

Institutional Factsheet for KIT – Version 2019/20




1. Institutional Information

1.1. Institutional Details



Name of institution	KIT – Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
ERASMUS Code	D KARLSRU01
ECHE	29815
Institutional website	www.kit.edu
International website	www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php
Course catalogue	studium.kit.edu/meineuniversitaet/Seiten/vorlesungsverzeichnis.aspx
Head of institution	Prof. Dr. Holger Hanselka


1.2. Main Contacts for ERASMUS programme

<p>Erasmus Institutional & Staff Exchange Coordinator</p>	<p>Dr. Julia Johnsen</p> 	<p>KIT – International Students Office Adenauerring 2, Geb. 50.20, D-76131 Karlsruhe, Germany</p>
<p>Bilateral Agreements</p>		<p>erasmus_agreement@intl.kit.edu</p>
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<p>Erasmus Incoming Coordinator</p>	<p>Mia Tjandisaka</p> 	<p>KIT – International Students Office Adenauerring 2, Geb. 50.20, D-76131 Karlsruhe, Germany Tel.: +49 (0721) 608-44927, Fax: +49 (0721) 608-44907 Email: erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu</p>
<p>Departmental Coordinators</p>		<p>For all academic questions concerning study schedule, ECTS, courses etc., please contact our departmental coordinators. A list is available online at: http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php.</p>




2. Calendar				
Calendar of the academic year	1st semester (Winter semester)	October 1 st	–	March 31 st
	2nd semester (Summer semester)	April 1 st	–	September 30 th
Period of courses 2019-20	1st semester	October 14 th , 2019	–	February 8 th , 2020
	2nd semester	April 20 th , 2020	–	July 24 th , 2020
Period of exams 2019-20	1st semester	February 2020	–	March/April 2020
	2nd semester	July 2020	–	September/October 2020
Orientation week 2019-20 (preliminary dates)	1st semester	September 16 th , 2019	–	September 22 nd , 2019
	2nd semester	March 23 rd , 2020	–	March 29 th , 2020
Pre-semester German language course 2019-20 (preliminary dates)	1st semester	September 23 rd , 2019	–	October 11 th , 2019
	2nd semester	March 30 th , 2020	–	April 17 th , 2020
Nomination deadline	May 15th	for the 1 st semester or for the whole academic year		
	November 15th	for the 2 nd semester		
Application deadline	June 1st	for the 1 st semester or for the whole academic year		
	December 1st	for the 2 nd semester		
Decision time	Students will receive notice within 4 -6 weeks after the application deadline provided that the nominated students sent complete application files.			
Transcript of records	A transcript of records (academic transcript) will be issued no later than 8 weeks after the end of the period of exams at KIT.			
For more information check: http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/6265.php				

3. Detailed requirements

<p>3.1. Language skills</p> 	<p>The sending institution, following agreement with our institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates to reach the required language skills</p>			
	Type of mobility	Subject areas/Departments	Language of instruction	Required language level¹,
	Student Mobility for Studies	If selected courses are taught in German for these following departments: Architecture, Biology/Bio Sciences, Chemistry, Chemical and Process Engineering, Informatics, Mechanical Engineering	German	B1-German (obligatory)
		All other subject areas/ departments (not listed above)	German	A2/B1 (obligatory)
		If selected courses are taught in English for this departments: Mechanical Engineering	English	B2-English (obligatory)
		All other subject areas/ departments (not listed above)	English	B1/B2 (obligatory)
Staff Mobility for Teaching	All subject areas	/	B2	
<p>We require ERASMUS exchange students to have a German language certificate (recommended: at least B1-level, in order to be able to follow lectures at KIT – the majority of courses at KIT are held in German only) at the time of application (i.e. on June 1st / December 1st)</p> <p>If a student wishes to attend English-taught lectures or write his/her final thesis in English, proof of English knowledge (B2-level recommended) should be provided.</p> <p>Certificates do not necessary need to be from the Goethe Institute/TOEFL/IELTS. We accept certificates issued by your university or issued by a language school. However, we will not accept a simple certificate of attendance for a German/English course of a certain level.</p>				

¹ Level according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

<p>3.2. Additional requirements</p> 	<p>Project / Internship / Final thesis If students are planning to do a project, internship or a final thesis at KIT, a supervisor/tutor at KIT is necessary and applicants are required to find both topic and supervisor on their own. Please be aware that carrying out a Master thesis will take about 4 -6 months or longer. Please contact the departmental coordinator for further details.</p> <p>Students and Staff with disabilities KIT welcomes students and staff with disabilities, but asks them to contact the International Students Office as soon as possible, so that special care can be taken during preparation.</p>
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4. Additional Information

<p>4.1. Nomination & application procedure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please send an e-mail (Erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu) to us with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the names of your nominated students, - birthdate - nationality - their period of stay and - the KIT department/faculty they will be enrolled at <p>prior to the nomination deadline. After receiving the nomination, we will inform your students about our online application procedure directly.</p> 2. Nominated students will get an e-mail with information on how to apply online. They must submit an online application, upload the applications documents and send <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hard copies of the online application form, also stamped and signed by their home university coordinator - Learning Agreement, stamped and signed by their home university coordinator - Language certificates (German and/or English, please refer to 3.1) - <i>Current Transcript of Records</i> <p>to the following address prior to the application deadline</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KIT – International Students Office ERASMUS Adenauerring 2 D-76131 Karlsruhe Germany</p> 3. Acceptance at KIT depends on the decision of each departmental coordinator and is confirmed when the nominated students receive the admission letter (“Zulassungsbescheid”), that will be available online in our application portal approx. 6 weeks after the application deadline provided that students send complete application files. Further instructions on how to download and print the documents will be sent via email directly to the accepted students.
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<p>4.2. Information on courses</p>	<p>Complete Course catalogue: https://studium.kit.edu/meineuniversitaet/Seiten/vorlesungsverzeichnis.aspx</p> <p>Further information on course selection and Learning Agreements: http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3377.php</p> <p>Please note that registration for some seminars or lectures is required. If further information is needed, please contact the departmental coordinator directly and enquire about the details.</p>
<p>4.3. German language courses</p>	<p>We offer beginners and intermediate pre-semester German language courses (3 weeks, 4 ECTS) for exchange students usually about 3-4 weeks before lectures begin. At the moment the tuition fee for this course is 75 €. Registration for the course is integrated into the online application. This course is not a substitute for a certificate of German language required for the application.</p> <p>ERASMUS students also have the possibility to participate in German courses during the semester for a small fee. But, they have to register online at the start of each semester and since there is a high demand, late registration might lead to students not being able to participate.</p> <p>For more information check www.stk.kit.edu/deutsch_kurse.php.</p>
<p>4.4. Housing</p>	<p>Our institution will guide incoming students/staff in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education.</p> <p>However, housing is a difficult subject for all students in Karlsruhe. We are doing our best to secure rooms for our incoming exchange students, but due to the recent rise in Karlsruhe student numbers it is a nearly impossible task. Hence, we cannot guarantee a room upon your arrival, but have to ask the incoming students to take action themselves.</p> <p>We have accumulated tips and tricks about housing in Karlsruhe at www.intl.kit.edu/ischolar/6166.php.</p>
<p>4.5. Health insurance</p>	<p>Our institution will provide assistance in obtaining health insurance for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education.</p> <p>For students, health insurance coverage during the entire stay in Germany is compulsory.</p> <p>Further information at http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3372.php or contact erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu.</p>

<p>4.6. Visa/ residence permit</p>	<p>Our institution will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirement of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education.</p> <p>In general, ERASMUS students from a non-EU member state or a non-EEA member state will require a student visa (not a tourist visa) in order to study in Germany. All other ERASMUS students do not require a visa.</p> <p>For further information check www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/6194.php or contact erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu.</p>																		
<p>4.7. Grading system</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="443 779 1396 1108"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>German</th> <th>English</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.0 – 1.3</td> <td>Sehr gut</td> <td>Very good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.7 – 2.3</td> <td>Gut</td> <td>Good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.7 – 3.3</td> <td>Befriedigend</td> <td>Satisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.7 – 4.0</td> <td>Ausreichend</td> <td>Sufficient</td> </tr> <tr> <td>> 4.0</td> <td>Ungenügend/Nicht ausreichend</td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Exams may also be evaluated as “bestanden“ (passed) or “nicht bestanden“ (failed) without grade.</p> <p>Further information on the statistical distribution of grades according to the descriptions in the ECTS users’ guide can be found in the individual module handbooks of each degree course and on request at the KIT registrar’s office.</p>	Grade	German	English	1.0 – 1.3	Sehr gut	Very good	1.7 – 2.3	Gut	Good	2.7 – 3.3	Befriedigend	Satisfactory	3.7 – 4.0	Ausreichend	Sufficient	> 4.0	Ungenügend/Nicht ausreichend	Fail
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<p>4.8. Further information for incoming students</p>	<p>Useful and helpful information for incoming students can be found on our webpages or in our student handbook available online: http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php.</p>																		

5. Student life and free time

Living and studying in Karlsruhe

Attractive City and Surroundings

- ✓ Second warmest city in Germany with 1691 hours of sunshine per year, around 900 hectares of green space and more than 135 cultural institutions and 102 km of bicycle paths – bring your bike along!
- ✓ Located in the Heart of Europe
- ✓ A rich history meets technical inventions, High Tech and Science
- ✓ Short Distance to the surrounding wonderful countries France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Switzerland

Excellent Service for Incoming Students

- ✓ Language courses on all levels
- ✓ One single contact point for administrative issues in the International Students Office and for academic affairs in the 11 departments.

A vivid network with weekly events to make you feel at home at KIT.

- ✓ Weekly “Stammtisch” as a great way to find and stay in touch with new friends
- ✓ Language Café to meet people from all over the world, have a drink together and chat
- ✓ Buddy Program where you are matched with a local student from Karlsruhe, who then becomes your “buddy” for the semester
- ✓ Day and City Trips to the surroundings and to vibrant cities in Germany and the neighboring countries

Meet other students.

140 days of sunshine in Karlsruhe: there are many beautiful spots to meet other students outside: the Botanical Garden at the castle or in the Stadtgarten. There you'll find large lawns, beautiful plants and plenty of space to have a nice picnic.



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Do sports.

KIT, in addition to the many other sports clubs, provides a wide range of sports activities. KITs gym „walk-in“ offers fitness and endurance training on state-of-the-art equipment. There are also an indoor swimming pool and tennis courts available on campus.

Karlsruhe is the ideal base for cycling tours to some of Europe's most scenic regions: the Black Forest, Palatinate Forest, Kraichgau and the French Vosges.

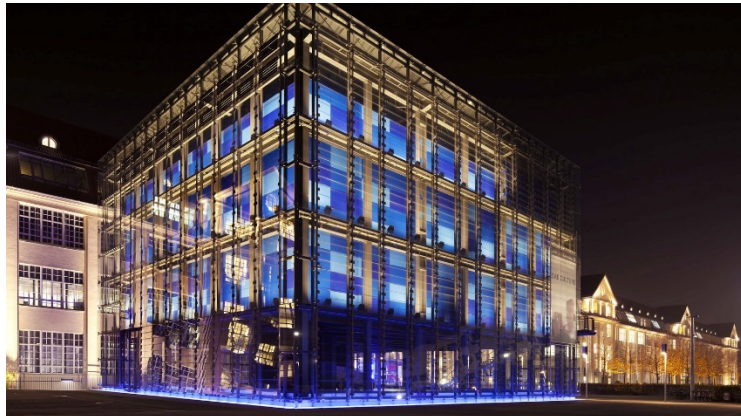
Join a study group.

There are about 90 study groups at KIT, which give you access to social, cultural, technical and political student life. There is a student association for you!

AK Erasmus for example supports international exchange students by organizing city trips and other events.

Enjoy culture.

Karlsruhe enjoys vast and diverse leisure, culture and sports options, which offer something for everyone. Facets of cultural offerings are well-known theaters and museums as well as „Das Fest“ one of the largest annual German open-air-festivals.



ZKM Museum: number 4 of top world museums



„Das Fest“ festival