

Factsheet for ERASMUS+ and other Cooperation Programmes in 2023/24

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Winter semester	<p>1 October 2023 – 31 March 2024 Lecture period: 9 October 2023 – 02 February 2024 Vacation: 22 December 2023 – 8 January 2024</p>
Summer semester	<p>1 April – 30 September 2024 Lecture period: 8 April – 19 July 2024</p>
Language of teaching	<p>Mostly German with some exceptions: all courses in British/American Studies and some international track MA courses in Sociology, Politics, Educational Science and Informatics are taught in English; also some MA courses in Economics and Natural Sciences, see: www.uni-bielefeld.de/ekvv >> Courses taught in English</p>
Admission	<p>Students need to be nominated by their home university coordinators to the International Office (IO) at Bielefeld Univ. After the nomination period they will receive an email with information about the online registration process. This email is usually sent out in May (for winter semester) or November (for summer semester). The IO sends out letters of admission a few weeks after having received the online registration data (i.e. application of admission = 'Antrag auf Zulassung').</p>
Nomination	<p>Nomination period for winter semester 2023/24: 1 April until 1 May 2023 Nomination period for summer semester 2024: 1 Oct until 1 Nov 2023</p>
Language courses and orientation programme for Erasmus- and other cooperation students	<p>The language & orientation programme takes place before the beginning of the lecture period with the following activities amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive German language course (see below) • University, library and study system orientation <p>Intensive German language course German language course (25 lessons/week) at different levels of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).</p> <p><u>Preliminary programme dates:</u> >> 14 September – 6 October 2023 (before winter semester classes) >> 8 March – 4 April 2024 (before summer semester classes)</p> <p>Incoming Erasmus and Cooperation students whose German language level is below C1 of the CEFR when they come to Bielefeld University are expected to take part in these programmes. For students who already have a German level of C1 when starting their study period at Bielefeld University a short orientation will be offered directly before the start of classes.</p> <p>During the lecture-period additional German language courses at different levels will be offered for Erasmus/Cooperation students, however, no beginners' courses!</p>
Subject courses	<p>The electronic course schedule of all departments will be published online approx. three months before classes begin, i.e. mid/end June (for winter semester) and mid/end January (for summer semester). <u>Do not send or upload Erasmus learning agreements before these publishing dates!</u> >> www.uni-bielefeld.de/ekvv</p>
Number of courses per semester	<p>The number of courses cooperation students take during their stay at Bielefeld University varies. Students are asked to discuss their study plans - as soon as the courses for the semester in question are online - with their departmental coordinator and/or academic advisor at the home and the host university. This also refers to the recognition of courses at the home university.</p>

Credit points/ 'Leistungspunkte'	Recommended workload for Bielefeld students in a degree programme: 30 credits = <i>Leistungspunkte (LP)</i> per semester. Erasmus/Cooperation students may take less ECTS/LP in accordance with their German language ability and their arrangements with the home university.																		
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Accommodation	<p>The International Office supports international students in finding accommodation. It offers allocated places in student residences and informs about offerings in private accommodation, as there are not enough places in student residences available.</p> <p>Students can request for accommodation support in <u>the online registration portal</u>. Closing date for this service:</p> <p>15 May 2023 for winter semester 2023/24 15 November 2023 for summer semester 2024</p>																		
Living costs & semester fee	Monthly 800 – 900 Euro (for housing, meals, books, trips...), in addition appr. 325 Euro 'Semestergebühr' (semester fee) to be paid at registration. This is a fee for social services and includes a ticket for free public transport in the city and area of Bielefeld and on regional trains/buses in North-Rhine Westphalia for the whole semester, i.e. six months.																		
Visa & residence permit	<p>Students from most non-EU countries must apply for a study visa in their home country (for exceptions see the website of the German embassy in your home country). For more information see also: https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/bewerbung/en/9199-visas/</p> <p>Non-EU students who stay longer than three months in Bielefeld need a residence permit. They apply for this at the city council's 'Ausländerbehörde' after registration at Bielefeld University. For more information see: https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-stay/first-steps/registration-and-residence-permit_56753.php</p>																		
Health insurance	<p>Health insurance for students is obligatory in Germany and valid proof of it has to be shown at university registration, otherwise registration is not possible.</p> <p>Students from EU member states have to present the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) - if applicable - or an equivalent insurance certificate. EHIC or certificate must be valid until the official end of the semester (March 31 or September 30) resp. the end of the academic year (Sept.30), if students stay for two semesters.</p> <p>Non-EU citizens need to buy a public/statutory student health insurance in Germany. <u>Please note:</u> mere travel insurances are not sufficient for registration as a student!</p> <p>All students are asked to ensure that they have adequate insurance cover!</p>																		
Contact Information	<p>Erasmus Institutional Coordinator: Karin Kruse karin.kruse@uni-bielefeld.de, Tel: ++49+521 106-4087</p> <p>Incoming Erasmus/Cooperation Students: Sabine Scheuer sabine.scheuer@uni-bielefeld.de, Tel: ++49+521 106-2426</p> <p>Outgoing Erasmus+ Students: erasmus-outgoings@uni-bielefeld.de</p>																		

Language level required for students in cooperation programmes at Bielefeld University

At the beginning of the stay at Bielefeld University this level of language skills is expected:

Faculty/Department	Bachelor level	Master level
Biology	German B1	German/English B2
Chemistry/Biochemistry	German B1 for lectures/seminars German B2 for lab classes	German B2 for lectures/seminars German B2 <u>or</u> English B2 for lab classes
Educational Science	German B1	German/English B1
History, Philosophy, Theology	German B1	German/English B1
School of Public Health	German B1	German B1
Linguistics and Literary Studies/Liberal Arts:		
German as a Foreign Language	German B1	German B2
German Language and Literature	German B1	German B2
Linguistics	German B1	German/English B1
Literary Studies	German B1	German B1
French/Spanish Lang. and Literat.	German B1	German B1
Art and Music	German B1	German B1
British and American Studies	English B2	English B2
Mathematics	German B1	German/English B1
Physics	German B1	German/English B1
Psychology	German B2 <u>and</u> English B2	German B2 <u>and</u> English B2
Law	German B1/English B1	German B1/English B1
Sports Science	German B1	German B1
Sociology/Political Science	German B1	German/English B1
Faculty of Technology/Computer Science	German B2	German/English B2
Economics/Business	German B1	German/English B1

Based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The language requirements specified by the faculty/department concerned are binding for all students intending to take up studies at Bielefeld University. Bielefeld U. does not require proof of these language skills, but expects that partner universities will only nominate students for a study period at Bielefeld U. who have proven these language skills at their home university. Otherwise, a successful study period is not possible.

Participation in an intensive German language course before the beginning of the lecture period provides an opportunity for an up-grade by one level within the CEFR. For this, students must attend regularly, hand in the required assignments and do the self-study programme which is part of the intensive course. Students will gain 4 or 5 ECTS for this course, depending on the level they are in.

The level of English is required for students who intend to attend courses taught in English. However, please note that the main teaching language at Bielefeld University is German.

English taught courses are offered in these study programmes: all BA and MA courses in British and American Studies are taught in English, as well as international track MA level courses in Sociology, Politics, Educational Science, Intelligent Systems, Informatics, Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.

A few courses in Psychology, Philosophy, History, Business Administration and Natural Sciences are also taught in English, mostly on an advanced level. **This means that students of these subjects studying at Bachelor's level need German language skills according to the table above, otherwise they will have a very limited choice of courses!**

Electronic course schedule >> www.uni-bielefeld.de/ekvv

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