coverage of all treatments (incl. dental, psychological and pregnancy care) for the whole duration of their stay.</p> <p>The University of Bremen has introduced an electronic notification procedure (ESMV) for the proof of health insurance for the enrolment as a visiting student.</p> <p>A scan of the European Health Insurance Card (EU countries) or AT11-form (Turkey) has to be sent to one of the statutory health insurances on the campus (AOK or TK).</p> <p>The statutory health insurance will check the health insurance and send an electronic notification to the University of Bremen that you are sufficiently insured.</p> <p>A draft for the email and the email addresses of the two insurances on the campus who offer this service will be sent to you after your successful registration in Mobility Online.</p> <p>EU-Nationals: have to submit a scan of the valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC/CEAM) to the German statutory health insurance. Attention <u>French nationals</u>: please apply for your CEAM as early as possible!</p> <p>Turkish Nationals: have to submit a scan of the TA11 form issued by SSK (Sosyal Sigortalar Kurumu) to the statutory health insurance</p> <p>Non-EU Nationals without an EHIC or Turkish TA11 will have to get a German statutory health insurance (cost: about 110 € per month) with one of the German statutory health insurance companies (e.g. AOK, TK, hkk). Most insurance companies offer an online application procedure, so that you can become a member before coming to Germany.</p> <p>In addition, we recommend considering a travel insurance for the time gap between departure of the home country and the first day of the semester (01.10. or 01.04.) as well as for the trip home.</p> <p>Foreign private health insurances for the purpose of visa applications or travel insurances are not accepted for the enrolment. Most private insurances limit the coverage of cost or the duration of validity. Students will have to get the German statutory health insurance (cost: approx. 110 € per month) or an equivalent private health insurance in addition to the foreign private health insurance.</p> <p>Please get advice from a German statutory health insurance.</p>
Semester contribution	<p>Students are required to pay a semester contribution. This includes the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Semesterticket" (see below "transportation") • contribution to the "Studierendenwerk" • contribution to the Student Union ("AStA") <p>Exchange students are exempted from paying the administrative contribution. In the winter 2025/2026 the semester contribution for exchange students is 284,50€.</p> <p>The semester contribution is mandatory and has to be transferred to the account of the University of Bremen until the deadline stated in the</p>

	<p>admission letter. The semester contribution is not a tuition fee. You will receive more information regarding the payment details from the Student Office in the Admission Letter after submitting your online application for the enrollment in "MOIN".</p> <p>Please do not transfer any money before receiving the admission with the instructions about the payment details and your individual reference number.</p>
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Practical Information

Study Visa	<p>Non-EU nationals have to apply for a student visa at the nearest German Embassy or Consulate before entering Germany. Invitation Letters for the visa application are issued by the International Office upon receipt of the scan of the signed application documents. If you need a visa, please do not forget to tick the appropriate box in the online application and make sure that you entered your correct postal address into the online application database since your invitation letter will be send there.</p>
<u>VisaFlow</u>	<p>Students get free access to VisaFlow, an external service that helps to organise the Visa process. Use the code UNIBREMEN25 to create your account at VisaFlow Plattform</p> <p>You can plan and organise your move to Germany, step by step (Visa, Residence Permit, Housing, Health Insurance, working as a student, student life)</p>
<u>Exception:</u> Registration according to the “REST”Guideline 2016/801” at the BAMF	<p>Non-EU Erasmus students who have a valid study visa or a residence permit for studies for another EU-state for the whole duration of the Erasmus study period in Bremen are exempted from applying for a study visa at the German Embassy in their country of studies or in their home country.</p> <p>Instead, the mobility has to be registered by the International Office of the University of Bremen at the “Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge” (BAMF) <u>at the latest 30 days before the planned arrival date.</u> (REST guideline 2016/801).</p> <p>It will take 30 days to issue your Mobility Pass for your exchange study period.</p> <p>Please note: You may not enter Germany without having received the Mobility Pass and the study visa /residence permit has to be valid until the end of studies!</p> <p>If not, please apply for an extension as early as possible so that it is ready at least 30 days before your planned arrival date.</p> <p>If this is not possible, you have to apply for a study visa (see above).</p>
<u>Exception:</u> Non-EU Citizens with visa	<p>Citizens of non-EU countries with a visa exemption (e.g. UK, US, South Korea, Brazil, Japan etc.) can apply for a study visa at a German</p>

exemption (UK, US, Japan, Canada, South Korea etc.)	<p>Embassy before coming to Bremen or apply for a residence permit within 90 days after coming to Bremen.</p> <p>The required documents for the application for a residence permit in Bremen are the same as for the application for a study visa.</p> <p>More info: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/bsu/residence-permits</p> <p>Visa requirements by country: https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/-/231148</p> <p>Admission letters for the visa application or the BAMF registrations are issued by the Student Office after you submitted the complete application for the enrollment as a visiting student at the University of Bremen in MOIN.</p> <p>Contact: incoming@uni-bremen.de</p>
Housing	<p>More info and contacts are here: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/university/campus/housing</p> <p>Due to the many different accommodation types and sizes, the costs vary greatly. However, you should expect to pay about 300 to 600 € for rent per month (electricity, water and heating are usually included).</p> <p>Please apply for a room as early as possible, so that you can move into your room right at the start of your studies and avoid long and expensive stays in a temporary accommodation.</p>
Newcomer Service	<p>The "Newcomer Service" for exchange students offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - orientation weeks and a German intensive language courses 3 weeks before the start of lectures - special consultation hours of the Erasmus departmental coordinators - advice by student tutors at the "Welcome Desk" for questions regarding arrival, registration, housing, insurance etc. <p>Website: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/offers-for-international-students/newcomer-service-for-exchange-students/</p>

Language courses	<p>There is an optional intensive German language course during the orientation weeks organized by the “Goethe Institute Bremen” for the language levels A1 - B2.</p> <p>If you want to participate in the German courses, please tick the appropriate box in the online registration form in “Mobility Online”, so that the “Goethe Institute” and the “Sprachenzentrum der Universität Bremen” will be notified about your interest.</p> <p>For the three-weeks-course, students will receive 6 ECTS upon successful participation.</p> <p>Admission only for registered Erasmus students who have participated in the online placement test of the Goethe Institute. The link to the test will be sent to all exchange students who indicated their interest in “Mobility Online” form approx. 3 weeks after the end of the online registration period.</p> <p>If you want to participate in this intensive course, please follow the instructions in the emails that will be sent to you by the Goethe Institute to secure your place.</p> <p>Additionally, there is the possibility to take German languages courses during the semester (3-6 ECTS). The placement test for these courses is in the week before the start of the semester.</p> <p>Exchange students will get one German language course for 6 ECTS free of charge. For additional courses there is a fee of 60€ for courses with 2 SWS/3 ECTS (SWS are “Semesterwochenstunden”, i.e. “hours per week”).</p> <p>More information about German language courses at the language center (“Sprachenzentrum”) at the University of Bremen: https://www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de/100.0.html?&L=1 </p>
Registration of Residence	<p>Registration of Residence (“Meldebestätigung”): All foreign incoming students have to register with the city’s authorities within 2 weeks after taking residence in Bremen.</p> <p>The Newcomer Service team can assist you with the necessary formalities once you arrive in Bremen.</p> <p>Website: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/bsu/city-registration</p>
Transportation	<p>After the enrollment has been completed, students will receive a “Semesterticket” which allows to use all public transport in and around Bremen free of charge. Currently, the Germany ticket is also included. http://www.asta.uni-bremen.de/service/semesterticket/ </p> <p>The semester ticket is only valid from the 1st of October (winter semester) or the 1st of April (summer semester) onwards. During the orientation weeks before the start of the semester, you will have to buy weekly or monthly tickets for the public transport.</p>


Sports facilities	Sports courses and facilities are available for incoming students on campus for a small fee. http://www.hospo.uni-bremen.de/
Studdy-Buddy Programme	<p>The Study Buddy program is designed to help international students to find their way into the new surroundings. Every international student participating in the program will team up with a student from Bremen as a „buddy“. The buddy will provide support and help you to settle into everyday life in Bremen. The program starts at the beginning of the lecture period.</p> <p>Link: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/offers-for-international-students/kompass/study-buddy/</p>

Contacts

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