

Department

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Campus	The Student Service Center (SSC) is located on Adolf- Reichwein Campus (AR) in Siegen-Weidenau.
Web	Department www.uni-siegen.de/isa Student Exchanges and Short-Term Studies https://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/wege_nach_siegen/austauschstudierende/

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Application and Admission

Requirements	The requirements given in the inter-institutional agreement between home university and host university apply. Students should be of good standing and need to present evidence of their language proficiency in English (and German).				
Application Procedure	Exchange students are selected and nominated by our partner institutions. All nominees receive an invitation to apply online by e-mail.				
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Application Documents	<p>The online application includes the following application documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online Registration Form ▪ Letter of Motivation (in English or German) ▪ Résumé in tabular form (in English or German) ▪ Preliminary Study Plan ▪ Transcript of Records (in English) ▪ Language Certificate: English: B2 (TOEFL ITP: >543, TOEFL iBT >72, TOEIC >785, IELTS >5.5) German: B2 ▪ Passport copy ▪ Passport-sized photo 				
Admission	After the application deadline, applications are reviewed. Applicants who meet the requirements receive an offer of admission within 4 to 6 weeks.				
Registration	<p>All admitted students need to complete the online pre-registration on unisono by a given deadline to accept their offer of admission and request in-person registration. Instructions and deadlines are sent by e-mail to all admitted students.</p> <p>The in-person registration and the payment of the semester fee are part of the Orientation Days. Students arriving earlier or later may register by appointment. Registration upon appointment less than one week before the Orientation Days is not possible.</p>				
Dispatch of Documents	Official documents, such as letters of admission or transcripts, are sent to the International Office at the partner institution by airmail. Students receive digital copies of the documents by e-mail.				

Further Information:

https://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/wege_nach_siegen/austauschstudierende/

Scholarship

STIBET Contact Scholarship	For international exchange students from partner institutions who do not participate in a funded exchange program, we offer STIBET contact scholarships for the first semester of exchange. Usually the scholarship is offered to one student per partner institution for a duration of four months. The grant amounts to approx. EUR 260 per month. All exchange applications of admitted students are considered and reviewed with regard to academic achievement, language proficiency, professional and international experience as well as social commitment.
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Important Dates

Academic Calendar	<p>Winter Semester (Semester 1): 1 October 2019 – 31 March 2020 lecture period: 7 October 2019 – 31 January 2020 lecture-free period: 1 February 2020 – 31 March 2020 Christmas break: 23 December 2019 – 3 January 2020</p> <p>Summer Semester (Semester 2): 1 April 2020 – 30 September 2020 lecture period: 6 April 2020 – 17 July 2020 lecture-free period: 21 July 2020 – 30 September 2020 Whitsun Break: [n/a] late May to early June</p>
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The [academic calendar](#) does not include pre-defined exam weeks. Examination and test dates are determined by the respective department and/or faculty. Exams may take place during the lecture-free period. Please note that not all departments allow students to complete a course before the scheduled exams. Students need to contact the professors and ask for permission to prepone or re-schedule the final exam or submit an alternative exam or term paper.

Orientation Days	<p>The Orientation Days in winter semester take place in early September (for participants of the Intensive German Course) and late September (for late arrivals).</p> <p>Due to the early start of lecture period in summer semester 2020, the Orientation Days will take place in mid-March.</p> <p>The exact dates are given in the letter of admission. The schedule is sent to all accepted students and is further published on our website. We strongly advise all exchange students to plan their arrival before registration day.</p>
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Further Information:

https://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/wege_nach_siegen/austauschstudierende/
<http://www.uni-siegen.de/zsb/termine.html>

Courses and Credits

Credits	In accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) 1 credit point is worth 30 hours of work, including contact and non-contact time. A semester of full-time study equals 30 ECTS.
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Grading scale	<table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Grade</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Definition</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.0 to 1.5</td> <td><i>sehr gut</i></td> <td>very good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.6 to 2.5</td> <td><i>gut</i></td> <td>good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.6 to 3.5</td> <td><i>befriedigend</i></td> <td>satisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.6 to 4.0</td> <td><i>ausreichend</i></td> <td>adequate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.1 to 5.0</td> <td><i>nicht bestanden</i></td> <td>failed</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Grade	Definition		1.0 to 1.5	<i>sehr gut</i>	very good	1.6 to 2.5	<i>gut</i>	good	2.6 to 3.5	<i>befriedigend</i>	satisfactory	3.6 to 4.0	<i>ausreichend</i>	adequate	4.1 to 5.0	<i>nicht bestanden</i>	failed
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Courses	The majority of courses offered at the University of Siegen are taught in German. Many of them are open to incoming international exchange students, provided they meet both language and subject prerequisites. International graduate courses are restricted. For course offerings visit our student information system unisono .
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Courses in English	Courses taught in English are offered regularly in the following study programs:
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School	Study Program	Study Level
School of Arts and Humanities	History Literary, Cultural and Media Studies	Master Bachelor, Master

	Language and Communication Social Sciences	Bachelor, Master Bachelor, Master
School of Economic Disciplines	Business Administration Economics Economic Law Business Information Systems	Bachelor, Master Bachelor, Master Bachelor, Master Master
School of Science and Technology	Chemistry Physics Mechatronics	Master Master Master

Language Courses

The language center *Sprachenzentrum* offers an Intensive German Course in September for all exchange students starting in winter semester. Students need to register until mid to late July. The registration form is sent to all applicants once they are accepted.

For students starting the exchange in summer semester the Sprachenzentrum offers a one-week workshop "German as a Foreign Language" following the Orientation Days.

Additional German language courses are offered during the semester by the language center. Students should register early after registration using our student information system [unisono](#).

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57076 Siegen

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Transcripts

Once all grades and credits for registered exams have been compiled by the respective examination office, transcripts can be issued.

Students of the School for Arts and Humanities (Faculty I) and the School of Economic Disciplines (Faculty III) receive their transcripts from the Department of International Student Affairs.

Students of the School of Architecture, Education and the Arts (Faculty II) and the School of Science and Technology (Faculty IV) need to request the transcript in person or by e-mail at their examination office. The transcript is sent to an address as given by the student.

Further Information:

https://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/wege_nach_siegen/austauschstudierende/
<http://www.uni-siegen.de/sprachenzentrum/home/>

Accommodation and Expenses

Semester Fee

Students registered at the University of Siegen are not charged tuition. However, there is a [semester fee](#) that amounts to approx. EUR 260. The fee includes a semester ticket for public transportation in Siegen and North Rhine-Westphalia.

Accommodation

The student services organization *Studierendenwerk Siegen* provides rooms in student residencies on and off campus. Students should apply early as rooms are limited and student numbers are constantly rising.

Please note that dishware, cookware and bedding are not included. A bedding set (pillow and pillow case, blanket and blanket case as well as bed sheet) is offered by the *Studierendenwerk Siegen* for approx. EUR 50.

Please note that the minimum rental period is 3 months. Rental agreements start on the first day of a month. If the first day of a month is a Saturday or Sunday move-in day is the subsequent Monday.

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57076 Siegen

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Cost of Living	According to the German Academic Exchange Service monthly cost of living for international students in Germany amounts to EUR 800.
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Further Information:

https://www.uni-siegen.de/isa/wege_nach_siegen/austauschstudierende/
<http://www.studierendenwerk-siegen.de/wohnen/wohnanlagen/>
<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198-financing-your-studies/>
https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-stay/money-and-costs/cost-of-living_28220.php

Visa and Arrival

Visa exemption	International student from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Israel, Japan, Mexico, the Republic of South Korea, Singapore, the United States of America are allowed to travel to the Federal Republic of Germany for up to 90 days without having to obtain a visa. Within this period of 90 days students who wish to study in Germany have to apply for a residence permit at the foreigners' registration office <i>Ausländerbehörde</i> responsible for their place of residence. Students are allowed to register in person at the University of Siegen upon presentation of a valid passport even before the application for residence permit. For a full list of visa requirements and exemptions visit
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<http://www.bamf.de/EN/Migration/Studieren/studieren-node.html>

Visa requirement	Students from countries other than listed above have to submit their visa applications as well as all required documents in person at the German mission responsible for their place of residence. Please refer to the German mission closest to you for further information.
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Directive 2016/801/EU	For non-EU students who are already registered at an institution of higher education in another EU member state and wish to study for one semester or an academic year in Germany, rules on mobility have been eased. A directive will be transposed until 23 May 2018.
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In order to be able to exercise mobility in Germany, the host higher education institution in Germany needs to send a notification to the National Contact Point at the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees.

The following documents have to be sent by e-mail to the department of International Student Affairs

- notification form
- the residence permit issued by the first EU Member State,
- a recognized, valid passport/replacement passport,
- evidence of participation in a Union or multilateral program incorporating mobility measures and of the validity of an agreement between two or more higher education institutions,
- proof of admission to the host higher education institution, and
- proof of subsistence.

Arrival	Students should arrive before Registration Day and inform us about your travel plans at least three weeks prior to their date of arrival. A pre-arrival form is sent to all admitted students by e-mail.
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Health Care	For all students wishing to register at the University of Siegen a valid health insurance coverage is compulsory. Please note that a travel health insurance policy is not sufficient.
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Students from outside the EU or from a country that does not have a social security agreement with Germany should check with their insurance company if their insurance policy is recognised. If the coverage is not recognised in Germany, students need to take out an insurance policy in Germany.

Currently the Student Services Organization in Siegen (*Studierendenwerk Siegen*) does not offer a service package for international students that includes health insurance coverage.

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<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/einreiseundaufenthalt>
http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/DtAuslandsvertretungenA-Z-Laenderauswahlseite_node.html
https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/health-insurance_27548.php
<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/in-deutschland/regeln/en/8839-organising-health-insurance/>
