

KIEL UNIVERSITY



WEBSITE

www.uni-kiel.de

www.uni-kiel.de/de/international



INSTAGRAM

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www.instagram.com/kieluni/



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INTERNATIONAL CENTER



WEBSITE

www.international.uni-kiel.de

INCOMINGS

www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/



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@incomings.ic.cau

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@ic.uni.kiel

www.instagram.com/ic.uni.kiel/



YOUTUBE

www.youtube.com/@InternationalCAUKiel

VIDEO "EXCHANGE IN KIEL"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lda1BHWdDA



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APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Academic Calendar	Winter Semester 2026/27: October 1st - March 31st Lecture period: October 12th - February 12th Examination period: February 8th - February 20th Summer Semester 2026: April 1st - September 30th Lecture period: April 6th - July 17th Examination period: July 13th - July 25th
Nomination / Application Deadline for Partner Universities / Exchange Students	Winter Semester: May 1st Summer Semester: December 1st Nomination via Email to cau-exchange@uv.uni-kiel.de
Application Process & Documents	New: online application on our mobility portal Mobility-Online Link to register the application: in German and English Documents to be uploaded by students: Motivational Letter, CV, Transcript of Records & Language Certificate
Language Requirements	At least B1 German or English. Medicine / German Philology: B2 German Biology: for BA courses at least at C1 level Pharmacy: Staatsexamen: German at least B2 Level, Master level English is sufficient Master Medical Life Sciences: English at least C1 level
Course Catalogue	https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/finding-courses-exchange-students
Study Subjects	https://www.studium.uni-kiel.de/de/studienangebot/studienfaecher-im-schnellueberblick
Master Programmes fully taught in English	https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/application-admission/degree-seeking/master/master-programs-application/application-information/master?set_language=en Advanced Bachelor students (3rd year or higher) can attend courses too. Pre-approval from study coordinator is always needed.

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS

Enrolment Period	Winter Semester: August 1st – September 30th Summer Semester: February 15th – March 15th
Orientation days	Winter Semester: beginning of October Summer Semester: last week of March/first week of April
More information here:	https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/starting-your-studies-orientation/orientation-program

Social Fee (Even though the social fee is translated as “semester fee” on some websites, it is not a tuition fee in the true sense of the word.)	Each semester students have to pay a social fee which enables them, e.g., to get a nation wide public transport ticket valid for local buses, ferries, and trains, free access to all sports facilities at the university, and all counselling centers run by the student union. Please find more information here: https://asta.uni-kiel.de/en/service/semesterbeitrag/
Tutors for International Students	https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/starting-your-studies-orientation/tutors
Arrival Information	https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/planning-arrival-and-stay/information-on-your-arrival-to-kiel
Visa	https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/planning-arrival-and-stay/visa
Insurance	https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/planning-arrival-and-stay/insurance
Support for Disabled Students	Dagny Streicher - Tel.: +49 431 880-5885 barrierefrei-studieren@uv.uni-kiel.de https://www.studium.uni-kiel.de/en/contact-and-advise/studying-with-a-disability-or-chronic-illness https://www.gleichstellung-chancengleichheit-familie.uni-kiel.de/en/
ESN Kiel – Erasmus Student Network Kiel Instagram	https://kiel.esn-germany.de/ https://www.instagram.com/esnkiel/
Events and Activities During Your Stay	https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/during-your-studies/activities-events
Study Buddy Programme (offered by Studentenwerk SH)	Study Buddy is a mentoring programme for international and German students, with the intention to encourage the contact and exchange with each other. https://studentenwerk.sh/en/study-buddy-become

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Department German as a Foreign Language	https://www.zfs-daf.uni-kiel.de/en?set_language=en (German courses during the semester)
Social Services (offered by Studentenwerk SH)	https://studentenwerk.sh/en/international-students (help for Integration, how to meet people in Kiel, financing, working in Germany ...)

ACCOMMODATION

The International Center reserves a limited number of rooms for international students – the application form can be found on our website:

<https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/en/incomings/planning-arrival-and-stay/accomodation>

Students with disabilities are kindly asked to consult the International Center. A limited number of barrier-free rooms in the dormitories are available at Kiel University.

More rooms are available through direct application to the Studentenwerk SH:

<https://ipack.studentenwerk.sh/#admission>

Our dormitory rooms cost between 201 and 451 Euro per month.

<https://studentenwerk.sh/en/wohnheime-kiel>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Video about Kiel University	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7cQZcvPsXs
Video from the International Center of Kiel University	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAgeaTBVvFE
Kiel City Youtube-Channel	http://www.youtube.com/user/LandeshauptstadtKiel
Imagefilm Kiel.Sailing City	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uj3CKplSEk
Information about Kiel	https://www.kiel-sailing-city.de/en.html http://www.kieler-woche.de/english/index.php
Average Monthly Costs of Living	https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/costs-of-education-and-living/
Cost of living comparisons	http://www.expatisitan.com/cost-of-living

How to Handle Kiel?

Flyer with Tips for (exchange) students:

<https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/de/internationale-studierende/bewerbung-zulassung/ohne-abschluss/austauschstudierende-von-partnerhochschulen/how-to-handle-Kiel>

EVENTS IN KIEL

Kiel Week (June)	Kieler Woche is the largest summer festival in Northern Europe, with more than 3 million visitors each year. http://www.kieler-woche.de/en/
Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival (July and August)	The Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival is one of the largest classical music festivals in the world. http://www.shmf.de/en/home
Wacken Open Air (August)	The biggest Heavy Metal Festival in the world. http://www.wacken.com/en/
Dragon Boat Fun Cup (September)	Join the excitement at the Kiel Dragon Boat Fun Cup – where thrilling races, team spirit, and waterfront fun come together! http://www.kielerdrachenboottage.de/
Open Air Culture	Open air musical and opera, White Night, Literature Festival in the old Botanical garden, music festival on a little beach tour with historic ferries ...
Music, Music, Music ...	Bootshafensommer: https://kiel-sailing-city.de/veranstaltungen/unsere-highlights/bootshafensommer
Stadt Kiel Events	https://kiel-sailing-city.de/en/events/calendar
Nordart	https://www.nordart.de/en/
Kiel Christmas Markets (December):	https://www.kieler-weihnachtsmaerkte.de/en.html



14 REASONS TO CHOOSE KIEL UNIVERSITY

- 1 Study by the Sea**
Wake up to fresh coastal air and enjoy lectures just minutes from the Baltic Sea. It's not just a university – it's a lifestyle
- 2 Courses in English & Other Languages**
No need to master German – Kiel University offers a wide range of courses in English and other languages.
- 3 Free German Language Courses**
Want to pick up some German? Join our free language courses and earn ECTS credits while you're at it.
- 4 Safe and Peaceful City Life**
Kiel is one of the safest cities in Germany – ideal for feeling secure and at home from day one.
- 5 Affordable Cost of Living**
Enjoy moderate prices for food, transport, and leisure – your budget will thank you.
- 6 Clean and Affordable Student Housing**
Comfortable dorm rooms in great locations – tidy, budget-friendly, and perfect for student life.
- 7 Green and Breathable Surroundings**
Parks, forests, and nature reserves invite you to escape the stress and recharge.
- 8 Sport, Music & Leisure for Everyone**
From sailing and kayaking to campus concerts and dance classes – there's always something going on.
- 9 Excellent Student Support**
Our international office and tutors are here to guide you – before, during and after your stay.
- 10 Gateway to Northern Europe**
Hop on a train or ferry and explore Denmark, Sweden, Norway, or the rest of Germany with ease.
- 11 Active and Open Student Life**
Join student clubs, societies and events – or start your own. Your ideas are welcome here.
- 12 Friendly and Welcoming Locals**
People in Kiel are open, relaxed, and happy to help – especially when you try a little German!
- 13 Cultural Festivals All Year Round**
From Kiel Week (Europe's biggest sailing event) to Christmas markets – the city knows how to celebrate.
- 14 Stay sporty at CAU!**
Kiel University offers its own sports centre with a vibrant sports programme, an on-campus swimming pool and a fully equipped gym. The university's own Rowing Centre and the Sailing Centre in Kiel-Schilksee are particular highlights.