

STUDENT EXCHANGE FACT SHEET 2026/27

Name of the Institution:	Karlshochschule International University
	Karlsruhe, Germany
ERASMUS Code	D KARLSRU08
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR:	
Fall semester dates:	
Recommended arrival in Germany:	September 9 th - 10 th , 2026
Orientation days:	September 14 th – 16 th , 2026 attendance compulsory
Semester period:	September 1 st , 2026 - February 28 th , 2027
Teaching period*: (some courses and some exams are already finished before Christmas, depending on the course selection and one course may last until February)	September 16 th , 2026 – January 30 th , 2027
Final exams:	December 2026 & January 2027
Retake final exams:	February 2027
Spring semester dates:	
Recommended arrival days in Germany:	February 23 rd - 24 th , 2027
Orientation days:	February 25 th & 26 th , 2027 attendance compulsory
Semester period:	March 1 st , 2027 – August 31 st , 2027
Teaching period:	March 1 st , 2027 – June 30 th , 2027

Final exams: Retake final exams:	June 2027 Mid-July 2027
NOMINATION & APPLICATION DEADLINES:	
Fall semester deadline:	April 30 th / May 15 th , 2026
Spring semester deadline:	October 31 st / November 15 th , 2026
APPLICATION PROCESS:	
Language requirements:	▪ level of B2 or above according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or ▪ IELTS of 6.0 or above or ▪ Internet-based TOEFL score of at least 80 points or ▪ A confirmation of your English language level of B2 or higher from your International Office Coordinator or Language teacher Not applicable for native speakers. For Master courses, level of C1 (CEFR) or equivalent test scores.
Documents required for applications for a semester abroad:	▪ Online Application ▪ Official transcript of records ▪ Passport-sized photograph (pdf) ▪ Passport copy (pdf) ▪ Proof of English language proficiency (B2)
ACADEMIC INFORMATION:	
Language of instruction:	English
Course catalogue:	Partners and nominated students receive the list of courses offered. See also provisional course catalogue here: Semester abroad - Karlshochschule International University

Grading system:	1.0 – 1.5 = “excellent” 1.6 – 2.5 = “good” 2.6 – 3.5 = “satisfactory” 3.6 – 4.0 = “fair” / “sufficient” (minimum passing grade) 4.1 – 5.0 = “insufficient”
PRACTICAL INFORMATION:	
Services available to exchange students	▪ Orientation sessions ▪ KarlsBuddies ▪ Social activities, e.g. get-togethers and trips ▪ support in academic and bureaucratic matters, such as registration in Germany, opening a bank account etc.
Health insurance information	EU-Citizens have to bring their European Health Insurance Card; Turkish students need to provide the AT11 form. Non-EU-citizens can sign up for a German public health insurance (approx. 120 € / month) or private health insurance (different prices depending on coverage). Private or Public health insurance from a non-EU country which has unlimited coverage, is no longer accepted as sufficient insurance for students studying on an exchange in Germany according to a change in legislation §193 Abs. 3 Satz 1 VVG. German health insurance must be obtained by students coming from outside of the European Union (EU). This does not apply to non-EU citizens already studying in Europe.
Housing information	The International Office provides recommendations on how to find accommodation. Exchange students are recommended to make housing arrangements as early as possible. The student dorms often require an application a few months before the start

	of the semester, but students should also start applying early if they choose to take a room in a shared apartment. We recommend for students to pursue a variety of options, contact different landlords or students offering a room in shared flats and place their own announcements on housing portals such as www.wg-gesucht.de https://www.sw-ka.de/en/wohnen/ https://www.hadiko.de/en/dormitory
Karlsruhe Student Union (Studentenwerk Karlsruhe)	All students who wish to be enrolled in a German university need to pay the semester fee to the Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe Student Union), which is in charge of the canteens and residence halls and offers psychological counseling, legal and other services. This amount includes insurance fees for a liability insurance that covers cases of damage which are directly related to your studies. For more information see Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe
Transportation	Karlsruhe offers a well-developed system of public transportation (bus, tram, city and regional railway) so that all districts can be reached easily and quickly. We currently recommend a monthly subscription of the so-called "Deutschlandticket". It costs 63 Euros/month and can be used for all public transport (except long-distance trains) in all of Germany. Other options, e.g. semesterticket, are available, too.
Living expenses and fees	
Estimated personal expenses per month:	
Accommodation:	€ 200 - 350 (student residence) € 400 - 700 (private accommodation)
Food:	€ 250
Health insurance (only NON-EU):	€ ~ 120

Total per month:	€ 800 on average
Semester fee to the Karlsruhe Student Union	€ 67.70 per semester, needs to be paid by the start of each semester