

Erasmus+ for international students at the Faculty of Human Services,
Institute for Social Work & Social Welfare

BASICS

3-12 months

24-30 ECTS per term

Application Deadlines:

Spring Semester -> Jan. 15th

Autumn Semester -> July 15th



Application/ Enrollment Process:

*The University of Kassel is one of the few full universities in Germany offering a **BA degree in social work**. Its Institute of Social Work & Social Welfare also runs three Master programs; moreover, it is widely engaged in graduating doctoral students. The department has a strong research orientation, dealing with various issues around social work and social welfare provision, including its legal, educational, psychological and methodological dimensions (information on this in English can be found on <https://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/en/studium/soziale-arbeit-bachelor/application-and-study-guide-for-international-students>).*

*The Department welcomes **ERASMUS students** enrolling with a teaching programme of which a substantial part is held in the English language (examples of courses are given below). The University more largely offers a broad range of international courses, including the learning of the German language. This fact sheet provides **basic information** for those interested in an exciting stay at a vibrant academic institution in the geographical centre of contemporary Germany!*

Applications

- online via <https://unikassel.moveon4.de/locallogin/59e8322184fb9689435f7fd8/eng>
- exchange students are required to send
 - a letter of motivation
 - proof of language proficiency
 - learning agreement (with the signature of the ERASMUS coordinator at your home university)
- applications can be written both in German or English
- once your application has been approved you will receive an acceptance letter and further information (about the 'semester fee' etc.)
- the course selection based on your learning agreement operates via <http://uni-kassel.moveonnet.eu/e-mobility/> (after enrolment)

Semester Fee/ Student ID:

- the current 'semester fee' for all students at the University of Kassel is about 300 EUR (spring term 2022)!
- it's compulsory to pay it right after your arrival in Kassel
- the fee includes a free bus, tram & train ticket in the area covered by the North Hessian Transport Association (NVV) and certain routes outside
- after paying the fee you'll receive your student ID/semester ticket & Certificate of Study
- should you want to stay longer than one term, you must pay the fee again (at the start of the second term)

Language Preparation Courses:

- an intensive German language course is offered before the start of each term
- this course prepares you for your stay in Kassel and will improve your general communication skills in German, with good opportunities to meet new people
- key facts regarding this course:
 - duration: 10 days; 4h daily
 - course fee: 132 EUR.
 - 4 ETCS for completing the course
- registration via <https://www.uni-kassel.de/einrichtung/en/isz/-/language-centre/home>

Registration in Germany:

- following your arrival you have to register with the citizens' office in Kassel within the first week of your stay
Address:
*Rathaus Kassel/Bürgerbüro
Obere Königsstraße 8
34117 Kassel*
- you'll need:
 - a rental agreement for your flat/dorm
 - a confirmation from your landlord ('Wohnungsgeberbestätigung')
 - a valid ID/Passport

Health insurance / COVID19:

- as a citizen of an EU country, you'll be covered by the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
- check your EHIC with your health insurance/system & apply for additional international insurance if you need to
- ATTENTION: check the regulation in force concerning travelling to & staying in Germany in the context of the COVID19 pandemic

Arrival/First Steps:

- *traveling* to Kassel:;
 - express trains: 'Kassel Wilhelmshöhe'; from there buses or trams run to the university / your flat/dorm;
 - the nearest airports are Kassel Calden (few flights!), Frankfurt/Main, Hannover, or Paderborn (public transport to Kassel is available everywhere)
- upon *arrival* in Kassel, sign your rental agreement & get rental confirmation if you haven't received it previously
 - * open a German bank account ('Girokonto') and transfer the 'semester fee' to the University
 - * visit the 'Welcome Centre' (Moritzstr. 18, *Campus Center*) to receive your student ID & confirmation of study
 - * register your place of residence with the citizens' office (see above)
 - * activate your UniAccount & apply for a library card online via <https://userapp.its.uni-kassel.de/sspr/public/activate?locale=en>

Accommodation/Housing:

- it is not easy to find cheap accommodation in Kassel; you should start looking and applying rather early (that is, long before coming to Germany)
- there are 16 student halls of residence in which you can stay for one or (max.) two semesters
- prices for rooms range from 200-400 EUR/month, all rental agreements running over a full term
- online application via:
<https://www.studierendenwerk-kassel.de/index.php?id=591&L=1>
concerning private rentals, you can check for shared flats ('*Wohngemeinschaften*'/WGs)
eg. on <https://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/>
or on facebook (Wohnungen.frei)
- if you weren't able to find accommodation for your entire stay you can check in for a 'short term furnished accommodation' until you find something else (e.g. hostels, AirB&B or hotels)

Peer support and buddy programme(s):

- the Institute of Social Work and Social Welfare offers *peer support* to ERASMUS students by a fellow student assistant *at the beginning of your stay*: once you are accepted and plan your term, please contact the international academic coordinator (ibode@uni-kassel.de) to learn more about this opportunity
- you can also apply for a '*Buddy programme*' providing extended support by a volunteer who will be at your disposition during the entire period of your stay in Kassel
→ contact: buddy@uni-kassel.de
- the Institute of Social Work & Social Welfare in Kassel may also manage to provide help by a *peer student assistant* for ERASMUS guests

Welcome Week:

- each term, you can participate in the '*Welcome Week*' for international students at the University of Kassel
- it's a whole week full of events helping you get to know the city, the university, and meet plenty of new people
- it'll inform you about the structure and organization of your studies, and you'll get the chance to ask all the questions that you have in your mind
- registration online via www.uni-kassel.de/go/oweek
- updated information is provided by <https://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/en/international-service/coming-to-kassel/studying-in-kassel/an-orientation-week-to-welcome-our-international-students>

Further practical issues:

- before starting your term in Kassel, please make sure you know the *schedule of the course* you want to attend to (rooms, date of the first session)
- it is imperative to attend to the *starting session* as courses are organized on this occasion (concerning student inputs, extra activities, shifted sessions etc.)
- ERASMUS students have the right to participate at *any* of the courses contained in their learning agreement, independent of the admission system in place for local students

Social Activities/Living in Kassel:

- an excellent opportunity to socialize is to join the *Campus Club*
<https://www.studierendenwerk-kassel.de/en/wohnen/wissenswertes/campusclub/>
- a further option is sports (*UniSport*):
<http://hochschulsport.uni-kassel.de/home.php>)
- check the 'Calendar of Events'
<https://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/aktuelles/veranstaltungen/kalender/>

Good luck with studying
the opportunities on offer !!

For more, see our **booklet** for ERASMUS
students!

<https://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/index.php?eID=dumpFile&t=f&f=11471&token=a8b0825f123ebf7a11d523890a151e739ae5f408>

Teaching Programme
(courses held in English)
summer term 2022

- **Modul 4**
Dr. Aiken: Community work and social intervention in Britain
- **Modul 7.2a**
Prof. James: Residential Care for Children and Youth in a Cross-National Perspective
- **Modul 8**
Prof. Bode: Welfare to work and social support - an international perspective
- **Modul S**
West: Autism in Childhood
Dr. Tas: Dehumanization: Intersections of Species and Race
- *and others*
- in the adjacent Institute of Psychology
- outside the Faculty (political sciences; economic sciences)

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