

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Guten Tag and Welcome to RWTH Aachen University!

If you are interested in coming to our university as an exchange student from a non-European country you will find useful information for planning your exchange here.

Do contact us if you have additional questions.

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Website for Incoming Exchange Students
www.rwth-aachen.de/exchange-students

Academic Calendar

Winter semester: 1st October - 31st March

Summer semester: 1st April - 30th September

For additional information, please check www.rwth-aachen.de/semestertermine

Language of Instruction

The main language of instruction is German. Only some courses are offered in English.

Language Proficiency

Proof of Language Proficiency is required according to the medium of instruction.

German Language Proficiency:

- CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference): B1.1 level
(www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/elp/elp-reg/cefr_EN.asp)

English Language Proficiency:

- CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference): B1.1 level
- TOEFL: 80/ibt, 550/pbt, IELTS: 6.0, B1.1 level

Courses and modules offered in English

Various. Please search the websites of the respective departments or contact the appropriate coordinator for incoming exchange students to obtain the list of departmental advisors www.rwth-aachen.de/studiengaenge. English taught modules can be found at www.rwth-aachen.de/exchange-students (planning your stay).

Course Catalogue

Campus: www.campus.rwth-aachen.de

Minimum Academic Qualification of Exchange Students

Students must have completed at least 2 years of academic study or be in the 5th semester as Bachelor students, unless otherwise stated in the Student Exchange Agreement.

Duration of Stay

1 or 2 semesters.

Nomination Deadlines

31st March for winter semester and whole academic year

Students from China and India: 1st March for winter semester and whole academic year

30th November for summer semester

Application Deadlines

31st May for winter semester and whole academic year

Students from China and India: 1st March for winter semester and whole academic year

31st January for summer semester

Application Procedure

Required documents (see link on website for Incoming Exchange Students)

- Registration Form of RWTH Aachen University
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of Records
- Proof of German Language Proficiency
- Motivation Letter
- CV
- Certificate of Enrolment at home university

If you have questions, please contact the Incoming Student Services (incomings@rwth-aachen.de). Send the application via email (one PDF document) to the same email address.

Note: The Registration Form and the Learning Agreement must be duly signed by the student and the respective coordinator(s) in charge at the home institution.

Accommodation

Housing is offered by the Studentenwerk Aachen (Association of Student Affairs).

Please visit their website: www.studentenwerk-aachen.de/en/wohnen

Please note that the International Office is not in charge of housing. Because the number of rooms in the student dormitories is limited, students should apply as soon as possible. RWTH Aachen University cannot guarantee that every applicant will receive a room offer.

Application deadline for winter semester: 10th June

Application deadline for summer semester: 10th February

Health Insurance

Compulsory. All students need health insurance coverage at all times of their stay in Germany. Until the final enrolment, a travelling health insurance is strongly recommended. Insurance can be arranged after the enrollment.

Living Expenses

Approx. 750 Euro per month.

Buddy Program

Please visit: www.rwth-aachen.de/bebuddy

Contact: BeBuddy@rwth-aachen.de

Orientation Program

Organized by the International Office. The program will be offered at the beginning of the semester. For more information, please visit www.rwth-aachen.de/orientierungstage.

Social Contribution for Student Services

A Social Contribution for Student Services (Student Service Fee) of approx. 250 Euro per semester is required after enrolment. This is not a tuition fee. The money is used to provide services for all students such as bus and rail ticket, cafeterias, and sports facilities. Information on how the fee is spent: www.rwth-aachen.de/re-enrollment.

Language Courses

Preparatory German Language Course in September (Intensive EURO Language Course)

Duration: 4 weeks / 80 hours

Costs: 150 Euro

Separate application: Yes. Between 15th June and 15th August (online registration)

Proficiency level of A2.2 minimum is required. Students who do not reach the required level will be excluded from the course.

Regular German language classes during the semester and costs: www.sz.rwth-aachen.de/semesterkurse-deutsch.html

Separate application: Yes (through Language Center: www.sz.rwth-aachen.de).

Visa Requirements

Please check the website of the German Embassy of your home country.