Pforzheim University
International Study Program (ISP)
A brief Overview

Spend your semester (plus internship!?)
abroad in Germany’s most innovative region!

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Why choose Pforzheim University’s International Study Program for your study abroad semester? 10 reasons.

1. Enjoy high quality education.
2. Study at a top ranked university.
4. Attractive range of business courses taught in English.
5. Well over 200 business courses taught in German.
7. Get a European insight and benefit from our Jean Monnet Chair.
8. Learn German as a foreign language and sharpen your language profile – for free!
9. Get integrated into our local student community.
10. Study in Europe’s number one region for innovation – right at the northern edge of the charming Black Forest.

Julia, Australia, 1-semester exchange

“Hochschule Pforzheim is a fun and diverse place to study and meet new friends from all over the world. I have enjoyed adapting to a new, German culture including beer, brezels and curry wurst. Pforzheim is full of hidden gems, such as the Stadtpark, Enzauenpark and the Wallberg, which are perfect to relax in on a sunny afternoon with friends. HS PF has been very welcoming and flexible with the needs of the international students. I loved all of the ‘meet and greet’ type events at the beginning of the semester which helped us meet new people from both Germany and other countries. The ISP and Gemini excursions had been fantastic as well.”

Alejandro, Mexico, 1-year exchange (study semester + internship semester)

“The ISP program exceeded all my expectations for my exchange year in Germany. It has highly prepared professors and staff, a wide academic offer, field trips and other activities to experience the German culture, a strong international context and it gave me the tools to do an internship at Mercedes-Benz. It was a life changing experience!”
ISP exchange scenarios

One semester exchange

September through mid-February of the following year, alternatively mid-February through mid-July

3 weeks pre-semester intensive class
German for beginners (CEFR level A1)
Beginning of September or mid-February

Study semester
- Business courses of your choice
- German CEFR A2
- Field trips: European Parliament, European Central Bank, Industry and to the German capital Berlin*

* Field trip to Berlin – offered every summer semester right after the final exams in mid-July:
  4 days, historical & political focus, highly subsidized

Two semester exchange #1

Including a strong focus on German as a foreign language
September through mid-July of the following year, alternatively mid-February to mid-February of the following year

3 weeks pre-semester intensive class
German for beginners (CEFR level A1)
Beginning of September or mid-February

Study semester #1
- Business courses of your choice
- German CEFR A2
- Field trips: European Parliament, European Central Bank, Industry, Berlin*

Study semester #2
- Business courses of your choice
- German CEFR B1**
- Field trips: European Parliament, European Central Bank, Industry, Berlin*

** For your orientation: German CEFR B1 is the level which is necessary to acquire the German citizenship

International Study Program
Two semester exchange #2

Including an internship semester
September through mid-July of the following year, alternatively mid-February to mid-February of the following year

3 weeks pre-semester intensive class
German for beginners (CEFR level A1)
Beginning of September or mid-February

Study semester
- Business courses of your choice
- German CEFR A2
- Field trips: European Parliament, European Central Bank, Industry, Berlin*

Internship semester in Germany
min. 100 full time working days

Please note: The ISP Management provides information on internships in Germany. Students in Germany however typically apply for their internship by themselves.

ISP field trip to Berlin: Visit of the German Bundestag, Germany’s national parliament
Where we are – in the heart of Europe

Distances from Pforzheim

- Brussels (Belgium) 520 km
- Amsterdam (The Netherlands) 570 km
- Warsaw (Poland) 1150 km
- Budapest (Hungary) 960 km
- Frankfurt 160 km
- Berlin 660 km
- Hamburg 650 km
- Stuttgart 81 km
- Munich 270 km
- Freiburg 160 km
- Tübingen 81 km
- Heidelberg 70 km
- Karlsruhe 30 km
- Pforzheim
- Prague (Czech Republic) 710 km
- Vienna (Austria) 740 km
- Lyon (France) 580 km
- Paris (France) 580 km
- Milan (Italy) 500 km
- Venice (Italy) 735 km
- Basel (Switzerland) 245 km
- Zürich (Switzerland) 245 km
- Freiburg 160 km
- Strasbourg (France) 115 km
- Cologne 320 km
- Stuttgart 81 km
- Karlsruhe 30 km
- Heidelberg 70 km

International Study Program
Well over 1000 students of Pforzheim University spend one semester in a company every year. All of these mandatory internships are supervised by the university and are an essential part of the curriculum.

More than half of all students write their mandatory final thesis in cooperation with a company.

Over 50 companies are actively recruiting on campus every semester.

More and more international exchange students add an internship (min. 100 working days) to their study abroad period in Germany. The ISP Management will provide interested candidates with further information about how to find an internship. Please note: Students typically have to find an internship independently.

Companies and internships

Companies in the region (selection)
Choose from 60+ Business Courses in English from the following fields:

➢ Accounting / Investment / Finance
➢ Economics
➢ Information Technology
➢ Logistics / Materials, Production, Global Process Management / Supply & Value Chain
➢ Management / International Business / Strategy
➢ Marketing / Consumer Behavior / Sales
➢ Mathematics / Statistics
➢ Sustainability
➢ Contextual Studies

Added value – Courses in German as a foreign language. All levels available.

Further details and course descriptions: hs-pforzheim.de/isp/courses

Kyle, USA,
1-semester exchange

“Pforzheim and the ISP exposed me to diverse and rich culture from all over the world. The friends and memories I made during my study abroad experience will truly never be forgotten. My classes introduced me to experienced professors, and a diverse range of courses to choose from. Choosing to come to Pforzheim was a life changing decision that I will never forget, and hope to visit again.”

Iva, Bulgaria,
1-year exchange
(2 study semesters)

“My exchange year in Germany at Pforzheim University was unique and one of the best and constructive experiences in my life. The International Study Program offers a wonderful education environment with great possibilities to study, travel and enjoy unforgettable moments with people from all over the world. The ISP office was always available for all my requests and questions and I am glad to know all of the people working there. I really appreciate the German classes offered by the university to the international students, because they helped me a lot to reach a good command in the German language. I can strongly recommend Pforzheim University for your choice to spend your semester abroad.”
The ISP office

For questions regarding the ISP course offerings, please do not hesitate to contact the ISP Office:

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Please note:

Applications to the ISP are handled exclusively by the Pforzheim University International Programs Office (“Akademisches Auslandsamt”).

Please address all questions regarding application procedures, admissions, housing and other practical issues to the colleagues of this office.