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Exchange Partner Fact Sheet

International Office



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University Information

Academic Calendar

Term dates (including exam period):

First (winter) semester: October – February
Second (summer) semester: April – July

Nomination/Application information

Deadline:

First semester: May 31

Second semester: November 30

We may consider late nominations by partner request only.

Guidelines/Procedure:

We accept nomination by email to lesia.kimmel@ph-gmuend.de. Please include following information:

- ✓ name and surname of student
- ✓ study cycle
- ✓ subject area
- ✓ email address
- ✓ exchange semester

Once students are nominated, they will get detailed application information by email.

Contact:

Lesia Kimmel
E-Mail: lesia.kimmel@ph-gmuend.de

Accommodation

All of our international exchange students are guaranteed a fully furnished single room in our student residence hall. It is situated in walking distance to the University. There is a fully equipped shared kitchen and living room on each floor. Rooms for social events and meetings as well as laundry facilities are also available.

Price approx. 320 Euro per month.

No hassle: Exchange students automatically register for their room with their application for the exchange semester.



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Programme Information

Module information

Courses in German:

International exchange students with a good command of German (minimum **B2** level) are welcome to attend any offered courses during first and second semester.

Students with a good command of English can attend our English-taught courses.

Courses in English:

All courses in our English department are held in English. Additionally, during the second semester, there is a wide range of other courses taught in English. Please find our current course programme in English here.

Our Early Childhood Education department is offering a 30 ECTS programme "Exploring the World: Play, Culture, and Family in Early Childhood Education" which is taught in English (second semester only).

As part of the DAAD project „Act & Reflect smart: STEM Education in Motion" we are offering a 30 ECTS course programme " STEM Teacher Education in international context" , also in the second semester only.

Complete course schedules of both programmes can be found here.

German Cultural Studies:

We offer a course *"German Culture, History and Society"* for all international students, which is taught in English and German. This mandatory 3 ECTS course includes the orientation week at the beginning of the semester and lectures and a variety of cultural activities and field trips (at no extra costs!) during the semester.

Traineeships / Practice teaching

Observation in nurseries and school classes of all age groups; opportunities to teach different subjects actively in grades 1-4 or 5-9/10; recommended German language skills for actively teaching is C1.

Practice teaching in English is also possible, especially in secondary schools. For further information please contact the International Office.



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Grade Information and Requirements

Language requirements

English Level:

Min. B2 for courses offered in English

German Level:

Min. B2 for courses offered in German

German Language Courses:

On-going courses during the semester free of charge: beginners level A1 and different advanced levels.

Transcripts and grading tables

Transcripts:

The student´s transcript, along with the certificate of stay, will be emailed to the partner institution once all results are available. This is usually in March resp. August.

Local grades:

1,0 – 1,3: very good
1,5 – 2,3: good
2,5 – 3,3: satisfying
3,5 – 4,0: sufficient (minimal pass mark 4,0)

Performance:

60 % required to pass

Regular workload for all students:

30 ECTS per semester



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Practical Information

Arrival and welcome

The first semester starts at the beginning of October, the second semester at the beginning of April. Exchange students will be informed about the exact arrival dates after their successful application. There will be a pick-up service from Schwaebisch Gmuend Railway Station free of charge.

Visa requirements

EU/EFTA citizens do not require a visa. Up-to-date information on visa regulations can be found on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office.
Our International Office helps and supports in all visa issues.

Health and travel insurance

Health insurance is mandatory to all exchange students. If there is no valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), our International Office organizes equivalent insurance (approx. 125 Euro per months).

Financial information

There is no tuition fee for exchange students.
Student service contribution: approx. 80 Euro per semester
Heath insurance (if no valid EHIC): approx. 125 Euro per month
Accommodation (single room in student dormitory): approx. 320 Euro per month

Services for exchange students

All accepted exchange students will receive a welcome email with pre-arrival information on visa application, travelling, arrival, accommodation, courses, and our university.

- ✓ Guaranteed housing
- ✓ Free pick-up on arrival at Schwäbisch Gmünd railway station.
- ✓ Welcome week with social events
- ✓ Buddy programme
- ✓ Support in visa, insurance, banking issues
- ✓ Organized excursions and social events during the semester
- ✓ Traineeships available on request

Useful links

English-taught course list and Study Guide for exchange students

Complete course catalogue



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Contact Information

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