ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2020
Welcome Week: 27 Aug – 4 Sept
Lecture period: 7 September – 11 December
Exam period: 10 – 22 December
Term period: 1 August – 31 January

Spring Semester 2021
Welcome Week: 8 – 12 February
Lecture period: 15 February – 4 June
Easter break: 29 Mar – 9 April
Exam period: 7 – 19 June
Term period: 1 February – 31 July

STUDENT NOMINATIONS

Period for Student Nominations by Home University
Fall semester 2020:
15 Feb – 15 April 2020
Spring semester 2021:
15 Sep – 15 Oct 2020

Deadline for Online Application by Students
Fall semester 2020:
30 April 2020
Spring semester 2021:
31 Oct 2020

Unfortunately, we cannot accept late nominations.

Please enter your nominations directly into our online nomination portal. We will send the link to the portal to all partners before the beginning of the nomination period. We can no longer accept nominations via e-mail.

We kindly ask you to distribute the number of students evenly between the fall and spring semester.

After you submitted your nomination, we will contact your students with instructions on how to complete the online application on a rolling basis via our online portal. We will copy the nomination contact in all e-mails that we send to students.
Required Application Documents
Online application (no paper application required). No language certificates must be submitted. Kindly check the Recommended Language Skills on page 3.

Deadline for Extension Requests
Spring semester: 31 October
Fall semester: 30 April

Should your students wish to extend their exchange, please send a request to Ms. Gabriele Vath (vath@verwaltung.uni-mannheim.de) before the respective deadline. We will then contact the respective school for approval.

No Free Mover Mobility Possible
Since 1 March 2019 it is no longer possible to study as a free mover at the University of Mannheim. This is due to an amendment of the Regulations on Admission and Enrollment (ZulImmaO) of the University of Mannheim from 27 February 2019.

ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION
We request that students arrive at least one week before the start of lectures in order to enroll and attend the Welcome Week.

Our Welcome Week is mandatory and includes:
- an introduction to the study system
- campus tour and Welcome Reception
- school-specific sessions and library tours

COURSES

Course Catalog
The course list will be published at www.uni-mannheim.de/aaa/courses. Exchange students must take the majority of their courses at the school in which they will enroll. However, they can also choose one or two courses from other schools through the university-wide electives.

Required Course Load
Depends on home institution

Exam Period
Generally, there will be final exams in December and June, respectively. Please see page 1 for exact dates. Students are responsible for their own exam registration.

Grading System
1,0 - 1,5 excellent
1,6 - 2,0 very good
2,1 - 2,5 good
2,6 - 3,5 satisfactory
3,6 - 4,0 sufficient
4,1 - 5,0 failed

(mit Erfolg) bestanden passed (successfully)
(regelmäßig) besucht attended (regularly)

Language of Instruction
German and English – the number of courses offered in English varies from school to school.
A Transcript of Records will be issued eight to twelve weeks after the exam period.

If you would like to send digital transcripts of Mannheim students who studied abroad at your university, kindly send them to: transcripts@uni-mannheim.de. You can also send questions about your students’ transcripts to this address.

Students must either be proficient in German OR have an advanced level of English (at least B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, i.e. equivalent to TOEFL iBT 80/IELTS 6.0).

The University of Mannheim reserves the right to deny admission into courses for students who do not have the requested level. We will not ask students to submit language tests for their application. However, we expect the home university to make sure their students have the required language proficiency.

Preparatory German Language Courses
International Summer Academy:
1 – 30 August 2020
International Winter Academy:
7 – 31 January 2021

The International Winter/Summer Academy is a four-week intensive language course, which includes seminars on German culture and society.

Costs
~ €650

Registration Deadline
10 May and 28 October, respectively

German Language and Culture Courses
The International Office offers German language and culture courses during the semester for a small administrative fee (€15 per course). There are a range of German courses, including general language courses at different levels, and specific German courses (e.g. German Financial Market, European Union, Germany at a Glance, etc.). As a rule, students can take a maximum of three courses per semester.
FACILITIES AND STUDENT SERVICES

In order to cover the costs of student services, students enrolled at a German university – including exchange students – have to pay a semester fee. The fee currently amounts to €95.40* per semester.

*subject to change

Campus Facilities
- Access to computer facilities including wireless internet access and university e-mail account
- Student tutors
- Academic advisors
- Access to university sports facilities
- Career counselling
- University cafeterias
- University libraries
- Student housing

Support for Students with Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses
The Commissioner and Counselor for students with disabilities and chronic illnesses supports students with special accommodations. If students have any health restrictions, they need to check the “Special Needs” box during their online application. Only then can we ensure that your students will get the support that they need.

Excursions and Trips
The International Office and student organizations organize a number of activities, e.g.:
- City trips to Frankfurt, Nuremberg, Hamburg, Cologne, and Stuttgart
- International Dinner

Buddy Program
Students have the opportunity to be matched with a local student for support. In order to do so, they have to check the corresponding box in our online portal during the application.

HOUSING

Pick-up Service
Students can arrange an individual pick-up with their buddy. The International Office is only a short walk from the main train station.

Student Housing
Students can apply for student residences or look for a room on the private market. For exchange students from overseas, we offer a very limited number of places in our off-campus student residences: single bedrooms in student residences for €315* – €440*, apartments €365* – €440*. Rooms on the private market start at €300. There are furnished rooms (shared kitchen and bathroom) in several residences in different areas of Mannheim.

After being accepted by the University of Mannheim, the student will receive the link and personal password for our online portal myUniMA, along with detailed information on the private housing market. Please note that the housing situation in Mannheim is a lot more relaxed in the spring semester. Thus, if students have the option between fall and spring, we recommend students to come during the spring semester.

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Contact
Accommodation Office at the International Office
Tel: +49 621 181 1158
incomings@uni-mannheim.de
HEALTH INSURANCE

EU members
Students from EU countries are exempt from having to purchase German health insurance if they present the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) during enrollment.

Non-EU members
We strongly recommend to all our exchange students from non-EU countries to purchase a statutory German health insurance. Students have the opportunity to buy German health insurance after their arrival in Mannheim. It costs about €105* per month (standard price for students by all health insurance providers).

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VISA REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of the EU and of the EFTA (i.e. Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland) do not need a student visa.

Citizens from the following countries do not need a student visa. They need to apply for a German residence permit at the respective Foreigners’ Registration Office in Germany: Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and USA.

Citizens of the following countries do not need a student visa as long as there is no intention to take up any gainful/paid employment before or after the studies: Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco, and San Marino.

Non-EU citizens who are enrolled at an EU university (except UK, Ireland, and Denmark) do not need to apply for a German residence permit if they study in Germany for less than 360 days according to the EU directive 2016/801, the „REST-directive” for researchers and students. However, students need to hand in documents at the International Office as soon as they receive their letter of acceptance for the University of Mannheim.

Students from all other countries should obtain a visa as soon as they receive their letter of acceptance for the University of Mannheim.

Further information can be found here: www.uni-mannheim.de/entry

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Estimated Costs of Living
Approx. €780 – €830* per month (including rent)
*subject to change

Public Transport
Students can buy a semester ticket for €170* for unlimited public transportation in the greater Mannheim area.
*subject to change
THE CITY OF MANNHEIM AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

Mannheim
Mannheim is a modern city in the beautiful North-Western corner of the state of Baden-Württemberg. One third of its 320,000 inhabitants have foreign roots from well over 100 nationalities. This diversity gives Mannheim a beautiful vibrancy and makes it a welcoming place for everyone. The city is couched in the greater Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region with about 2.4 million people. It’s one of the most important business locations in Germany, with renowned scientific research institutions and a very high quality of life. With only 35 minutes away from Frankfurt International Airport, Mannheim is the perfect starting point to explore Germany and the rest of Europe.

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