

Pforzheim University Fact Sheet 2026/2027

for Exchange Students



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Pforzheim University (Hochschule Pforzheim) was founded in 1877. With its schools Design, Engineering and Business & Law Pforzheim University combines creativity with business education and technical precision. This combination makes the University an attractive science and research partner for the regional and national economy. With around 6,000 students, Pforzheim is one of the largest Universities of Applied Sciences in Baden- Wuerttemberg.

ERASMUS CODE: D PFORZHE01

SEMESTER DATES (ACADEMIC CALENDAR)	
Winter Semester	Summer Semester
starts last week of September	starts the second week of March
Classes and exams end around the beginning of February	Classes and exams end mid of July
FAST TRACK (for Business/Engineering): Exchange students who need to return to their home university in early January can choose Fast Track courses with exams in December, enabling them to complete their studies before Christmas. Additional assignments may apply in certain cases.	
The voluntary pre-semester course "German as a Foreign Language" starts about 3 - 4 weeks before the classes. Information will be sent out via e-mail to students, registered in our system.	
Exchange students should arrive about three days before the beginning of the program. Hochschule Pforzheim - Semester dates	

DEADLINES	
Winter Semester	Summer Semester
<i>NOMINATION OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS BY PARTNERS</i>	
May 01	October 01
<i>APPLICATION SENT BY STUDENT</i>	
May 15	October 15
Nominated students will receive an e-mail to apply and submit documents on our Mobility Online platform.	

The **Business School** offers an attractive [International Study Program \(ISP\)](#) each semester for bachelor-level exchange students who wish to study in English for one or two semesters, including courses in industrial engineering. The program also features a Fast-Track option during the winter semester, allowing students to complete their studies in a condensed time frame. In addition, the [International Master Exchange Program \(IMEP\)](#) provides a dedicated track for master-level students every winter semester. This program is taught entirely in English and includes many courses concluding shortly right before the Christmas break.

All exchange students applying for the [School of Design](#) should upload their application and all relevant materials after being nominated by their home university to our [Mobility Online](#) platform. Please reach out to the School of Design directly, if you have any questions on courses or learning agreements: exchange.design@hs-pforzheim.de.

ADMISSION POLICY FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Minimum length of the study abroad is one semester (15 weeks). Maximum length of the study abroad is one year. Students may combine the study abroad with an internship (normally 100 working days or 5 months). A total of 18 months is the maximum length a student may stay on exchange basis. Many students complete one semester of studies and then decide to continue for a second semester, which may include an internship.

[Website for exchange students](#)



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proof of adequate health insurance for the study abroad period, visa (related to the country of residence) and the payment of the Student Service Fee. Students from outside the EU should plan for a visa processing period of up to three months and should submit their application documents well before the application deadline.

TUITION

None for exchange students from partner universities.

FEES

112 Euro per semester is a student service fee by the *Deutsches Studierendenwerk*. It is a contribution to run cafeterias, student halls etc. and covers free access to the public transportation system of the city.

20 Euro for the student ID (access to the university, copy machines, public transport in Pforzheim etc.)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English and/or German

[STUDY PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH AT A GLANCE](#)

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH: min. B2 level. Min. TOEFL (IBT>85; CBT>235; ITP>570) or any other official test like IELTS (min. 6.5), TOEIC, PTE, CPE, DET (min.110) etc.

GERMAN: (for certain Double Degree programs or if you choose courses in German): min. B2 level, TESTDAF (> 16 and min. 4 in all parts), DSH 2 Examination, Goethe Certificate C2, or TEIC Deutsch C1 Hochschule).

GERMAN FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The university offers free [German language courses](#) on various levels (A1 to C1) during the semester.

Generally, an intensive pre-semester German course for beginners is offered approximately 4 weeks before the start of the lecture period (5 ECTS credits).

ECTS-CREDITS

25 - 30 ECTS credits per semester are recommended. 24 ECTS credits are the minimum, 36 credits will be the maximum to take.

GRADING SYSTEM

GRADING SYSTEM: 1,0 – 1,4 excellent; 1,5 – 1,8 very good; 1,9 – 2,5 good; 2,6 – 3,5 satisfactory; 3,6 – 4,0 sufficient; > 4,0 fails. The grades are assigned as follows: 1,0 / 1,3 / 1,7 / 2,0 / 2,3 / 2,7 / 3,0 / 3,3 / 3,7 / 4,0 / 4,7 / 5,0

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

A soft copy will be uploaded in on our Mobility Online platform and subsequently available for the individual students and the home universities at the end of the semester. Hardcopies on demand.

DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

Available for all students via the central university administration.

INTERNSHIPS

Pforzheim University is located in [one of Europe's most industrialized and innovative regions](#) and therefore perfect to get some practical experience as well. As long as international students keep the legal status of a student, it is possible to get an internship and to combine it with the study abroad period. Our [career center](#) is happy to help you.

HOUSING

Students are responsible for finding adequate housing by themselves. We recommend these [student residences](#). Rent is between 300 € and 400 €.

COST OF LIVING

On average 900 € for students (depending on individual lifestyle).

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer a Buddy Program (where international students get matched with a local student) and field trips in cooperation with the student initiative [ESN](#).

After successful application, exchange students will receive a digital letter of acceptance via the Mobility Online.