Studying in Germany
country session GERMANY

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What are the options via your Faculty?

When and where?
Write down what you want to get out of your time abroad. Working out what you want to achieve will help determine the choices you make. Research your options well, make good arrangements and make sure to consider your study plan carefully.

When?
During your Bachelor’s programme
The most obvious time to go abroad is during the free electives phase of your Bachelor’s programme. You are then relatively unrestricted in the courses you can follow and the credits you earn abroad can generally be counted towards your studies in Leiden.

During your Master’s programme
In general students on two-year (research) Master’s programmes are advised to spend a semester or more abroad. During your Master’s studies you get to analyse your subject matter in more depth therefore a period of study abroad can be very beneficial. Students on one-year Master’s
What are the options via your faculty

Where?
In general different procedures apply depending on whether you will study within or outside Europe. This is especially true for exchange programmes. The [EP-Nuffic website](https://www.ep-nuffic.org) is a handy tool for researching possible study destinations. If you have a particular country in mind it’s easier to focus your research.

You can also search through all Leiden University's exchange agreements.
Germany: partnerships
Where to find more information?

• For example via your faculty website or Blackboard course
• Or contact the International Coordinator of your faculty or institute for more information
• Check the Website for incoming exchange students of partner /host university - courses
• Application Deadlines can be different within Leiden University (1 Febr – 1 March)
• Application process =
  - Online application (official transcript + letter of motivation)
  - internal selection- nomination to host university –
  - application to host university - admission to host university
• Check teaching language, exam dates, avoid overlap of classes
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Germany: what are the options?

- More than 18,000 study programmes
- At more than 300 institutions
- Database: www.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/studiengang

Where to go?
Stay close to the Netherlands and get international experience, or go further away!
Interactive maps on studereninduitsland.nl
Culture

- “Bildungsideal”
- Hierarchy (?)
- Punctual
- Innovative
- Important country in Europe and for the Netherlands
Educational system

- **High Quality**
- **Academic calendar**
  - Wintersemester: October - February
  - Sommersemester: April – August
  - March & September: “Semesterferien”
- **Teaching methods**
  - Vorlesung / Seminar / Tutorial / Courses
- **Language**
  - English: 2% of Bachelors, 12% of Masters
  - German: B2/C1 level
- **Grades: 1-6**
  - 8 = 1,6
  - 7 = 2,8
  - 6 = 4,0

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Expenses: housing

1. On campus
   • “Studentenwohnheime”
   • Erasmus
   • daad.de

2. Off campus
   • WG – “Wohngemeinschaft”
   • wg-gesucht.de
   • Facebook

WG = 3 students on 80m²
Expenses: Food & Transport

• No tuition, only “Semesterbeitrag”
• Estimated costs of living per month: €850
  rent, food, clothing, books, phone, semester contribution, health insurance
  source: daad.de

• Cheap travel   Your “Semesterticket” / Deutsche Bahn / Flixbus
• Food          Mensa / Supermarkets / Restaurants

• Scholarship   DIA-Stipendium: €2.000
  For 1 semester - on top of Erasmus!
  **Deadline:** 1 December & 1 July
Student life

- Lots of choices
- Active students
- Sometimes lectures at 8 AM
- Eating at the Mensa
- Exciting cultural and night live
My experience at Leipzig University

- Debating culture
- Hierarchical
- No midterms
- Mensa
- Expenses
- Student Life
Differences

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Assessment method: Homework assignments (60%) and a written final exam (40%). A pass on the possibility to retake the exam. The date for the retake will be decided after consultation.
Questions?