

# KOSPIE

## Combined Study and Practice Stays for Engineers from Developing Countries

### Information on German Institution

*This fact sheet will be published for potential scholarship candidates to inform themselves about participating German universities and institutions. Please fill in the form with potential candidates in mind who might have very little background knowledge about living and studying in Germany. Information provided should be specific for the programme.*

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### 1. General information

#### 1.1 Logo and image of university



Visit our website: [www.hs-offenburg.de](http://www.hs-offenburg.de)

1.1 Institution has been accredited by  
EVALAG  
[www.evalag.de](http://www.evalag.de)

1.2 Does your institution follow the code of conduct for exchange programmes?  
Yes ☐ No ☒

1.3 Location of the institution. *Please specify if the institution has more than one location.  
(up to 100 words)*

Offenburg University has campuses in Offenburg and the nearby town of Gengenbach in southwestern Germany. The calm and peaceful Ortenau region is considered a «gateway to the Black Forest», yet is only short distances away from larger cities such as Karlsruhe, Freiburg, Strasbourg (France), and Basel (Switzerland), all within an hour from Offenburg by train.

Both Offenburg and Gengenbach offer safe and high-quality living and a comfortable climate, with pleasant summers and winter temperatures rarely dropping below zero degrees.



## 2. Faculties and Bachelor programmes participating in the programme

Name of faculty	Name of the Bachelor programme at the faculty; webpage-link to Bachelor programme
Department of Business	<a href="https://bw.hs-offenburg.de/">https://bw.hs-offenburg.de/</a> Exchange students are welcome to attend courses of all German degree programs provided that they fulfil the academic requirements. A module handbook listing English-taught classes for exchange students is available and updated regularly: <a href="#">English Module Handbook</a>
Department of Electrical Engineering, Medical Engineering and Computer Science	<a href="https://emi.hs-offenburg.de/">https://emi.hs-offenburg.de/</a> Exchange students are welcome to attend courses of all German degree programs provided that they fulfil the academic requirements. A module handbook listing English-taught classes for exchange students is available and updated regularly: <a href="#">English Module Handbook</a>
Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering	<a href="https://mv.hs-offenburg.de/">https://mv.hs-offenburg.de/</a> Exchange students are welcome to attend courses of all German degree programs provided that they fulfil the academic requirements. A module handbook listing English-taught classes for exchange students is available and updated regularly: <a href="#">English Module Handbook</a>

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## 3. Services for international/KOSPIE students and special attractions of the area

3.1 What kind of services do you offer to international students and especially for KOSPIE students?

*(up to 150 words)*

- We have an experienced member of staff that supports students with finding suitable accommodation, before arriving to Hochschule Offenburg.
- We support incoming exchange students through our buddy programme, where experienced students support new incoming exchange students upon their arrival in Germany. Typical support includes picking up arrivals at the train station, helping with finding your way around in Offenburg, support with formalities.
- Additional support is of course provided by the International Center of Offenburg University. All our staff are fluent in English and we have a number of staff that are fluent in Spanish as well. In addition, each of the four departments has designated professors as contacts for international students.
- We provide a range of social activities to get to know other students as well as the area, such as excursions and fun events for all international students at Hochschule Offenburg.

### 3.2 What are the most special attractions for international students in the region?

*(up to 250 words)*

- Black Forest and mountain range: The beautiful scenery right next to Offenburg is a very popular travel destination for hiking, mountain biking and other outdoor activities.
- Europa Park Rust: This popular theme park attracts visitors from all over the world with roller coaster rides, a water park and many exciting activities and events.
- City of Strasbourg: A mere 20 minute train ride away from Offenburg, Strasbourg provides all the shopping amenities, cultural facilities and entertainments of a major city. Looking for a break from Offenburg? Need a specific exotic ingredient for that special dish? Fancy an authentic French coffee or dinner? With Strasbourg being so close, this is always an option. The cathedral is also world famous and a popular tourist destination.
- Historic city centre of Gengenbach: Gengenbach is the location of our second campus, located in a beautiful former monastery with a chapel. Gengenbach is also visited by over one million of people a year and boasts a beautiful historic city center and many bijou cafés and shops.
- Visits to Heidelberg: Do you wish to travel the paths of Immanuel Kant or Max Weber? Visit one of the most famous and recognisable castle ruins in Europe? Enjoy the student night life of a city that is famous for its large student population? Heidelberg is always well worth a visit and easily reachable by train from Offenburg.





## 4. Cost of living

### 4.1 Dorms, costs at university cafeteria etc.

Item	Cost or comment
Average student dorm rent per month	300-350 €/month
Average rent in private housing	300-500 €/month
Semester contribution/fee	Currently 65 €/semester for exchange students; state fees are waived for exchange students from our partner universities.
Public transportation	365 €/year for a Deutschland Ticket (only available for students till the age of 27 and subscription for a whole year)  Optional; there is a range of public transportation tickets available, depending on choice. A lot of students prefer to travel by bike, as distances in Offenburg are not too far and there are many bicycle paths.
Average expenses	About 990 €/month
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4.2 Further remarks, if necessary (for example information on extra fee for dorms or semester fee etc.)

## 5. Language skills required

Language	Certificate/level or score	Comment
English	LEVEL B2 TOEFL ...	Exchange students who wish to attend English-taught lectures only, should provide a proof of <b>English language skills at level B2</b> (CEFR). For native speakers of English, a language certificate is not required; instead,



			an informal (self-written) declaration should be uploaded as part of the online application....
German	LEVEL TestDaF	B1 ::	Exchange students who wish to attend German-taught classes at Hochschule Offenburg should be able to prove at least <b>B1-level German language skills</b> (CEFR) at the time of application....

## 6. Established partnerships with the following Latin-American higher education institutions and faculties

<b>Argentina</b>	<i>Please name the partner universities (please specify faculties)</i>
<b>Colombia</b>	Universidad Nacional de Colombia (all faculties)
<b>Mexico</b>	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (all faculties except School of Medicine and Health Sciences)

### Comments

## 7. Tuition waivers

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comment: Incoming exchange students from our partner universities are exempt from tuition fees (currently 1500€ per semester); student service fees of 65 € still apply.

## 8. Cooperation with companies regarding possibilities for internships

The region around Hochschule Offenburg, "Wirtschaftsregion Ortenau", is well-known for many innovative and world-leading companies such as Duravit AG (sanitary products), Europa-Park GmbH & Co Mack KG (theme park), Hansgrohe SE (sanitary products), Herrenknecht AG (tunnelling machinery), Hubert Burda Media (publishing), Leitwerk AG (IT and server solutions), Otto Nußbaum GmbH & Co. KG (equipment for garages and vehicle maintenance), Papierfabrik August Koehler AG (paper products), Philipp Kirsch GmbH, Zehnder GmbH (heating and ventilation systems) and many more.

Every semester, the Career Center holds workshops in English and German to support students with their applications for internships. A Career Fair for getting in touch with the companies is held in October of each year.

## 9. Further remarks/special services

"og\_university\_international" is the Instagram account of Hochschule Offenburg. Two KOSPIE scholarship holders from Mexico share their experience at Hochschule Offenburg and during their internship:

- Mauricio: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CwsUnV0y4tE/>
- Daniela: <https://www.instagram.com/p/C1CB0y7SPH0/>



## 10. Housing situation

New incoming exchange students will be fully assisted with finding accommodations in Offenburg. Depending on capacity, students will be placed in a student residence or in private housing. We have an experienced member of staff that supports students with finding suitable accommodation, before arriving to Hochschule Offenburg.

## 11. Contact information

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