

University Bremen
Exchange Information Sheet 2026/2027 for Partner Universities

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Academic Calendar	https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/offers-for-international-students/newcomer-service-for-exchange-students/academic-calendar Winter Semester 2026/2027: Duration of semester: 01.10.2026 – 31.03.2027 Orientation weeks: 21.09.2026 – 09.10.2026 Lecture period: 12.10.2026 – 29.01.2027 Christmas Holidays: 21.12.2026 – 03.01.2027 Summer Semester 2027: Duration of semester: 01.04.2027 – 30.09.2027 Orientation weeks: 15.03.2027 – 02.04.2027 Lecture period: 05.04.2027 – 09.07.2027
Language of instruction	German is the primary language of instruction. Many classes are offered in English language, cp below (course catalogue, classes in English)
Language requirements	Upper B2 minimum (C1 preferred) according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). However, some faculties may accept students with upper B1 level upon request. https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/language-centre-of-the-universities-in-the-land-of-bremen/courses-more/tests-certificates/standardised-language-certificates
Language courses for exchange students	German language course up to 6 ECTS during orientation or semester have a reduced fee for exchange students. The fee for these courses is 40 € for 6 ECTS and 20 € for 3 ECTS. Any further German language courses during the semester are charged with fees. International Summer School: German Language Course: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/language-centre-of-the-universities-in-the-land-of-bremen/courses-more/summer-schools
Nomination and Registration Deadlines	Student Nominations: April 30th for Winter Semester October 31st for Summer Semester Student Registration at the International Office: May 31st for Winter Semester November 15th for Summer Semester
Registration Procedure	Student nominations are submitted per Email to the International Office (studybremen@uni-bremen.de), including the official U Bremen-Nomination Sheet and all required data. The International Office will contact all nominated exchange students and send the Call for Registration and detailed information for the further steps: Step 1: Call for Registration for the Exchange Place (International Office) (MobilityOnline-Database) Students will receive our link for their Online Registration in the MobilityOnline-Database after May 1st for our Winter Semester and after October 15th for our Summer Semester. Students fill in all fields. Afterwards they receive an email and are asked to create their own account for the MobilityOnline-Database. If they have any questions or wish to change their information after creating their account, they should contact studybremen@uni-bremen.de. After the formal check of the Online Registration by the International Office, students are to print their Application Form- Exchange Student (Page 1 of 2 and sign it themselves) and the Declaration of Language Competence (Page 2 of 2), which has to be signed by

	themselves <u>and</u> by their Home Universities Exchange Coordinator (including the university stamp). In this database, students may register for the German Language Class during orientation weeks, sign up for a "Study-Buddy" and apply for a Visa Invitation Letter. Step 2: Enrolment at the University Bremen, Secretary for Students (SFS) (MOIN-Database) Students will receive our link for the MOIN-Database after June 30th for our Winter Semester and after December 31st for our Summer Semester. They now fill in their data in the MOIN-Database. After this, they upload the Application Form, the Declaration of Language Competence and the Enrollment Certificate from their Home Universities in the database. Next, they receive a mail with an attachment, which they have to sign in order to accept the study place. They have to send the signed document back via mail and are then asked to send in a proof of health insurance. We highly recommend to apply for the statutory health insurance in Germany which covers all possible costs for the term. They are also asked to pay the semester contribution. ~350 €. Provided that the above-mentioned documents have been submitted and the semester fee has been paid, all relevant student enrolment documents such as student ID card, semester transportation ticket, confirmation of enrollment, etc. will be provided to the student at the Welcome Desk during the orientation weeks.
Online Visa application	In the future, students will have the opportunity to apply <u>online</u> for their visa in order to receive a quicker appointment at the German Embassy. Please note that not all German Embassies have this feature, yet. For further information please click on the following link: https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/visabestimmungen-node
Course Catalogue Classes in English language	As the courses catalogue will be published shortly before start of lectures, please check previous semesters to get an overview. https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/course-catalog.html Selection of classes offered in English: Scroll down to the right Department, select the right degree. At the top, next to show courses, click "in English" Or: In the upper right corner, you may click "Search for courses" → select "in English" → in "search item" type the number of host faculty ("Fachbereich") at UB and a minus (e.g., if you are in faculty 1, you type "01-") Click "send" Attention - it may take some time until the results are presented. Please make sure to select the right level of classes: MA in the left column, shows master courses, (e.g., 01-ET-MA) Access may be restricted.
Supplementary Studies ("Fachergänzende Studien")	Students may also choose courses listed at the bottom under "<i>Fachergänzende Studien (Bachelor Volfach)</i>." These courses are generally open to all students and there are also courses in English available. Some of the courses listed are also for general academic skills such as academic writing. Nonetheless, students should contact the course lecturer and ask for access.
Special course information	All specific questions regarding courses are to be directed to each lecturer for the very class.
Courses in other departments	On request, students may choose courses from other departments - depending on the course prerequisites, restrictions and admission by the lecturer.

Academic Advisor	If students need to register for courses before arrival, they may contact directly the Departmental Coordinator of their respective Host Department. A list of all Departmental Coordinators/ Academic Advisers for the upcoming semester will be sent directly per email to the exchange students by the International Office
Course Certificate	At the end of the lecture period, on request, each student receives a course certificate ("Schein") from every class.
Academic Transcript	In case students need an Official Transcript of Academic Records, at the end of the lecture period, students have to submit all their course certificates ("Scheine") to the official Departmental Coordinator in the Host Department.
Living Expenses	For a normal student life in Germany about 1000 € are needed per month. This includes average housing, living expenses and study costs. https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/all-about-studying.html
Enrolment Fees	UB requires no tuition . However, all enrolled students have to pay the semester contribution before their arrival. It includes mainly the Semester ticket for the free public transport in and around Bremen and membership in the "Studierendenwerk" (Student Welfare Service Union). It also entitles to the purchase of meals on campus at reduced prices and membership in the "AStA" (Student Union). https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/formalitaeten/re-registration-and-semester-fee Exchange students from partner universities are exempted from paying the Admin Fees ("Verwaltungskosten")
Accommodation	The International Office supports visiting students from partner universities in the process of finding accommodation. It offers information on application procedures at the "Studierendenwerk" for student dormitories and on the private market. Online information sessions are offered to the students. Students are strongly recommended to attend and to apply for housing as early as possible! https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/university/campus/housing Due to the many different accommodation types and sizes, the costs vary greatly. However, students should expect to pay about 350 to 500 € for rent per month (electricity, water and heating are usually included).
Emergency information	https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/emergency/
Orientation Weeks	The International Office offers orientation weeks (O-weeks) for exchange students from partner universities. They usually start 3 weeks prior to the start of the lecture period.
City Registration	Registration at the official registration office of Bremen: Everyone who resides in Germany has to register officially at the municipal office in Bremen ("Bürgeramt") within two weeks after moving into a flat or room in Bremen. Students will be issued a "Meldebestätigung" (confirmation of your registration) which they must present to the "Ausländerbehörde" (immigration office) if they are non-EU-citizen. You will also need this confirmation of registration to receive a library card or to open a German bank account. The official forms and further information regarding the process can be found at: https://www.service.bremen.de/wohnsitz-anmelden-zuzug-aus-dem-ausland-123039
Residence Permit Requirements	Registration with the "Ausländerbehörde" (Immigration Office): <u>Citizens of non-EU-states</u> who can remain in Bremen for 90 days without a visa (Japan, Israel, Canada, USA, South Korea, Brazil and others) need to register with the "Ausländerbehörde" as soon as possible after arriving in Germany and receiving their confirmation of registration. An official registration office on campus is the "BSU". https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/bsu/residence-permits
Health Insurance / Health Services	Each student is required to have international health insurance coverage including all medical, hospital without any exception (we recommend included repatriation) while in Germany. Health insurance coverage is a prerequisite for enrolment at a university. We highly recommend to apply for the statutory health insurance in Germany which covers all possible costs for the term. Offices of several insurance companies are situated on the university campus (hkk, TK, AOK).
Newcomer Service & Welcome Desk	The Newcomer Service offers a Welcome Desk for all exchange students after start of the official orientation period.

	Website of the Newcomer Service:
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