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Fact Sheet for Erasmus+ and Exchange Students wishing to attend the University of Wuppertal, Germany



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Wuppertal, one of the 20 best places to visit

“Wuppertal is one of the greenest cities of Germany and has an extraordinary ace up its sleeve - one of the world’s coolest rail systems. The city’s 120-year-old suspension railway looks like something from the imagination of Jules Verne.”

[CNN Travel](#)

The University of Wuppertal (“Bergische Universität Wuppertal” – BUW), founded in 1972, is a state university in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), which is economically the most significant German state with an outstanding educational and cultural landscape. Wuppertal, the seventh largest city in NRW and world-famous for its suspension railway, is a university city with a population of around 354,000. It is situated close to Düsseldorf and Cologne in a particularly delightful region with wooded hills, meadows, orchards, and fields, called “Bergisches Land”, and is an interesting mixture of cosmopolitan metropolis and cosy village with a lot of leisure facilities. From any part of the city, it is only a 10-minute walk to the nearest park or shady woodland path. Due to the excellent train and transport network, you can travel within one hour from Wuppertal to Cologne, Bonn, Dortmund, Düsseldorf, and many other cities.

Altogether, Wuppertal is a great place to relax and unwind. If you like hiking and enjoy nature, but also want to experience urban life, you will find ideal conditions for studying here.

[NRW Tourism](#)

[Wuppertal tourism and city information](#)

[Stadthalle Wuppertal](#)

[Short film about the Bergisch city-triangle formed by the cities Wuppertal, Remscheid and Solingen](#)

[Travel in Germany](#)

[North Rhine-Westphalia](#)

[Film about the “Bergisches Land”](#)

The University of Wuppertal towers over the city. The main campus enjoys a panoramic view across Wuppertal – and is the perfect environment for developing inspiring ideas and academic projects that will shape the future. Approx. 23,000 students from more than 100 countries benefit from our high-level academic approaches in teaching and the university’s commitment to research and international collaboration. The University of Wuppertal offers a diverse range of programmes in sciences, engineering economics, and the humanities, as well as educational sciences, design, and architecture. Our academic culture is characterised by diversity, experience, and innovation.



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DEADLINES

Study abroad nomination periods

For summer semester 2027	01 November 2026 - 15 January 2027
For winter semester 2027/28	15 April 2027 - 15 June 2027

Study abroad application deadlines

For summer semester 2027	31 January 2027
For winter semester 2027/28	15 July 2027

Application documents

After you have been nominated by your home institution, you will receive application documents and information material by our Admission and Registration Office for International Students ("Internationales Studierendensekretariat").

LECTURE PERIODS

Semester periods	Teaching begins	Teaching ends
Summer semester 2027 (1 April 2027 – 30 September 2027)	05 April 2027	16 July 2027
Winter semester 2027/28 (1 October 2027 – 30 March 2028)	11 October 2027	04 February 2028

At our [Welcome Days for international Erasmus+ and exchange students at](#) the beginning of each semester, we will provide you with information on the most important issues, such as enrolment, registration with the local authorities, and opening a bank account. Getting to know fellow international and German students during recreational activities is another benefit of the Welcome Days.



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Course programme

For information on courses and timetable, please visit our course catalogue [StudiLöwe](#) (Click **“Studienangebot”** (**“course offer”**) **on top of the page. Then click> “Vorlesungsverzeichnis anzeigen”** (**“display course catalogue”**) **in the drop-down-menu**)
You can click through the course catalogue without entering a user name and a password.

Searching for courses taught in English:
[StudiLöwe](#) (Please click **“Studienangebot”** (**“course offer”**) > **“Veranstaltungen suchen”** (**“search”**) > **“Erweiterte Suche”** (**“advanced search”**) > **“Lehrsprache”** (**“language of instructions”**) and then choose **“englisch”**) A collection of English-taught courses offered by the schools can be found [here](#).

Institutional grading system

One credit point (CP) corresponds to a calculated workload of 30 hours. In a regular semester students earn 30 credits with 15 weeks of teaching in the winter semester and 14 weeks in the summer semester.

The institutional grading system is as follows:

Grading scale of examinations

Grade 1 “Sehr gut”(excellent) = outstanding performance

Grade 2 “Gut” (good) = performance considerably above average requirements
Grade 3 “Befriedigend” (satisfactory)
= performance that meets average requirements

Grade 4 “Ausreichend” (passed) = performance that despite its shortcomings still meets requirements
Grade 5 “Ungenügend” (failed) = performance that because of serious shortcomings no longer meet requirements

For the purpose of a more differentiated assessment, the above grades may be raised or lowered by a ratio of 0.3. However, the grades 0.7, 4.3, 4.7 and 5.3 are not permissible.

Studies are organized in modules. A module consists of one or several thematically linked and synchronized courses and may consist of several forms of teaching, e.g., lectures, tutorials, laboratory classes, project reports, and learning, e.g., independent and private study, distance education programme, term paper.

If a module consists of several module examinations, the module grade will be calculated as the weighted average of the individual grades. The average grades will have only one decimal place, all further decimal places will be disregarded without rounding.

Transcript of Records

You have to apply for the Transcript of Records (ToR) at the Admission and Registration Office for International Students. It is not generated automatically. [Please follow these steps.](#)

German language courses

Even though the university does not require exchange students to provide formal proof of sufficient language skills, we recommend sufficient proficiency of the German language, since most lectures are held in German.

The tuition fee for course no. 1 is €250.00 and for course no. 2 and no. 3 is €300.00 per semester. For Erasmus+ students course fee is covered by the international Office of Wuppertal University. You will be assigned to a course level based on the results of a placement test you will take before the course begins.

Courses no. 4-8 are free of charge; you will only be asked to pay a contribution of up to €20 for materials.

Registration starts 1 September, if you need any help with your registration or to find the appropriate course for you, please contact Britta Li.

Contact: [Language Learning Institute \(SLI\)](#)

Email: brittali@uni-wuppertal.de

	Title	Level	Time & Workload	Credit Points (CP)
1	German for beginners (online course)	A1	Self-learning on Moodle + 8 on campus sessions	10 CP
2	German for beginners (online course)	A1 + A2	Self-learning on Moodle + 16 on campus sessions	10 CP per level
3	Intensive German Course with educational content on studying and living in Germany. Please contact Britta Li to register for a course.	A2 to C1	5 days a week, Mon–Fr 8:15 am – 11:45 am (1:30 pm)	10 CP per level
4	German in the Evening	A1, A2, B1	Twice a week 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a total of 100 hours per semester	5 CP
5	Dealing with Academic Texts in German	C1	Every summer semester 2 hours per week	2-4 CP incl. presentation and academic paper
6	German for Presentations and Speeches	C1	Every winter semester 2 hours per week	2-4 CP incl. presentation and academic paper
7	German for Academic Purposes and Every Day Life	C2	Every summer semester 4 hours per week	2-4 CP incl. presentation and academic paper
8	German for Business and Every Day Life	C2	Every winter semester 4 hours per week	2-4 CP incl. presentation and academic paper

Accommodation

The University of Wuppertal holds a limited number of fully furnished apartments:

- single apartments (around 19 m²) where you have exclusive use of a kitchen and bathroom
- double-apartments (two bedrooms, around 38 m²) with shared kitchen and bathroom

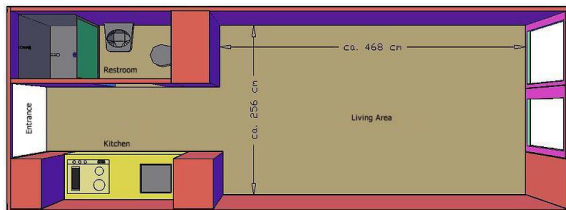
for Erasmus+ and exchange students in the student residence “*Neue Burse*” of the [Studierendenwerk Wuppertal](#) (STWWTAL, student services).

The student residences are located in walking distance to the university's main campus “Griffenberg”.

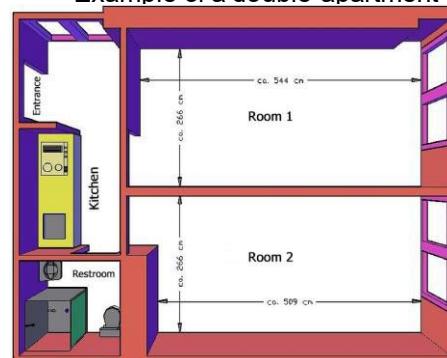
Applications have to be submitted online. You will receive a link and further information, once your nomination has been processed. The monthly rent is currently **€386.00** including TV connection (IP-TV) and fibre-optic network. The deposit is currently **€400.00**.

Upon request bedlinen can be rented for a one-time fee of **€35.00 per semester**.

Example of a single apartment



Example of a double-apartment



Offers from the private housing market can be found, for instance, on the following websites:

- [Studierendenwerk Wuppertal](#)
- [WG-Gesucht](#)



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Additional information	
University homepage	University of Wuppertal Landing page for international students
Semester fee	<p>All students of the University of Wuppertal have to pay a semester fee of approx. €360.00 per semester. The semester fee is <u>not</u> a tuition fee. It includes the “university season ticket” (Deutschland-Semesterticket) for free use of public transport throughout Germany as well as the fee for the student union and the social contribution.</p>
All about studying in Germany	<p>Here you will find helpful information concerning your stay in Germany and useful insights from international students. Find out how to plan your studies in Germany and learn what life in Germany is all about.</p>
University Sports on campus - UniSport	<p>With its wide range of offers and its experience-orientated sports and major events, UniSport is an important part of university culture and thus also influences the living conditions at Wuppertal as a place to study. It brings people together across schools and motivates them to lead an exercise-orientated lifestyle through modern exercise, games, competitions, and leisure activities.</p> <p>Welcome to UniSport!</p>
Counselling and complaints offices, ombudspersons	<p>There are various offices at the University of Wuppertal you can contact to help you solve problems and resolve conflicts. Always try to find solutions through direct contact first.</p> <p>General contact points</p>
Psychological and intercultural counselling	<p>Psychological counselling for students is offered by the University's Central Student Guidance and Counselling Services (ZSB). Here, you will find support in developing coping strategies in difficult study and life situations.</p>
Services for disabled students	<p>The University of Wuppertal strives to provide everyone with the most accessible study and work environment. Everyone receives assistance to enable them to work and study with the fewest obstacles possible. Nevertheless, our university continuously strives to increase accessibility and inclusiveness. Students with disabilities can benefit from targeted guidance and advisory services.</p> <p>Contact “Disability Advice Service”</p>



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Contact	
Enrolment	<p>Admission and Registration Office for International Students ("Internationales Studierendensekretariat") Email: incoming@uni-wuppertal.de</p> <p>Visiting address: <u>Student Services Center (SSC)</u>, Main campus "Griffenberg", building G, floor 08, room 16 <u>Campus map main campus "Griffenberg"</u></p>
Advice and support	<p>International Center Email: icenter@uni-wuppertal.de</p> <p>https://www.uni-wuppertal.de/de/internationales/internationales-profil/in-touch-projekt-1/</p>
International Students Team (I.S.T.)	<p>Looking for new friends? - International Students Team</p> <p>Follow us on Facebook and Instagram</p> 
Buddy programme	<p>A welcome buddy will make your start at the University of Wuppertal easier. Welcome buddies are students in higher semesters who volunteer to make contact with people from all over the world.</p> <p>Sign up for our Buddy programme!</p>

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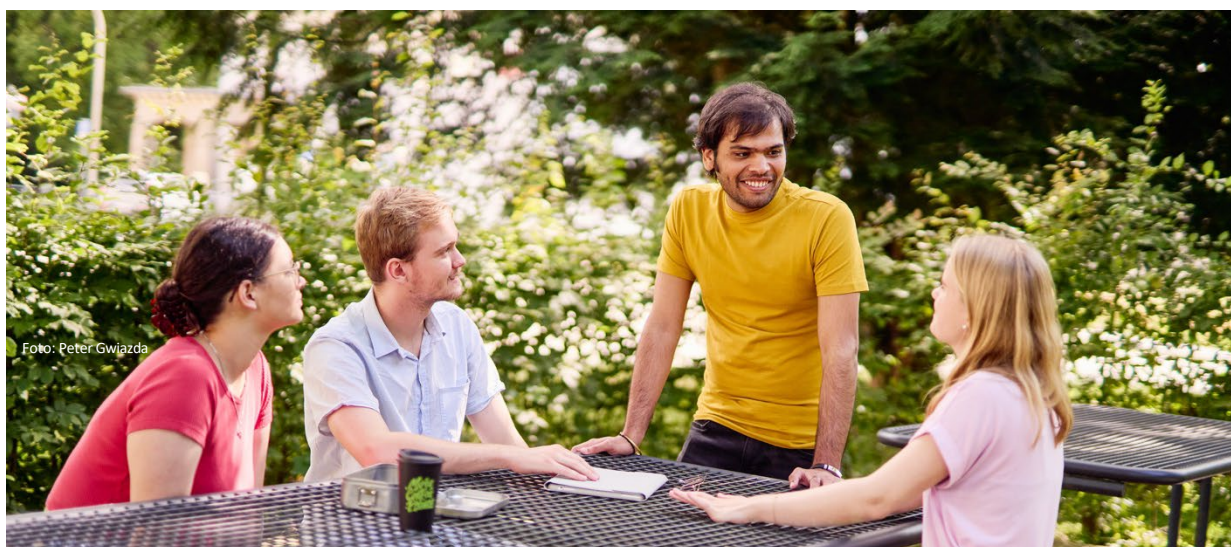


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