For degree-seeking students of the Master's program INFOTECH

Winter semester 2023/24
What you need to think of before coming to Stuttgart

Prepare and bring along:

- Validate passport
- Visa (if applicable)
- Letter of admission (Zulassungsbescheid) generated by C@MPUS
- Original of your certificates or certified copy (e.g. school leaving certificate, Bachelor’s certificate and transcript, language certificates).
- Housing information and/or rental contract
- Biometrical passport photos
- Health insurance (travel health insurance if needed)
- Scholarship contract (if applicable)
- Any medicine you regularly need to take for at least 4-8 weeks
- Persons entering Germany no longer need to prove that they have been vaccinated against Covid-19, recovered or tested negative. However, there are special regulations for persons entering from a virus variant area. Up-to-date information is available at [https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/international/corona/](https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/international/corona/)
- Applicants for the intensive German course will receive a confirmation via e-mail. Make sure to have access to this information.

Visa

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<th>Entry visa-free</th>
<th>Visa required</th>
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<td>Citizens of the EU do NOT need a visa to enter Germany.</td>
<td>Citizens of a <strong>non-EU</strong> country not mentioned on the left <strong>need a student visa</strong>.</td>
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<td>Citizens of Australia, Brazil, Canada, GB, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Israel and the USA can enter Germany without visa but need to apply for a residence permit upon arrival.¹</td>
<td>Please apply at the <strong>German embassy</strong> or consulate in your country of residence. Schedule an appointment as soon as possible, since visa procedures can take up to six months. The visa is usually issued for three months. It must be changed into a residence permit after your arrival in Germany.</td>
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<td>You will need:</td>
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<td>✓ Proof of sufficient financial means in the amount of at least EUR 934 per month (e.g. a bank statement showing the credit balance in a bank account in Germany, a blocked bank account, a declaration of financial commitment, or a proof of stipend or scholarship)</td>
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¹ If you have a citizenship of a **non-EU country** that allows visa-free entry, you are still free to try to apply for a student visa for Germany. This way, you have more time for the currently long-lasting application process for obtaining a residence permit upon your arrival in Stuttgart. Please contact the German embassy in your country of residence for further information.
EU students and students from countries with a social security agreement

Students from **EU countries** need the **European health insurance card (EHIC)** for proof of health insurance. It is available at the health insurance company of your home country.

Students from countries with a social security agreement e.g. **Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia and Turkey** need to bring a confirmation of their current health insurance.

**Please note:**
The compulsory student health insurance comes into effect at the inception of the semester (Oct. 1). If you arrive ahead of time, e.g. to attend a German course, we strongly recommend that you take out a **travel health insurance** in your home country to cover the period until Oct. 1.

Non-EU students

Due to German regulations, **students from non-EU countries** under 30 years of age are required to purchase a **student health insurance** at a local insurance company in Stuttgart which amounts to approx. 120 EUR per month. Students who have a **health insurance by their program or scholarship provider** need to bring the policy.

Non-EU citizens who are **30 years of age or older** must take out a private insurance meeting German standards. All private health insurances in Germany usually exclude pre-existing chronic disease e.g. asthma, diabetes, stomach ulcer, chronic headaches (migraine etc.). It will be necessary that you purchase insurance from your home country that will cover up for it. Please contact the International Office for further information.

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The International Office (IO) offers an intensive German course:

- [www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/international/german-courses/intensive](http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/international/german-courses/intensive)

The course is running from **September 1 to October 13, 2023**.

The course director of your Master’s program will inform you on how to register for this course. The course dates for the intensive German course are subject to changes depending on room availability.

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<th>Fri, September 1</th>
<th>Arrival and registration at the International Office</th>
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<td>Followed by the orientation days</td>
<td>Introduction to the intensive German course, important arrival information by the International Office, information session on living and studying in Stuttgart for newbies, etc.</td>
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<td>Fri, October 13</td>
<td>Final exam and end of German language classes</td>
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**A schedule** of the different events will be handed out upon arrival in Stuttgart at the International Office.

**Please note:**
Attendance is mandatory at most events otherwise students will not be able to take up the intensive German course.

The [Studierendenwerk Stuttgart](http://www.studierendenwerk-stuttgart.de/en/accommodation) and the VSSW provide both student dorms in Stuttgart. Please apply online.

- [https://www.vssw.de/](https://www.vssw.de/)

We strongly advise to apply for a dormitory room as soon as possible. Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The waiting period is currently approx. 8 -12 months.

There are only single rooms in mixed (male/female) student dormitories with shared kitchen and bathroom available.

Finding a room on the private housing market is possible but usually takes a long time and rooms are quite expensive.

**Please note:**
The rental period for Master’s students in the international Master’s programs starts on either **September 1 or October 1** depending on the start of your program.

Neither the International Office nor your Master’s program have any influence on the allocation of your dorm room.

Furthermore, there is no guarantee to get a room offer by the Studierendenwerk Stuttgart or the VSSW as the number of rooms is limited!
Private housing market

Unfortunately, the housing situation is difficult in Stuttgart. Be prepared to live in a temporary accommodation for several weeks during your room search before you find a long-term place to live. You can find many links and tips for private and low budget places here:

https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/housing/index.html

Please note that it is absolutely necessary to book in advance, since hostels and low-budget hotels are quickly booked out at this time of the year!

Items of practical use

If you move into a student dorm of the Studierendenwerk Stuttgart or the VSSW, please remember that the first moving-in day is September 1 or October 2, 2023. You can get the dorm key only during the office hours of the caretaker [Hausmeister]. The office hours will be indicated in your housing information from the Studierendenwerk Stuttgart or the VSSW.

When you arrive in Stuttgart on a Saturday, Sunday or before your rental contract becomes effective, we suggest you stay at a youth hostel or a guest house for the first night(s). Make sure to book in advance.

- Make sure you have enough money available - e.g. for the semester contribution approx. EUR 215, the tuition fee for non-EU students EUR 1,500, your rent, the public transportation pass for September about EUR 50 for the whole metropolitan area, the public transportation pass for the winter semester (October-March) EUR 210, other incidental costs such as food and drink EUR 200, compulsory broadcasting fee, health insurance.
Get your studies off to a perfect start
An introductory course for international students who received an admission to the University of Stuttgart on how to start your university studies well prepared.

🔗 https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/startingout/international/perfect-start/

Buddy program ready.study.stuttgart
The international buddy program ready.study.stuttgart aims to support you during your start in Stuttgart. Our buddies will welcome you at the airport, help you buy a ticket for the public transportation and show you which train you need to take in order to get to your accommodation. There is a limited amount of places available (first come, first served). Please register at least three weeks prior to your arrival.

🔗 https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/international/ready-study-stuttgart/

Intercultural Mentoring Program
Are you interested in intercultural exchange? In the intercultural mentoring program you form a one-on-one tandem with an experienced student for an entire semester. Your mentor introduces you to local student life and is looking forward to learning about your culture. Workshops and fun leisure time events give you plenty of opportunities to find new friends. Please register here:

🔗 www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/startingout/international/support/mentoring/
Arrival and first steps: Students arriving in September: Please be sure to arrive on Friday, September 1, 2023 if you are registered for our intensive German course (IGC). Only students who are present from the first day on can attend the intensive German course and participate in the subsequent extensive course during the semester.

Students arriving in October: We recommend you arrive in the week before the lectures start, thus from Monday, October 9, 2023.

If you move into a student dormitory:
1. Go to the caretaker’s office [Hausmeister] of your dorm. Please mind the office hours (see housing information)! You may arrange an individual appointment with your caretaker.
2. Move into your dorm room and relax.

All students:
3. Go to the International Office at the IZ. There, all students will receive a Welcome Package with information about the formalities and a detailed program about the following days. During some information sessions in small groups we go through all the formalities and give you useful advice (“Guidance on formalities”).

Orientation program: The respective current orientation program can be found on our website. The events are continuously updated.

🔗 www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/startingout/international/orientation-days/

Academic calendar with current dates: The academic year at German universities is divided into two semesters, the winter and the summer semester. The winter semester always lasts from October 1 until March 31 and the summer semester from April 1 until September 30. The exact dates of the lecture period, when classes take place, vary slightly each year. The classes of the winter semester usually start by mid-October and finish by mid-February. The classes of the summer semester start by mid-April and end by mid-July. During the semester break, examinations and block courses take place. Check the dates for examinations and block courses before you plan to leave Stuttgart for holidays or for any other reason.

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<td>Classes start: Mon, Oct. 16, 2023</td>
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<td>Classes end: Sat, Feb 10, 2024</td>
<td>Classes end: Sat, July 20, 2024</td>
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Please note: There are no lectures from Fri, Dec 23 to Sat, Jan 6.
### Public holidays

The university and all public stores are closed on public holidays:

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<td>Wednesday, November 1, 2023</td>
<td>All Saints' Day</td>
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<td>Christmas Eve</td>
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<td>Labor Day</td>
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<td>Ascension Day</td>
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### Contact at the IO

Contact for students in English taught Master’s programs:

**Svenja Wübker**

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Pfaffenwaldring 60  
70569 Stuttgart  
Phone +49 (0)711 685-685 66

My office is located on Campus Vaihingen at the International Center (IZ) on the 1st floor.

✉️ incoming@ia.uni-stuttgart.de

Please name your study program when you contact the International Office. Thank you!

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Stuttgart!  
Your International Office