Information Sheet

European Exchange Programs: Erasmus+ / Double Degree / Russia
Winter Semester 2019/20 and Summer Semester 2020

Technische Universität Darmstadt - International Relations & Mobility

Double Degree/ Erasmus+ and Exchange Europe coordinators for TU Da Incomings:

Ms. Tanja Torres Alberich
(South- and Eastern Europe incl. France)
Email: torres@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de
Tel.: +49-6151-16-24061
Fax: +49-6151-16-24052

Ms. Corinna Caspar-Terizakis
(North- and Western Europe excl. France)
Email: caspar-terizakis.co@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de
Tel.: +49-6151-16-24050
Fax: +49-6151-16-24052

Postal address
Technische Universität Darmstadt
International Relations & Mobility
Karolinenplatz 5
64289 Darmstadt, Germany

Institution Website
http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/

Homepage
www.tu-darmstadt.de/europe-incomings

Application Information

ERASMUS code
D DARMSTA01

Terms/Semester Dates

Winter Semester 2019/20:
Move-in: October 1st, 2019 – March 31st, 2020
Kick-Off Meeting:
Language Course Placement Test:
Language Course:
Begin of classes:
End of classes:
Exam period:
Christmas break:

Summer Semester 2020:
Move-in: April 1st, 2020 – September 30th, 2020
Kick-Off Meeting:
Language Course Placement Test:
Language Course:
tbd. (beginning of March)
tbd. (beginning of March)
tbd. (all March)
Begin of classes: April 14th, 2020
End of classes: July 17th, 2020
Exam period: July – August 2020

Semester dates for exchange students:
https://tinyurl.com/tuda-experience-weeks

General semester dates:
https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studierende_tu/semestermine/index.en.jsp

Online-Applications
www.tu-darmstadt.de/europe-incomings

Nomination
for the winter semester: 31st of March
for the summer semester: 31st of October

Nominations are to be sent by Email from the international office including the following information:
Home institution: xxx
Host institution: Technische Universität Darmstadt
Exchange programme: Erasmus (SMS)
Surname, first name (student): xxx, xxx
Gender: Female/Male
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): xx/xx/xxxx
Nationality: xxx
Field of study (ISCED): xxx
Study cycle: Postgraduate / Master / Bachelor
Exchange period (according to Germany): winter term 20xx/20xx / summer term 20xxx (1 / 2 semester)
Email (student): xxx@xxx

Please send your nomination to the contact person who is responsible for your country (Tanja Torres Alberich at torres@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de or Corinna Caspar-Terizakis at caspar-terizakis.co@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de)

Application Deadlines
for the winter semester: 30th of April
for the summer semester: 30th of November

Project work (BA or MA Thesis)
European Exchange Students planning to do a project work at TU Darmstadt are asked to find both topic and supervising professor at TU Darmstadt in advance to their stay. They have to inform themselves on the website of the TU Da departments http://tiny.cc/tuda_departments and contact the prospective professor. As soon as they have found a supervising professor they should fill out the form and write an email to your contact person torres@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de or caspar-terizakis.co@pvw.tu-darmstadt.de
The form can be found on our website in the section “Downloads”: www.tu-darmstadt.de/europe-incomings

Language Requirements
Although some courses are held in English, our language of instruction is mainly German and the majority of our lectures and courses are taught in German. To have a successful study experience at TU Darmstadt, we therefore ask our incoming ERASMUS students to prepare their German language skills thoroughly before they come to Darmstadt. For this reason, along with their application, they have to send a German language certificate, at least level A2 (CEFR) either written in English or in German. Generally, most universities or language institutes offer corresponding language courses and are going to issue the A2 certificate. If the German level of the student is only A2, the participation in the Intensive German language course is mandatory.
If you are planning to take English taught courses only (no German study program at all), you have to provide us with an English proficiency certificate of at least level B2 (instead of the German language certificate) either written in English or in German. Precondition is that you select adequate English taught courses out of the range of English courses offered at TU
Darmstadt. The respective learning agreement completed with your selected English taught courses has to be uploaded with the online application. 

The range of English taught courses at TU Darmstadt can be found here:
https://tinyurl.com/tuda-courses-in-english

**Intensive German Language Course before the Semester**

One month before the start of our semester, we offer an Intensive German Language Course. This course takes place during March for the summer semester and during September for the winter semester. It is free of charge and participants may obtain 6 ECTS. More information can be found here: https://www.spz.tudarmstadt.de/kurse/incomings_2/aktuelles_1/aktuelles_11.en.jsp.

We strongly recommend our incoming students to participate in this course since it is a great opportunity to have a good start in Germany, especially as they get to know other exchange students. Also, the TU Darmstadt Experience-Weeks are offered during the weeks of this course.

**TU Darmstadt Experience Weeks**

Each year in March and September we organize the TU Darmstadt Experience Weeks in order to simplify the start for our incoming students at TU Darmstadt. Along with the Intensive German language course, there we will offer several activities to get to know Darmstadt, the TU, and other exchange students. Special tutors will help with the enrolment and other official issues. More information can be found on our website:
https://tinyurl.com/tuda-experience-weeks

**German Language Course during the Semester**

In addition to this Intensive Course, there will be accompanying German language courses during the semester. These will be adapted to the level of German of the student. In order to do so, a compulsory grading test will be done at the beginning of the semester. The result of that test will decide about the course the student will be assigned to. Further information about the language courses during the semester can be found here:
https://www.spz.tudarmstadt.de/ueber_uns/index.en.jsp

**Courses in English**

In addition to the broad range of courses offered in German, there is a variety of courses taught in English as well. Although we do encourage every student to attend courses in German, these courses may be an addition to a student’s schedule based on their field of studies and personal interest. An overview of courses offered in English sorted by departments can be found here:
https://tinyurl.com/tuda-courses-in-english

**Accommodation**

Accommodation is available in dormitories of Studierendenwerk Darmstadt. Due to limited capacities accommodation unfortunately cannot be guaranteed. Thus we are offering helpful tips and links to find accommodation in Darmstadt and surroundings on our website:
https://tinyurl.com/tuda-accommodation

Until students have found accommodation they may also stay at Darmstadt’s youth hostel for the first couple of days: http://www.djh-hessen.de/jh/darmstadt.

**Health Insurance**

Proof of health insurance is needed to get enrolled at TU Darmstadt. There are three possibilities:

1. European Health Insurance Card. This card must be valid until the end of the exchange stay at TU Darmstadt or
2. Confirmation of existing health insurance written in English. This confirmation has to be proved by a German compulsory health insurance or
3. Purchase of a German Health Insurance. Costs are approximately 85 EUR per month, contract period per semester.

The European Health Insurance Card often only covers the costs in case of emergencies and urgent illness. Students have to be informed about the services and treatments that are covered by their health insurance before they come to Darmstadt! Treatments for chronic diseases will be billed. In these cases, it will be necessary to arrange an additional travel health insurance in the student’s home country.

https://tinyurl.com/tuda-health-insurance

Looking very much forward to welcoming you at TU Darmstadt!

(Jun 2019)