



# Fact Sheet 2026-27

## Double Degree Overseas | July 2025

Parts that are significantly different to the fact sheet for exchange students are marked in yellow.

### 1. Contact details

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### 2. Application

The application at TU Darmstadt is made through an online portal. Only complete applications are processed. Further information and online application form: [www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming](http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/incoming)

	Application deadline
Winter semester 26-27	March 2026

- **Double-Degree Students from Brazil/China/USA:** Please choose “DD-Overseas” as the type of framework.

After receiving the complete application and documents, we will issue a letter of admission (“Zulassung”) which will be sent via email to the incoming DD student and the home university approx. 8 weeks after the application deadline. The admission letter is important for the visa application/residence permit, please bring it with you to Darmstadt.

### 3. Visa

**All students without-EU citizenship need to prove that they have sufficient financial means to live in Germany (Either for the visa application or the residence permit). You are required to have at least €5.952 for a semester or €11.904 for a year at TU (€ 992 per month).** There are two ways to prove that:

1. **Scholarship:** proof of a (full-) scholarship, stating duration and amount of monthly allowances
2. **Self-financed stay:** limited-withdrawal bank account (also known as **blocked account**)

International students who do not come from a member state of the European Union (EU) usually need a visa before travelling to Germany:

- Make sure your passport is valid until at least 6 months after the end of your stay in Germany.

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- Please contact the German embassy of your home country **at least four months** prior to your departure to Germany in order to obtain information on the specific visa regulations for your home country and make an appointment.
  - Students from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Singapore, Taiwan, Uruguay and USA can enter Germany without a visa. Students who plan to reside within Germany and the European Schengen Area for MORE than 90 days are required to apply for a residence permit after arrival in Germany. You will need at least €5.604 for a semester or €11.208 for a year at TU on the blocked account in September (starting your stay in winter semester) or March (summer semester). **We expect major changes for the above mentioned group of countries (whose citizens can enter Germany without a visa) with the introduction of the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) in 2025.**
  - Students from PR China and India: you have to apply through the APS in your country ([PR-China: A-Verfahren](#)/[India: Process A](#)), we will get you an application number.

More up-to-date information about the necessary steps for visa application and the proof of financial means is on our [website](#). Please inform yourself before coming to Germany.

**Recommendation:** Some providers offer a very convenient online blocked account, e.g. [www.expatrio.com](#) or [www.coracle.de](#). Expatrio also offers a statutory health insurance from our partner health insurance TK (Techniker Krankenkasse). These providers have a good reputation and a good online service.

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#### 4. Health Insurance

Exchange students studying at TU Darmstadt for one or two semesters and double degree students **are required to purchase statutory German health insurance** (Gesetzliche Krankenversicherung) in order to be able to register as a student at TU Darmstadt.

Further information for [Degree-Seeking Students \(double degree\)](#) as well as [Exchange students from Non-European Countries](#) can be found on our website.

- The insurance coverage is for one full semester (winter semester: October 1 – March 31; summer semester: April 1 – September 30) and will automatically continue if not cancelled.
- Every German statutory health insurance charges the same rate for students. TU Darmstadt cooperates with the health insurance “Techniker Krankenkasse” or “TK”.
- It is possible to sign up for health insurance in advance if you need a confirmation for the visa application.

September and March: Travel Insurance:

- Students have to purchase travel health insurance for the times and places that are not covered by the health insurance of your home country and the statutory German health insurance.
- Students participating in the Orientation & Intensive German Language Course in September (winter semester) and March (summer semester) are not covered by the statutory German health insurance and therefore must buy additional travel insurance before the departure to Germany.

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#### 5. Academic Year

Overview of current and next semesters on our [website](#).

Winter semester: October to February | Orientation and language course in September, exams February and March

Summer semester: April to July | Orientation and language course in March, exams July to September

Exam periods: In case exchange students leave before the examination period, there are two options:

- The student arranges an earlier (oral) exam with the TU Darmstadt professor(s).
  - The student arranges a proctored exam at their home university with the TU Darmstadt professor(s).
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## 6. Arrival/Orientation/German language course

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- The arrival day is the first working day in September or March.
  - The orientation program “The Experience Weeks” or “X-weeks” for incoming exchange students start on the second or third working day in September (for the winter semester) and in March (for the summer semester). More information here: [website](#).
  - Simultaneously with the X-Weeks, we offer a [4-week Intensive German language course](#) for all incoming students. The courses are free of charge. Additionally, continuing German language courses are offered throughout the semester (also free of cost).
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## 7. Accommodation

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Accommodation in student dormitories is available, but cannot be guaranteed due to limited capacities. The unit in charge of room allocation is the [“Welcome and Housing Department”](#) offering assistance to international exchange students in finding adequate accommodation.

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## 8. Costs

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Exchange students are exempt from paying tuition but required to pay a semester contribution of approx. €290 per semester. This includes free public transport in the larger Rhine-Main Metropolitan area and access to the services of Studierendenswerk Darmstadt (cafeterias, dorms and more). Further information and a general/rough breakdown of costs can be found on our [website](#).

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## 9. Course load, grading, course calendar

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Required Course Load and recognition of academic achievements: A German semester runs 24 weeks – 16 weeks of classes, 4-6 weeks self-study and preparation for exams and 3-4 weeks exam period. We recommend exchange students (graduate & undergraduate) to take between 18 ECTS and 30 ECTS per semester. Further information on ECTS credits and the recognition of your academic achievements can be found on our [website](#). The calculation of ECTS credits is explained [here](#).

Course Catalogue: published in September for winter and March for summer semester: <https://www.tucan.tu-darmstadt.de> [Further information on the departments, their courses, contact persons.](#)

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## 10. Language Requirements for incoming Double Degree Students

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DD-Students need to submit proof of their German knowledge of level B2 according to the „Common European Framework of Reference for Languages” with one of the following certificates:

- Goethe-Zertifikat B2, <https://www.goethe.de/ins/de/de/prf/prf/gzb2.html>
  - Deutsches Sprachdiplom Level II (DSD II), [https://www.auslandsschulwesen.de/Webs/ZfA/DE/Deutsch-lernen/DSD/DSD-II/dsd-II\\_node.html](https://www.auslandsschulwesen.de/Webs/ZfA/DE/Deutsch-lernen/DSD/DSD-II/dsd-II_node.html)
  - The Test „Deutsch als Fremdsprache für ausländische Studienbewerber“ (TestDaF) with the result TDN 14 or TDN 15 [www.testdaf.de](http://www.testdaf.de)
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- If you cannot provide a proof for level B2 till the application deadline, please hand in a proof for level B1. If you get admitted by TU Darmstadt, it will be under the condition that you can show proof of level B2 till the end of October 2026. If you cannot provide proof of level B2 in the end of October, your status will be changed from “double degree student” to “exchange student”.
  - For those students with a German language proficiency below B1 at the time of application, please contact CRINT. If you apply with a proof below B1, TU Darmstadt will not admit you.
  - An additional proof of English language proficiency is not necessary.
  - Exception: For the English-language master programme Information and Communication Engineering please submit proof of English level C1, we accept: IELTS 7,0; PTE Academic 76; Cambridge University – Certificate in Advanced English (CAT); TOEFL iTP 627; TOEFL Paper 550; TOEFL CBT 213; TOEFL iBT (includes Special Home Edition) 95; TOEIC Listening 490/Reading 455/Speaking 200/Writing 200; Oxford On-Line Placement Test (OOPT) 80; Michigan English Test (MET) 64; Exam for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE); Telc English B2-C1 University “C1 certificate”; UNiCert III
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Information about German language levels used at TU Darmstadt according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

- A1 CEFR is the beginner's level
- A2 CEFR stands for basic German which will enable you to cope with language in everyday life.
- B1 CEFR as the next level will enable you to communicate within the university.
- B2 CEFR is the minimum for following lectures and writing exams in German
- C1 CEFR is very good German language proficiency
- C2 CEFR mother tongue level

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## 11. DD-Programmes

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For the following programmes different application deadlines and regulations apply:

Double Degree:

- [Double Degrees with Escola Politécnica of the University of São Paulo](#)
- [Double Degree Mechanical Engineering \(FZD\) with Tongji University Shanghai](#)
- [Double Degree Material Sciences with Tongji University Shanghai](#)

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## 12. Documents for the application

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- Complete Transcript of Records
  - Learning Agreement
  - German/English Language Certificate
  - Passport copy
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