



# Fact Sheet

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<b>Academic calendar</b>	<p><b>The academic year starts in October and ends in September. It is divided into 2 independent terms (semesters). The first one is the winter semester (WS):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September Intensive Language course with integrated Orientation (highly recommended)</li> <li>• Orientation (for students who did not attend the Intensive Language Course): Beginning of October</li> <li>• Classes: mid October until last week of February.</li> </ul> <p><b>The second one is the summer semester (SoSe):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March Intensive Language course with Integrated Orientation (highly recommended)</li> <li>• Orientation (for students who did not attend the Intensive Language Course): Beginning of April</li> <li>• Classes: mid April until last week in July.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please find current dates, including arrival times, here:</b> <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/studying-in-konstanz/academic-calendar-important-dates-in-the-academic-year/">http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/studying-in-konstanz/academic-calendar-important-dates-in-the-academic-year/</a></p>
<b>Deadlines</b>	<p><b>NEW:</b> Since the application for the academic year 2014/15, we request students to register through an online portal by</p>

	<p><b>May 15</b> Admissions Application for the Winter Semester or whole Academic Year Residence Application for the Winter Semester or whole Academic Year Payment of Housing Deposit</p> <p><b>November 15</b> Admissions Application for the Summer Semester Hall of Residence Application for the Summer Semester Payment of Housing Deposit</p> <p><b>Applications can also be send in one pdf (for each student separately) to exchange.programs[at]uni-konstanz.de No specific deadlines for nominations (about 2 month in advance).</b></p>
<i>Application procedures</i>	<p>1) <b>Nomination via Email to the International Office of the University of Konstanz</b></p> <p>2) <b>Students are asked to register online – we will provide them with the link to the online application</b></p> <p>3) <b>Send signed Printout of Online-application together with specified documents as hard copies to the International Office</b></p> <p><b>General Information on Application Procedure and Deadlines</b> <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/how-to-apply/exchange-students/">http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/how-to-apply/exchange-students/</a></p> <p><b>Information on the Application:</b> <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/how-to-apply/exchange-students/welcome-homepage/">http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/how-to-apply/exchange-students/welcome-homepage/</a></p>

<i>Supporting documents required to be submitted with exchange application</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Signed Printout of Online Application (5 pages)</li> <li>- Transcript of Records from your home university</li> <li>- Proof of German OR English language skills (min. B1 level)</li> <li>- A proof of your bank transfer of the housing deposit</li> </ul>
<i>Transcripts</i>	<p>Upon completion of the semester/year, the student fills out an Application for a Transcript of Records, once all grades have been posted online. The International Office then issues an official transcript and sends it to the home university.</p>
<i>Number of credits</i>	<p>Undergraduate and graduate students are usually enrolled in 24-30 credits per semester; deviations are possible</p>
<i>Courses</i>	<p>1. <b>How to use the course catalogue</b> <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/internationale-studierende/how-to-use-the-course-catalogue/">www.international.uni-konstanz.de/internationale-studierende/how-to-use-the-course-catalogue/</a></p> <p>2. <b>Course Catalogue (LSF)</b> <a href="http://www.studium.uni-konstanz.de/en/course-catalogue/">http://www.studium.uni-konstanz.de/en/course-catalogue/</a></p> <p>3. <b>Overview of courses taught in English can be found at the bottom of this page:</b> <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/study-opportunities/courses-taught-in-english/">http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/study-opportunities/courses-taught-in-english/</a></p>

	<p>All updated information is always available here:  <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students">www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students</a></p> <p>4. Please find links to all departments here:  <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/contacts/">http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/contacts/</a></p>
<p><b>Language requirement (e.g. TOEFL/IELTS/others)</b></p>	<p><b>German and/or English: minimum level B1</b></p> <p>Usually, B1 competences are not sufficient to follow high level academic courses, esp. in the Humanities</p> <p>Students can visit academic courses in English, while also visiting language courses for German as a Foreign Language offered by the Language Institute.</p> <p>Courses for English as a foreign language are not offered to exchange students.</p>
<p><b>Language courses for exchange students</b></p>	<p><b>I. September and March Intensive Language course with Integrated Orientation:</b> <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/international-student-support/study-preparation-programmes/">http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/international-student-support/study-preparation-programmes/</a></p> <p><b>II. Bodensee Summer School:</b>  <a href="http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/study-opportunities/ibh/">http://www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-students/study-opportunities/ibh/</a></p> <p><b>III. Language courses during the semester</b>  <a href="http://www.studium.uni-konstanz.de/en/course-catalogue/">www.studium.uni-konstanz.de/en/course-catalogue/</a> (click on the semester you are interested in and go to: <a href="#">Interdisciplinary Programs (et. al. Statistics, Language Institute, Key Qualification)</a>)</p>
<p><b>Accommodation</b></p>	<p><b>Students who apply for and pay the deposit in time are usually guaranteed accommodation in ‘Seezeit’ Student Housing.</b></p> <p>The application form and details on the housing deposit are included in the <a href="#">information</a> provided on the International Office homepage.  Please note: it is crucial that the housing deposit arrives in Konstanz by the deadline.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there is no assistance; finding private housing in Konstanz also is very difficult and expensive. Good websites to look for accommodation are <a href="http://www.vierwaen.de">www.vierwaen.de</a> , <a href="http://www.wg-gesucht.de">www.wg-gesucht.de</a> , <a href="http://www.studenten-wg.de">www.studenten-wg.de</a> . You can find offers from private landlords in the local daily newspaper Suedkurier: <a href="http://www.suedkurier.de">www.suedkurier.de</a>  Private housing is best found when on-site; bring time and patience.  <b>Please be aware of scams – ads written in English, passport copies of landlord sent, money to be sent via Western Union.</b></p>
<p><b>Estimated expenses per month (in local currency)</b></p>	<p><b>Accommodation:</b> 260-380 Euros per month in Dormitories  <b>Food:</b> 120-250 Euros/month  <b>Local transportation:</b> semester student pass 48 Euros</p>

	<p><b>Printing</b> (50-100/sem), <b>insurance</b> (80/mon), <b>campus fees</b> (80/sem)  <b>Personal:</b> 150-450 Euros/month (depends on individual habits, of course: travelling, partying, choosing expensive foods in the cafeteria ...)  <b>Important: In the first 2 months students will need more money than in the following months to cover all initial costs. Students should prepare accordingly.</b></p>
<b>Visa requirements</b>	<p><b>Visa:</b>  Citizens from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland, the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Israel and Brazil do not need a visa to enter Germany. All others NEED a student visa (NOT a tourist visa) that students have to apply for ahead of time.</p> <p><b>Residence Permit:</b>  ALL students (except from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland) will apply for a residence permit ("Aufenthaltstitel") in Konstanz upon arrival. The IO will assist.</p>
<b>Medical insurance</b>	<p>Students from the EU/EEA and Switzerland are automatically insured through their EHIC card.  Students with non-EU/EEA nationality <b>are required</b> to enroll in German health Insurance; the IO will assist with this upon arrival.</p>
<b>Services available to exchange students (e.g. internet access, sports facilities, libraries, student organizations, local transport etc)</b>	<p>All exchange students enjoy the same access to university facilities as local students. To mention just a few facilities such as computer centre, Internet access both on the university campus as well as in the accommodation, access to sport facilities: (<a href="http://www.uni-konstanz.de/hochschulsport">www.uni-konstanz.de/hochschulsport</a>) and the library (<a href="http://www.ub.uni-konstanz.de/">www.ub.uni-konstanz.de/</a>).</p> <p>In the <a href="#">Studierenden-Service-Zentrum (SSZ)</a> students have access to all services in one room.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Welcome Center</a> offers special services to PhD students and international researchers.</p> <p>In addition to that, a Counseling Center offers advice and services in times of stress and worries.</p> <p>Other services include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TANDEM-Language Partner</li> <li>- University Sports Programs</li> <li>- Career Service</li> <li>- Access to an array of excursions</li> </ul> <p>Access to Student Initiatives and Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Buddy programme: a group of students who bring together domestic and international students by organizing events and excursions</li> <li>2. PASS organizes and arranges partnerships for international students who newly arrive in Konstanz.</li> <li>3. AEGEE – the European Students' Forum with its goal of advancing mutual understanding and exchange between young people throughout Europe, across the borders of the European Union and beyond.</li> <li>4. University Choir</li> <li>5. University Orchestra</li> <li>6. University Theatre</li> <li>7. University Film Club</li> <li>8. ASTA – the official student representation body</li> </ol>