



University of Stuttgart
International Office



Pre- departure Information

Computer Science,
Master of Science

Dear student,

Welcome to the University of Stuttgart!

The International Office and your Master's program have prepared this **Pre-departure Information** for you. It contains all information that you need before you actually travel to Stuttgart. Please read this information carefully and follow the instructions given. Feel free to contact either the International Office or your Master's program in case you have further questions

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Please name your study program when you contact the International Office. Thank you!



Study visa

Please refer to the German embassy or consulate nearest to you to find out if you need a visa to enter Germany. The German mission will also inform you about the documents needed for a visa application and the entry restrictions during the corona pandemic. You can find German missions worldwide here:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen>

*** Please note:**

The University of Stuttgart is not in the position to speed up the visa process. If you are a DAAD scholarship holder or it seems impossible to get a visa in time, please contact the International Office and/or your Master's program.

Student housing

The dormitories in Stuttgart region are owned and managed by the organizations Studierendenwerk Stuttgart (Student Services Stuttgart) and the VSSW e.V.. Please apply immediately since the waiting time for a room is currently about six months:

<https://www.studierendenwerk-stuttgart.de/en/accommodation/>
<https://www.vssw.de/en/>

Only single, furnished rooms are available. The kitchen and the bathroom are shared in a mixed gender community of 2 to 20 other students, German and international alike. Rooms get assigned according to the principle "first come-first serve".

Advice on temporary accommodation and how to look for a room on the private market can be found on our homepage:

<https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/housing/international/>

Unfortunately the housing situation is difficult in Stuttgart. Be prepared to live in a temporary accommodation for several weeks before you find a long-term place to live!

Study financing

Unlike other countries it is not common for German universities to grant scholarships. Students are expected to cover their study and living costs themselves.

The most important grant donor for international students is the Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) (German Academic Exchange Service):

www.daad.de

For most scholarship programs you have to apply prior to the start of your studies in Germany. For all further information about prerequisites, deadlines and the application procedures, please directly contact the scholarship organizations.

Here you can find information regarding costs of living in Stuttgart:

<https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/financing/international/>

The residence permit for students usually includes a restricted working permit. Working might help you support you financially but do not expect it to be your main source of financing. The study load is high and it is difficult to find jobs without being fluent in German.

Arrival in Stuttgart

Due to the pandemic, the University of Stuttgart cannot give a recommendation when to arrive in Germany. You can find information on entry and quarantine regulations on our homepage:

<https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/international/corona/>

The International Office offers **orientation events** and peer support programs to facilitate your start in Stuttgart. Check them out and register on our homepage:

<https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/startingout/international/>

Enrollment and other formalities

The **Welcome Checklist** on our homepage is a step-by-step description of the formalities in the beginning of your stay in Stuttgart including accommodation, health insurance, residence registration, opening a bank account, residence permit, registration at the university / enrollment, public transportation pass, broadcasting service fee and personal liability insurance.

https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/studienbeginn/document/Welcome_Checkliste.pdf

***Please note:**

Guidance on formalities. Online group sessions every Friday, 10 a.m. CET
Registration:

<https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/startingout/international/orientation-days/registration/>

Study schedule

Your Master's program invites you to a Welcome Session for new students. During this session you will hear all about the study organization, course registration etc. Previous registration for courses is not necessary.

You can find the lecture periods and holidays – the so called **Academic Calendar** – on the homepage of the University of Stuttgart:

<https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/organizing-studies/semester-dates/>

*** Please note:**

The winter semester always lasts from October 1 until March 31 and the summer semester from April 1 until September 30. The lecture periods, however, are shorter! In the semester break many examinations and block courses take place. Therefore check the dates for examinations and block courses before you plan holidays or travels.

Checklist – what to take with you?

- A paper print of your letter of admission of the University of Stuttgart
- Originals and pdfs of your degree and language certificates
- Passport, visa according to the advice from the German embassy/consulate
- Travel health insurance for the first weeks of your stay (if needed)
- 6 passport photos. If possible, some of them biometrical photos according to German standards (otherwise to be taken in Stuttgart)
- Cash for the first days, some small bank notes and coins: cash is frequently used in Germany and credit cards are not always accepted!
- Any medicine you might regularly need to take (at least for 4 weeks)

You might also like to check the weather forecast before you choose your travel clothing. The weather in April varies a lot!

**Further
links
and
tips**

Peer-support programs of the International Office:
<https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/startingout/international/support/>

Welcome Center for new residents of the City of Stuttgart:
<https://welcome.stuttgart.de/welcomecenter/en/>

Tourist information of the City of Stuttgart:
<https://www.stuttgart-tourist.de/en>

