

International Office

Information Sheet for International Exchange Students Year 2018 / 2019

Dear student,

We will be pleased to welcome you to TH Mittelhessen University of Applied Sciences. We have prepared the following information for you:

Application: Please send us the following forms

- 1) https://www.thm.de/site/images/stories/International/Incoming/THM_application_admission_18-19.pdf - Application for Admission THM 2018 / 2019
- 2) Transcript of Records (in English)
- 3) *If applicable:* ERASMUS ECTS Learning Agreement

Application deadlines

For the summer semester starting mid March: At the latest by December 1st
 For the winter semester starting in October: At the latest by June 1st

Application address

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Semester dates 2018 / lecture period

Winter semester: October 8th, 2018 – January 25th, 2019
 Summer semester: April 8th – July 12th, 2019

Orientation Days / Arrival Dates / Enrollment

Before the beginning of the semester Orientation Days are organized for the new incoming students. Students are asked to arrive one day before the Orientation Days in order to participate, as they are especially organized for them:

Dates and programmes can be found here:

<https://www.thm.de/site/international/incoming/austauschstudierende.html>

Enrollment will only be possible during the Orientation Days.

THM English speaking offers

THM offers a variety of modules, exchange programmes, and degree programmes held in English to international students and exchange students coming from our international partner institutions. Round off your academic programme with German language modules.

Our offers apply to certain departments. Please check our current courses. go.thm.de/thinc



International Buddy Program

The International Buddy Program facilitates integration by offering an exciting opportunity to meet with different people from around the world. After registering for the Buddy Program, you will be matched together with an experienced THM student to form a Buddy Team. Buddy Teams are based on the participants given interests, area of study, language knowledge, preferences and common interests. Through your participation in the Buddy Program, you can get an “insider’s view” of the THM and the city, and get support with the start of your studies. Vice versa, you are welcome to give an understanding of your home country and culture to your THM-Buddy. Various group activities such as excursions, events and workshops are also free of charge for all participants.

We really encourage you to join. Further information can be found online: go.thm.de/buddy-en

German proficiency and intensive language courses

We do not demand the usual obligatory German language proficiency test for enrollment at a German university (DSH). Nevertheless, do not forget that good German proficiency is necessary for attending lectures successfully! For studying at the THM you must have truly good basic German language knowledge.

- For the winter semester: [International Summer Course](#) (2018: 30.08. - 28.09)

You are welcome to participate in a four week intensive German language preparation and orientation course. The course is organized by the Justus-Liebig-Universität (JLU) in Giessen. Students coming from partner institutions, who will be spending 1-2 semester(s) at the THM, will get a grant of 430€ (as of Sept.2017), as a reimbursement of the language course fee. At the end of the Summer Course, participants receive a certificate detailing the number of ECTS points (4) obtained. Please find further information and applications for the language course on the website: www.uni-giessen.de/international-pages/language-courses/in/hsk?set_language=en

- For the summer semester: [International Spring Course](#) (2019: 14.03. – 05.04)

For those starting in the summer semester, a 3 week International Spring Course is offered. Exchange students only pay a reduced fee of €200, The Spring Course contains 60 hours of instruction and carries 3 ECTS points. Please find further information and applications for the language course on the website: www.uni-giessen.de/cms/international-pages/language-courses/in/springcourse?set_language=en

EARLY BOOKING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Accommodation

- Residence halls: our incoming students will be assigned a room in one of the residence halls. As soon as you receive an acceptance letter from the THM we will send you the link to the online registration of the residential homes. Room rates depend on the duration of your stay (4 months = 261€ monthly, 9 months = 234€ monthly, as of July 2013). You will have your own furnished room with a wash basin, but you will share the kitchen and the bathroom with your floormates (6-12 persons). Information on the residence halls can be obtained from the website www.studentenwerk-giessen.de. Since the „Studentenwerk“ (Accommodation Office) organizes accommodation, they will contact you and send the term of rent and lease amount. Their contact email is International.Wohnen@studwerk.uni-giessen.de

- private shared flats: there are various possibilities for finding private shared students flats (Wohngemeinschaft) via internet. Since there are about 44,000 students registered in town, shared students flats are very common in Giessen. Living in a shared flat may be slightly more expensive but gives more integration. If you are interested the team from “WG International” THM, can support you in finding a shared flat. Please contact: wg-international@admin.thm.de

Health Insurance

A health insurance is mandatory for enrollment. We strongly recommend getting a public German health insurance. The amount for a public student German Health Insurance is about 90€ per month. This insurance is also valid in all EU member states (important if you want to travel in Europe).

- For students enrolled at a Non – European university: We recommend that you to get a travel insurance for the period before enrollment at the THM and also for your departure.
- For students enrolled at a European university: Please bring your insurance card from your European Health Insurance (EHIC). We need proof that you are covered. You must also show your card to get a treatment.

General information about the THM can be found on the internet:

Exchange Students: www.thm.de/site/en/international-en/incoming-englisch/exchange-students.html

“Beginners Guide for exchange students ” (bilingual German and English):

<https://www.thm.de/site/images/stories/International/Incoming/international-students-THM.pdf>

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