

## Institutional Factsheet for KIT – Version 2024/25




### 1. Institutional Information

#### 1.1. Institutional Details



<b>Name of institution</b>	<b>KIT – Karlsruhe Institute of Technology</b>
<b>ERASMUS Code</b>	<b>D KARLSRU01</b>
<b>EUC</b>	<b>29815</b>
<b>OID</b>	<b>E10181267</b>
<b>PIC</b>	<b>990797674</b>
<b>Institutional website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.kit.edu">www.kit.edu</a></b>
<b>International website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php">www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php</a></b>
<b>Course catalogue</b>	<b><a href="http://studium.kit.edu/meineuniversitaet/Seiten/vorlesungsverzeichnis.aspx">studium.kit.edu/meineuniversitaet/Seiten/vorlesungsverzeichnis.aspx</a></b>
<b>Head of institution</b>	<b>Professor Dr. Jan S. Hesthaven</b>

## 1.2. Main Contacts for ERASMUS programme

<p><b>Erasmus Institutional &amp; Staff Exchange Coordinator</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Julia Johnsen</b></p> 	<p>KIT – International Students Office Adenauerring 2, Geb. 50.20, D-76131 Karlsruhe, Germany</p>
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<p><b>Erasmus Outgoing Coordinator</b></p>	<p><b>Marco Martori</b></p> 	<p>KIT – International Students Office Adenauerring 2, Geb. 50.20, D-76131 Karlsruhe, Germany Tel.: +49 (0721) 608-44920, Fax: +49 (0721) 608-44907 Email: <a href="mailto:erasmus-out@intl.kit.edu">erasmus-out@intl.kit.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Erasmus Incoming Coordinator</b></p>	<p><b>Mia Tjandisaka</b></p> 	<p>KIT – International Students Office Adenauerring 2, Geb. 50.20, D-76131 Karlsruhe, Germany Tel.: +49 (0721) 608-44927, Fax: +49 (0721) 608-44907 Email: <a href="mailto:erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu">erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Departmental Coordinators</b></p>		<p>For all academic questions concerning study schedule, ECTS, courses etc., please <b>contact our departmental coordinators</b>. A list is available online at: <a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php">http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php</a>.</p>



2. Calendar				
Calendar of the academic year	1 <sup>st</sup> semester (Winter semester)	October 1	–	March 31
	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (Summer semester)	April 1	–	September 30
Nomination period	March – April 30	for the 1 <sup>st</sup> semester or for the whole academic year		
	September – October 30	for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
Students applying for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester must be nominated in September-October				
Application deadline	June 1	for the 1 <sup>st</sup> semester or for the whole academic year		
	December 1	for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester		
Decision time	All successful applicants will be able to download their KIT admission letter directly from the mobility online portal ( <b>generally by the end of July or January</b> ). Then they will receive an e-mail with further information/steps on enrolment process at KIT.			
Enrolment	The enrolment process at KIT starts ca. two months before the start of the academic semester. Students <b>must remain register at their home university</b> during their study stay at KIT. Students from partner universities pay a semester/"studierendenwerk" fee (Studierendenwerksbeitrag) of <b>108.70 € (as of Summer Semester 2024)</b> . This includes reduced student prices at the university restaurant, transportation reductions and accident insurance: <a href="https://www.sw-ka.de/en/geld/studierendenwerksbeitrag/">https://www.sw-ka.de/en/geld/studierendenwerksbeitrag/</a> KIT student card is expected to be ready during the Orientation Week and has to be picked up personally.			
Pre-semester German courses	ca. 5 or 6 weeks before the start of the lecture			
Orientation-Week	The week after the pre-semester German courses			
Lecture period	<a href="https://www.sle.kit.edu/english/imstudium/697.php">https://www.sle.kit.edu/english/imstudium/697.php</a>			
Period of exams	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	February	–	March 31
	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	July	–	September 30
Transcript of records	<p>The current status of the transcript of records (academic transcript/ToR) is available online for the students to access at any time through their KIT student accounts/CAS account. However, please note that the completeness of the transcripts depends on the grading process, which is ongoing and contingent on the professors' grade submissions. As per our usual procedure, students can access their transcripts online through the CAS account until 6 months after their de-enrolment at KIT. After this period, students have no longer access through their KIT student accounts/CAS account. The only possible way to get a ToR is to contact SLE (Studierendenservices). Please note that SLE charges a fee for this service.</p> <p>It is important to note that the transcript of records <b>is considered valid without a physical signature and include a verification key for authenticity</b>  <b>KIT will not send it to the home university! Partner university will be able to download a copy for verification. The instruction can be found on the last page of the transcript.</b></p>			



### Academic year 2024-25

1 <sup>st</sup> semester (Winter semester) 2024 - 25			
Pre-semester German language course	September 16, 2024	–	October 4, 2024
Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)	October 7, 2024	–	October 13, 2024
Period of courses	October 21, 2024	–	February 14, 2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (Summer semester) 2025 (preliminary dates for O-Phase)			
Pre-semester German language course	March 17, 2025	–	April 4, 2025
Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)	April 7, 2025	–	April 13, 2025
Period of courses	April 22, 2025	–	August 2, 2025


### Academic year 2025 – 26 (preliminary dates for O-Phase and German course)


1 <sup>st</sup> semester (Winter semester) 2025 - 26			
Pre-semester German language course	September 15, 2025	–	October 2, 2025
Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)	October 6, 2025	–	October 2, 2025
Period of courses	October 27, 2025	–	February 21, 2026
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (Summer semester) 2026			
Pre-semester German language course	March 23, 2026	–	April 10, 2026
Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)	In April		
Period of courses	April 20, 2026	–	August 1, 2026

### Academic year 2026 – 27 (preliminary dates for O-Phase and German course)

1 <sup>st</sup> semester (Winter semester) 2026 – 27			
Pre-semester German language course	In September		
Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)	in October		
Period of courses	October 26, 2026	–	February 20, 2027
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (Summer semester) 2027			
Pre-semester German language course	in March		
Orientation phase/week (O-Phase)	in April		
Period of courses	April 19, 2027	–	July 31, 2027

### 3. Detailed requirements

<p><b>3.1. Language skills</b></p> 	<p><b>The sending institution, following agreement with our institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates to reach the required language skills.</b></p> <p>We require ERASMUS exchange students to have <b>the language certificates at the time of application (by June 1<sup>st</sup> / December 1<sup>st</sup>).</b>  <b>The language certificates must be younger than five years by the application deadline.</b></p> <p>Certificates do not necessarily need to be from the Goethe Institute/TOEFL/IELTS. We accept certificates (<b>not an attendance confirmation</b>) issued by the home university or issued by a language school.</p> <p><u>Starting from the academic year 2024/25 the following language requirements will apply:</u></p> <p>The Department of Chemistry and Biosciences (CHEM-BIO) requires applicants to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a C1 CEFR level of German language certificate, if only courses taught in German will be attended <b>or</b></li> <li>• a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate, if only courses taught in English will be attended <b>or</b></li> <li>• both language certificates (a C1 CEFR level of German and a B2 CEFR level of English) if courses in both languages will be attended.</li> </ul> <p>The following departments at KIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Architecture (ARCH),</li> <li>• Department of Civil Engineering, Geo and Environmental Sciences (BGU),</li> <li>• Department of Chemical and Process Engineering (CIW),</li> <li>• Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (ETIT),</li> <li>• Department of Informatics (INFO),</li> <li>• Department of Mechanical Engineering (MACH) and</li> <li>• Department of Economics and Management (WIWI)</li> </ul> <p>require applicants to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a B1 CEFR level of German language certificate, if only courses taught in German will be attended <b>or</b></li> <li>• a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate, if only courses taught in English will be attended <b>or</b></li> <li>• both language certificates (a B1 CEFR level of German and a B2 CEFR level of English) if courses in both languages will be attended.</li> </ul> <p>The following departments at KIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (GEIST-SOZ),</li> <li>• Department of Mathematics (MATH) and</li> <li>• Department of Physics (PHY)</li> </ul> <p>require applicants to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an A2/B1 CEFR level of German language certificate (<b>mandatory requirement</b>) <b>and additionally</b></li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate only if courses taught in English will be attended.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that English is not spoken everywhere in Germany/at KIT. Thus, participation in the pre-semester German course offered at KIT is <b>mandatory</b> to all applicants, who don't have any/sufficient German language proficiency.</p>
<p><b>3.2. Additional requirements</b></p> 	<p><b>Project / Internship / Final thesis</b> If students are planning to do a project, internship or a final thesis at KIT, a supervisor/tutor at KIT is necessary and applicants are required to find both topic and supervisor on their own. Please be aware that carrying out a Master thesis will take six months or longer. Please contact the departmental coordinator for further details.</p> <p><b>Students and Staff with disabilities</b> KIT welcomes students and staff with disabilities, but asks them to contact the International Students Office as soon as possible, so that special care can be taken during preparation.</p>

#### 4. Additional Information

<p><b>4.1. Nomination &amp; application procedure</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please use our online nomination platform (<a href="https://www.service4mobility.com/europe/LoginServlet?identifier=KARLSRU01&amp;sprache=en">https://www.service4mobility.com/europe/LoginServlet?identifier=KARLSRU01&amp;sprache=en</a>) to nominate your students. To get a login name and a password, please write an e-mail to us (<a href="mailto:erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu">erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu</a>). An e-mail will be sent to you with your account credentials and the information on how to nominate. <b>The login name and the password can be used for the nomination in the next round/year. So please keep them carefully and don't forward them to your students.</b></li> <li>2. Nominated students will get an e-mail with information on how to apply online. They must submit an online application and upload the following applications documents to the portal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hard copies of the <b>online application form</b>, also stamped and signed by their home university coordinator</li> <li>- <b>A screenshot of the first page of the digital Learning Agreement</b>, which must be initiated in the home university's system and signed by their home university coordinator</li> <li>- <b>Language certificates (German and/or English, please refer to 3.1)</b></li> <li>- <b>Current Transcript of Records</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Acceptance at KIT depends on the decision of the respective department coordinator. Acceptance is confirmed when the nominated students are able to download the admission letter from our system, approximately six weeks after the application deadline.</li> </ol> <p>After receiving our admission letter, students must transfer a semester fee of <b>108.70 Euro</b> (please refer to 4.8) and upload further documents required for the enrolment at KIT.</p>
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<p><b>4.2. Information on courses</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange students have to take at least 70% of their total ECTS from study programs offered by their host department at KIT, up to 30% of their ECTS may also be chosen from other KIT departments.</b></p> <p>Complete Course catalogue:  <a href="https://campus.studium.kit.edu/english/events/index.php">https://campus.studium.kit.edu/english/events/index.php</a></p> <p>Further information on course selection and Learning Agreements:  <a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3377.php">http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3377.php</a></p> <p>Please note that registration for some seminars or lectures is required.          If further information is needed, please contact the <b>departmental coordinator</b> directly and enquire about the details.</p>
<p><b>4.3. Department's website</b></p>	<p>A list of our departmental coordinators and their webpage is available online at:  <a href="https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php">https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3742.php</a></p>
<p><b>4.4. German language courses</b></p>	<p>We offer beginners and intermediate <b>pre-semester German language courses (3 weeks, 2 x 1.5 h Monday until Friday, 4 ECTS)</b> for exchange students usually about 6 -7 weeks before lectures begin. At the moment the tuition fee for this course is 75 €.          ECTS points will be awarded for <b>at least 90% participation and after passing the written exam</b> at the end of the course.</p> <p>Registration for the course is integrated into the online application. Students will get a separate e-mail with information on placement test after the fee arrives in KIT account.          Accepted students must download the information letter to get the account details.</p> <p><b>This course is not a substitute for a certificate of German language required for the application.</b></p> <p>ERASMUS students also have the possibility to participate in <b>German courses during the semester. For foreign students, one German course per semester is free of charge.</b> But, they have to register online at the start of each semester. Since there is a high demand, students can only take part if there are still places available ("first come, first serve").</p> <p>For more information please visit <a href="http://www.stk.kit.edu/deutsch_kurse.php">www.stk.kit.edu/deutsch_kurse.php</a>.</p>
<p><b>4.5. Housing</b></p>	<p>Our institution will guide incoming students/staff in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education.</p> <p>However, housing is a difficult subject for all students in Karlsruhe. We are doing our best to secure rooms for our incoming exchange students, but due to the recent rise in Karlsruhe student numbers it is a nearly impossible task. Hence, we cannot guarantee a room upon your arrival, but have to ask the incoming students to take action themselves.          We have accumulated tips and tricks about housing in Karlsruhe at  <a href="https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3173.php">https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3173.php</a></p>

<p><b>4.6. Health and other insurance</b></p>	<p>Our institution will provide assistance in obtaining health insurance for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education.</p> <p>For students, health insurance coverage (with an unlimited coverage) during the <b>entire</b> stay in Germany is compulsory.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that incoming students and staff are fully insured. Insurance policy should cover medical emergencies as well as one’s property. The responsibility for obtaining necessary and comprehensive insurance policy rests with the incoming students and/or staff.</p> <p>Further information is available online at <a href="https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12698.php">https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12698.php</a> or contact <a href="mailto:erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu">erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu</a>.</p>
<p><b>4.7. Visa/residence permit</b></p>	<p>Our institution will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing students, according to the requirement of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education.</p> <p>Please do note that the processing time for a study permit can take 8 weeks or longer. The KIT cannot affect this procedure.</p> <p>In general, ERASMUS students from a non-EU member state or a non-EEA member state will require a <b>student visa</b> (not a tourist visa) in order to study in Germany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-EU/non-EEA students, who study in one of the EU member states (<b>not valid for Ireland and Denmark</b>) and have a residence permit (not a settlement permit) of this EU member state <b>for the purpose of studies</b>: please refer to our website at <a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/10934.php">http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/10934.php</a> (Mobility within the EU for the Purpose of Studying – EU Directive 2016/801). Please note that if students want to come through this regulation <b>their resident permit must be valid for the whole duration of studies at KIT</b> (It means, students have to extend the residence permit in due time before the mobility!)</li> <li>- Other Non-EU/non-EEA students: they need to apply for an entry (study) visa to Germany. Please start making the necessary arrangements as soon as possible at a local German consulate/embassy. Further information is available on the webpage of the German Federal Foreign Office at <a href="http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/03_Visabestimmungen/Visabestimmungen_node.html">http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/03_Visabestimmungen/Visabestimmungen_node.html</a>.</li> </ul> <p>For further information please visit <a href="https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12699.php">https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12699.php</a> or contact <a href="mailto:erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu">erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu</a>.</p>



<p><b>4.8. Enrolment at KIT</b></p>	<p>Required documents for enrolment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A copy of passport of identity card</li> <li>- Filled-out registration form</li> <li>- Confirmation of enrolment at home university that is valid during student’s study stay at KIT</li> <li>- Remittance slip/Account statement proving that student paid the semester/”studierendenwerk” fee</li> <li>- Proof of health insurance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For EU/EEA students: copy of the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) that must be valid during student’s entire study time in Germany</li> <li>• For non-EU/non-EEA students: health insurance policy (with an unlimited cover) or a German statutory health insurance certificate</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>This must be sent to one of the German statutory health insurance providers. After approval, they will send a notification electronically to KIT.</p> <p>Semester/”studierendenwerk” fee of <b>108.70 Euro (as of Summer Semester 2024)</b> is not a tuition fee and is not an administrative fee.  More information about semester fee is available online at: <a href="https://www.sw-ka.de/en/geld/studierendenwerksbeitrag/">https://www.sw-ka.de/en/geld/studierendenwerksbeitrag/</a></p>																		
<p><b>4.9. Grading system</b></p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="411 1064 1362 1424"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>German</th> <th>English</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.0 – 1.3</td> <td>Sehr gut</td> <td>Very good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.7 – 2.3</td> <td>Gut</td> <td>Good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.7 – 3.3</td> <td>Befriedigend</td> <td>Satisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.7 – 4.0</td> <td>Ausreichend</td> <td>Sufficient</td> </tr> <tr> <td>&gt; 4.0</td> <td>Ungenügend/Nicht ausreichend</td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Exams may also be evaluated as “bestanden“ (passed) or ”nicht bestanden“ (failed) without grade.</p> <p>Further information on the statistical distribution of grades according to the descriptions in the ECTS users’ guide can be found in the individual module handbooks of each degree course and on request at the KIT registrar’s office.</p>	Grade	German	English	1.0 – 1.3	Sehr gut	Very good	1.7 – 2.3	Gut	Good	2.7 – 3.3	Befriedigend	Satisfactory	3.7 – 4.0	Ausreichend	Sufficient	> 4.0	Ungenügend/Nicht ausreichend	Fail
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<p><b>4.10. Further information for incoming students</b></p>	<p>Useful and helpful information for incoming students can be found on our webpages at: <a href="http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php">http://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3171.php</a>.</p>																		

## 5. Student life and free time

### Living and studying in Karlsruhe

#### Attractive City and Surroundings

- ✓ Second warmest city in Germany with 1691 hours of sunshine per year, around 900 hectares of green space and more than 135 cultural institutions and 102 km of bicycle paths – bring your bike along!
- ✓ Located in the Heart of Europe
- ✓ A rich history meets technical inventions, High Tech and Science
- ✓ Short Distance to the surrounding wonderful countries France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Switzerland

#### Excellent Service for Incoming Students

- ✓ Language courses on all levels
- ✓ One single contact point for administrative issues in the International Students Office and for academic affairs in the 11 departments.

#### A vivid network with weekly events to make you feel at home at KIT.

- ✓ Weekly “Stammtisch” as a great way to find and stay in touch with new friends
- ✓ Language Café to meet people from all over the world, have a drink together and chat
- ✓ Buddy Program where you are matched with a local student from Karlsruhe, who then becomes your “buddy” for the semester
- ✓ Day and City Trips to the surroundings and to vibrant cities in Germany and the neighboring countries

#### Meet other students.

140 days of sunshine in Karlsruhe: there are many beautiful spots to meet other students outside: the Botanical Garden at the castle or in the Stadtpark. There you'll find large lawns, beautiful plants and plenty of space to have a nice picnic.



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**Do sports.**

KIT, in addition to the many other sports clubs, provides a wide range of sports activities. KITs gym „walk-in“ offers fitness and endurance training on state-of-the-art equipment. There are also an indoor swimming pool and tennis courts available on campus.

Karlsruhe is the ideal base for cycling tours to some of Europe's most scenic regions: the Black Forest, Palatinate Forest, Kraichgau and the French Vosges.

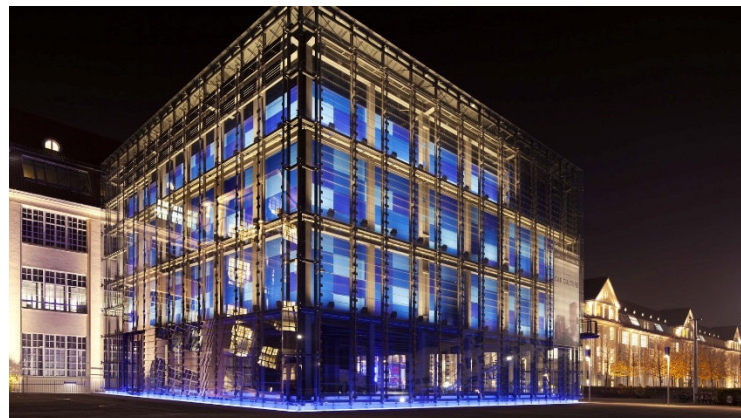
**Join a study group.**

There are about 90 study groups at KIT, which give you access to social, cultural, technical and political student life. There is a student association for you!

AK Erasmus for example supports international exchange students by organizing city trips and other events.

**Enjoy culture.**

Karlsruhe enjoys vast and diverse leisure, culture and sports options, which offer something for everyone. Facets of cultural offerings are well-known theaters and museums as well as „Das Fest“ one of the largest annual German open-air-festivals.



ZKM Museum: number 4 of top world museums



„Das Fest“ festival