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INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Come, create the future with us!



”ADVENTURE IS WORTHWHILE.“ – Aesop

COME AND JOIN US at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) – one of four “Universities of Excellence” in Baden-Württemberg. Excellent research, outstanding education and driver of innovation!



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**We host around 5.000 international students at KIT.
Would you like to be one of them?**

GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE KIT

WHY GERMANY?

Top employment and career prospects in a safe country

- ✓ Germany is the third most popular destination among international students in the world. More than twelve percent of students at German universities come from abroad – just like you!
- ✓ Germany is an attractive place to study. German university education is highly respected by employers worldwide.
- ✓ Germany offers economic and political stability, which makes it an ideal place for you to study.

WHY 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 distances to the surrounding wonderful countries of France, Luxemburg, Belgium and Switzerland.

WHY KARLSRUHE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (KIT)?

Top quality in teaching and research

- ✓ KIT is a leading technical university in Germany.
- ✓ KIT, in eight subjects, ranks within the top 100 in the QS World University Ranking.
- ✓ KIT offers excellent teaching and research.
- ✓ KIT offers incoming students the opportunity to work on projects in its institutes, using the best research infrastructures.

High recognition by employers

- ✓ KIT is the best university in Germany according to the QS Employability Ranking.
- ✓ You will earn credits from an internationally renowned technical university giving you excellent prospects on the global labor market.
- ✓ KIT closely cooperates with selected industry partners, giving you the opportunity to build up a powerful network.

Excellent service for incoming students

- ✓ One free language course per semester.
- ✓ Centralized points of contact at the International Students Office and in the 11 departments.

A vivid network with events to make you feel at home

- ✓ Weekly "Stammtisch" as a great way to meet and stay in touch with new friends.
- ✓ Language Café to meet people, 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.
- ✓ Organized day trips and trips to the surroundings and vibrant cities.

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VOICES ABOUT KIT

“The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology is a highly recommended technological institute with a wide range of study fields. Within the department of Industrial Engineering, I found some interesting courses that were matching to my “Master Operations Management and Logistics”. (...) To summarize, Karlsruhe was great and I met a lot of new people and cultures. If you are searching for a city which is not too big and is having good student life, try Karlsruhe!”

– **Patrick, Industrial Engineering, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, Netherlands**



“I chose Karlsruhe because many friends have also studied here, and they recommended the KIT as a prestigious technological institution. When I arrived here, the city and the university exceeded my expectations. The city is a mixture of technological development, with important industries in the region, and green spaces, ideal for recreation and enjoyment in your free time. Also, it’s a city full of students from all over the world! And both the Germans and the foreigners are always really open to get to know new people. On the other hand, the university has important research departments, interesting projects, and professors with enough experience in the area. I cannot only recommend studying at KIT, but I can firmly say that it was the best choice I made!”

– **Maria Camila, Chemical and Process Engineering, Universidad Tecnológica Nacional, Argentina**

“I chose the KIT because it is one of the top universities in Germany and its excellent reputation in the different fields of sciences. The KIT uses modern e-learning methods and research-based courses providing students with great academic skills. As an international student, it was challenging at first as the teaching style and the environment were new. As the time passed, I understood that the teaching system requires students to be independent and not to give up easily. Karlsruhe, where KIT is located, is a student-friendly city that offers many facilities for students to help them concentrate on their studies and allows them to take part in different social activities.”

– **Ola, Informatics, KIT**



“I choose the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology because it was highly recommended by some German students doing their exchange at my home university. I had already visited Karlsruhe before and I knew that the size and the location of the city were very good for students and traveling around. For my studies, I took courses mainly from the IMI, KIT’s institute for information management and engineering, where they focus on topics around virtual engineering and lifecycle engineering. All things considered, I really enjoyed my stay in Karlsruhe and at KIT and would recommend it to anyone looking for exchange studies in Germany.”

– **Diego Alfonso, Mechanical Engineering, Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, Sweden**

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FACTS ABOUT KIT

WHERE TO FIND US



KIT – THE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN THE HELMHOLTZ ASSOCIATION

Did you know that...

- ✓ KIT ranks in nine subjects within the top 100 in the QS World University Ranking?
- ✓ KIT is one of the most innovative universities in the Reuters TOP 100 Ranking?
- ✓ KIT scores in the European TOP 10 as far as the employability of its graduates is concerned ?
- ✓ KIT makes the Helmholtz Association climb to position 11 in the Nature Index?

On 5 campuses, KIT offers ...

- ✓ optimal conditions for studying and teaching based on large-scale research infrastructures.
- ✓ more than 80 study programs in 11 departments for around 23.000 students, 20 of these as double degree programs.
- ✓ 51 international PhD programs for PhDs from all over the world.
- ✓ Competitive research infrastructures as drivers of technological development for and with our selected industry partners.

KIT IS WELL CONNECTED AND ACTIVE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

EPICUR - THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE

The KIT is part of the EPICUR university alliance. This means that by enrolling to KIT, you will also receive the opportunity to attend language classes or courses from our liberal arts and sciences track at our partner universities via our EPICUR Inter-University Campus. EPICUR also offers a variety of mobility programmes for students as well as possibilities to strengthen ties with our European neighbours and become involved in international collaborations.



EUCOR

Eucor – The European Campus is a trinational alliance in the border region Upper Rhine, between Germany, France and Switzerland. With the enrolment at KIT, students can take courses at each of the five member universities, without paying registration fees, with reimbursements of travel expenses. Students can also participate in language and intercultural offers as well as excursions to the member universities.



CLUSTER

CLUSTER is a consortium of 12 elite European Universities in Science and Engineering founded in 1990. As a student at KIT you will be able to easily go on exchange, for a research project or a thesis to one of the other CLUSTER universities.



INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

~ 25%
International PhD and Researchers

~ 21% International
students

14 International
Alumni Clubs

20 Double
Degree-Programs

51 International
PhD-Programs



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OUR 11 DEPARTMENTS AT A GLANCE

KIT offers a number of degree courses that are exclusively taught in English. Many of these programs have an international focus and are suitable for candidates with proficient English language skills. These programs are marked with **EN**.

All other KIT programs include numerous lectures in English. A list of lectures taught in English can be found in the course catalog. Use the advanced search function to search by language of instruction. Further information is available on the departments' webpages and in the module handbooks.



If your preferred lecture is not available in English, you might have the chance to hear a translation via KIT's own Lecture Translator (refer to page 26).

KIT DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Sustainable Architecture and Urban Design History of Arts and Architecture Computational and Visual Design
COURSE OF STUDY	Architecture (B.Sc and M.Sc) History of Arts (B.A and M.A)
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2022	Architecture under the Top 100
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS	Dr. Judith Reeh / Silke Marx M.A. international@arch.kit.edu
CONTACT FOR DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS	http://www.intl.kit.edu/ia/contact.php
WEBSITE	

KIT DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOSCIENCES

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Biology Chemistry Food Chemistry
COURSE OF STUDY	Biosciences (B.Sc, M.Sc and B.Ed.) Chemistry (B.Sc, M.Sc and B.Ed.) Food Chemistry (B.Sc and M.Sc) Chemical Biology (B.Sc and M.Sc)
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2022	Chemistry under the Top 100
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WEBSITE	

KIT DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL AND PROCESS ENGINEERING

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Circular Economy Renewable Energy Digital Tools for Bio- and Chemical Engineering
COURSE OF STUDY	Chemical engineering and process engineering (B.Sc. and M.Sc.) Bioengineering (B.Sc. and M.Sc.)
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2022	Subject Chemical Engineering Rank 32
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CONTACT FOR DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS	http://www.intl.kit.edu/ia/contact.php
WEBSITE	

KIT DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, GEO AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Civil engineering sciences (structural engineering, water & environment, mobility & infrastructure, operational construction management) Geodesy/Geoinformatics Applied geosciences Geocology
COURSE OF STUDY	Remote Sensing & GIS (M.Sc EN) Water science and engineering (M.Sc EN) with courses from the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water technology and urban water management • Hydraulic engineering and fluid mechanics • Earth system science and water resources management Civil engineering (B.Sc and M.Sc) Applied geosciences (B.Sc and M.Sc EN) Geodesy and geoinformatics (B.Sc and M.Sc EN) Geocology (B.Sc and M.Sc) Mobility and infrastructures (M.Sc) Functional and construction engineering (M.Sc) Regional science (M.Sc) Geography (for the teaching profession) Technology and Management in Construction (M.Sc.)
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KIT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Economics Business administration Informatics/Operations research
COURSE OF STUDY	Industrial engineering and management (B.Sc and M.Sc) Information systems (B.Sc and M.Sc) Digital Economics (B.Sc and M.Sc) Econometrics (B.Sc and M.Sc)
RANKINGS	KIT is the largest training center for students of the degree program Industrial Engineering and Management (IEM) in Germany. The program is ranked in the top group for 13 of 20 indicators of the current CHE ranking.
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS	Dr.rer.nat. Urszula Weclawski / Ms. Lorene Dobrinoff international.relations@wiwi.kit.edu
CONTACT FOR DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS	http://www.intl.kit.edu/ia/contact.php
WEBSITE	

KIT DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Internet of everything Robotics & cognitive systems Secure & dependable systems
COURSE OF STUDY	Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies (B.Sc and M.Sc EN) Mechatronics and information technologies (B.Sc) Engineering education (B.Sc and M.Sc) Optics and Photonics (M.Sc EN) Medical Engineering (B.Sc)
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2022	Electrical and electronic engineering under the Top 100
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS	Ekaterina Kunakovskaya erasmus@etit.kit.edu
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WEBSITE	

KIT DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Science communication and journalism Ethical and social implications of technological change Pedagogy, especially regarding technology
COURSE OF STUDY	European culture and history of ideas (B.A. and M.A.) German studies (B.A. and M.A.) Pedagogy (B.A. and M.A.) Sport science (B.Sc and M.Sc) Science-Media-Communication (B.A and M.A) Engineering Education (B.Sc and M.Sc) Sport Science for the teaching profession (B.Ed) German for the teaching profession (B.Ed) Philosophy & Ethics (B.Ed., for secondary school teachers)
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WEBSITE	



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KIT DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATICS

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Data science & engineering Internet of everything Robotics & cognitive systems Secure & dependable systems
COURSE OF STUDY	Informatics (B.Sc and M.Sc) Information Systems (B.Sc and M.Sc)
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WEBSITE/VIDEO	 

KIT DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Partial differential equations Geometry, groups and topology Stochastic models
COURSE OF STUDY	Mathematics (M.Sc EN) with courses from the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra and geometry • Analysis and differential equations • Numerical analysis/scientific computing • Stochastics/statistics/financial mathematics Mathematics (B.Sc and M.Sc) Technomathematics (B.Sc and M.Sc) Business mathematics (B.Sc and M.Sc) Mathematics (for the teaching profession)
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WEBSITE	

KIT DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Energy and environment Mobility systems Materials
COURSE OF STUDY	Mechanical Engineering International (B.Sc EN) Mechanical Engineering (B.Sc and M.Sc EN) Material Science and Technology Engineering (B.Sc and M.Sc EN) Mechatronics and Information Technologies (B.Sc and M.Sc)
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2022	Materials Science Rank 34 Mechanical Engineering Rank 39
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS	Sarah Witte isim@mach.kit.edu
CONTACT FOR DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS	http://www.intl.kit.edu/ia/contact.php
WEBSITE	

KIT DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	Geophysics Meteorology Physics
COURSE OF STUDY	Geophysics (B.Sc and M.Sc EN) Physics (B.Sc and M.Sc EN) Meteorology and Climate Physics (B.Sc and M.Sc EN) Physics (for the teaching profession)
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2022	Physics and Astronomy Rank 48
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS	Prof. Dr. Bernd Pilawa bernd.pilawa@kit.edu
CONTACT FOR DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS	http://www.intl.kit.edu/ia/contact.php
WEBSITE	

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES FOR DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMS

KIT Department of Architecture

École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg (ENSAS), France

KIT Department of Civil Engineering, Geo- and Environmental Sciences

Institut National des Sciences Appliquées Strasbourg (INSA), France
Universidad Tecnológica Nacional, Argentina
Universidad de Concepción, Chile

KIT Department of Economics and Management

Institut National Polytechnique Grenoble (INP), France

KIT Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary
Institut National Polytechnique Grenoble (INP), France

KIT Department of Informatics

Institut National Polytechnique Grenoble (INP), France



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KIT Department of Mechanical Engineering

Arts et Métiers ParisTech Metz/Paris (ENSAM), France
Institut National des Sciences Appliquées Lyon (INSA), France
Instituto Tecnológico des Buenos Aires, Argentina
CDHK, Tongji University, China
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korea

KIT Department of Physics

Université Grenoble Alpes, France

Europhotonics

Amu, Ecole Centrale de Marseille, France
UPC, ICFO, UB, UAB, Barcelona, Spain

InnoEnergy

IST Lissabon, Portugal
Universität Uppsala, Sweden
INP Grenoble, France



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RESEARCH STAY AND FINAL THESIS @KIT

Why not use the excellent research infrastructures of KIT for an internship or a research thesis project?

KIT offers numerous opportunities for a research internship, a research project, and/or a final thesis project.

Please refer to the institutes' websites to find a research project or go to:



After having found a supervisor, you can be enrolled as research student at KIT.



The following KIT Departments allow exchange students to write a bachelor's or master's thesis:

KIT DEPARTMENT OF

Chemical and Process Engineering

Chemistry and Biosciences

Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences

Economics and Management

Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

Humanities and Social Sciences

Informatics

Mathematics

Mechanical Engineering

Physics

If you are interested, please check the latest information on our website, have a look at our Career Pages:



and scroll down to "Final Thesis"

"THE GLADDEST MOMENT IN HUMAN LIFE, ME THINKS, IS A DEPARTURE INTO UNKNOWN LANDS."

– Sir Richard Burton



KIT ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

HOUSE OF COMPETENCES (HOC)



The HoC offers students a program of around 90 courses per semester in the area of Key Qualifications with emphasis on:

- organization of learning
- presentation and communication
- methodical working
- scientific writing
- shaping the future



Students can earn credit points by attending courses at HOC and ZAK, which are mostly offered in English.

AUTOMATIC LECTURE TRANSLATOR

Since 2012, KIT has installed an automatic simultaneous lecture translator to translate lectures for foreign students. Similar to subtitles in films, students can read the lecture in real time on a computer screen via the internet. The system is permanently installed in a growing number of lecture halls at KIT. Today the following 5 language directions are available:

- German » English
- German » French
- English » German
- English » Spanish
- English » French,
- more language pairs are coming soon



CENTRE FOR CULTURAL AND GENERAL STUDIES (ZAK)

Today, interdisciplinary education is more important than ever. Key qualifications that equip students, academic elites, and future decision-makers with hands-on knowledge and critical discernment have been recognised as a necessity, and universities are increasingly involved in developing teaching concepts to adequately disseminate these skills.

At the Zentrum für Angewandte Kulturwissenschaft (ZAK) und Studium Generale (Center for Cultural and General Studies), we offer a variety of opportunities to facilitate a better understanding of the complex modern society we live in.



We see the task of interdisciplinary education not only as the dissemination of informative knowledge and the acquirement of critical understanding, but also as an instigation to be socially responsible and actively involved in shaping our society.





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CAREER SERVICE

The KIT Career Service accompanies and supports students and doctoral candidates in matters relating to careers, internships, and start of employment. For example, special support services are offered for applications: from shooting perfect application photos to checks of your personal application documents to application training. In addition, outstanding academic achievements can be rewarded through scholarship programs and awards. Students interested in starting a business are offered individual advice and networking with the startup scene in Karlsruhe.

STUDENT ADVISORY SERVICES (ZSB)

The student advisory services (ZSB) is KIT's central student advisory office and the first point of contact for all questions relating to studies. zib provides information and advice on higher education for pupils, parents, and anyone else interested in university studies. Contact zib to get advice on how to choose your study program, on planning and organizing studies, on costs and financing of studies, and on the compatibility of studies and family life.

STUDIERENDENWERK

The Studierendewerk Karlsruhe supports about 46,000 students in Karlsruhe and Pforzheim on behalf of the state of Baden-Württemberg in all aspects of their studies: BAföG & student financing, student residences, dining halls & cafeterias, studying with children, free psychological help, student culture and much more. The International Student Center (ISC) of the Studierendewerk Karlsruhe offers students services and support especially for international students. The ISC organizes and plans a comprehensive program for all students, such as a tandem language partners, interesting excursions as well as international events like language and game evenings. If you want to be even more mobile in Karlsruhe and Pforzheim, you can buy the KVV study card here. Advisory tasks complement the services offered by the ISC, be it for student liability insurance or as a guide through the jungle of German bureaucracy. General social counselling (for topics such as funding opportunities), organization of intercultural workshops for resident advisors and a gift for new students – the welcome folder - are also part of the ISC's field of activity. You can get to know many new people, different languages and cultures here, just check out our website!

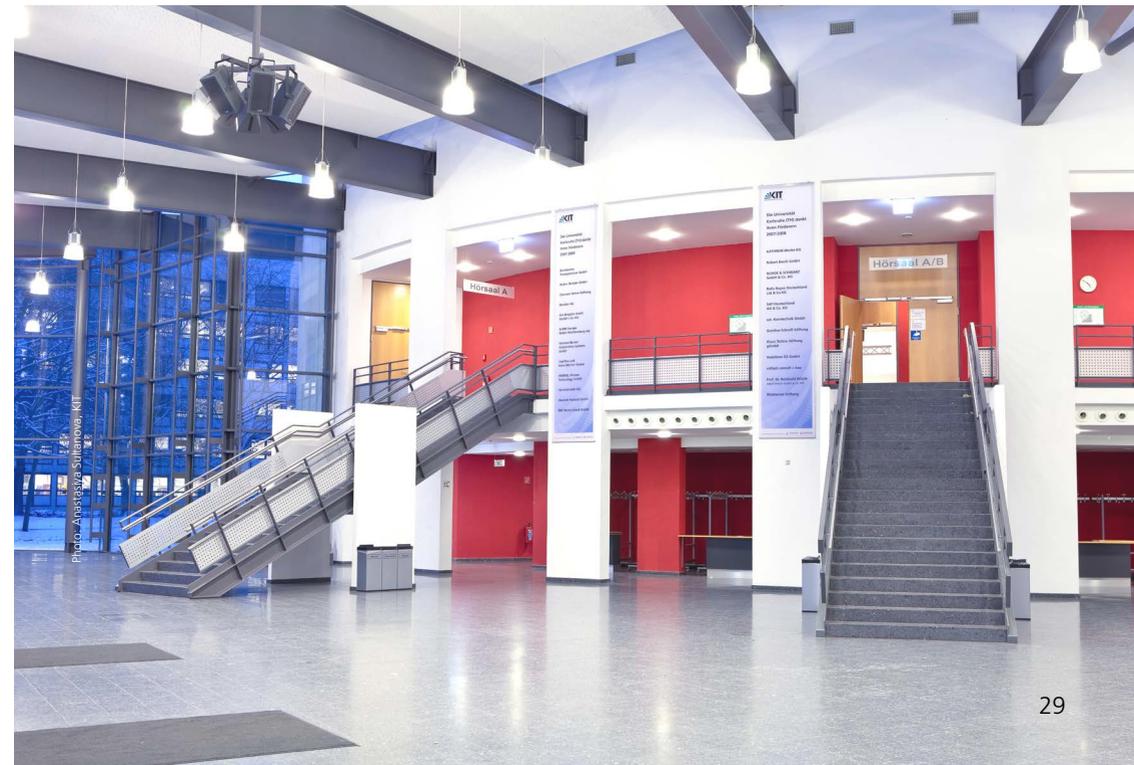


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INTERNATIONAL BUDDY-PROGRAM

The international buddy program of the business unit International Affairs (INTL) at KIT is a meeting platform between local students and those from around the globe.

It offers a community that embraces the welcoming culture at KIT. The intercultural exchange takes place in small buddy groups between like-minded people and there are regular events for all registered buddies, offering opportunities to extend their social networks. Additionally, there are public events celebrating diversity. The main goal of the international buddy program is the intercultural peer-to-peer exchange.

THE CAMPUS COLLECTION

Hoodie, T-shirt, sports bag, or mug? The Campus Collection comprises a wide range of objects for studies and leisure time, including many sustainable products, such as T-shirts and pencils made of recycled materials. To order the products, click the online shop www.kit-shop.de/en/.

LIVING IN KARLSRUHE – STUDYING, CULTURE AND NATURE AT WALKING DISTANCE

The university is easy to get to as KIT Campus South is located right in the heart of the city, just a few minutes away from the public transport stations. The university buildings, library, and canteen are all close together on campus. Students can reach all important places on foot within a few minutes.

Accommodation for international students (degree seeking and ERASMUS+)

Generally, it is not easy to find an appropriate accommodation in Karlsruhe, which means that you should think about finding accommodation at an early stage of your planning. It is always a good option to apply for a room at one of our student union residences managed by Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe.



Accommodation for overseas exchange and double degree students

For exchange students from overseas and double degree students, a certain number of dormitories are available.

Living expenses

As a student at KIT, you will have additional costs related to living expenses. These include accommodation, food, transportation, and books.

Living in Karlsruhe is not particularly costly, nor is it very cheap.

As a student, you should be on the lookout for student discounts to save money. Often, these are advertised at checkouts or in the windows of shops and cafés. They are granted upon presentation of a student ID card.

LIVING EXPENSES PER MONTH	
Rent, additional expenses included (students residence/shared flat)	355€
Ticket for public transport	26,80€
Canteen meal (5 times per week)	60€
Health insurance	120 - 128€
Total monthly expenses*	934€

*As estimated by the federal ministry of education and research.





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MUCH TO DO IN YOUR LEISURE TIME

Enjoy culture

Karlsruhe is known for its 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", which is one of the largest annual German open-air festivals. The Center for Art and Media Karlsruhe (ZKM) is a unique cultural institution worldwide. It is a house of all media and genres, a house of both spatial arts such as painting, photography and sculpture and time-based arts such as film, video, media art, music, dance, theater and performance.

Engage in sports

KIT, in addition to what is offered by the various local sports clubs, provides a wide range of sports activities. KIT's gym "walk-in" offers fitness and endurance training using 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, the Kraichgau, and the French Vosges.

Join a students group

There are about 90 students groups at KIT, which give you access to social, cultural, technical and political student life. There is a student association for you! ESN Karlsruhe, for example, supports international students by organizing city trips and other events.

Meet other students

1691 hours of sunshine and 60% of the city surface is green in Karlsruhe! This means there are many beautiful spots to meet other students outdoors: the Botanical Garden at the castle or the Stadtgarten are only a few examples. There, you will find large lawns, beautiful plants and plenty of space to have a nice picnic.

"A JOURNEY IS BEST MEASURED IN FRIENDS, RATHER THAN MILES."

– Tim Cahill



GERMAN LANGUAGE

We at KIT believe that the best approach to language learning is to speak from day one. If you already speak English, you will notice a number of similarities that may make it easier to learn German. Also, the compound words are so much fun to learn and the grammar is considered to be quite logical.

If you want to have a try, go to the following website:

There, you can find the **online course “German to go”** which covers levels A1–B1. With the free German courses, you can learn German at your own pace.



For a good start to the semester at KIT, all exchange students are given the opportunity to participate in a three-week **German language course** (beginners and intermediate A2-B2) before the semester begins. **During the semester**, the Studienkolleg at KIT offers **free German language courses** for all students enrolled at KIT. You can find the exact dates of the German language course on our web pages.

The “Language Café” of our ESN Karlsruhe will give you the opportunity to practice your German on a day-to-day basis.

Applicants meeting the German language requirements but wishing to improve their German skills can also take subject related modules taught in German language during their studies.

The tandem program of Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe enables you to find a buddy with whom you can learn German or any other language quickly and easily.



Language requirements at the time of application

TARGET GROUP	REQUIRED LANGUAGE	REMARK
Degree-seeking and double-degree students	DSH2* or equivalent	If your current language level does not meet DSH2, you can apply for a preparatory language class offered by Studienkolleg during your regular application. The course takes at least one semester.
Degree-seeking students for English-taught study programs	Different CEFR levels depending on the program	
Exchange students	B1 German**	Only for KIT Department Informatics
	Erasmus: C1 German or B2/C1 English or both ***	Only for KIT Department Chemistry and Biosciences
	Overseas: B1 German or B2 English or both ***	Only for KIT Departments: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences, Chemical and Process Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Economics and Management, Electrical Engineering and information technology
	A2/B1 German**	For all other KIT departments (not listed above)
Free mover	B2 German**	For all KIT departments
Research stay	Depending on the research project requirements of supervisor	For all KIT departments

*Except Science-Media-Communication requiring DSH3.

**If courses in English are selected, B2 English is needed in addition.

*** If courses in both languages are attended

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year is divided into **two semesters at KIT, the winter and the summer semester**. Before the semester starts, the International Students Office and the students' associations organize **orientation activities** for all international students. You will receive important information about your start at KIT and in Karlsruhe, participate in different events organized by tutors, and get in contact with other foreign students who come to study in Karlsruhe.

The courses in the winter semester (WS) start in October and run until the middle of February. In the summer semester (SS), the earliest lectures start in April and end in July. There are also Christmas, Easter and Pentecost holidays.

Lecture times at KIT

	SEMESTER DURATION	LECTURE PERIOD
Winter term 2023/2024	October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024	October 23, 2023 – February 17, 2024
Summer term 2024	April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024	April 15, 2024 – July 27, 2024
Winter term 2024/2025	October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025	October 21, 2024 – February 15, 2025
Summer term 2025	April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025	April 22, 2025 – August 2, 2025

During the lecture-free time, students have the opportunity to do internships and have to take exams. Exams are seldom taken during lecture time.

Re-enrollment

For the summer semester January 15–February 15
 For the winter semester July 1–August 15

The Christmas break is from December 24 to January 6. Additional recess is scheduled in the week of Pentecost.

Semester fees at KIT

TARGET GROUP	ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTION	ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTION FOR STUDENT SERVICES	CONTRIBUTION FOR THE GENERAL STUDENTS' COMMITTEE	TUITION FEES
Degree seeking students	70€	108,70€	10,50€	1.500€*
Double Degree students		108,70€	10,50€	
Exchange students		108,70€		
Research stay	70€	108,70€	10,50€	
Free-Mover	70€	108,70€	10,50€	1.500€*

*European citizens are exempt from tuition fees.

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„THE WORLD IS A BOOK, AND THOSE WHO DO NOT TRAVEL READ ONLY ONE PAGE.“

– Saint Augustine

**”TO TRAVEL IS TO DISCOVER THAT EVERYONE
IS WRONG ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES.“**

– Aldous Huxley

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