

Exchange Programs at TU Dortmund University, Germany

2026/2027

Since its founding over 50 years ago, TU Dortmund University (TUDO) has developed a special profile encompassing 17 departments ranging from science and engineering to social sciences and culture studies.

Please have a look at our **services and programs for exchange students from partner universities** – we are looking forward to meeting you in Dortmund!

www.international.tu-dortmund.de/en/exchange-students

Program		Fields Departments	Eligibility	Duration	Language
Exchange	Semester and year exchange	All	Undergraduate and Graduate -- Students from all partners*	1-2 semesters Sep to Feb and/or Mar to Jul	English & German
	ISEP Exchange	All	Undergraduate and Graduate -- Students from ISEP partners	1-2 semesters Sep to Feb and/or Mar to Jul	English & German
DoGEP	Dortmund Global Edge Program	All	Undergraduate and Graduate -- Students from U.S. partners	2 semesters starting Sep	English (German upon request)
ISP	International Summer Program	Track A: Engineering Track B: Humanities	Undergraduate and Graduate -- Students from all partners*	8-10 weeks May/Jun to Jul/Aug	English
Internship	School Teaching Internship	All (Provided the student is highly interested in teaching children)	Undergraduate and Graduate -- Students from all partners* Students from ISEP partners*	Flexible from 4 weeks to 6 months (ideally 2-3 months for Secondary Years, longer for Early/Primary Years)	English

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Departments (*Courses partly held in English)

- Mathematics (*)
- Physics (*)
- Chemistry and Chemical Biology (*)
- Computer Science (*)
- Statistics (*)
- Biochemical and Chemical Engineering (*)
- Mechanical Engineering (*)
- Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (*)
- Spatial Planning (*)
- Architecture and Civil Engineering
- Business and Economics (*)
- Educational Sciences and Psychology
- Rehabilitation Sciences (*)
- Human Sciences and Theology (*)
- Cultural Studies (Engl. & American Studies, German Lang. & Literature, History, Journalism) (*)
- Arts and Sports Sciences (Art & Material Culture, Music & Musicology, Sport & Sport Science)
- Social Sciences (*)

Exchange & Summer Programs at TUDO in Detail

Students from partner universities worldwide (university wide agreements) are welcome to spend a part of their studies at TUDO as a so called **exchange student**. As an exchange student you pay your tuition to your home university, and therefore you are not required to pay tuition to TUDO.

Semester and year exchange	
Program	You can study at TUDO as a regular student: take classes, finish exams, and credits can be transferred to your home institution
Duration	One or two semester(s)
Eligibility	Undergraduate and Graduate students from all partner institutions worldwide (university wide agreements)*
Fields	All (see "Departments")
Website	www.international.tu-dortmund.de/en/exchange-students
Credits	You are free to choose as many classes as you want to attend, a full-load is typically equivalent to 30 ECTS per semester
Language	German, English (depends on the field of study)
Contact information	exchange-students@tu-dortmund.de
Application/nomination deadline(s)	For winter semester (Sep/Oct-Feb): May 15 For summer semester (Mar/Apr-Jul): November 15

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ISEP Exchange (semester or full year)	
Program	You can study at TUDO as a regular student: take classes, finish exams, and credits will automatically transfer to your home institution
Duration	One or two semester(s)
Eligibility	Undergraduate and Graduate students from ISEP partner institutions worldwide – only through ISEP central
Fields	All (see "Departments")
Website	www.international.tu-dortmund.de/en/exchange-students
Credits	You are free to choose as many classes as you want to attend, a full-load is typically equivalent to 30 ECTS per semester
Language	German, English (depends on the field of study)
Contact information	exchange-students@tu-dortmund.de
Application/nomination deadline(s)	For winter semester (Sep/Oct-Feb): May 15 For summer semester (Mar/Apr-Jul): November 15

DoGEP Dortmund Global Edge Program	
Program	Study and internship opportunity: semester 1: you study academic courses and attend additional courses to prepare you for your entry into the work place semester 2: you can complete an internship that TUDO will organize for you plus accompanying courses
Duration	Two semesters
Eligibility	Undergraduate and Graduate students from U.S. partner institutions
Fields	All (see "Departments")
Website	www.international.tu-dortmund.de/en/dogep
Credits	You are free to choose as many classes as you want to attend, a full-load is typically equivalent to 30 ECTS per semester
Language	English (of course, you can choose from all classes taught in German as well)
Contact information	exchange-students@tu-dortmund.de

ISP International Summer Program	
Program	You can study at TUDO as a regular student during the second half of our regular semester and your semester break: take classes, finish exams, and credits will automatically transfer to your home institution
Duration	8-10 weeks (May/Jun to Jul/Aug)
Eligibility	Undergraduate and Graduate students from all partner institutions worldwide (university wide agreements)*
Fields	Applied Mathematics, Biochemical and Chemical Engineering, Automation & Robotics, Computer Science, Business & Economics, German & European Studies, Entrepreneurship
Website	www.international.tu-dortmund.de/en/summer-program
Credits	You are free to choose as many classes as you want to attend, a full-load is typically equivalent to 15 ECTS. The German language course is mandatory (twice a week) plus "Germany – Politics, Culture and Society" (compact seminar)
Language	English
Contact information	summerprogram@tu-dortmund.de
Application/nomination deadline(s)	February 15

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School Teaching Internship	
Program	School Teaching Internship at the International School Ruhr
Duration	Flexible from 4 weeks to 6 months (ideally 2-3 months for Secondary Years, longer for Early/Primary Years)
Eligibility	Undergraduate and Graduate students from all partner institutions worldwide (university wide agreements)* and from ISEP partner institutions worldwide – only through ISEP central
Fields	All (Provided the student is highly interested in teaching children)
Website	www.international.tu-dortmund.de/en/teaching-internship
Credits	Up to 25 ECTS may be earned if conducting a 3-month internship and attending the accompanying reflection seminar.
Language	English
Contact information	exchange-students@tu-dortmund.de
Application/nomination deadline(s)	For winter semester (Sep/Oct-Feb): May 15 For summer semester (Mar/Apr-Jul): November 15

Academic Calender 2026/2027

	Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026	Jan 2027	Feb 2027	Mar 2027	Apr 2027	May 2027	Jun 2027	Jul 2027	Aug 2027
Exchange (+ ISEP)	German Language Course	winter semester				exams	German Language Course	summer semester				
		classes begin: Oct 12, 2026				classes end: Feb 5, 2027		classes begin: Apr 5, 2027			classes end / exams: Jul 16, 2027	
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									arrival: end of May, 2027		end: end of Jul, 2027	
DoGEP	German Language Course	study					intern-ship starts			intern-ship ends (flexible though)	intern-ship ends (flexible though)	
	no regular classes			Dec 22-Jan 2 winter vacation			no regular classes					no regular classes

Official Public Holidays (September 2026 – August 2027)

Day of German Unity	Oct 3	New Year's Day	Jan 1	Whit Monday	May 17
All Saints' Day	Nov 1	Good Friday	Mar 26	Corpus Christi	May 27
Christmas Eve	Dec 24	Easter Monday	Mar 29		
First Day of Christmas	Dec 25	Labor Day	May 1		
Second Day of Christmas	Dec 26	Ascension Day	May 6		

Requirements | Course Catalog

- Most of the **courses** are taught in **German**
- Many **departments also offer courses in English**
- The **Institute for English and American Studies (all in English)** is very **interdisciplinary**: Several classes could count for other fields in the humanities from politics to sociology to philosophy to film and sometimes even business
- **Students from the U.S. do not** have to hand in a **language certificate** at all
- **Students from all other countries** (who will study in German): hand in a **language certificate** that reflects your German language proficiency
- Many of our courses are not part of a fixed curriculum but are original courses planned for a specific semester. Therefore, they are not part of an unchanging course catalog and are **not available until shortly before the semester starts**.
- **Select your courses on-site**, drop and add after the semester has started
- Let us know what interests you – we will check to see which courses we could most likely offer you

Services for Exchange Students

- **4-week German Intensive Course & Welcome Week** prior to each semester (March / September) - free of charge for exchange students
- **Language courses** for all levels also available free of charge during the semester
- **Dortmund Doubles / Buddy Program** (you will be teamed up with German students who will help you become part of campus and city life)
- **High level of support** by the academic advisors and the staff of the International Office
- **Guaranteed room reservation** in a student dorm (on or off campus)
- **Special support** for students with disabilities or with a child (or children)
- **Explore the Ruhr Area**, Germany's largest - yet greenest - metropolitan area and visit historical cities like Bonn, Cologne or Munster
- Your enrollment includes the Deutschlandsemesterticket, a **ticket that gives you free access to public transportation throughout Germany** (high-speed trains excluded)
- Participate in **many activities** in and around Dortmund such as attending a soccer game of Dortmund's home team Borussia Dortmund in Germany's largest soccer stadium or visit the impressive Art Nouveau coal mine at Zeche Zollern
- You may even **cross-register** for courses at the Ruhr University Bochum or the University of Duisburg-Essen, both easy to reach by train

You will feel at home with us!

