

Information for ERASMUS+ and other Cooperation Programmes in 2018/19

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Homepage	http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/ http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/io
Winter semester	1 October 2018 – 31 March 2019 Lecture period: 8 October 2018 – 1 February 2019 Vacation: 22 December 2018 – 6 January 2019
Summer semester	1 April – 30 September 2019. Lecture period: 1 April – 12 July 2019
Language of teaching	Mostly German with some exceptions: all courses in British/American Studies and some international track courses in Sociology, Politics, Educational Science and Informatics are taught in English; also some MA courses in Economics and Natural Sciences, see: http:// www.uni-bielefeld.de/ekvv >> Courses taught in English
Admission	Students need to be nominated by their home university coordinators to the International Office (IO) at Bielefeld Univ. They will then receive an email with information about the online registration process. This email is usually sent out in April/May (for winter semester) or October/November (for summer sem.). 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').
Nomination	Nomination period for winter semester 2018/19: April 1 - May 15, 2018 Nomination period for summer sem. 2019: Oct. 1 until November 15, 2018
Language courses and orientation programme for Erasmus- and other cooperation students	The language & orientation programme takes place before the beginning of the lecture period with the following activities amongst others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive German language course (see below) • Registration; university, library and study system orientation • Tour of the city and trips to places of interest ... <p>Intensive German language course German language course (20+ lessons/week) at different levels of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). A compulsory language assessment test is taken on the first day of the orientation programme. Programme dates:</p> <p>>> 13 September – 5 October 2018 (before winter semester classes) >> March 8 – 29, 2019 (before summer sem. 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	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). Learning agreements should <u>not</u> be sent before these publishing dates! >> http:// www.uni-bielefeld.de/ekvv
Number of courses per semester	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.

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.
Grading system	<p>Sehr gut: 1,0 - 1,3 very good</p> <p>Gut: 1,7 - 2,3 good</p> <p>Befriedigend: 2,7 - 3,3 satisfactory</p> <p>Ausreichend: 3,7 - 4,0 sufficient</p> <p>Nicht bestanden: 5,0 fail</p> <p>Bestanden (ohne Note): completed or passed successfully (not graded)</p>
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 the online registration portal. Closing dates for this service:</p> <p>May 31, 2018 for winter semester 2018/19</p> <p>November 30, 2018 for summer semester 2019</p>
Living costs & semester fee	Monthly 750 – 850 Euro (for housing, meals, books, trips...), in addition appr. 287 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 this, the letter of admission is needed.</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:</p> <p>https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/bewerbung/en/9199-visas/</p> <p>https://www.daad.de/deutschland/in-deutschland/regeln/en/9143-registering/</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 are asked 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 or private health insurance in Germany, immediately after their arrival. <u>Please note</u>: mere travel insurances are not accepted, they are not valid for registration as a student!</p>
Contact persons in Bielefeld	<p>Erasmus Institutional Coordinator: Karin Kruse karin.kruse@uni-bielefeld.de, Tel: ++49+521 106-4087</p> <p>Incoming Erasmus/Cooperation Students Coordinator: Sabine Scheuer sabine.scheuer@uni-bielefeld.de, Tel: ++49+521 106-2426</p> <p>Accommodation Service for Cooperation Students: wohnen-io@uni-bielefeld.de, Tel: ++49+521 106-2487</p> <p>Cooperation Students' Mentoring Programme: erasmus-initiative@uni-bielefeld.de, Tel: ++49+521 106-4077</p>

Language level required for ERASMUS+ Incoming Students at Bielefeld University

At the beginning of the lecture period students need to have this level of language skills:

Faculty/Department	Bachelor level	Master level
Biology	German B1	German/English B2
Chemistry/Biochemistry	German B1	German/English B1
Educational Science	German B1	German/English B1
History, Philosophy, Theology	German B1	German/English B1
Health Science	German B1	German B1
Linguistics und Literary Studies/Liberal Arts:		
German as a Foreign Language/German Studies	German B1	German B2
Linguistics	German B1	German/English B1
Literary Studies	German B1	German B1
Romance Cultures	German B1	German B1
Arts 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 B1/English B2	German B1/English B2
Law	German B1	German B1
Sports Science	German B1	German B1
Sociology/Political Science	German B1	German/English B1
Faculty of Technology	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 or department concerned are binding for all students intending to take up Erasmus studies at Bielefeld University. 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 program 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 main teaching language is German. English taught courses are offered in following study programmes: all courses in British/American Studies are taught in English, as well as some international track courses in Sociology, Politics, Educational Science and Informatics, mainly on MA level; a few courses in Psychology, Philosophy, History, Business Administration and Natural Sciences are also taught in English, mostly on an advanced level. Some Master programs are taught almost entirely in English: Behaviour - from neural mechanisms to evolution; Quantitative Economics; Inter-American Studies (which offers also Spanish taught courses), see: [http:// www.uni-bielefeld.de/ekvv](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/ekvv)
>> Courses taught in English

Language Info for Erasmus and other Cooperation Students

In general, we recommend that students coming to Bielefeld University and planning to take German subject courses in the frame of the Erasmus or another cooperation programme have a German language level of at least B1 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) when they begin their study period in Bielefeld with the pre-semester orientation programme and intensive German course.

German Language Courses: Every semester we offer intensive German language courses of three to four weeks. These courses take place before the lecture period begins and are combined with an orientation programme. They are subsidized by means of Bielefeld University, however students have to pay a fee of 150 Euro. Participation in the intensive language and orientation course makes it possible that students reach the next CEFR level before the start of the lecture period and is generally very much recommended. During the lecture period German language courses on different levels are also offered, however, no beginners courses.

Attending German language courses students will be able to gain approx. 10 - 12 credits in their first semester (incl. intensive pre-semester course for which students receive 4 or 5 credits - depending on the level they are in - if they attend regularly), and 6 - 8 credits if they stay a second semester. Please note: these courses give students the possibility to get part of their credits by improving their German language skills, in addition to credits which they gain in the subject courses. A combination of language and subject courses is recommended for students with German knowledge below the C1 level. More information on content and credits of the German language courses for Erasmus and other cooperation students can be found here:

<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Studium/StudienbegleitendeAngebote/Punktum/>

If students wish to have a more intensive preparatory language training, this is also possible:

In August, 'Punktum', the German language centre at Bielefeld University, organizes an intensive German language summer course for four weeks. This course is open to everyone, it is not restricted to Erasmus and other cooperation students and therefore not subsidized. For more information see:

[http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/International/Sommerkurse/index.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/International/Sommerkurse/index.html)

It is possible to apply for a stipend at the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) for this course. Application is usually in November for stipends to attend the summer course in the following year. For more information see: <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/>

If students would like to attend an intensive German language course at another time of year, we can recommend to check the courses offered by the Bielefeld language school 'Bibis' throughout the year. For more information see: <http://www.bibisnet.de/en/>

English taught subject courses: Please note that at Bielefeld University the main teaching language is German and there are in most subjects only very few English taught courses. However, all courses in British & American Studies, many courses in Linguistics and international track courses in Sociology, Politics, Educational Science, Informatics/Intelligent Systems are taught in English. Some of these courses may be of general interest to students of other subjects. A few courses in Psychology, Philosophy, History, Business Administration and Natural Sciences are also taught in English, mostly on an advanced level. Some Master programs are taught almost entirely in English: Behaviour - from neural mechanisms to evolution; Quantitative Economics; Inter-American Studies (offers also Spanish taught courses).

For information on course offerings see the electronic course schedule (ekVV):

https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/kvv_publ/publ/Home.jsp

For English taught courses see:

http://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/kvv_publ/publ/Englische.jsp

Students who intend to take only English taught subject courses (usually in combination with German language courses) need to have an English level of at least B1 or B2 (depending on study subject) when coming to Bielefeld. Generally recommended is level B2 of the CEFR or higher.

The electronic course schedule of each study course will be online approx. three months before classes begin, i.e. mid-June (for winter semester) and mid-January (for summer semester). For reference before these dates, please check courses of previous semesters.