



Welcome to Trier University

Orientation for International Exchange Students



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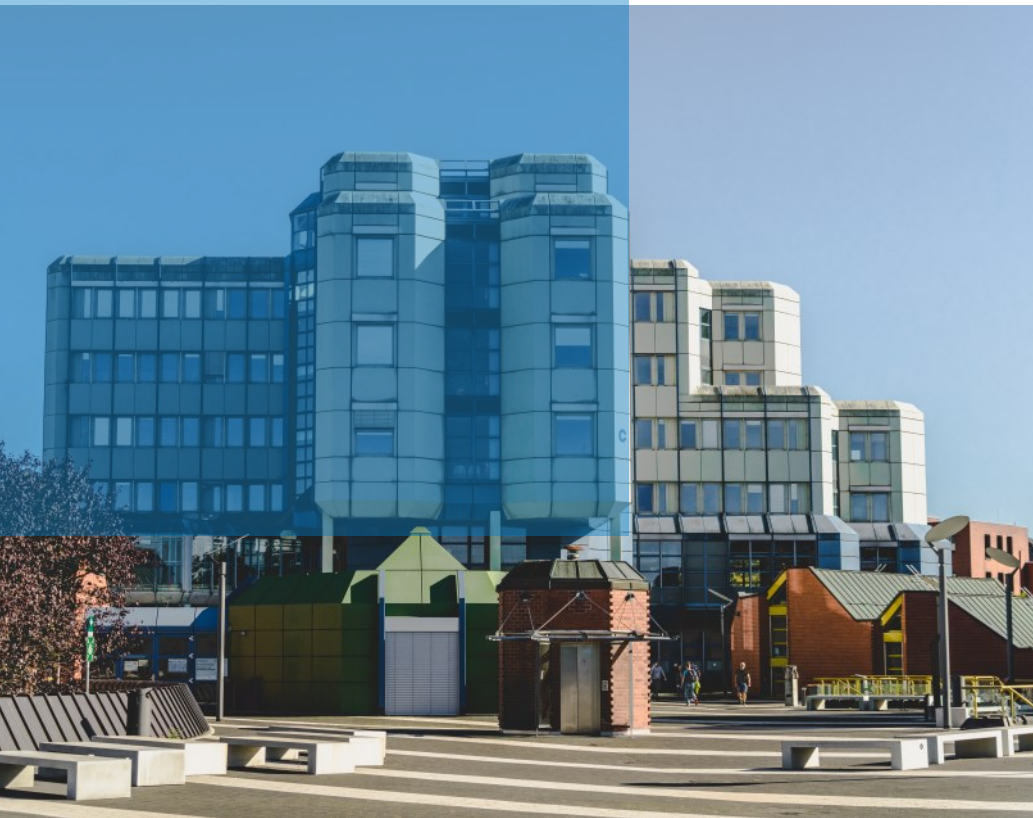


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Preface

Dear exchange students,

The city of Trier and Trier University are delighted that you have chosen to study in Trier for your exchange programme and we look forward to welcoming you to one of the most beautiful regions of Germany.

In order to make preparation for your stay easier, the International Office has put together this brochure for you, which contains some essential information about studying in Trier.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the appropriate member of staff at the International Office. We will be happy to help you.

We wish you a safe journey to Trier and a rewarding experience during your stay, both personally and academically.

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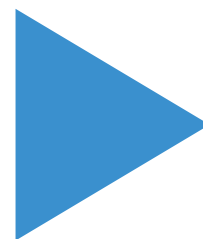
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Trier University: Studying in an international environment



**Around
10.500
students in
6 faculties**



13%

**International
students from over**

100

countries

230
partner
universities
worldwide



International Student Groups

Take an active part in one of the many international student groups at Trier University!

Member of the “University of the Greater Region”

Study at Trier University and benefit from the offers of the Universities of Saarland, Luxembourg, Lüttich and Kaiserslautern as well!



Before departure



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1. Application process for exchange students

Online application procedure

Students are required to apply online through the online application portal. The application process begins:

- ▶ in April/early May for the following winter semester
- ▶ in November for the following summer semester

Current information regarding applications can be found [here](#).

The application forms

The following three application forms are available through the online application portal/website from the beginning of the application process:

1.1 The application form for exchange students

You may only study at Trier University once you have been officially admitted to pursue a course of study. In order for **Trier University's Admissions Office** to be able to issue an admission letter, you must first apply online. After submitting your application online, you must send it by email to the IO once it has been signed by yourself and your programme coordinator at your home university.

A signed copy of your application must reach us by 1 June for the following winter semester and 15 December for the following summer semester.



Your application form is only valid if your home university has confirmed your nomination by signing and stamping your application form.



2. Orientation programme

Each semester, in the one-and-a-half weeks before the start of the lecture period, the IO organizes a **free orientation programme**.

It offers a variety of events which help international students get to know the university and make settling to life in Trier easier.

Participation in the orientation programme is mandatory, you therefore do not need to apply for it.

Information about the content and set-up of the orientation programme can be found in section "3. Your first weeks in Trier - After Arrival".

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3. The application form for allocation of accommodation through the IO

For students arriving from abroad shortly before the start of the lecture period, it might not be easy to find a room on the housing market.

The IO has a limited number of rooms available for international students in the student halls of residence, which are owned by Trier Student Services. The monthly room rent currently ranges from 360 to 405 Euros. In addition, a deposit of 600 Euros needs to be paid as well per room.

You can apply for a room in the halls of residence together with the application for your exchange. Rooms are offered on a first-come first-served basis! A guide on how to find accommodation in Trier is available here:

[Accommodation in Trier | Universität Trier](#)

The deposit will be refunded in cash or transferred to a SEPA bank account at the end of the rental period. The room must be returned in good condition in accordance with the terms of the contract.



Student residence "Petrisberg" of the "Studierendenwerk Trier"



Student residence "Tarforst" of the "Studierendenwerk Trier"



Exchange students can be provided with a room in the student residences of the "Studierendenwerk Trier" solely through the IO. Applications made directly to Studierendenwerk Trier will not be accepted! For other available housing options, please check: [Accommodation in Trier | Universität Trier](#)

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The allocation of rooms in the halls of residence takes place in June for the following winter semester, and in January for the following summer semester. The date of receipt of your accommodation application is decisive for the allocation of rooms.

This means, the earlier you send your application, the better chance you have of getting a room in one of the halls of residence. All students to whom the IO is able to offer accommodation in a student residence will receive an email containing all the relevant information about their room.

If the IO cannot offer you a room, you will also be informed by email. Although we cannot offer you accommodation, we will provide you with information about alternative accommodation options in Trier, but you are ultimately responsible for searching for somewhere to live yourself.

Exchange students who wish to rent privately (for example, in order to share with German students) are also responsible for finding a room themselves. The IO does not provide any private accommodation! It is important that you receive an official lease agreement for your accommodation in Trier as you will have to do the resident registration after arrival (also needed to open a bank account in Germany).



Information regarding visa regulations:

► [Website of the Federal Foreign Office \(Auswärtiges Amt\)](#)

- > Visa & Service
- > Visa information
- > Visa regulations



1.2 Entry and visa requirements

Depending on your citizenship, you may require a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesrepublik Deutschland - BRD). Please consult a German diplomatic agency or consular post in your home country on entry and residence regulations. Please start the procedure **as early as possible!**



► [Information on entering Germany and Visa](#)

► [Websites of German Embassies](#)

International students and applicants who are citizens of any of the following countries do not require a visa to enter Germany: European Union member states, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Brazil, Israel, Japan, Canada, South Korea, New Zealand and the USA. They will need to apply for a residence permit, once in Germany (please find more information on the [residence permit here](#))

Applicants from other countries: Please check the visa regulations at:

► [Federal Foreign Office / Visa & Services](#)

Please note that a tourist visa does not entitle you to study in Germany and a tourist visa cannot be converted into a study visa after entering the country!

1.3 Health insurance

For your study abroad stay at Trier University you must have sufficient health insurance coverage to be eligible for enrolment. Please make sure which one of the following options A-D applies to you.

- A** If you have a German statutory health insurance policy valid for the whole duration of your stay: perfect!
- B** If you have a valid (valid until the end of your stay in Trier!!!) European Health Insurance Card (EHIC or GHIC): perfect!
- C** If you have health insurance coverage via a social security agreement between your home country and Germany (usually only students from Turkey and Serbia): ok!
- D** However, if you do not have health insurance coverage according to the first three groups then please absolutely pay attention to what follows:

*Private or statutory health insurance from your home country **cannot** be approved. You will have to purchase a **German** health insurance plan before enrolment/well before coming To Trier!*



Please find a detailed guide on your health insurance options on our application website. Please make sure to read the guide when applying .

1.4 Funding: Which expenses do I need to expect?

For your stay in Trier you should budget at least 992 Euros per month. At the beginning of your stay, you may also have a few one-off expenses. The **semester fee* for winter semester 26/27 is 393,80 Euro** — it needs to be paid when enrolling. The highest expenses are due to rent, health insurance and cost of food. The following table lists the different expenses you may expect to have each month:

Items	Expenses per Month
Rent for your apartment	ca. 360 – 450 Euro
Health insurance	ca. 100 – 130 Euro
Cost of food	ca. 300 – 400 Euro
Material for studies (books, etc.)	ca. 50 Euro
Miscellaneous (clothing, leisure, etc.)	ca. 50 – 200 Euro
Broadcasting fee	18,36 Euro

Please ensure you are fully able to finance your studies for the entire length of your stay before departing for Trier and that you bring some cash money to Germany for the first weeks of your stay!

- ▶ [More information on funding](#)
- ▶ [Proof of financial resources and blocked account](#)
- ▶ [More information on the semester fee](#)

***The semester fee** is not a tuition fee! They are a contribution towards Trier Student Services and the student union ("AStA") and also cover the cost of your public transport ticket for the semester (free public transport in all of Germany)

1.5 Important documents - what to bring?

Important: At the beginning of your stay in Trier, usually during the orientation programme, you will need to complete various administrative formalities for different civil authority offices. We recommend to bring the following documents with you:

- ▶ 1 copies of your passport or personal identity card
- ▶ 1 biometric passport photo (to be taken once in Germany needed only in case you need a residence permit)
- ▶ 1 certificate of your healthcare cover in case you have German statutory health insurance or a valid European Health Insurance Card. If not please see 1.3 for the procedure to follow
- ▶ Should you need a visa to enter Germany: 1 copy of your visa
- ▶ If you do not come from a European Union member state and are not receiving a scholarship from Trier University, DAAD or the Fulbright commission: 1 statement of your financial means in German or English. This could be: proof of a blocked account, proof of a scholarship, proof of a regular German bank account. Needed amount per month: 992.00 Euros. **The statements needs to cover the amount for the entire duration of your stay.**
- ▶ Your admission letter from Trier University

Arrival



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2.1 Travelling to Trier

Travelling by plane and train

There are different options of reaching Trier. For example, there are several airports in the vicinity of Trier:

- ➔ Frankfurt (Main) (approx. 3h 30 min to Trier)
- ➔ Luxemburg (approx. 1h 30 min to Trier)
- ➔ Köln/Bonn (approx. 3h 30 min to Trier)

We recommend those three airports if you arrive from North or South America, Asia, Oceania, or Africa. For shorter distance, e.g. from a European country, you may also use the smaller airports "Saarbrücken" or "Frankfurt Hahn".

From Luxembourg airport there is a bus connection to Trier main station. From Frankfurt and Cologne-Bonn airport you can travel by train to Trier main station.

More information:

<https://www.uni-trier.de/en/international/coming-to-trier/exchange-students/>
→ Arrival



There are no direct train connections from the train station Cologne-Bonn airport and Frankfurt/Main airport to Trier main station. You must change at least once, depending on your connection.

Travelling by train

You can find the train connections on the [Deutsche Bahn homepage](#) or on the homepage of the railway company of your home country.

- ▶ You can book tickets or look up information about e.g. delays via the App "[DB Navigator](#)" from the German Railway (Deutsche Bahn) (recommended!)

- ▶ Important information: Sometimes train routes to Trier from an airport you use to come to Germany are suspended because of construction sites or damages. For more up-to-date informationen click [here](#) (in German).

Travelling by remote bus

Further information is [available here](#).

Travelling by car

For students from Belgium, France, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg, making the trip using your own car may be a favourable option. [Here](#) you can find overview maps.

Please plan your route beforehand.

2.2. Arriving in Trier

Arriving in Trier you should normally go directly to your accommodation.

If you are allocated a room in student halls of residence by the IO, you can pick up your keys from that hall's janitor at a pre-arranged time (on the arrival days, until 4:00 pm). Afterwards, you need to register with the International Office on campus.

How to get to Trier University

There are many bus routes running between the main station/ inner city and Campus I and II of Trier University.

Most important bus routes to Campus I (via Trier Central Station):

Route 3, 13, 73 & 14 (available during lecture period), at nighttime: 83/88, 31, 81

Most important bus routes to Campus II (via Trier Central Station):

Route 4, 3, 13 & 14 (available during lecture period), at nighttime: 83, 88

[Here](#) you can find more detailed information on how to get to Trier University:

Information about student halls of residence can be found [here](#).



The IO will notify you in late June for the winter semester or January for the summer semester whether you have been allocated a room. This email will also explain what you need to do in order to pick up the keys to your room. You will receive your rental contract upon arrival via the IO.

If you have found private accommodation, please make sure that you receive a rental contract and the so called „Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung“ (confirmation that you have moved in) upon arrival.! You will need these documents to register with the city.



2.3 Overnight accommodation at short notice

Should you, for various reasons:

- ▶ Still have no accommodation for the length of your study visit in Trier
- ▶ Have accommodation, but it is unavailable on the day of your arrival
- ▶ Have accommodation, but you arrive in Trier on a day (weekends or on bank holidays) or at a time (late afternoon, in the evening or at night) at which your landlord cannot hand over the keys

it is possible you may need accommodation for one or several nights at short notice and at a low cost. Such overnight accommodation is offered e.g. at the following addresses:

Hostels

Kolping Hostel im Warsberger Hof

Dietrichstraße 42
54290 Trier
Tel.: +49 (0) 651/ 975250
www.kolpinghaus-warsberger-hof.de

Jugendherberge Trier

An der Jugendherberge 4
54292 Trier
Tel.: +49 (0) 651/ 146620
www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/trier/

Hotels

B&B Hotel Trier

Güterstraße 66
54295 Trier
Tel.: +49 (0) 651 97909600
www.hotel-bb.com/de/hotel/trier

Hotel Aulmann

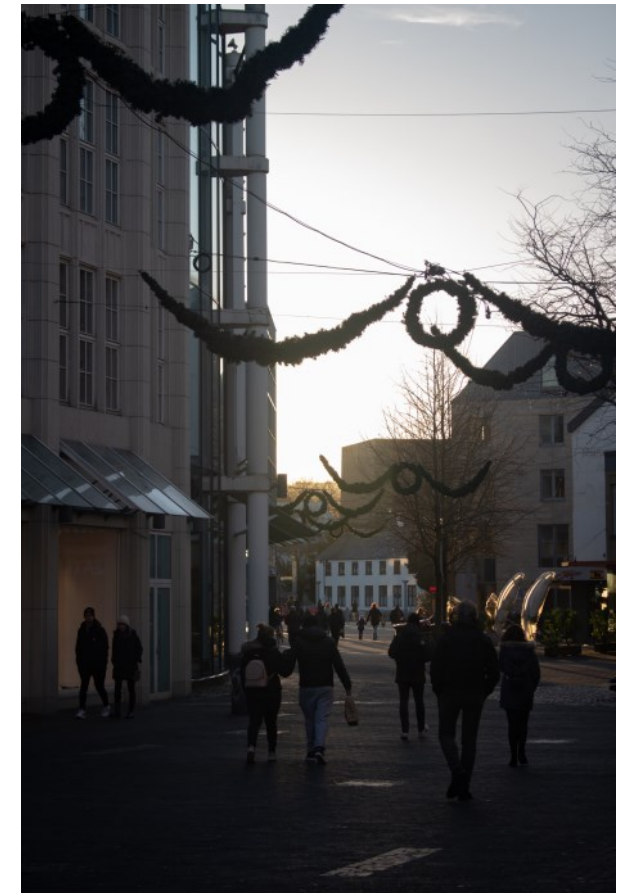
Jakobsspitälchen 1
54290 Trier
Tel.: +49 (0) 651 97670
www.stadthotel.me

Gasthaus Wollscheid

Tarforster Str. 43
54296 Trier-Tarforst
Tel.: +49 (0) 651 10442
www.gasthauswollscheid.de

The Trier city tourist information also lists available hotels/hostels

- [Accommodations - Tourist-Information Trier](#)



Your first weeks in Trier

After Arrival

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3 After Arrival

3.1 Orientation programme

The IO at Trier University offers a one-and-a-half week orientation programme before the start of the semester, which is mandatory for all new international students.

The aim of the programme is to prepare you for studying at the University and to help you settle into living in Trier. The programme is offered on campus.

The orientation programme has three key components:

- Completion of important administrative formalities (City registration, residence permit, bank account opening)
- Various information sessions (Studying in Trier, Information on the dormitories, International Centre)
- Social and cultural programme (City tour, campus tour ect.)

You will receive the full programme schedule on the first day of the course.

3.2. Student ID Card - the TUNIKA

After arrival at Trier University, you will receive your Trier student ID card, the "Tunika". You will receive authorization to use the computers at the University, including instructions on how to access the Wi-Fi on campus, your own email address and the course catalogue (PORTA) well before arrival.

Enrolment and the TUNIKA are initially only valid for one semester. If you are studying for two semesters at Trier University, you must confirm your second semester near the end of your first. You must also pay the semester fee once more. Additional information on this process will be sent by email towards the end of the first semester. Students who fail to re-register on time will be exmatriculated automatically.



The **TUNIKA** has the following basic functions:

- ▶ You can use it to borrow books from the university library.
- ▶ You can use it to pay in the canteens on both Campus I and Campus II, which offer food at cheap student prices.
- ▶ Washing machines & dryers at the Studiwerk dormitories.



- ▶ For information on the canteen see: www.studiwerk.de > Mensa
- ▶ For information on the library see: www.uni-trier.de/bibliothek

3.3. Ticket for public transportation - PORTAZON-App

The use of the public transport all over Germany is free (included in the semester fee) from the start of the semester (1st October/1st April).

You will need to use the **PORTAZON-App** and activate the digital ticket there.

- ▶ For information on the „Deutschlandticket“ (free public transport in Germany) [click here](#).

Train connections in the region

Cologne/Bonn Airport
(apprx. 3h 30 min to Trier)

Luxembourg Airport
(apprx. 1h 30 min to Trier), public transportation is **free of charge in Luxembourg**)

Frankfurt Airport
(apprx. 3h 30 min to Trier)



Studying at Trier University



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4.1 Trier University

Trier has a long tradition as a university city. The original university was founded in 1473 before being forced to close in 1798. It was then re-established in 1970. Today, it is home to around 10,500 students, of which 13% are international students.

Geographically, the university looks down from its position on the mountainside on the Moselle valley and also the city of Trier.

Connections between the university and city are very regular, with buses running throughout the day (on workdays, every 10 minutes, with the journey taking 15 to 20 minutes) and in the evening.



Please note that **the vast majority of courses at Trier University are offered in German**. In the undergraduate / bachelor's program in particular, it is usually not possible to complete a full semester's workload (30 ECTS) in English!

Therefore, please contact the department coordinators (also known as ECTS coordinators) for advice: ects.uni-trier.de



Trier University is a campus university, meaning that all of its buildings and facilities are concentrated in a relatively small area and are easily accessible by foot. The main campus (Campus I) and Campus II are situated about ten minutes walk from each other and there is also a shuttle bus between the two.

The buildings on Campus I are surrounded by landscaped parkland and lakes, with sport, leisure and shopping facilities all available nearby. Campus II also has its share of greenery and borders onto Trier's science and technology park.

For more information visit us on our social media channels:



[@uni_trier](https://www.instagram.com/uni_trier)



[@Universitat Trier](https://www.facebook.com/UniversitatTrier)



[@Uni_Trier](https://www.youtube.com/Uni_Trier)



[@unitrier.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/unitrier.bsky.social)

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Campus I



Campus II



4.2. The academic year

The academic year is divided into two semesters: the winter semester (WS), which runs from the 1st October to the 31st March and the summer semester (SoSe), running from the 1st April until the 30th September. The lecture period for the winter semester starts around mid-October and finishes mid-February, lasting about 15 weeks. For the summer semester, the lecture period starts mid-April, finishes mid-July and lasts about 14 weeks.

Exams (both written and oral) for exchange programme students usually take place in the last two weeks of the lecture period. You must agree the exact exam dates with the lecturers for your courses once in Trier.

If exams cannot be offered during the lecture period, exchange students must have completed all exams by the end of February (winter semester) or the end of July (summer semester).

No courses take place from mid-July until mid-October or from mid-February until mid-April (This time is called "vorlesungsfreie Zeit").



Dates for the winter semester 2025/26

Application deadline: 01.06.2025

Orientation programme: 01.10.2025 - 10.10.2025*

Lecture period: 13.10.2024 - 14.02.2025

Christmas vacation: 22.12.2024 - 07.01.2025

Dates for the summer semester 2026

Application deadline: 15.12.2025

Orientation programme: 30.03.2026 - 10.04.2026*

Lecture period: 13.04.2026 - 17.07.2026

Dates for the winter semester 2026/27

Application deadline: 01.06.2026

Orientation programme: 30.09.2026 - 09.10.2026*

Lecture period: 12.10.2026 - 13.02.2027

Christmas vacation: 23.12.2026 - 08.01.2027

* for new international students only, mandatory

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4.3. Faculties and departments

Trier University is subdivided into six faculties and an additional theological faculty. Each faculty is then assigned a range of departments. Within each department, there are several different study programmes, e.g. Bachelor and Master programmes.

Faculty I:

Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Nursing Science

Faculty II:

English Studies, German Language and Literature (with German as a Foreign Language), Japanese Studies, Classics (Latin and Greek), Computational Linguistics and Digital Humanities, Media Studies, Phonetics, Romance Studies, Slavonic Studies, Chinese Studies

Faculty III:

Egyptology, History, Classical Archeology, Art History, Papyrology, Political Science

Faculty V:

Law

Faculty IV:

Business Administration, Economics, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Sciences

Faculty VI:

Spatial and Environmental Sciences, Geography, Geoscience

Theological Faculty:

Catholic Theology

You can find more information on the fields of study and subjects at

► www.uni-trier.de/studium/studienangebot/studienfaecher



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4.4. English taught master's

Trier University offers fourteen master's degree programs which are entirely taught in English. Applicants have to prove language proficiency in English but not in German.

For additional information click [here](#).

Faculty II

- Anglophone Literatures and Media (M.A.)
- English Linguistics (M.A.)
- Natural Language Processing (M.Sc.)

Faculty III

- European and East Asian Governance (M.A.)
- International Economics and Public Policy (M.A.)

Faculty IV

- Sustainability Management & Economics (M.Sc.)
- Economics (M.Sc.)
- Data Science (M.Sc.)
- Applied Statistics (M.Sc.)
- Business Mathematics (M.Sc.)
- Mathematics (M.Sc.)

Faculty VI

- Environmental Sciences (M.Sc.)
- Geoinformatics (M.Sc.)
- Contemporary Human Geography (M.Sc.)



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The departments of Geography, Geoscience, Computer Sciences and Business Information Systems are based on Campus II, the faculty of Catholic Theology is located in the E-building and downtown Trier. All other departments are found on Campus I.

In your admission letter you will be informed of the departments to which you have been admitted. You may participate in the courses offered by these departments. Yet, if places are available and if you meet the qualifications, you may also have the opportunity to take part in courses on offer in other departments, which are not stated in your admission letter.



4.5. Courses

There are three main types of courses offered:

- ▶ **lecture**
- ▶ **seminar**
- ▶ **tutorial**

In a **lecture**, the professor is the key player, presenting and discussing important information about the subject. The students play only a passive role as listeners, though they can, and even should, ask questions during or at the end of the lecture.

In a **seminar**, it is the students who take an active role. In the first session of the seminar, each student selects a topic from a list given by the lecturer (a professor or assistant lecturer). Students are to then research their selected topic from specific viewpoints and present it to the other participants in the seminar at a later date.

A **tutorial** generally deals with the content of the concurrent lectures, going through it more thoroughly. Active participation is expected from the participants. The tutorials are led by a lecturer who is a professor, an assistant lecturer or an advanced student.

For all three types of courses, a session usually lasts 90 minutes and takes place once a week. This counts as two weekly credit hours. There are, however, courses, which are comprised of four or more hours and take place several times a week.

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Choice of courses

The course system at Trier University is based on modules in the individual subjects. These modules are basically offered annually and unchanged. As an international student you are allowed to select individual courses of modules. However, it is important to know that courses within the modules change again and again. For this reason, course plans from the past are NOT transferable, as courses at Trier University change every semester.

If possible, please prepare your Learning Agreement (for ERASMUS students only) after the new course list has been published.

The online course list is published in mid-July for the winter semester and in mid-February for the summer semester.

The online course catalogue can be accessed [here](#) and under the „Students“ tab in PORTA.

A list of the ECTS coordinators for the individual departments can be found [here](#). They can help you with your course choice. **We strongly advise you to get in touch with them!**

Module descriptions can be searched [here](#) and under the „Students“ tab in PORTA.

Choosing and registering for your courses

Please make sure to meet the recommended German language level (B1 German) or that English-taught courses are offered for the subject(s) you are going to study at Trier University! Please note that the vast majority of courses is **offered in German only!**

For this reason, please check the availability of courses in English at the department(s) of your choice early on. We strongly encourage you to contact the departmental coordinators (also called ECTS coordinators) for advice: www.ects.uni-trier.de

Certificates and ECTS-transcripts

The transcript of records (ToR) will be issued after the end of your stay. One transcript is issued per department (if you choose courses from several departments, you will receive several transcripts). You will need to request the TOR(s) towards the end of your stay.



How to find courses on Porta (course catalogue)

Porta is the management system of the University of Trier. Through Porta students can find and register for courses. Students do not need to be enrolled at the University of Trier to look up courses (to prepare course lists and Learning Agreements). This means that you do not need to log in (or register in Porta yourself)!

[Click here](#) for a guideline how to find courses on Porta.

How to sign up for courses

Once students are enrolled (shortly before or upon arrival at the University of Trier) and - in case of Erasmus students — their Learning Agreement is approved, **they can and must** sign up for courses. The login details for Porta will be sent by email once enrolment is confirmed. Please note the [time periods](#) during which you can sign up for courses!

[Click here](#) for a guideline how to sign up for courses on Porta.

How to use Stud.IP

The University of Trier uses Stud.IP to organise courses and lectures. On Stud.IP students can view their course schedule (once they have signed up in Porta) and find information about them. For example, students can download required materials and find literature.

For a detailed guide on how to use Stud.IP click [here](#).

4.6 ECTS coordinators

Each faculty is divided into multiple departments with ECTS-Coordinators. **These coordinators can support you to select courses and give you course information.** Some departments offer specific information for incoming exchange students (click on „[Information](#)“)

Faculty I

Educational Sciences: [Dr. Julia Langhof](#) | julia.langhof@uni-trier.de | +49 (0)651 201-1812 | Room DM 411

Pedagogy: [Dr. Philipp Annen](#) | annen@uni-trier.de | +49 (0)651 201-2352 | Room DM 037 | [Information](#)

Nursing Science: [Prof. Dr. Ana N. Tibubos](#) | tibubos@uni-trier.de | +49 (0)651 201-1914 | Room W 1304.17

Philosophy: [Dr. phil. Julia Pfefferkorn](#) | pfefferkorn@uni-trier.de | +49 (0)651 201-2340 | Room B 413 | [Information](#)

Psychology: Dr. rer. soc. Laura-Ashley Fraunfelner | erasmuspsy@uni-trier.de | +49 (0)651 201-1191 | Room D 138 | [Information](#)

Faculty II

English Studies: [Paola Sagastuy](#) | erasmusangl@uni-trier.de | 0651-201 2281 | Room B 340 | [Information](#)

Computer Linguistics: Computerlinguistik: [Dr. Simon Werner](#) | werners@uni-trier.de | Room B 320

Digital Humanities: [Dr. Élodie Ripoll](#) | ripoll@uni-trier.de | Room DM 318

Phonetics: NN

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ECTS-points and the departments

Each department awards different amounts of ECTS credits for their courses. You can find a list of the credits *usually* awarded by the departments below.

For departments where credits are not listed, you will need to contact the coordinator for information.

Usually in these departments you need to discuss the number of credits with the lectures (depending on the workload of each course).

Faculty I

Pedagogy:

- 2 ECTS points for active participation in courses and lectures
- 5 ECTS points for participation and following exam
- Individual cases: additional services up to 5 ECTS points

Philosophy:

- 1 ECTS point for lectures
- Seminars (both on undergraduate and graduate level): Attendance: 3 ECTS points; Attendance + Exam: 6 ECTS points

Psychology:

- For B. Sc. Students click [here](#)

Faculty II

German Studies:

- B.A. Students: 3 ECTS points for passing an ungraded oral exam or 5 ECTS points for passing a graded oral exam at the end of the semester.
- M.A. Students: 5 ECTS points for passing an ungraded oral exam or 7,5 ECTS points for passing a graded oral exam at the end of the semester.



Japanese Studies:

- Lecture: 3 ECTS (with essay), 5 ECTS (written exam or oral exam).
- Exercise: 3 ECTS (active participation), 5 ECTS (written or oral exam)
- Seminar 5 ECTS (with presentation or final test), 7 ECTS (with presentation/test + seminar paper, e.g. term paper)
- Language course Japanese major (with written exam): 10 ECTS
Language course Japanese minor (with written exam): 5 ECTS

For additional information check the department's website [here](#).

Faculty III

Politics:

- Lectures (2 hrs/week) 5 ECTS (oral or written exam is taken in addition to participation). A tutorial accompanies some lectures.
- Seminars in basic modules (2 hrs/week): 5 ECTS (usually a presentation and a term paper)
- Seminars in advanced modules (Bachelor) and specialization modules (Master), (4hrs/week): 10 ECTS. (presentation and term paper)

For additional information check the department's website [here](#)

Faculty IV

Sociology, Business Administration and Economics: Detailed course lists [available here](#).

- For B. Sc. Students click [here](#)

Information about workload (h/w = duration of course (hours per week) and p = ECTS points is given in brackets



4.7. German as a Foreign Language courses

The language centre of Trier University offers up to 10 different German as a foreign language courses every semester. Courses are for free.

These courses are designed for different language levels and cover a variety of subject areas.

They range from intensive courses for students with little knowledge of German (beginner level A1, A2, "Anfängerstufe"), to intermediate courses (B1, B2, "Mittelstufe") and there are also specialised courses for students with advanced knowledge of German (C1, C2, "Oberstufe").

Every semester, you may take up to three language courses, depending on your knowledge of German. When applying for language courses, you can submit your preferences to the language centre.

However, it is your placement test result that ultimately decides which courses you may take. The placement test takes place during the orientation programme.

An information session during the orientation will be offered.

An overview of the German courses can be accessed [here](#)
For additional information please contact:

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| Room B 333

4.6 Extra-curricular student activities

Cultural activities at the university

Outside of your studies you will have the opportunity to take advantage of a wide range of cultural activities.

CineAStA: a lively and varied film programme by students, for students. It includes original versions with subtitles, experimental and mainstream films as well as the classics. This takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the lecture period.

The **Collegium Musicum**, consists of the university orchestra and the university choir. Both welcome new players/singers, regardless of instrument or voice type.

University sport (uniSport)

So that you don't miss out on physical exercise, the University's Sport Federation offers students a wide range of sports possibilities each semester.

To participate in courses, you will have to buy a "Unisport Ticket at one of the TUKAN machines on campus (starting from 10 Euros per semester). Courses are available both as stream and in-person.

Whether you enjoy going to the gym, going to a Zumba course or playing rugby or badminton, there are many possibilities both indoor and outdoor for you to explore.

More information: [Sports programme by uniSport \(in German\)](#)

Available courses include, for instance:

- ▶ Badminton
- ▶ Yoga
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Football
- ▶ Running
- ▶ Dancing
- ▶ General fitness
- ▶ Fight Aerobic



The International Centre (iZ)

The iZ is a student association that offers international students a varied and intercultural mentoring programme each semester, as well as advice and guidance. The iZ is not only there to help with all aspects of your studies, but also organizes

international country-themed evenings, relaxed language practice evenings and language tandems. Furthermore, the extensive programme is rounded off by several day excursions and one short-break excursion per semester to a variety of German and European destinations.

▶ www.iz-trier.de

Additional services offered by the iZ:

▶ **1. Connect!** (connect@iz-trier.de)

Kulturbuddy: International students are paired with a person living in Trier and get to experience Trier and its culture together.

Fremde werden Freunde - Make friends in Trier: International students are given the opportunity to meet with people from Trier to take part in a range of activities, from going to excursions, celebrating public holidays and experiencing typical German everyday life.

Beyond Borders: A project to help people seeking asylum with their life in Trier.



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▶ 2. Speak! (speak@iz-trier.de)

Sprachkurse (Language Courses): Language Courses with native speakers.

Sprachabend (Language Evening): Practice together with native speakers of various languages.

Proofreading: Assistance with academic texts (answering specific questions about the university standards of scientific work, helping with formulations and corrections).

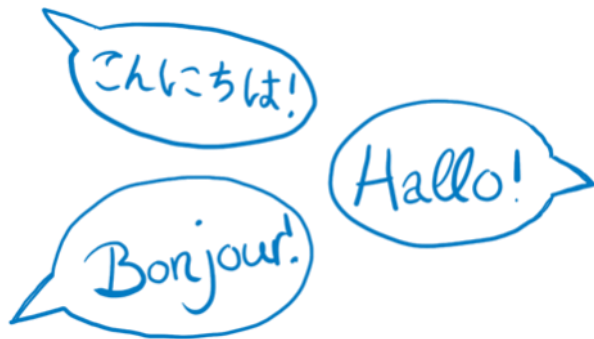
▶ 3. Explore! (explore@iz-trier.de)

Excursions / Field trips: To German cities and neighbouring countries.

iZ in motion: Hike and do sports around Trier.

4. Meet & Greet! (meet-greet@iz-trier.de)

▶ Café International: Come together for a cup of coffee and talk with other students in the iZ-office.



Living in Trier



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5.1 The city of Trier

The city of **Trier**, founded around 16 B.C. by the Romans as “Augusta Treverorum”, looks back on a history of over 2.000 years and thus counts as the **oldest German city**.

Its long history can be seen and experienced first-hand, particularly thanks to the many architecturally interesting sites still standing since Roman times, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. A total of eight of these architectural legacies are designated UNESCO sites of world cultural heritage.

The **geographical significance of Trier** can be viewed in a number of ways:

At a local level, Trier is the centre of one of the most famous and well-established wine growing regions in Germany. Seen nationally, Trier lies on the outskirts of Germany, in the most south-western corner and quite remote from the metropolises that are Berlin, Hamburg or Munich. Internationally, however, Trier is in the centre of Europe, in direct proximity to Luxembourg, France and Belgium.

Trier's long history, its significance as centre of the Moselle wine-growing region and its proximity to its European neighbours all make the city a popular tourist destination for visitors from all over the world.

With around 110,000 inhabitants, Trier is quite a small city so it does not take long to get to know your way around. The city centre has plenty of shopping centres, sports facilities, public amenities and civil authority offices, which are all within a short distance from each other.

What is Trier like? Things to know about Germany's oldest city

Trier with all its historic and multiple UNESCO World Heritage sights has a lot to offer culturally as well as historically. Besides those, **Trier is a town full of life** with many small shops, cafés and bars.

Roughly 20% of the cities population is made up of students, which has also shaped Triers cultural scene. Whether you want to join an interesting workshop at the ► [Tuchfabrik](#), drinking some local “Viez” (apple wine) at a bar or visiting the remains of old roman history, there is a lot to do and discover after university.

Only an one-hour-ride away lies Luxembourg city, the capital of Luxembourg, which also has a lot to offer. It is a city with a beautiful old town, many specialty stores, museums and restaurants.



For more information:

Tourist-Information Trier

An der Porta Nigra

54290 Trier

► www.trier.de/tourismus

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5.2 Leisure time

Below is a list of some cultural activities that are offered outside of the university:

Culture:

Rheinisches Landesmuseum

Weimarer Allee 1
54290 Trier

<https://www.zentrum-der-antike.de/rheinisches-landesmuseum>

Stadtmuseum Simeonstift

next to the "Porta Nigra"
54290 Trier

www.museum-trier.de

Theater Trier

Am Augustinerhof 3
54290 Trier

www.theater-trier.de

Tuchfabrik e.V. (TuFa)

Weberbach/ Wechselstraße 4
54290 Trier

www.tufa-trier.de

Cinemas:

Broadway

Paulinstraße 18
54292 Trier

www.broadway-trier.de

Cinemaxx

Moselstraße 17
54290 Trier

www.cinemaxx.de



Trier has, despite its modest size, many pubs, cafes, restaurants, clubs and discos on offer to suit every taste.

More information can be found by visiting

- ▶ www.trier-info.de
- ▶ www.trier.de/Kultur-Freizeit/
- ▶ or the online magazines "[Lifestyle](#)", where many events, businesses and bars are advertised.



5.3 Important addresses and telephone numbers

City Hall / Citizens & Resident Registration Office

Viehmarktplatz 20
54290 Trier

Tel.: +49 | 115

Immigration Office

Thyrususstraße 17-19
54292 Trier

Tel.: +49 | 0651 | 718-0

Post office (near the University)

Im Treff 25
54292 Trier

Lost property office

Viehmarktplatz 20
54290 Trier

Tel.: +49 | 651 | 718 4157

Emergency telephone numbers

Police: 110

Fire Brigade/Ambulance: 112

Central Medical Service / Medical On-Call Service

Tel.: +49 | 116 117

This service is for non-life threatening medical needs when doctor's offices are closed.

www.116117.de/de/englisch.php

Open: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Calling is free of charge with a German phone contract

Hospitals

"Barmherzige Brüder" Hospital
Nordallee 1
54292 Trier
Tel.: +49 | 651 | 208 0

Klinikum Mutterhaus der
Borromäerinnen
Feldstraße 16
54290 Trier
Tel.: +49 | 651 | 683-0



6. GLOSSARY – Important terms in German

Accommodation application form = Auftrag zur Vermittlung einer Unterkunft

Admission letter = Zulassungsbescheid

Admissions Office = Studierendensekretariat

Application for admission to study = Antrag auf Zulassung zum Studium

Course certificate = Schein

European Health Insurance Card = Europäische Krankenversicherungskarte

Federal Foreign Office = Auswärtiges Amt

Graded certificate = benoteter Schein

Immigration Office = Amt für Ausländerangelegenheiten

Lecture = Vorlesung

Library = Bibliothek (Bib)

Main station = Hauptbahnhof

Orientation programmeme = Orientierungsseminar

Residence permit = Aufenthaltserlaubnis

Residents' Registration Office = Einwohnermeldeamt

Student hall of residence = Studentenwohnheim (short: SWH)

Student Services at Trier University = Studierendenwerk Trier

TUNIKA = your student ID-Card, which you receive after enrolling, has a variety of functions, like validation or as a payment option.

Tutorial = Übung

Ungraded certificate = Teilnahmeschein

University canteen = Mensa

University Sport Federation = Allgemeiner Hochschulsport



6. GLOSSARY – Important links

Important contact points:

General Information:

<https://www.uni-trier.de/en/international/coming-to-trier/exchange-students>

Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt):

www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en

German Embassies:

www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/about-us/auslandsvertretungen

Applying for a Visa:

www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/215870-215870

Proof of financial resources and blocked account, expenses:

www.daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/living-in-germany/finances/

University:

PORTA: www.porta-system.uni-trier.de

Stud.IP: <https://studip.uni-trier.de>

Studiwerk and Canteen: www.studiwerk.de

Library: www.uni-trier.de/bibliothek

Fields of study and subjects: www.uni-trier.de/en/studies/range-of-courses

ECTS-Coordinators: www.uni-trier.de/en/international/coming-to-trier/exchange-students/ects-coordinators

University Sport (uniSport): www.uni-trier.de/universitaet/wichtige-anlaufstellen/hochschulsport/sportangebot

The International Centre (iZ): www.uni-trier.de/en/international/international-zentrum/translate-to-english-projects

Transportation:

PORTAZON: www.studiwerk.de/eo/cms?_sprache=de&bereich=artikel&aktion=detail&idartikel=234716

German train website (Deutsche Bahn): https://int.bahn.de/en?dbkanal_007=sprachauswahl-en

Navigator App: <https://int.bahn.de/en/booking-information/db-navigator>

Train route restrictions: www.bahn.de/service/fahrplaene/bauarbeiten

Flixbus: www.flixbus.co.uk



7. Important dates winter semester 2026/27

Registration
at Uni Trier

**no later than
1 June 2026**

Orientation
programme

2 - 9 October 2026



Beginning of
lecture period

12 October 2026

Residents'
Registration Office

**the latest 2 weeks
after moving in**

Re-registration for
summer semester 27

**no later than
15 March 2027**



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