EBERHARD KARLS
UNIVERSITÄT
TÜBINGEN

Your Exchange at the University of Tübingen

YOUR CITY

Tübingen – In the Heart of Europe

Tübingen is a traditional university town located in the southwest of Germany, right in the center of one of the most prosperous and innovative regions in Europe, the State of Baden-Württemberg. It is idyllically situated at the river Neckar and at the edge of the Schönbuch nature park as well as the Swabian Alps mountains.

The next major city with an international airport, Stuttgart, is only half an hour away, and the borders of France, Austria and Switzerland can be reached in just two hours, making Tübingen the ideal place to explore Germany and Europe.

Combining Old and Young

Founded in the 11th century, Tübingen can look back on a long and rich history. But that does not mean that Tübingen is antiquated! Quite the contrary: With around 30.000 of the 87.000 inhabitants being students, Tübingen is a vibrant student town with many cultural offerings and a high standard of living – and Germany's youngest city by average age.

Tübingen, the UniverCity

If you ask a German what he or she knows about Tübingen, the immediate answer will be: "The university!" Tübingen without the university is almost unthinkable. University buildings are scattered throughout the city, as are the university students, meaning that bumping into classmates in the city is quite a commonplace occurrence. Making new friends from around the world could not be easier!

„Typisch Tübingen!" - Typical Tübingen

On average, the hottest day in the summer is 39° C (102,2° F).

In winter, the thermometer can reach -15° C (5° F).

Tübingen is well known for its hilly topography. Songs were even written about it!

Despite all the hills, Tübingen is a bike city.

The University Museum is home to some of the oldest artifacts of mankind. The small horse figurine exhibited there is over 40.000 years old.

It is the iconic sign of Tübingen: the punting boat! The punting boat race, held in May and organized by the university's fraternities, is a spectacle that attracts over 15.000 visitors.

Tübingen is home to the biggest Chocolate Festival in Germany. It takes place every year in December and attracts up to 300.000 visitors.

YOUR UNIVERSITY

A Place of Tradition

The Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen is one of Europe's oldest universities. The University's history began in 1477, when Count Eberhard "the Bearded" of Württemberg founded the University. Several hundred years of history in the sciences and humanities have been written here.

Tübingen notables include Georg F.W. Hegel, Friedrich W.J. Schelling, Johannes Kepler and Wilhelm Schickard. In 1869, in a small laboratory in the Tübingen castle, Friedrich Miescher isolated nucleic acid for the first time in history, paving the way for the identification of the DNA.

A Place of Excellence

Tübingen today remains a place of research and teaching. Around 30.000 German and international students study at one of the seven faculties.

The latest chapter of the University's history is marked by its success in the German government's Excellence Initiative, which recognized the University of Tübingen as a top-class research university and made it one of Germany's eleven "Universities of Excellence". This is also reflected in the international rankings, where Tübingen is listed as number 89 in the world (THE Ranking 2019).

International since 1477

From the USA to Uzbekistan, from Botswana to Brazil, from Fiji to Finland – The University of Tübingen has more than 500 partner universities around the globe and is truly an international place. Around 14 % of the university's students are international students, alongside 800 exchange students who come to Tübingen from our partner universities every year to study in this beautiful city for one or two semesters.

University of Tübingen Sciences Campus

7 faculties: Humanities, Science, Economics and Social Sciences, Medicine, Law, Protestant Theology, Catholic Theology

29.800 undergraduate and graduate students in total

3.800 international students

1477 is the year the University of Tübingen was founded by Count Eberhard the Bearded

89th in the THE World University Ranking 2019

8 Nobel Prize Winners

>500 partner universities around the world

Semester Dates

Winter Semester: Mid-October - mid-February
Summer Semester: Mid-April - late July

Main Administraion Building

YOUR EXCHANGE

What's an Exchange?

As an exchange student, you can study at the University of Tübingen for one or two semesters. You do not have to pay any tuition fees in Tübingen and can receive credits at your home university for the courses you take (given the approval of your home university).

Courses Options

You can choose freely from the courses offered at the University of Tübingen, even across faculties. Only the Faculty of Medicine is not part of the exchange.

Select one or combine the following options:

1. Take academic classes taught in German at one of the faculties. In this case you should have a good level of German (B2 recommended).

2. Take academic classes taught in English at one of the faculties. The amount of classes in English offered at the University of Tübingen is increasing every year. A list of the classes is uploaded to our website before each semester: www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/90763

3. Take classes in German language and culture offered by our Department of German as a Foreign Language. This department offers more than 50 courses for exchange students every semester. Most of the courses start at a B1 level. You can also participate in one of the fee-based pre-semester language and orientation programs.

Language Requirements

We do not require any proof of your language proficiency, but we recommend you to have a B2 level in German if you want to take academic classes taught in German, and a B2 level of English for classes taught in English.

Most German language and culture classes at the Department for German as a Foreign Language start at a B1 level. They also offer free beginner's language courses (A1/A2), but spaces are limited and cannot be guaranteed.

Housing

As an exchange student, housing in one of the student dorms is guaranteed given that your application is complete and on time.

Your Path to Tübingen

1. Check with the International Office at your home university if there is an exchange agreement with Tübingen in place

2. Apply at the International Office at your home university for an exchange

3. Your home university nominates you for an exchange in Tübingen

4. Apply at the University of Tübingen and for a spot in the dormitories. Deadlines:
31 May for the Winter Semester and
31 December for the Summer Semester

5. Choose your courses and come to Tübingen!

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