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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2016

Term period: August 1 - January 31
Lecture period: September 5 - December 12
Exam period: December 9 - 22

Spring Semester 2017

Term period: February 1 - July 31
Lecture period: February 13 - June 2
Easter Holidays: April 10 - April 22
Exam period: June 3 - 19

STUDENT NOMINATIONS

Period for Student Nominations

New Nomination Procedure (starting Spring Semester 2017)

Student Application

For the fall semester 2016: already passed
For the spring semester 2017: **September 15 - October 15, 2016**

Unfortunately we cannot accept late nominations. We ask you to distribute the number of students evenly in the fall and spring semester.

From now on, nominations have to be entered directly into our new **online nomination portal**. The link to the portal will be sent to all partners before the beginning of the nomination period. **Nominations via e-mail can no longer be accepted.**

If you have already sent us your nominations for the Spring semester 2017, please nominate the students **again via our application portal**.

After the nominations have been submitted, we will contact the students with instructions about

**Required Application Documents
Deadline for Online Application**

completing the online application.
online application (no hardcopies required)
Students must complete our online application
by:

Deadline for extension requests

May 10 for the fall semester at the latest
October 31 for the spring semester at the latest
Should your student wish to extend his exchange
semester, please send a request to Ms Gabriele
Vath (vath@verwaltung.uni-mannheim.de)
before the respective deadline: **May 1** for the fall
semester

October 15 for the spring semester
We will then contact the respective Mannheim
School for approval.

ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATIONS

Arrival and Orientations

We request that students arrive one week before
the start of lectures in order to enrol and attend
the Welcome Week.

The Welcome Week is mandatory and includes:

- an introduction to the study system
- campus tour and welcome reception
- faculty-specific sessions

COURSES

Course Catalogue

The course list will be published on www.uni-mannheim.de/aaa/courses. Exchange students must take the majority of courses from the school to which they are coming on exchange. However, they can choose 1-2 courses from the university-wide elective courses of other schools.

**Required Course Load
Exam Period**

depends on home institution
Generally there will be final exams in December
and June, respectively. Students are responsible
for exam registration.

Grading System

1,0 - 1,5	excellent
1,6 - 2,0	very good
2,1 - 2,5	good
2,6 - 3,5	satisfactory
3,6 - 4,0	sufficient
4,1 - 5,0	non-sufficient / fail
(mit Erfolg) bestanden	passed (successfully)
(regelmäßig) besucht	attended (regularly)

Transcript of Records

A Transcript of Records will be issued no later
than 8-12 weeks after the exam period.

Language of Instruction

German and English– depending on the school,
students can also choose from a wide range of
classes in English.

RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE SKILLS

It is required that students have either good German language skills OR a good level of English (at least B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). The University of Mannheim reserves the right to deny admission into courses for students who do not have the requested level. We expect the home university to make sure that the students possess the required language competence.

LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Preparatory German Language Courses

➤ **Before the Semester**

International Winter Academy:

January 9 – February 3, 2017

International Summer Academy:

August 1-29, 2016

The International Summer/Winter Academy is a four-week intensive language course including seminars about German culture and society.

Costs

~ € 570 (this is a special price for our partner universities)

Registration Deadline

June 15 and November 30, respectively

German Language and Terminology Courses

➤ **During the Semester**

German language and terminology courses are offered by the International Office during the semester for a small administrative fee (€ 15 per course). There are a range of German classes, including general language courses at different levels and specific German courses (e.g. Business German, European Union, Cultural Studies, etc.). As a rule, students can take a maximum of 3 courses per semester.

FACILITIES AND STUDENT SERVICES

In order to cover the costs of the student services, by law, every student enrolled in a German university - including exchange students - has to pay a semester contribution. The contribution is currently **€ 73.50** per semester.

Campus Facilities

- Access to computer facilities including wireless internet access and university e-mail account
- Student tutors
- Academic advisors
- Access to University sports facilities
- Career counselling
- University cafeterias
- University libraries
- Student housing

Special needs and Disability Support

The Counsellor for disabled students provides support for students with disabilities and ongoing illnesses. Please inform the International Office in advance when nominating the student(s) so we can ensure your student will be offered the appropriate support.

Excursions and Trips

Excursions organized by the International Office and student organizations, e.g.:

- City trips to Frankfurt, Strasbourg, Bonn
- International Dinner
- Company visits

Buddy Program

Students have the opportunity to be matched with a local student for support.

HOUSING

Pick-up Service

Students can arrange an individual pick-up with their buddy. The International Office is only a short walk from the main train station.

Student Housing

Students can apply for student residences or look for a room on the private market. For exchange students from overseas, we offer a very limited number of places in our off-campus student residences: single bedrooms in student dormitories for € 280* - 320*, apartments € 330* - € 390*. Rooms on the private market start at € 280. There are furnished rooms (shared kitchen and bathroom) in several dormitories in different areas of Mannheim. After being accepted by the University of Mannheim, the student will receive the link and personal password for our online portal myUniMA, along with detailed information on the private housing market. *Please note that the housing situation in Mannheim is a lot more relaxed in the spring semester. Thus, if students have the option between fall and spring, we recommend students to come during the spring semester.*

*subject to change

Contact

Accommodation Office at the International Office

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housing@uni-mannheim.de

HEALTH INSURANCE

EU members: are exempted from having to purchase German health insurance if they present the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) during enrolment. Non-EU members: **we strongly recommend all our exchange students from non-EU countries to purchase a statutory German health insurance.** Students will have the opportunity to buy German health insurance after their arrival in Mannheim. It costs about € 85 per month (standard price for students from all health insurance companies).

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Members of the EU and of the EFTA (i.e. Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) do not need an entrance visa/student visa. Members of the following countries do not need an entrance visa/ student visa either, but will have to register at the foreign residence office and apply for a residence permit after their arrival in Germany: Australia, Brazil, El Salvador, Israel, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, South Korea, USA. Students of all other countries should obtain a visa as soon as they have received their letter of acceptance.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Estimated Costs of Living Public Transport

Approx. € 700 - 750 per month (including rent)
Students can buy a semester ticket at the current price of € 155 for unlimited public transportation in the greater Mannheim area.

THE CITY OF MANNHEIM AND ITS SURROUNDINGS



- Modern city located in a beautiful region in the North-western corner of the state of Baden-Württemberg
- Only 35 min away from Frankfurt International Airport
- 320,000 inhabitants
- Heart of the Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region with about 2.4 million people: one of the most important business locations in Germany, with renowned scientific research institutions and a very high quality of life
- Perfect starting point to explore Germany and the rest of Europe

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