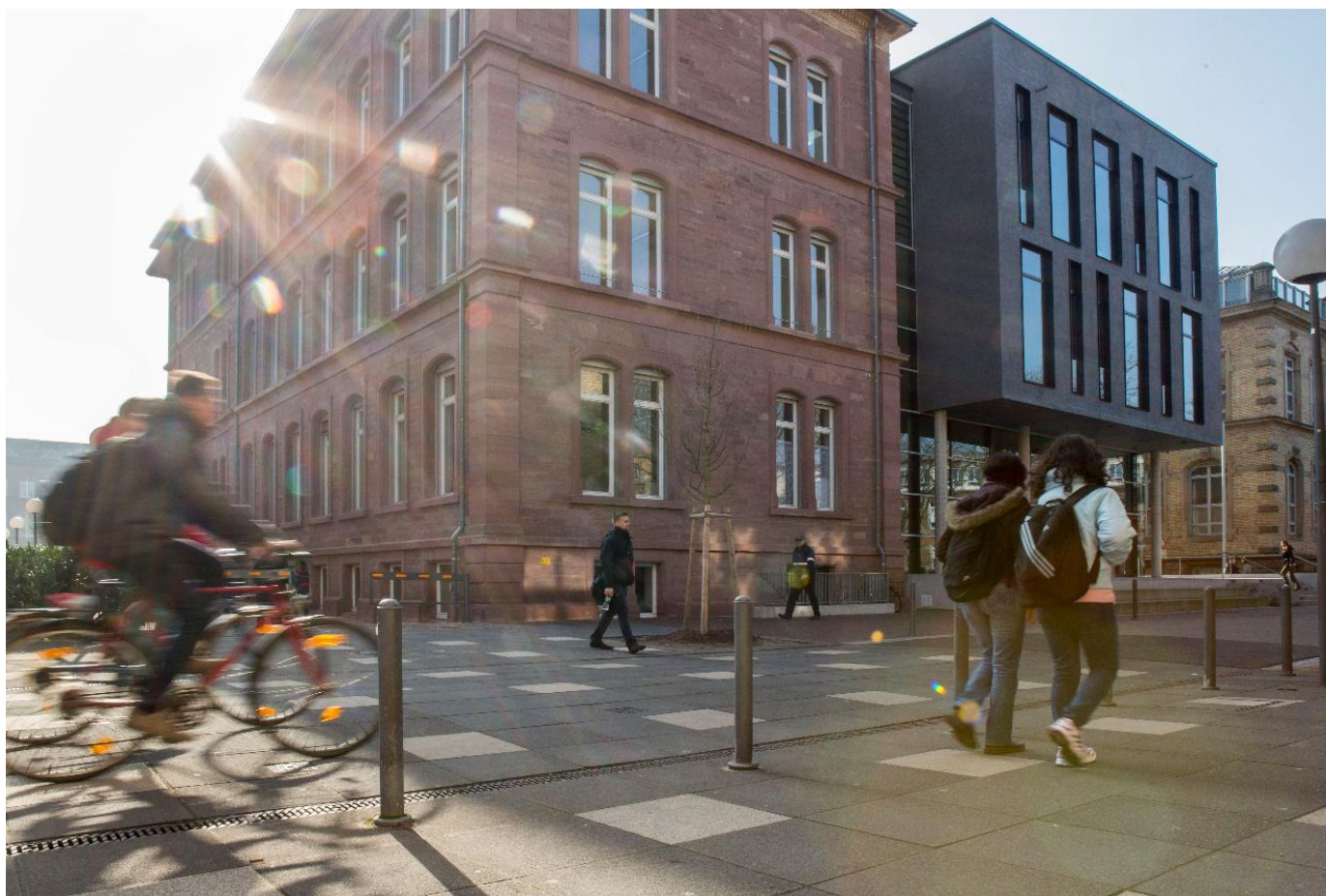


## Institutional Factsheet for KIT – Version 2026/27






### 1. Institutional Information

#### 1.1. Institutional Details



<b>Name of institution</b>	<b>KIT – Karlsruhe Institute of Technology</b>
<b>ERASMUS Code</b>	<b>D KARLSRU01</b>
<b>EUC</b>	<b>29815</b>
<b>OID</b>	<b>E10181267</b>
<b>PIC</b>	<b>990797674</b>
<b>Institutional website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.kit.edu">www.kit.edu</a></b>
<b>International website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php">www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php</a></b>
<b>Course catalogue</b>	<b><a href="http://campus.studium.kit.edu/english/events/index.php">campus.studium.kit.edu/english/events/index.php</a></b>
<b>Head of institution</b>	<b>Professor Dr. Jan S. Hesthaven</b>

## 1.2. Main Contacts for ERASMUS programme

Erasmus+ Mobility Team				
<b>Office</b>	KIT – International Students Office (IStO) Adenauerring 2, Geb. 50.20 D-76131 Karlsruhe Germany Tel.: +49 (0)721 608- <b>44911</b> (IStO-Secretary)			
				
<b>Dr. Julia Johnsen</b> Joint Management of Mobility Programs (Europe) Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator	<b>Marco Martori</b> Erasmus+ Mobility Coordinator (Outgoing; IIA) Tel.: <b>-44972</b>	<b>Mia Tjandisaka</b> Erasmus+ Mobility Coordinator (Incoming; IIA) Tel.: <b>-44927</b>	<b>Peter Schommer</b> Erasmus+ Mobility Coordinator (Outgoing; BIP) Tel.: <b>-43875</b>	<b>Verena Geisselmann</b> Assistant to the Program Erasmus+ (Incoming) Tel.: <b>-44328</b>
<b>Inter-Institutional Agreements</b>	erasmus-agreement@intl.kit.edu			
<b>Blended Intensive Programs (BIP)</b>	erasmus-shortterm@intl.kit.edu			
<b>Incoming students (your students to KIT)</b>	erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu			
<b>Outgoing students (KIT to your institution)</b>	erasmus-out@intl.kit.edu			
<b>Departmental Coordinators</b>	For all academic questions concerning (Digital) Learning Agreement, study schedule, ECTS, courses etc., please <b>contact our departmental coordinators</b> . A list is available online at: <a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php">http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php</a> .			



2. Calendar				
Calendar of the academic year	1 <sup>st</sup> semester (Winter semester)	October 1	–	March 31
	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (Summer semester)	April 1	–	September 30
Nomination period	March – April 30	for the 1 <sup>st</sup> semester or for the whole academic year		
	September – October 30	for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
Students applying for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester <b>must be</b> nominated in September-October				
Application deadline	for the 1 <sup>st</sup> semester or for the whole academic year	Digital LA	May 15	
		other documents	June 1	
	for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	Digital LA	November 15	
		other documents	December 1	
Decision time	All successful applicants will be able to download their KIT admission letter directly from the mobility online portal ( <b>generally by the end of July or January</b> ). Then they will receive an e-mail with further information on enrollment process at KIT.			
Enrollment at KIT	The enrollment process at KIT starts ca. two months before the start of lectures. Students from partner universities are required to pay a “Studierendenwerksbeitrag” (Charge for the Studierendenwerk) of <b>109.50 € (as of Winter Semester 2025)</b> . This includes reduced student prices at the university restaurant, transportation reductions and accident insurance: <a href="https://www.sw-ka.de/en/geld/studierendenwerksbeitrag/">https://www.sw-ka.de/en/geld/studierendenwerksbeitrag/</a> The KIT student card is expected to be available <b>in early September (for the winter semester) or March (for the summer semester)</b> and must be collected in person. Students <b>must remain register at their home university</b> during their study stay at KIT.			
Pre-semester German courses	In September or in March			
Orientation-Week/Phase	One or two weeks after the pre-semester German courses			
Lecture period	Usually in <b>the fourth week of October or April</b> <a href="https://www.sle.kit.edu/english/imstudium/697.php">https://www.sle.kit.edu/english/imstudium/697.php</a>			
Period of exams	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	February	–	March 31
	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	July	–	September 30
Arrival and departure certificate	<p>The earliest possible start date on the arrival certificate is the <b>first day of participation</b> in one of the following academic or orientation activities at KIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pre-semester German language course</li> <li>- Orientation Phase (O-Phase)</li> <li>- Start of lectures</li> </ul> <p>Example: If a participant arrives in Germany or their rental contract begins on September 1, the arrival certificate may only start on September 14, which corresponds to the official start date of the pre-semester German language course in Winter Semester 2026/27.</p> <p>The departure certificate will normally be issued based on the <b>last examination date (+1 day)</b>, unless a valid flight/bus/train ticket can be provided that proves a later departure date.</p>			

In general, please note the following conditions:

- The mobility period cannot exceed six months for a one semester stay or twelve months for a full academic year
- The departure date cannot be later than March 31 (winter semester) or September 30 (summer semester) and
- The departure date should be earlier than the start of the academic semester at the home university

**Transcript of records**

Students can view the current status of their Transcript of Records (ToR) at any time via their KIT student account. Please note that the completeness of the transcript depends on the grading process, which is ongoing and subject to professors' grade submissions. ToR remain accessible through the KIT student account for up to six months after de-enrollment from KIT. **Students may depart from KIT after completing their last exam, even if not all grades have yet been entered.**

After this period, students have no longer access and the only possible way to get a ToR is to contact SLE (Studierendenservices). Please note that SLE charges a fee for this service. The Transcript of Records is **considered valid without a physical signature**. It includes a verification key to confirm authenticity.

**KIT will not send it to the home university! Partner universities can download a copy for verification purposes. Instructions for accessing and verifying the transcript are provided on the last page of the document.**


**Academic year 2026/27 (preliminary dates for O-Phase and German course)**


<b>1<sup>st</sup> semester (Winter semester) 2026/27</b>			
<b>Pre-semester German language course</b>	September 14, 2026	–	October 2, 2026
<b>Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)</b>	in October		
<b>Period of courses</b>	October 26, 2026	–	February 20, 2027
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> semester (Summer semester) 2027</b>			
<b>Pre-semester German language course</b>	in March		
<b>Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)</b>	in April		
<b>Period of courses</b>	April 19, 2027	–	July 31, 2027

**Academic year 2027/28 (preliminary dates for O-Phase and German course)**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> semester (Winter semester) 2027/28</b>			
<b>Pre-semester German language course</b>	In September		
<b>Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)</b>	in October		
<b>Period of courses</b>	October 25, 2027	–	February 19, 2028
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> semester (Summer semester) 2028</b>			
<b>Pre-semester German language course</b>	in March		
<b>Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)</b>	in April		
<b>Period of courses</b>	April 18, 2028	–	July 29, 2028

### 3. Detailed requirements

<p>3.1. Language skills</p> 	<p><b>The sending institution is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates to reach the required language skills.</b></p> <p>At KIT, language certificates must be submitted at the time of application (<b>by June 1st for the winter semester/ by December 1st for the summer semester</b>). Certificates must be <b>no older than five years</b> by the application deadline.</p> <p>Certificates do not necessarily need to be from the Goethe Institute/TOEFL/IELTS. We accept certificates (<b>not an attendance confirmation</b>) issued by the home university or issued by a language school.</p> <p><u>Language requirements starting from academic year 2024/25</u></p> <p><b>Department of Chemistry and Biosciences (CHEM-BIO)</b> requires applicants to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C1 CEFR level in German, if attending only courses taught in German</li> <li>• B2 CEFR level in English, if attending only courses taught in English</li> <li>• both certificates (C1 German and B2 English), if attending courses in both language</li> </ul> <p><b>Department of Architecture (ARCH), Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences (BGU), Department of Chemical and Process Engineering (CIW), Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (ETIT), Department of Informatics (INFO), Department of Mechanical Engineering (MACH), Department of Mathematics (MATH), Department of Physics (PHY) and Department of Economics and Management (WIWI)</b> require applicants to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B1 CEFR level in German, if attending only courses taught in German</li> <li>• B2 CEFR level in English, if attending only courses taught in English</li> <li>• both certificates (B1 German and B2 English), if attending courses in both languages</li> </ul> <p><b>Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (GEIST-SOZ)</b> requires applicants to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A2/B1 CEFR level in German (<b>mandatory requirement</b>)</li> <li>• <b>and additionally</b> B2 CEFR level in English if attending courses taught in English</li> </ul> <p>Please note that English is not widely spoken throughout Germany/at KIT. Thus, participation in the pre-semester German course offered at KIT is <b>mandatory</b> to all applicants, who don't have any/sufficient German language proficiency.</p>
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<p><b>3.2. Additional requirements</b></p> 	<p>Bachelor-level students <b>must have successfully completed</b> their second year of study prior to participation.</p> <p><b>Final thesis/Internship/Project</b> If students want to do their final thesis/internship/project at KIT, they are responsible for independently identifying both a suitable topic and supervisor (in host and home institutions). Bachelor's theses typically receive 12–15 ECTS, depending on the department. Master's theses are generally awarded 30 ECTS. <b>Only in exceptional cases</b>, the scope and credit allocation can be adjusted to meet the requirements of the home university—this must be agreed upon by both the KIT supervisor/department and the home institution.</p> <p><b>Students and Staff with disabilities</b> KIT welcomes students and staff with disabilities, but asks them to contact the International Students Office as soon as possible, so that special care can be taken during preparation.</p>
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#### 4. Additional Information

<p><b>4.1. Nomination &amp; application procedure</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Nomination of students:</b> To nominate your students, please use our online nomination platform: <a href="https://www.service4mobility.com/europe/LoginServlet?identifier=KARLSRU01&amp;sprache=en">https://www.service4mobility.com/europe/LoginServlet?identifier=KARLSRU01&amp;sprache=en</a>. Detailed instructions on how to nominate are available at: <a href="https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/14673.php">https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/14673.php</a> To receive a login name and password, please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu">erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu</a>. You will receive an email containing your account credentials along with further information on the nomination process. <b>The login credentials remain valid for future nomination rounds. Please store them securely and do not share them with students.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Application by nominated students</b> Nominated students will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to apply online. They are required to submit the online application and upload the following documents to the portal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Printed version of the KIT's application form, stamped and signed by the home university coordinator</li> <li>- <b>A digital learning agreement</b>, initiated in the home university's system (aim for 20–30 ECTS per semester), approved by the home university coordinator, and submitted via the EWP network</li> <li>- <b>Language certificates</b> (German and/or English, see section 3.1 for details)</li> <li>- Current <b>Transcript of Records</b> in German/English language</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Admission to KIT</b> Admission is subject to approval by the respective departmental coordinator at KIT. Students are considered officially accepted once they are able to download their</li> </ol>
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	<p>admission letter from our system—<b>approximately six weeks after the application deadline</b>. Enrollment at KIT follows (see section 4.8).</p>
<p><b>4.2. Information on courses</b></p>	<p>Exchange students are required to take <b>at least 70% of their total ECTS credits</b> from study programs offered by their host department at KIT. The remaining ECTS credits (up to 30%) may be selected from courses offered by other departments at KIT. If the home university does not define a minimum number of ECTS, nominated students are expected to select courses at KIT <b>totaling 20–30 ECTS per semester</b>.</p> <p>Course catalogue: <a href="https://campus.studium.kit.edu/english/events/index.php">https://campus.studium.kit.edu/english/events/index.php</a></p> <p>Further information on course selection and Learning Agreements: <a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3377.php">http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3377.php</a></p> <p><b>Please note that registration may be required for certain seminars or lectures.</b> For specific details or questions, students should contact the departmental coordinator directly</p>
<p><b>4.3. Department's website</b></p>	<p>A list of our departmental coordinators and their webpage is available online at: <a href="https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php">https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php</a></p>
<p><b>4.4. German language courses</b></p>	<p>KIT offers <b>pre-semester German language courses</b> for exchange students at beginner and intermediate levels. These courses typically take <b>place 6 – 7 weeks before the start of lectures</b>, and run for 3 weeks, with sessions held Monday to Friday, 2 × 1.5 hours per day. The course is worth 4 ECTS credits, and the current tuition fee is €75.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration is integrated into the online application form.</li> <li>• For the fee transfer, students must download the information letter to obtain the bank account details</li> <li>• ECTS credits are awarded upon <b>at least 90% attendance and successful completion of the written exam at the end of the course</b>.</li> <li>• After the course fee has been received by KIT, students will receive a separate email with details about the course.</li> </ul> <p><b>This course does not replace the German language certificate required for the application.</b></p> <p>Erasmus students also have the opportunity to participate in German language courses during the semester. <b>For international students, one course per semester is free of charge.</b> However, online registration at the beginning of each semester is required. And due to high demand, <b>a place cannot be guaranteed.</b></p> <p>For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.stk.kit.edu/english/2389.php">https://www.stk.kit.edu/english/2389.php</a>.</p>
<p><b>4.5. Housing</b></p>	<p>In accordance with the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education, our institution supports incoming students in their search for accommodation.</p> <p>However, housing in Karlsruhe is a challenging issue for all students due to high demand and limited availability. While we make every effort to assist our incoming exchange students in securing rooms, the large number of students makes it nearly impossible to guarantee accommodation upon arrival.</p>

	<p>Therefore, we kindly ask students to take initiative and begin their housing search <b>once their Learning Agreement has been approved by the host department</b>. We have compiled helpful tips and resources for finding accommodation in Karlsruhe: <a href="https://www.kit.edu/study/living-and-learning-in-karlsruhe.php">https://www.kit.edu/study/living-and-learning-in-karlsruhe.php</a></p>
<p><b>4.6. Health and other insurance</b></p>	<p>Our institution will provide assistance in obtaining health insurance for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education.</p> <p>For students, health insurance coverage (with an unlimited coverage) during the <b>entire</b> stay in Germany is compulsory.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that incoming students and staff are fully insured. Insurance policy should cover medical emergencies as well as one's property. The responsibility for obtaining necessary and comprehensive insurance policy rests with the incoming students and/or staff.</p> <p>Further information is available online at <a href="https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12698.php">https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12698.php</a> or contact <a href="mailto:erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu">erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu</a>.</p>
<p><b>4.7. Visa/residence permit</b></p>	<p>Our institution will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing students, according to the requirement of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education. Please do note that the processing time for a study permit can take 8 weeks or longer. The KIT cannot affect this procedure.</p> <p>In general, ERASMUS students from a non-EU member state or a non-EEA member state will require a <b>student visa</b> (not a tourist visa) in order to study in Germany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-EU/non-EEA students, who study in one of the EU member states (<b>not valid for Ireland and Denmark</b>) and have a residence permit (not a settlement permit) <b>for the purpose of studies</b> of this EU member state, please refer to our website at <a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/10934.php">http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/10934.php</a> (Mobility within the EU for the Purpose of Studying – EU Directive 2016/801). Please note that if students want to come through this regulation, <b>their resident permit must be valid for the entire duration of studies at KIT</b> (It means, students have to extend the residence permit in due time before the mobility!)</li> <li>- Other Non-EU/non-EEA students: they need to apply for an entry (study) visa to Germany. Please start making the necessary arrangements as soon as possible at a local German consulate/embassy. Further information is available on the webpage of the German Federal Foreign Office at <a href="http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/03_Visabestimmungen/Visabestimmungen_node.html">http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/03_Visabestimmungen/Visabestimmungen_node.html</a>.</li> </ul> <p>For further information please visit <a href="https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12699.php">https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12699.php</a> or contact <a href="mailto:erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu">erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu</a>.</p>

<p><b>4.8. Enrollment at KIT</b></p>	<p>Required documents for enrollment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A copy of passport or identity card</li> <li>- Filled-out registration form</li> <li>- Remittance slip/Account statement proving that student paid the “Studierendenwerksbeitrag”</li> <li>- Proof of health insurance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For EU/EEA students: copy of the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) that must be valid during student’s entire study time in Germany</li> <li>• For non-EU/non-EEA students: health insurance policy (<b>with an unlimited cover</b>) or a German statutory health insurance certificate</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>This must be sent to one of the German statutory health insurance providers. After approval, the providers will send a notification electronically to KIT.</p> <p>“Studierendenwerksbeitrag” of <b>109.50 Euro (as of Winter Semester 2025)</b> is not a tuition fee and is not an administrative fee.</p> <p>More information about “Studierendenwerksbeitrag” is available online at: <a href="https://www.sw-ka.de/en/geld/studierendenwerksbeitrag/">https://www.sw-ka.de/en/geld/studierendenwerksbeitrag/</a></p>																		
<p><b>4.9. Grading system</b></p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="411 965 1362 1335"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>German</th> <th>English</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.0 – 1.3</td> <td>Sehr gut</td> <td>Very good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.7 – 2.3</td> <td>Gut</td> <td>Good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.7 – 3.3</td> <td>Befriedigend</td> <td>Satisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.7 – 4.0</td> <td>Ausreichend</td> <td>Sufficient</td> </tr> <tr> <td>&gt; 4.0</td> <td>Ungenügend/Nicht ausreichend</td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Exams may also be evaluated as “bestanden“ (passed) or ”nicht bestanden“ (failed) without grade.</p> <p>Further information on the statistical distribution of grades according to the descriptions in the ECTS users’ guide can be found in the individual module handbooks of each degree course and on request at the KIT registrar’s office.</p>	Grade	German	English	1.0 – 1.3	Sehr gut	Very good	1.7 – 2.3	Gut	Good	2.7 – 3.3	Befriedigend	Satisfactory	3.7 – 4.0	Ausreichend	Sufficient	> 4.0	Ungenügend/Nicht ausreichend	Fail
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<p><b>4.10. Further information for incoming students</b></p>	<p>Useful and helpful information for incoming students can be found on our webpages at: <a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php">http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php</a>.</p>																		

## 5. Student life and free time

### Living and studying in Karlsruhe

#### Attractive City and Surroundings

- ✓ Second warmest city in Germany with 1691 hours of sunshine per year, around 900 hectares of green space and more than 135 cultural institutions and 102 km of bicycle paths – bring your bike along!
- ✓ Located in the Heart of Europe
- ✓ A rich history meets technical inventions, High Tech and Science
- ✓ Short Distance to the surrounding wonderful countries France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Switzerland

#### Excellent Service for Incoming Students

- ✓ Language courses on all levels
- ✓ One single contact point for administrative issues in the International Students Office and for academic affairs in the 11 departments.

#### A vivid network with weekly events to make you feel at home at KIT.

- ✓ Weekly “Stammtisch” as a great way to find and stay in touch with new friends
- ✓ Language Café to meet people from all over the world, have a drink together and chat
- ✓ Buddy Program where you are matched with a local student from Karlsruhe, who then becomes your “buddy” for the semester
- ✓ Day and City Trips to the surroundings and to vibrant cities in Germany and the neighboring countries

#### Meet other students.

140 days of sunshine in Karlsruhe: there are many beautiful spots to meet other students outside: the Botanical Garden at the castle or in the Stadtgarten. There you'll find large lawns, beautiful plants and plenty of space to have a nice picnic.



## Living and studying in Karlsruhe

### Do sports.

KIT, in addition to the many other sports clubs, provides a wide range of sports activities. KITs gym „walk-in“ offers fitness and endurance training on state-of-the-art equipment. There are also an indoor swimming pool and tennis courts available on campus.

Karlsruhe is the ideal base for cycling tours to some of Europe's most scenic regions: the Black Forest, Palatinate Forest, Kraichgau and the French Vosges.

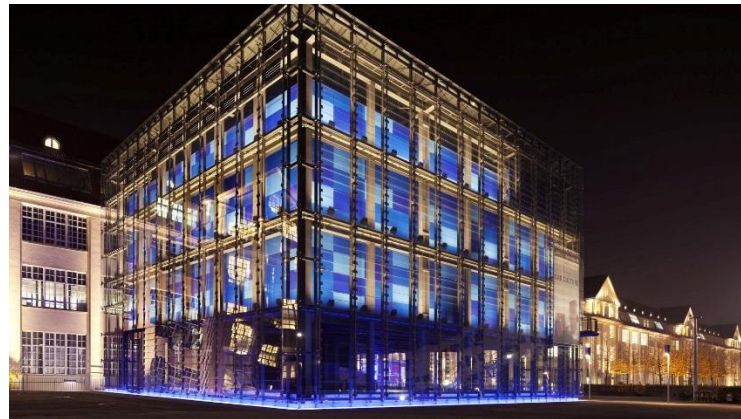
### Join a study group.

There are about 90 study groups at KIT, which give you access to social, cultural, technical and political student life. There is a student association for you!

AK Erasmus for example supports international exchange students by organizing city trips and other events.

### Enjoy culture.

Karlsruhe enjoys vast and diverse leisure, culture and sports options, which offer something for everyone. Facets of cultural offerings are well-known theaters and museums as well as „Das Fest“ one of the largest annual German open-air-festivals.



ZKM Museum: number 4 of top world museums



„Das Fest“ festival