

KIT - Partner Information		
Name of institution:	KIT – Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	
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Period of courses 2025/26	1st semester	October 27 th , 2025 – February 21 th , 2026
	2nd semester	April 20 th , 2026 – August 1 st , 2026
	Please note that exams take place during the lecture free-periods, i.e. between 1 week and 8 weeks after the end of lectures.	
Calendar details	https://www.sle.kit.edu/english/imstudium/697.php	
Orientation week 2025/26	1st semester	October 11 th , 2025 – October 19 th , 2025
	2nd semester	April 12 th , 2026 – April 19 th , 2026
(Pre-semester) German language courses 2025/26	1st semester	September 15 th , 2025 – October 02 nd , 2025
	2nd semester	March 23 rd , 2026 – April 10 th , 2026
Application deadline	May 1st	for the 1 st semester or for the entire academic year
	November 1st	for the 2 nd semester
Nomination deadline	April 1st	for the 1 st semester or for the entire academic year
	October 1st	for the 2 nd semester

Application procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nomination: Please send an email to overseas-in@intl.kit.edu with names, field of studies, period of stay at KIT, language level (German and/or English) and email address of your selected students by the above-mentioned nomination deadline. 2. Application: We will inform your students after the nomination deadline by email about the online application procedure. Further information is available at http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3242.php. 3. Students will be asked to fill in the online application and print out the application form. This form has to be signed by the home university exchange coordinator as well as the students and should be uploaded on the application portal along with <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proof of sufficient English knowledge if you are planning to attend English-taught lectures at KIT and/or b. Proof of German knowledge if you want to attend classes in German language. c. Learning Agreement (list of courses) with stamp and signature of home university d. Current transcript of records of home university by the above-mentioned deadline. We will confirm the reception of the application within 2 weeks. 4. Acceptance at KIT will be confirmed within 4 to 6 weeks after the application deadline.
Language requirements	<p>Please note that English is not spoken everywhere in Germany/at KIT. Thus, participation in the pre-semester German course offered at KIT is highly recommended to all applicants, who don't have any/sufficient German language proficiency.</p> <p>The following departments at KIT allow international students to study completely in English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Architecture (ARCH), • Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences (BGU), • Department of Chemical and Process Engineering (CIW), • Department of Informatics (INFO) • Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (ETIT), • Department of Mechanical Engineering (MACH) and • Department of Economics and Management (WIWI) <p>They require applicants to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a B1 CEFR level of German language certificate, if only courses taught in German will be attended or • a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate, if only courses taught in English will be attended or • both language certificates (a B1 CEFR level of German and a B2 CEFR level of English) if courses in both languages will be attended <p>The following department at KIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Chemistry and Biosciences (CHEM-BIO) <p>require applicants to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a B1 CEFR level of German language certificate (mandatory requirement) and additionally • a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate only if courses taught in English will be attended

	<p>The following departments at KIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (GEIST-SOZ), • Department of Mathematics (MATH) and • Department of Physics (PHY) <p>require applicants to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an A2/B1 CEFR level of German language certificate (mandatory requirement) and additionally • a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate only if courses taught in English will be attended. <p>Department of Chemistry and Biosciences (CHEM-BIO) requires applicants to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a C1 CEFR level of German language certificate if courses taught in German will be attended or • B2/C1 CEFR level of English language certificate if courses taught in English will be attended. <p>*The language certificates must not be older than exactly five years by the application deadline.</p>
German language courses	<p>Your official certificate should clearly show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The language level you have reached, • the test result achieved (grade or score), • the issuing date and • the issuing language institute (stamp/signature/verification code) <p>The following language certificates are not accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online placement tests • Certificates of attendance • Certificates without language level <p>We accept most types of language certificates including certificates from your university's language centre as long as it clearly states the successful completion of the language level with regard to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This means that a simple certificate of attendance for a language course without any mention of a successful examination is not sufficient (i.e. participating in an B2 language course does not mean that the level has been reached). Should the language proficiency not match the minimum requirements, we strongly advise all students to use the time left in the home country to obtain the necessary skills and we reserve the right to decline the students' application.</p> <p>For a good start to the semester at KIT, all incoming students are given the opportunity to participate in a three-week German language course (beginners and intermediate A2-B2) before the semester begins. This course is not a substitute for the certificate of the German language level required for the application. The course fee is 75 euro for international students. Students will get 4 ECTS if they attend 80% of the course and pass the exam.</p> <p>During the semester, the Studienkolleg at KIT offers one free German language course for all students enrolled at KIT.</p>
Information for incoming students	<p>Useful information for incoming students can be found on our website: http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3242.php.</p>

Lectures/Courses/ Project	<p>A list of courses at KIT can be found here: https://campus.studium.kit.edu/english/events/catalog.php#!campus/all/fields.asp?group=Vorlesungsvorzeichnis</p> <p>Under "Extended search for events", you can choose all courses taught in a certain language, for example in German or English. If the courses of the next semester are not available yet, we recommend looking for courses from the year before.</p> <p>The Carl-Benz-School /International Department is offering an international Bachelor study program in English at the Department of Mechanical Engineering with restricted admission. Please be aware that the participation in this English-taught program (courses starting with the number 3xxxx in our courses catalogues) only offers limited access to exchange students.</p> <p>Please note that course registration for some seminars, laboratories and lectures is required.</p>
Fees	<p>Students from partner universities pay a charge for the Studierendenwerk of about 109.50 € per semester. This includes reduced student prices at the university restaurant, transportation reductions and accident insurance: https://www.sle.kit.edu/english/imstudium/703.php</p>
Health insurance	<p>Health insurance is mandatory for your entire stay in Germany, with unlimited coverage (€). You can either obtain private health insurance in your home country before arriving in Karlsruhe or take out a German public health insurance before or after arrival. However, we strongly recommend choosing German public health insurance, as many private policies from non-EU countries may not be accepted. Without valid insurance, enrolment at the university is not possible.</p>
Accommodation	<p>KIT reserves rooms in student residences for students from partner universities. Accommodation is guaranteed if students adhere to the application procedure and deadlines. Details are sent by email after admission to KIT.</p> <p>The furnished single rooms cost between €250 and €350 per month and are rented for fixed lease periods: October to March (winter semester) and/or April to September (summer semester). Please note that these rental periods cannot be changed, and no alternative move-in or move-out dates are available.</p> <p>Please note that accommodation prices on the private market are significantly higher than in student dorms and that there is also a risk of scams. For this reason, we highly recommend applying for a room in a student dorm through us.</p> <p>For students attending the pre-semester German language course (starting mid-September in the winter semester/mid-March in the summer semester): we recommend to reserve accommodation in youth hostels, hostels or Airbnb for the two weeks prior to the rental period of guaranteed rooms in the student residences. This must be arranged privately, as KIT unfortunately cannot assist with finding housing on the private market.</p>
Visa/residence permit	<p>Exchange students from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-EU member states or • non-EEA member states <p>require student visas (not tourist visas) in order to study in Germany. This visa can be obtained at your local German embassy.</p> <p>To receive this visa, students need the "Zulassungsbescheid" (Admission Letter) from KIT. Get help with your visa application at https://platform.visaflow.app/auth with the code KIT25.</p> <p>Please do note that the processing time for a student visa can take 8 weeks or longer depending on the local embassy. KIT cannot affect this procedure. Please inform your students to apply for a student visa as soon as they receive the "Admission Letter".</p>