Exchange Students Only

DATES

Lecture Period

winter semester: beg. Oct.-beg. Febr. summer semester: end Mar.-beg. July

Academic Calender

winter semester: 01.09.-28.02. summer semester: 01.03.-31.08.

Application Process and Deadlines for Students

See Merz Akademie Website Bachelor Application

Master Application

Exchange Student Application

For nominated Exchange Students: 01.05.. for the winter semester 01.11. for the summer semester

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

Course Catalogues

BA Study plan
MA Study plan

General course catalogue:

Catalogu

Required Language Skills

B2 (CEFR)

Visa

Student visa ("Visum zu Studienzwecken")

German embassy/consultate or visa centre in your home country usually valid for 3 months

https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/visa-and-residence-permit 26604.php

visa extension

Amt für öffentliche Ordnung, Ausländer- und Staatsangehörigkeitsrecht Eberhardstraße 39

70173 Stuttgart

required documents:

- * certificate confirming of health insurance coverage
- * proof of financial resources
- * certificates of past academic work and achievements
- * notification of admission from the Merz Akademie
- * student ID from the Merz Akademie
- * certificate of German language proficiency or proof that you plan to attend a language course in Germany (degree-seeking/ visa extension)

Private liability insurance (optional)

This type of insurance (in German "Haftpflichtversicherung") compensates for personal injury and damage to property caused by unintentional misconduct. It is not obligatory to take out liability insurance but we strongly recommend it. For example, personal injuries could be caused by a bicycle accident (harm to another person) or you rent an apartment while traveling in Germany and something gets damaged by accident. Please check in your home country if any type of insurance applies in Germany (or also other European countries, if you plan to travel).

Costs: approx. 20-25€ for 6 months. A list of providers:

Website in English

https://www.fintiba.com/solutions/liability-insurance/

https://www.hellogetsafe.com/en-de

Website only available in German:

https://www.axa.de/private-

https://www.vhv.de/versicherungen/haftpflichtversicherung/privat

Bank Account for Studentship available

It is advisable to open a bank account during your stay in Stuttgart. Some monthly payments need to be made via direct money transfer.

Here you can open a bank account at any bank of Stuttgart, such as BW Bank, Deutsche Bank, Commerzbank etc. required documents:

- * valid passport and current visa
- * student ID from the Merz Akademie
- * proof of financial resources
- * certificate confirming studentship
- * registration with city Stuttgart

If you need a visa to enter Germany, a **blocked bank** account (Sperrkonto) serves as proof of financing for a

student visa or residence permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis).
It ensures that you can pay the cost of living during your stay in Germany. The current requirement of proof is 934€ per month.
See link below for more information and how to apply:
http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.isp?catId=559

Health Insurance

In Germany health insurance is mandatory for students. Students from EU countries health insured can use the

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC):

http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559

Examples / contact of statutory health insurance in BW:

AOK-Competence Center Studenten Breitscheidstraße 18, 70176 Stuttgart E-Mail: hanagiang.tran@bw.aok.de Phone: +49 711 2069-6913

DAK-Gesundheit

Königstraße 21, 70173 Stuttgart E-Mail: service745400@dak.de Phone: +49 711 3425270

General Information on health insurance in Germany

Exemption from the german health insurance required documents:

- * valid passport and current visa
- * certificate confirming of privat or public insurance coverage
- * student ID from the Merz Akademie

COSTS

Costs of Living

approx. 900-1000 EUR per month (excluding tuition fees)

rent for appartment/ room:

approx. 350- 700 EUR per month

health insurance: 100 -150 EUR per month

misc. costs (see link below for exemplary amounts)

costs of living in Germany

Semester Contribution

Studierendenwerk membership fee: 96,50 EUR allocated through the university in order to:

- receive access to housing in student residences of Stuttgart (see Housing below)
- benefit from other student services of the Studierendenwerk

HOUSING

Students have several different houising options to choose from in the inner districts named *Mitte*, *Nord*, *Ost*, *Süd* and *West*. Below you will find some useful opportunities.

Studierendenwerk Stuttgart (student union membership)

Merz Akademie cooperates with Studierendenwerk Stuttgart. It owns and maintains several student dorms in Stuttgart. Rents for single rooms range approx. between EUR 350 and EUR 475.

https://www.studierendenwerk-stuttgart.de/wohnen/

Rental of a dormitory room includes: furniture, internet access, and final cleaning after departure (for exchange students also bed linen - duvet, pillow, duvet cover, pillow case, sheet) Online Application via Studierendenwerk Stuttgart Website must be completed. Apply soon to secure placement to avoid waiting list.

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Shared /single apartment providers

https://www.wg-gesucht.de

https://housinganywhere.com/de/

https://www.habvt.com

https://www.immobilienscout24.de

https://rentola.de/

https://www.wg-liste.de/

Merz Akademie "on-campus" accomodations

https://www.merz-akademie.de/campus-wgs/

A quota of rooms is available for exchange students. Please note deadlines for housing application process:

For winter semester - June 15th

For summer semester - December 15th

VERY IMPORTANT: If you do not register until deadline,

you will not receive a student room.