INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Student Exchange at LMU Munich
Key Data for LMUexchange Incoming Students (partners worldwide)

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Institution Details

Name of Institution	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU)
Visiting Address	International Office Ludwigstrasse 27 80539 München Germany
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Nomination, Application and Registration Procedures

Nomination by home university

You should be nominated by your home coordinator through our online tool until April 15th (for winter) / October 15th (for summer).

Application

You will find the application form online. Please submit the online application together with all supporting documents by May 15th (for winter) / November 15th (for summer).

Registration

Registration of new incoming LMUexchange students takes place in September/October and March/April. You will be informed about registration dates in the official letter of acceptance (*Zulassungsbescheid*), which you will receive on approval of your Learning Agreement.

Housing

The *"Studierendenwerk München Oberbayern"* offers housing for exchange students. The allocation of rooms is, however, coordinated at the International Office.
If you wish to apply for student housing, then tick the appropriate box in the online application form for admission. **Late applicants cannot be considered for student housing.** Please note, that **rooms can only be guaranteed for approx. half of the students**!
Also, most of the rooms will be given for one semester only for winter term, however, for summer term only for one semester without exception.
Due to a challenging housing market in Munich, please start looking for accommodation as soon as possible, while simultaneously submitting your housing application.

As of February 2026

Academic Calendar

Academic Year	Semester	Lecture Start Date	Lecture End Date
2026/27	Winter	12 Oct 2026	05 Febr 2027
	Summer	12 April 2027	16 July 2027
2027/28	Winter	18 Oct 2027	11 Febr 2028

Important note: March, August, and September are officially lecture free. However, in March and September many orientation sessions and the LMU preparation course for exchage students take place. Please keep in mind, that after the end of the lecture period, you may have examinations to take, or papers to write. Please ask your departmental coordinator about the examination schedule at the department you wish to take courses at to plan the duration of your stay in Munich.

Timeline

	Nomination	Application	Application Review by IO	Approval by Faculty	Letter of Acceptance	Orientation & Registration	Start lectures	End lectures
Winter Semester	April	May	June	July	June/July	September	October	February
Summer Semester	October	November	December	January	January	March	April	July

Course Information, Departments

Consult the online course catalogue on LSF (no login required, simply click on the link "*Vorlesungsverzeichnis*" to access the online course catalogue.)

The up-to-date course catalogue is available only two months before the beginning of each semester. To get an idea of courses offered, you can consult the previous catalogues and faculty websites, where there is often general information about choosing courses.

As an exchange student you must choose **at least 60%** of your course modules in your major or minor only. You should take **the other 40%** of your course modules in **no more than two further subject areas** (example: 60% of courses in German Philology, 20% of courses in History and 20% of courses in Political Science).

If you have no previous knowledge and study experience in a subject area, you will solely be permitted to take introductory courses in this field. As a rule, bachelor students will not be permitted to take master courses (any exceptions to this rule will be decided by LMU).
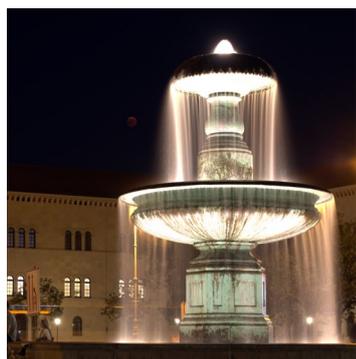
Recognition of Courses

Grading System

At LMU credit for Bachelor and Master Courses is given in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). All coursework will be graded in accordance with the German grading system ("1"–"6", with "1" being the best and "6" the worst grade). A course that is graded between 1 and 4 is passed. Some course are not graded (non-graded lectures).

Transcript of Records

At the end of your study period at LMU, you will receive a Transcript of Records listing all the courses you attended including grades and ECTS credit points. The transcript will not be sent automatically! You can find further information on our website.

Language Requirements at LMU

In order to make the most of your experience in Munich and at LMU, it is important to have good German language skills. Although some departments offer modules taught in English, the language of instruction at LMU is generally German, particularly at bachelor level.

At the time of commencing your studies at LMU, we strongly recommend you have at least CEFR **level B2** in German (for application at least B1). The same proficiency level applies if you plan to take courses in English. Some departments have higher requirements (e.g. English/North American Studies).

If you choose to take only courses taught in English, generally no German language skills are required. There are, however, exceptions to this rule.

Language Preparation and Orientation

German Language Courses

You can prepare for your study experience at LMU by participating in an intensive language course (also possible online). Courses take place in March and September respectively. They are neither mandatory, nor free of charge, but on successful completion of the course, ECTS-points will be awarded.

Cultural Program

An extensive cultural program with field trips and excursions also takes place in September or March.

General Information

Visa

Depending on your country of origin, there are different entry and residence regulations. If you require a visa, you are strongly recommended to submit your online application form and supporting documents **before** the application deadlines for admission to the university.

Insurance

Adequate health insurance is mandatory for all exchange students. We strongly recommend that you arrive with adequate travel insurance to cover you until you are officially registered as a student at LMU. You should then take out German health insurance cover for the duration of your stay at LMU. Be aware that insurance packages for study abroad in your home country may not fulfil the German requirements, and will therefore not be accepted. Please note that travel insurance for the duration of your stay **is not enough** and will not be accepted at registration. If you take out private health insurance, you cannot change to public health insurance during your studies!

Accident, personal and third party liability insurance for the duration of your stay in Germany is strongly recommended.

Finances

According to a consumer goods database, the cost of living in Germany for a single person is 939 €/month. Munich is a bit more expensive than most German cities, so you should calculate with about 1.044 €/month (when living in a student dorm). You can find further information on our website.

Students with Special Needs / Students with Children

If you have special needs, please let us know through your application form.

Services offered from LMU
✉ behindertenberatung@lmu.de

Mandatory Fee for Student Services

Every student registered at a German university is obliged to pay a semester fee for student services provided by the *Studierendenwerk*. The fee is charged by LMU as part of the registration process on behalf of the *Studierendenwerk*.