



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.

1. General information

1.1 Logo and image of university



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1.1 Institution has been accredited by

The system accreditation of the university has been certified by ACQUIN. With the system accreditation, the university accredits all its programmes.

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)

The UdS is situated at the south-west of Germany in the federal state of Saarland, having a campus in Saarbrücken and a campus in Homburg. The UdS has around 16.600 students with about 21 % of international students. The campus Saarbrücken is situated in the city forest, 4 km from the city center, including also several associated research centers, e. g.: Leibniz Institute for New Materials, Fraunhofer Institute for non-destructive Testing, Materials



Engineering Center Saarland, German Center for Artificial Intelligence, and Max Planck institute for Computer Science.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7VPDfNtC3U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DFxwWy9R1o>

2. Faculties and Bachelor programmes participating in the programme

Faculty	Bachelor programmes + webpage-link
Natural Science and Technology (NT)	<p>Materials Science and Engineering: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/materials-engineering.html</p> <p>Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering ATLANTIS: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/materials-science-atlantis.html</p> <p>Systems Engineering: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/systems-engineering.html</p> <p>Quantum Engineering: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/studium/angebot/bachelor/quantum-engineering.html</p> <p>Bachelor Plus MINT: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/plus-mint.html</p> <p>Physics: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/physics.html</p> <p>Bioinformatics: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/bioinformatics.html</p> <p>Biophysics: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/biophysics.html</p> <p>Chemistry: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/chemistry.html</p>
Mathematics and Computer Science (MI)	<p>Computer Science (English): https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/computer-science.html</p> <p>Computer Science (German): https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/computer-science-german.html</p>



	Cybersecurity (English): https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/cybersecurity-english.html Cybersecurity (German): https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/cybersecurity.html Data Science and Artificial Intelligence: https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/study/programmes/bachelor/data-science-artificial-intelligence.html
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(for further entries/faculties please add lines)

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)

The Welcome Center provides support for housing, arrival service, visa procedure and administrative issues at the university and the city. The European School of Materials (EUSMAT) takes care of the KOSPIE students providing support for the organization of the exchange, academic counseling, networking activities, complementary skills training and placement in industry. Since EUSMAT coordinates several international study programs, integration with other international as well as local students will be facilitated through different networking activities. KOSPIE students will be part of the EUSMAT-Alumni-Network, which is very active and provides important contacts and events for further learning after finishing the program. EUSMAT provides several contacts with industry and research centers for organizing research activities and internships.'

www.eusmat.net

<https://www.uni-saarland.de/global/welcome-center.html>

<https://www.uni-saarland.de/global/welcome-center/interkulturelles-angebot.html>

3.2 What are the most special attractions for international students in the region?
(up to 250 words)



Saarland is located on the borders to France and Luxembourg, making it particularly attractive: Paris can be reached by train in less than two hours, the city of Luxembourg is only hundred kilometres away, and the Belgian border is not far away either. Saarland is the federal state with the largest proportion of forest, having beautiful hiking trails. Further natural attractions are the “Saarschleife”, which is a water gap carved by the Saar River through a quartzite layer and today the most well-known tourist attractions of the Saarland, and the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Bliesgau. Saarbrücken, with a population of around 180,000, is one of the smaller state capitals in Germany. This makes the city manageable and friendly. Another plus point is that flat rents are comparatively low here. The proximity to France and a certain savoir-vivre can be felt everywhere in Saarbrücken - especially in summer, when tourists and locals alike are drawn to the numerous street cafés. Night live, with different pubs and discos makes the city very attractive for students. There are also plenty of cultural opportunities. Students have free admission at the theatres and the concerts of the Radiophilarmonie. The summer cultural festival "Perspectives" (contemporary German-French stage art), the Saar Music Festival and the Filmfestival "Max-Ophüls-Preis" are also cultural highlights in the region. A further attraction of the region, is the Völklingen Ironworks, which is currently a museum and science center which was declared by the UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Das Saarland: Noch ein Geheimtipp | DW Reise
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAH-VSoqgow>



4. Cost of living

4.1 Dorms, costs at university cafeteria etc.

Item	Cost or comment
Average student dorm rent per month	250 € - 350 €
Average rent in private housing	300 € - 450 €
Semester contribution/fee	362 € (includes Deutschland Ticket)
Public transportation	Public transportation in whole Saarland is included in the Semester fee. From August 2024, the Semesterticket is replaced by a Deutschland-Ticket,



	which allows to use public buses and regional trains in all Germany.
Average expenses	800 € - 850 € per month for living in Saarland
Lunch at University Mensa	2,80 € - 5,00 €
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4.2 Further remarks, if necessary (for example information on extra fee for dorms or semester fee etc.)

Security Deposit “Kautiön”: The amount of the deposit is usually one or two month’s rent.

Grocery shopping is relatively cheap in Germany, given the high amount of discount supermarkets, approx. 100 – 150 € per month.

There is an obligatory TV license fee (“Rundfunkbeitrag”) in Germany which is paid per residence. It’s currently 18,36 €/month.

5. Language skills required

Language	Certificate/level or score	Comment
English	LEVEL ... TOEFL ...	If selected BSc. is in German, no specific certificate is required, however at least B1 is recommended. If selected BSc. Is in English, B2 level is required: IELTS Academic Test, TOEFL iBT Test, TOEFL Essential, Cambridge Certificate.
German	LEVEL B1 TestDaF TDN 3	For BSc. in German, supporting measures like German courses, course material and possibilities for doing exams and writing reports in english help students reaching the goals of the project.

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



Argentina	Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata (Facultad de Ingeniería) Universidad Tecnológica Nacional (Facultad Regional Concepción del Uruguay) Universidad Nacional de Río Cuarto (Facultad de Ingeniería, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas) Universidad Nacional del Comahue (Facultad de Ingeniería) Universidad Nacional del Litoral Universidad Nacional de Córdoba Universidad Nacional de Tucumán (Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Tecnología) Universidad Austral
Colombia	Universidad del Norte Universidad Metropolitana Universidad de los Andes
Mexico	Instituto Politecnico Nacional Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Universidad Veracruzana Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México

Comments The cooperation with the mentioned universities are based on agreements, on the participation in joint projects, or on collaborations with individual researchers.

7. Tuition waivers

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comment: The Saarland Universities does not charge tuitions fees. However, a Semester Fee applies to all students (361,90 € as from WS2024/25), which includes: among others, a personal accident, theft and public liability insurance cover and the nationwide student travel ticket.

8. Cooperation with companies regarding possibilities for internships

The university's Career Center supports students in all matters relating to starting a career, including the search for internships in companies: <https://www.uni-saarland.de/einrichtung/career-center/fuer-studierende.html>

Through various research cooperations and strategic partnerships, the university maintains close contacts with large companies in the region and in Germany, which regularly offer internships for international students: e.g. AG der Dillinger Hüttenwerke (strategic partnership with Materials Science and Engineering department), Purem GmbH (Neunkirchen, Saarland), ZF Friedrichshafen AG (Saarbrücken, Saarland), Saarstahl (Völklingen, Saarland), Nemak Dillingen GmbH (Dillinger, Saarland), TE Connectivity (Speyer), and Robert Bosch GmbH (Stuttgart).

The start-up scene at Saarland University has received several awards in recent years. There are several start-ups in the vicinity of the university campus that offer internships. The MSE and Systems Engineering degree programs are very successful in founding new companies that are in constant contact with the professors and offer internship opportunities: e.g. Surfunction GmbH, Innocise GmbH, AcesoMed GmbH, AMS - Amorphous Metal Solutions GmbH, Delfa Systems GmbH, AIM Systems GmbH. The Science Park and the so-called



Scheer Towers on campus are home to numerous companies from the fields of computer science and biotechnology, which maintain close cooperation with the university.

9. Further remarks/special services

Since the programme is coordinated by EUSMAT (a scientific unit of the Faculty of Natural Science and Technology), an optimal academic supervision is ensured. The very well harmonized interaction between EUSMAT, the study programme coordinators and the welcome center of the international office ensures an all-round optimal support for the students.

10. Housing situation

Accommodation for international program students at Saarland University is provided by the University's Welcome Center in the International Office. The Welcome Center cooperates closely with the various halls of residence at the Saarbrücken and Homburg campuses. The International Office has a room contingent available for international program students in the dormitories of the Studierendenwerk in Saarland.

KOSPIE students receive accommodation in accordance with the terms and conditions after registering for the residential program.

11. Contact information

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