

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Guten Tag and Welcome to RWTH Aachen University!

If you are interested in coming to our university as an exchange student from a non-European country you will find useful information for planning your exchange here. Do contact us if you have additional questions.

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Incoming Student Services

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Website for Incoming Exchange Students

www.rwth-aachen.de/exchange-students

Language of Instruction

The main language of instruction is German.

Courses offered in English

Various. Please visit the websites of the respective faculties and departments or contact the appropriate coordinator for incoming exchange students to obtain the list of departmental advisors. (www.rwth-aachen.de/Studiengaenge)

Academic Calendar

Winter semester: 01st October - 31st March

Summer semester: 01st April - 30th September

For additional information please check www.rwth-aachen.de/Semestertermine

Course Catalogue

Campus: www.rwth-aachen.de/campus

Minimum Academic Qualification of Exchange Students

Students must have completed at least 2 years of academic study or be in the 5th semester as Bachelor students, unless otherwise stated in the Student Exchange Agreement.

Duration of Stay at RWTH Aachen University

1 or 2 semesters, starting in the winter semester unless otherwise stated in the Student Exchange Agreement.

Application Deadlines

31st May for winter semester and whole academic year

Students from China and India: 01.03. for winter semester and whole academic year

31st October for summer semester

Application Procedure for Exchange Students

Required documents (see link on website for Incoming Exchange Students)

- Registration Form of RWTH Aachen University
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of Records
- Proof of German language proficiency
- Motivation Letter
- CV
- Certificate of Enrolment at Home University
- Optional: Intensive EURO Language Course application and proof of language proficiency (minimum A2)

If you have questions, please contact the Incoming Student Services (incomings@rwth-aachen.de). Send the application via email (one PDF document) to the same email address.

Note: The Registration Form and the Learning Agreement must be duly signed by the student and the respective coordinator(s) in charge at the home institution.

Language Proficiency

Proof of Language Proficiency is required according to the medium of instruction.

English Language Proficiency: CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference): B1 level

TOEFL: 80/ibt, 550/pbt, IELTS: 6.0, B1 level

German Language Proficiency: CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference): B1 level

(www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/elp/elp-reg/cefr_EN.asp)

Accommodation

Housing is offered by the Studentenwerk Aachen (Student Services).

Please visit their website: www.studentenwerk-aachen.de/en/wohnen

Please note that the International Office is not in charge of housing. Because the number of rooms in the student dormitories is limited, students should apply as soon as possible. RWTH Aachen University cannot guarantee that every applicant will receive a room offer.

Health Insurance

Compulsory. Insurance can be arranged after arrival (approx. 70 Euro per month).

All students need health insurance coverage at all times of their stay in Germany. Until the final enrolment, a travelling health insurance is strongly recommended.

Health Insurance

Approx. 750 Euro per month.

Buddy Program

Please register: www.rwth-aachen.de/bebuddy

Contact: BeBuddy@rwth-aachen.de

Orientation Program

Organized by the International Office. The program will be offered before the EURO Language Course at the beginning of the semester. For more information, please visit: www.rwth-aachen.de/orientierungstage

Student Service Fee

A Student Service Fee („Semesterbeitrag“) of approx. 250 Euro per semester is required after enrolment. This is not a tuition fee. The money is used to provide services for all students such as bus and rail ticket and cafeterias.

Language Courses

Preparatory German language course in September (Intensive EURO Language Course)

Duration: 4 weeks/ 80 hours

Costs: 150 Euro

Separate application: Yes (through the Incoming Service Team)

Proficiency level of A2.2 is required

Regular German language classes during the semester

For further information please check: www.sz.rwth-aachen.de/deutsch-als-fremdsprache.html

Separate application: Yes (through Language Center: www.sz.rwth-aachen.de)

Visa Requirements

Please check the website of the German Embassy of your home country.