

Fact Sheet for ERASMUS⁺ Exchange Students

Academic Calendar 2026/27

Winter Semester 2026/27:

Duration of semester	01.10.2026 - 31.03.2027
Orientation weeks (incl. language course)	21.09.2026 - 09.10.2026
Course/Lecture period	12.10.2026 - 29.01.2027
Christmas Holidays	21.12.2026 - 03.01.2027

Public Holidays:

“Tag der deutschen Einheit“	03.10.2026
“Reformationstag“	31.10.2026
Christmas	25./26.12.2026
New Year's Day	01.01.2027

Summer Semester 2027:

Duration of semester	01.04.2027 - 30.09.2027
Orientation weeks (incl. language course)	15.03.2027 - 02.04.2027
Course/lecture period	05.04.2027 - 09.07.2027

Public Holidays:

Good Friday and Easter Monday	26.03.2027 and 29.03.2027
“Tag der Arbeit“ (Labour Day)	01.05.2027
“Christi Himmelfahrt“ (Ascension Day)	06.05.2027
“Pfingsten“ (Pentecost)	16./17.05.2027

In the winter semester, the lecture period begins on the 12th of October 2026 and in the summer semester on the 5th of April 2027.
The orientation weeks already start on the 21st of September 2026 (winter semester) and on the 15th of March 2027 (summer semester). The end of the lecture period in winter semester is on the 29th of January 2027 and on the 9th of July 2027 in summer semester.
Important: Exams will take place in the last week of lectures or within 2-3 weeks after the end of the lecture period (during the course free time). The exact date and type of exam will be communicated by the lecturers of each course during the first week of lectures!

Orientation Weeks

The three orientation weeks include an optional intensive German language course on level A1-B2, as well as information events and many opportunities to get to know the University of Bremen, the campus, the city and other exchange students. They start 3 weeks before the start of lectures.

You do not need to register for the orientation weeks. For the intensive German language course, you need to register with the Goethe Institute, who organizes the intensive course. You will get detailed information about the registration directly from the Goethe Institute after

the end of the online registration period. **If you are interested to participate in the intensive language course, you have to indicate this in the online application form.**

Exam Period

There is no specific exam period at the University of Bremen. The dates and type of the exams differ from course to course. Usually, lecturers will communicate the exact type and date of exam for each course during the first week of lectures.

However, most exams will take place within 2-3 weeks after the end of the lecture period during the course free time so that most students will be able to finish their study period by end of February (winter semester) or mid-August (summer semester).

If you require further information to plan your exact departure date, please contact your **Departmental Erasmus Coordinator**:

[PDF List of Departmental Erasmus Coordinators](#) 

Academic Information

Language Requirements	German: B2 English (for English taught courses only): B2 The main teaching language at the University of Bremen for most Bachelor study programs is German. Thus, most courses are taught in German. Please make sure that your German knowledge is sufficient to follow courses and lectures successfully. There is a growing variety of Master programs and also a few Bachelor programmes taught in English.
Course Catalogue/ Selection of classes	Select either a department or a degree → then click on “in English” in the header (next to show courses). It may take some time until the results are presented. As courses are online only shortly before start of lectures, please take a look at the previous semesters. Students may also take courses listed at the bottom under “<i>Fachergänzende Studien (Bachelor)</i>.” These courses are generally open to all students and there are also courses in English available. Nonetheless, students should contact the course lecturer and ask if it is possible for them to attend the course. All specific questions regarding courses are to be directed to each lecturer directly for the very class. On request, students may choose courses from other departments - depending on the course prerequisites, restrictions and admission by the lecturer.

	https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/course-catalog/
Grading System	Sehr gut (Marks 1 and 1,3): Very good Gut (Marks 1,7; 2 and 2,3): Good Befriedigend (Marks 2,7; 3 and 3,3): Satisfactory Ausreichend (Marks 3,7 and 4): Sufficient Nicht ausreichend (Mark 5): Not sufficient/fail An ECTS grading scale is not available.

Online Application

STEP 1: Online registration for the Erasmus exchange (in "Mobility Online") STEP 2: Online Application for the Enrolment/ Matriculation as a Visiting Student at the University of Bremen (in "MOIN")	<u>1. Online Registration for the Erasmus Exchange at the International Office ("Mobility Online"):</u> We will send you the link to the Erasmus online application database "Mobility Online" and the instructions how to use it in a separate email as soon as the database is open. Online registration period for the Erasmus exchange is: 15th of May until 30th of June (winter semester and whole academic year) 15th of November until 31st of December (summer semester) <u>2. Online Application for the enrolment as a visiting student at the University of Bremen with the Student Office ("MOIN"):</u> In a second step, you have to apply for the official enrolment as a visiting student at the University of Bremen using another database "MOIN". Details including the link to "MOIN" will be communicated by email after your successful application in "Mobility Online" for the Erasmus exchange. Deadlines: 15st of August (winter semester) 15th of February (summer semester) Required documents for upload in both databases ("Mobility Online" and "MOIN"): • signed Application Form (generated in Mobility Online, 1st page) • signed Declaration of Language Competence form (2nd page) • Enrolment Certificate from home university (or certificate of student status) After submitting the complete online application for the enrolment as a visiting student, you will receive the "Admission Letter" from the Student Office. The admission letter is needed for the application for a room in a student dorm or for your application for a student visa (if you need a student visa to enter Germany) Then you have to complete your enrolment. For this, you have to • sign the "Acceptance of a Study Place" and send it by post or email to the Student Office
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	• pay the semester contribution (see below) • initiate the ESMV Health Insurance procedure (see below)
Health insurance	Exchange students are required to have a valid health insurance that is equivalent to the German statutory health insurance, i.e. unlimited coverage of all treatments (incl. dental, psychological and pregnancy care) for the whole duration of their stay. The University of Bremen has introduced an electronic notification procedure (ESMV) for the proof of health insurance for the enrolment as a visiting student. A scan of the European Health Insurance Card (EU countries) or AT11-form (Turkey) has to be sent to one of the statutory health insurances on the campus (AOK or TK). The statutory health insurance will check the health insurance and send an electronic notification to the University of Bremen that you are sufficiently insured. A draft for the email and the email addresses of the two insurances on the campus who offer this service will be sent to you after your successful registration in Mobility Online. EU-Nationals: have to submit a scan of the valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC/CEAM) to the German statutory health insurance. Attention <u>French nationals</u>: please apply for your CEAM as early as possible! Turkish Nationals: have to submit a scan of the TA11 form issued by SSK (Sosyal Sigortalar Kurumu) to the statutory health insurance Non-EU Nationals without an EHIC or Turkish TA11 will have to get a German statutory health insurance (cost: about 150 € per month) with one of the German statutory health insurance companies (e.g. AOK, TK, hkk). Most insurance companies offer an online application procedure, so that you can become a member before coming to Germany. In addition, we recommend considering a travel insurance for the time gap between departure of the home country and the first day of the semester (01.10. or 01.04.) as well as for the trip home. Foreign private health insurances for the purpose of visa applications or travel insurances are not accepted for the enrolment. Most private insurances limit the coverage of cost or the duration of validity. Students will have to get the German statutory health insurance (cost: approx. 150 € per month) or an equivalent private health insurance in addition to the foreign private health insurance. Please get advice from a German statutory health insurance.
Semester contribution	Students are required to pay a semester contribution. This includes the • "Semesterticket" (see below "transportation") • contribution to the "Studierendenwerk" • contribution to the Student Union ("AStA")

	Exchange students are exempted from paying the administrative contribution. In the last semester the contribution for exchange students was 362,40€, but it might change in the future. The semester contribution is mandatory and has to be transferred to the account of the University of Bremen until the deadline stated in the admission letter. The semester contribution is not a tuition fee. You will receive more information regarding the payment details from the Student Office in the Admission Letter after submitting your online application for the enrollment in "MOIN". Please do not transfer any money before receiving the admission with the instructions about the payment details and your individual reference number.
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Practical Information

Study Visa	Non-EU nationals have to apply for a student visa at the nearest German Embassy or Consulate before entering Germany. Invitation Letters for the visa application are issued by the International Office upon receipt of the scan of the signed application documents. If you need a visa, please do not forget to tick the appropriate box in the online application and make sure that you entered your correct postal address into the online application database since your invitation letter will be send there.
<u>VisaFlow</u>	Students get free access to VisaFlow, an external service that helps to organize the Visa process. Use the code UNIBREMEN25 to create your account at VisaFlow Plattform You can plan and organize your move to Germany, step by step (Visa, Residence Permit, Housing, Health Insurance, working as a student, student life)
<u>Exception:</u> Registration according to the “REST” Guideline 2016/801” at the BAMF	Non-EU Erasmus students who have a valid study visa or a residence permit for studies for another EU-state for the whole duration of the Erasmus study period in Bremen are exempted from applying for a study visa at the German Embassy in their country of studies or in their home country. Instead, the mobility has to be registered by the International Office of the University of Bremen at the “Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge” (BAMF) <u>at the latest 30 days before the planned arrival date.</u> (REST guideline 2016/801). It will take 30 days to issue your Mobility Pass for your exchange study period. Please note: You may not enter Germany without having received the Mobility Pass and the study visa /residence permit has to be valid until the end of studies!

Exception: Non-EU Citizens with visa exemption (UK, US, Japan, Canada, South Korea etc.)	If not, please apply for an extension as early as possible so that it is ready at least 30 days before your planned arrival date. If this is not possible, you have to apply for a study visa (see above). Citizens of non-EU countries with a visa exemption (e.g. UK, US, South Korea, Brazil, Japan etc.) can apply for a study visa at a German Embassy before coming to Bremen or apply for a residence permit within 90 days after coming to Bremen. The required documents for the application for a residence permit in Bremen are the same as for the application for a study visa. More info: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/bsu/residence-permits Visa requirements by country: https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/-/231148 Admission letters for the visa application or the BAMF registrations are issued by the Student Office after you submitted the complete application for the enrollment as a visiting student at the University of Bremen in MOIN. Contact: incoming@uni-bremen.de
Housing	More info and contacts are here: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/university/campus/housing Due to the many different accommodation types and sizes, the costs vary greatly. However, you should expect to pay about 300 to 600 € for rent per month (electricity, water and heating are usually included). Please apply for a room as early as possible, so that you can move into your room right at the start of your studies and avoid long and expensive stays in a temporary accommodation.
Newcomer Service	The "Newcomer Service" for exchange students offers: - orientation weeks and a German intensive language courses 3 weeks before the start of lectures - special consultation hours of the Erasmus departmental coordinators - advice by student tutors at the "Welcome Desk" for questions regarding arrival, registration, housing, insurance etc. Website: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/international-students/newcomer-service-for-exchange-students

Language courses	There is an optional intensive German language course during the orientation weeks organized by the “Goethe Institute Bremen” for the language levels A1 - B2. If you want to participate in the German courses, please tick the appropriate box in the online registration form in “Mobility Online”, so that the “Goethe Institute” and the “Sprachenzentrum der Universität Bremen” will be notified about your interest. For the three-weeks-course, students will receive 6 ECTS upon successful participation. Admission only for registered Erasmus students who have participated in the online placement test of the Goethe Institute. The link to the test will be sent to all exchange students who indicated their interest in “Mobility Online” form approx. 3 weeks after the end of the online registration period. If you want to participate in this intensive course, please follow the instructions in the emails that will be sent to you by the Goethe Institute to secure your place. Additionally, there is the possibility to take German languages courses during the semester (3-6 ECTS). The placement test for these courses is in the week before the start of the semester. Please note that the courses are not free of charge. The fee for these courses is 40€ for 6 ECTS, 20€ for 3 ECTS. More information about German language courses at the language center (“Sprachenzentrum”) at the University of Bremen: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/language-centre-of-the-universities-in-the-land-of-bremen/language-centre-szhb
Registration of Residence	Registration of Residence (“Meldebestätigung”): All foreign incoming students have to register with the city’s authorities within 2 weeks after taking residence in Bremen. The Newcomer Service team can assist you with the necessary formalities once you arrive in Bremen. Website: https://www.service.bremen.de/dienstleistungen/wohnsitz-als-nebenwohnung-anmelden-8372?reg=dienstleistung
Transportation	After the enrollment has been completed, students will receive a “Semesterticket” which allows to use all public transport in and around Bremen free of charge. Currently, the Germany ticket is also included. http://www.asta.uni-bremen.de/service/semesterticket/ The semester ticket is only valid from the 1st of October (winter semester) or the 1st of April (summer semester) onwards. During the orientation weeks before the start of the semester, you will have to buy weekly or monthly tickets for the public transport.

Sports facilities	Sports courses and facilities are available for incoming students on campus for a small fee. https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/hospo
Studdy-Buddy Programme	The Study Buddy program is designed to help international students to find their way into the new surroundings. Every international student participating in the program will team up with a student from Bremen as a „buddy“. The buddy will provide support and help you to settle into everyday life in Bremen. The program starts at the beginning of the lecture period. Link: https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/starting-your-studies/international-students/offers-for-international-students/kompass/study-buddy

Contacts

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