



2024 INFORMATION SHEET FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hiroshima University Study Abroad (HUSA) Program

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Name of university	University of Muenster https://www.uni-muenster.de/en/								
Contact person for incoming exchange students	Dr. Petra Hille Petra.hille@uni-muenster.de								
University website	https://www.uni-muenster.de/en/ (University's main website) https://www.uni-muenster.de/international/en/index.shtml (University's website for internationals)								
General information about the university	The University of Münster is one of the largest universities in Germany with a rich and time-honoured tradition. It enjoys an outstanding reputation in the region and far beyond. Fifteen faculties with 120 degree programmes and some 30 research centres comprise the institutional backbone of the University. Some 44,600 students and 5,600 academics appreciate the University's excellent research opportunities, high-quality teaching, promotion of junior researchers, and the advantages of living in the city of Münster. Our slogan sums it up best: "living.knowledge". https://www.uni-muenster.de/profil/en/index.shtml								
University features									
Short description of the city	Quality of life is a top priority in Münsterland. In the center, the city of Münster attracts everyone's attention: with a dense and lively cultural scene, young start-ups, many sights and a very special flair. Beautiful architecture meets science and a cultivated way of life. In addition to theaters, museums, cinemas and concerts, you can visit zoos, the the weekly farmers market or the many churches and cafés. With 65,000 students from several Universities out of a total population of 300,000, Münster is one of the ten largest university cities in Germany. Due to the high proportion of students, the city is very young. Münster is also known for its bicycle-friendly cityscape. Münster is a very secure city with a high quality of life.								
Exchange program website	https://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/austausch/index.html								
Areas of study open for exchange students	All areas of study are open for exchange studies. Exchange students can participate in all seminars of their designated study area at the University of Münster as long as there are enough capacities. Exchange Students therefore may enrol in all courses offered depending on the usual university regulations and policies. .								
Areas of study NOT available to exchange students									
Course catalogue	https://www.uni-muenster.de/studium/en/studienangebot/index.html A link to the course catalogue – „Course Overview” - can be found in the menu LSF/Qispos Portal. The course catalogue for the winter semester is usually published in August; the course catalogue for the summer semester is usually published in February. Information mainly in German.								
Summer courses	none								
Academic calendar	<table><tr><td></td><td>Winter Semester (WiSe)</td><td>Summer semester (SoSe)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>October – March</td><td>April – September</td></tr></table>				Winter Semester (WiSe)	Summer semester (SoSe)		October – March	April – September
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Orientation schedule for incoming students	There is a Welcome Week for exchange students at the beginning of each semester. Detailed information is sent to all incoming exchange students.									
Number of exchange students to be accepted per academic year	※If you cannot count one semester student as 0.5 student for an academic year, please specify how to count. 2 students per year									
Availability for fall semester	※If you cannot accept our students for fall semester, please inform us here. 2 students									
Application deadline for admission	Nomination deadline: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- For the following winter semester: April 1st- For the following summer semester: October 1st Applications for admission have to be sent via email before: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- For the following winter semester: May 1st- For the following summer semester: November 1st									
Application material	<p>Please send your nominations via email to Petra Hille (petra.hille@uni-muenster.de) and copy our Exchange Student Service (admin.ess@uni-muenster.de) in cc to this email. Your nomination email is supposed to contain the following information about your students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Name (first and last name)- Gender- Date of Birth- Email- Address- Subject of Study- Level of Study- Semester in which your students want to study at WWU Münster <p>Please attach to this email the following documents from your student(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letter of Motivation including Study Plan at WWU (English or German)- Transcript of Records (English)- Proof of Language Proficiency: German: B1 or English: B2 (English: in case your students would like to participate in English taught courses)- After the nomination, your students receive a link to the online application system via email									
Language requirements	German: B1 (CEFR) is recommended. English (for taking courses in English): B2 (CEFR)									
Degree Requirements (Only Bachelor's degree, etc)	Exchange is open for Bachelor and Master students									
Other requirements	See Application Material									
Preparatory language course for incoming students	The University of Muenster offers free Intensive German Language Courses for exchange students from partner universities before the term starts and a large variety of German courses during the term. Information and application forms for the Intensive Courses will be sent to all incoming exchange students via e-mail. For general information see the website of the University Language Centre: http://spz.uni-muenster.de/en/home									
Housing assistance	The University of Münster has no means of accommodation on its own, which is why the housing situation is always very tight. Therefore, please make sure that your students start looking and apply for housing ASAP! Shared flats and private accommodation is quite usual for students in Münster. Exchange students have to									
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	organize it on their own, but our Exchange Student Service offers supporting help to do so. After their nomination, information on housing will be sent to our incoming exchange students. For more detailed information on housing and where to find accommodation, please have a look at the university's homepage (https://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/austausch/wohnen.html) or at the "Housing Information" sheet we send to your students.
Living costs	Every student at the University of Muenster has to pay a social contribution fee for each semester, approximately 350 Euro. This fee contains the costs for the semester ticket that allows students to travel around the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The living expenses for students in Münster run approximately 950 Euro per month, including accommodation, food and leisure activities.
Meal plan	None
Insurance packages exchange students are required to purchase	All exchange students have to have a European health insurance. This is to be finalised upon arriving in Münster. Costs are approximately 110 Euros per month.
Vaccination requirements	None
Health facilities on campus	None
Visa requirements	Accepted exchange students will receive a letter of admission for the German embassy. Students coming to Germany will have to apply for a student visa via the Germany embassy in their home countries. The visa process might take up to six weeks . After arrival in Muenster, students from Non-EU countries with a stay longer than 3 months <u>have to apply for a residence permit</u> (costs about 100 €). Detailed information will be sent to all incoming exchange students.