TUM Global & Alumni Office
Technical University of Munich

Off to Munich!

Going to TUM on Exchange

Why you should go to TUM

As one of Europe's leading universities, TUM combines top-class facilities for cutting-edge research with unique learning opportunities for students from all over the world. Ranked among the top ten institutions globally for the employability of our students, we aim to create lasting value through excellence in education and research, active support of diverse talents, and a strong entrepreneurial mindset. Our students from abroad create a beautiful multi-cultural and truly inspiring international atmosphere.

Key facts and figures about our university at a glance

How it works

You can come to Munich and **study at TUM for one or two semesters**. You first need to be e-nominated for an exchange place by your home university. Once this has been done, you can apply at TUM. Ask at the International Office of your home university which exchange schemes with TUM are available to you. Usually you will continue to pay tuition fees to your home institution. At TUM, you only pay the semester fee for the student union. For public transport, the Deutschlandticket offers a comprehensive range of services at a reasonable price.

Students sitting in front of the Audimax on TUM's main campus.

Language requirements

To attend courses at TUM, you need to provide proof of your language skills. Proficiency in English is required for courses in English, as proficiency in German is a prerequisite for classes in German. Depending on your subject area or School, you will need **at least level B1 or B2 in the language of the courses you are taking**. You will need to hand in certificates for your English as well as your German skills.

Dates and deadlines

Semester	Winter term	Summer term
Time frame	October 1 until March 31	April 1 until September 30
Apply by	May 15	October 31
Lectures	Mid-October until mid-February	Mid-April until mid-July
Exam period	Mid-February until end of March*	Mid-July until end of September*

*Please contact your TUM School or subject area for specific information on the examination schedules.

Contacts at the Schools

Do not forget to ask for the internal application deadlines at your home university. Once you have decided you would like to come to TUM for an exchange, you can check our websites for information about the necessary procedures before, during, and after your stay, as well as about international campus life at TUM.

Students with differing abilities should mention them in the application form. In case you have any special arrangements at your home university, please mention this, too. The TUM G&A team will connect you and the relevant departments regarding support measures at TUM.

Our campuses

Munich and Garching

Since its founding in 1868, the heart of TUM beats in central **Munich**. Its presence in the city is spread across three key locations: **the main campus, the university hospitals, and facilities in the Olympic Park.**

The **Garching** campus north of Munich is about the same size as the City Campus and it is **the center of natural sciences and technology at TUM**. Garching is within easy reach from downtown Munich via the U6 subway line.

Munich and Garching are home to the following Schools:

- **TUM School of Computation, Information and Technology** including the fields of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Informatics/Computer Science, and Mathematics
- **TUM School of Engineering and Design** including the fields of Aerospace and Geodesy, Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering
- **TUM School of Management**
- **TUM School of Natural Sciences** including the fields of Chemistry and Physics
- **TUM School of Social Sciences and Technology** including the fields of Educational Sciences, Governance, and Science, Technology, and Society
- **TUM School of Medicine and Health** including the fields of Sport & Health Sciences and Medicine

Overview of TUM's Schools

TUM School of Life Sciences Weihenstephan

Located on the outskirts of the old cathedral town of **Freising**, this campus comprises the **Agricultural and Life Sciences** fields. Travel time from Munich city center is about 45 minutes by train.

Campus Straubing

Straubing is a town in Lower Bavaria, about two hours away from Munich. The main research areas of TUM Campus Straubing are **Biotechnology and Sustainability**.

Campus Heilbronn

The focus areas of the **Heilbronn** Campus are **Digital Transformation and Family Enterprises**. Heilbronn is located in Baden-Wuerttemberg. Travel time from Munich main station is about three hours.

Programs in English

Undergraduate courses at TUM are primarily held in German, whereas a substantial part of the Master's courses are taught in English.

Some Master's programs can be studied entirely in English and are open to exchange students, assuming they hold the correct prerequisites. The decision on whether you can attend them is up to your subject area or School at TUM.

As an exchange student, you can attend classes from all subject areas and Schools, but you should select **60 percent** of your courses from the subject area or School you register with.

Our degree programs

Living in Munich

The capital of Bavaria

As one of the world's most livable cities, Munich is a bustling, yet safe and clean metropolis, offering an **impressive range of leisure activities**. The prosperous city is also home to several renowned global companies, such as Siemens and BMW, and is a technology hub boasting excellent job and internship opportunities. Situated in the heart of Europe with outstanding flight and train connections, Munich is an excellent base to explore Germany's nine European neighbors and beyond.

Welcome to Munich – a beautiful and lively city in the heart of Europe

Accommodation

If you join us as an exchange student via the TUMexchange program, which is independent from the European Erasmus+ program, we can offer you accommodation in student housing. There is a shortage of student accommodation in Munich, therefore **we strongly recommend that TUMexchange students accept the offered housing space**. We cannot provide accommodation for students coming to TUM through other mobility programs (e.g. Erasmus+), however we can assist you with the search.

Accommodation service for exchange students

Living costs

Depending on your life style and accommodation costs you will need **about 1100 to 1200 euros per month** in Munich. This would include public transport, food, rent as well as health insurance and some pocket money for recreational activities.

Things to do in and around Munich

The list of exciting things to do in and around Munich is endless. You can hike or ski in the Alps, go to the Oktoberfest, watch Bayern Munich play, take a stroll through the English Garden, visit King Ludwig's fairytale castles, enjoy Eisbach river surfing in central Munich, watch the performance of international top stars at the Olympic stadium, or explore Munich's countless restaurants, bars, cinemas, and theaters.

TUMi offers tours to the famous Neuschwanstein Castle

International Campus Life

You can **join cultural and social activities** offered at TUM. Most of them are run by TUM G&A in cooperation with the ESN TUMi Munich student association. Together they support international students at the beginning of their studies in Munich and offer a comprehensive program throughout the semester. The program is aimed at both international exchange students and full-time TUM students.

International Campus Life program

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