



LEUPHANA
UNIVERSITY OF LÜNEBURG

STUDYING AT LEUPHANA

CAN I STUDY IN ENGLISH?

To accommodate those international students who do not speak German, the Leuphana University is offering many English-language study programmes as well as many courses taught in English. You can find more detailed information about these programmes on the College and Graduate School websites.

WHAT REQUIREMENTS ARE THERE FOR ADMISSION?

You can find detailed information about the specific requirements for admission to the College and Graduate School on their websites.

Please note that if you are a student from one of our partner universities you have to be first nominated by your home institution before applying for an exchange programme at Leuphana.

You must have English language skills at the upper intermediate level (B2) or higher to enrol in an English-language study programme or register for a course taught in English. For study programmes or courses taught in German, you must have German language skills at upper intermediate level (B2) or higher.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

If you are planning to pursue a degree at Leuphana, please complete the online application form available on the uni-assist applicant portal. Note that all documents required by Leuphana University and uni-assist must be sent to uni-assist in Berlin.

If you are a student from a partner university, you apply at your home institution for an exchange programme with Leuphana. If you have been nominated by your home institution then, please apply directly to the International Office at the Leuphana University. The latter one is valid for free movers, too. You can apply online and then send all the required documents to the International Office.

WHAT DEADLINES ARE THERE?

For exchange students the deadline for nomination by your home institution is 15 May. And for all incoming students the application deadline to the Leuphana is 15 July.

WHEN DO SEMESTERS AT LEUPHANA BEGIN AND END?

Winter semester (October 1 to March 31)

Nomination Deadline (exchange students)	Application Deadline	Language/ Orientation Programme	Classes begin	Classes end	Exam period
15 May	15 July	Beginning of September	Mid-October	End of January	February

Summer semester (April 1 to September 30)

Nomination Deadline (exchange students)	Application Deadline	Language/ Orientation Programme	Classes begin	Classes end	Exam period
15 November	15 January	Beginning of March	Early April	Early July	July

WILL I NEED A VISA?

If you are a national of the EU, the EFTA states, or any other visa-free country, then you will not need a visa in order to enter Germany. If you are a national from any other country, you must apply for a student visa (*Visum zu Studienzwecken*) at the German embassy or consulate in your home country. Please check the requirements for a student visa as they are detailed and may be considered restrictive.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY AT LEUPHANA?

Studying at the Leuphana University Lüneburg is tuition free. You will have to pay a semester contribution of 357.32 euros (as of winter semester 2019/2020).

WHAT IS THE COST OF LIVING IN GERMANY?

The cost of living for students in Germany typically amounts to 720 euros per month, but of course this amount will vary depending on your personal needs.

HOW WILL I FIND A PLACE TO STAY?

The Studentenwerk OstNiedersachsen and Campus e.V. manage a number of halls of residence in Lüneburg. Both the halls of residence and private apartment flatshares are usually mixed gender. The Leuphana Accommodation Service will support you in finding an accommodation.

IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

Financial aid opportunities often depend on your nationality and residence status. If you are from a non-EU country, you will need a residence permit to study in Germany and to apply for German financial support. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) will help you determine what your financial aid options are. Students from the EU, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein are eligible to receive state loans for students (BAföG), apply for scholarships, or take up a job.

If you are an Erasmus exchange student, ask your home university whether you are eligible for Erasmus funding. If you are an exchange student from one of our overseas partner universities, your home university will help you determine what funding opportunities you may be eligible.

WILL I BE ALLOWED TO WORK?

EU citizens do not need a work permit, even if you work full-time. Students from outside the EU with a student visa are allowed to work either 120 full days or 240 half days per year. More information can be obtained from the foreigners' registration office (Ausländerbehörde) or agency for employment (Bundesagentur für Arbeit).

WHAT SUPPORT DO YOU OFFER EXCHANGE STUDENTS ON ARRIVAL?

The International Office provides a 'buddy' for each new international student. Your buddy will pick you up at the airport or train station, take you to your accommodation, and help you during the first days and weeks until you become familiar with your new home. The International Office also offers you the opportunity to take part in a four-week pre-session language and orientation programme to help prepare you for living and studying in Lüneburg.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE THERE AT LEUPHANA?

There are many other things you can do at Leuphana besides studying. We have more than 20 student organisations and 70 student initiatives, offering a wide range of extracurricular activities. The gym at the University Sports Center offers a programme with over 30 kinds of sports and exercise activities, a fitness studio, and sporting events and excursions throughout the semester.