



Fact Sheet for Study Exchange at Universität der Bundeswehr München (UniBw M)

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Useful Links

International Office Website:
<https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en>

Incoming Students:
<https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound>

Application information:
<https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound/exchange-students/exchange-students>

Buddy Program:
<https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/buddy-program>

Accommodation:
<https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound/accommodation>

Downloads:
<https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound/downloads/downloads>

Important information at a glance:

Nomination at UniBw M

Your home university must have a partnership agreement with UniBw M. The exchange coordinator/officer at your home university needs to nominate you.

Application at UniBw M

Please send the requested documents by e-Mail (in pdf format, no hard copy is needed) to the International Office, Incoming Mobility Coordinator:
lucia.celinkovic@unibw.de

- completed **registration form** (please download from our website: <https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound/downloads/downloads>)
- **Letter of Motivation** in English or German (approx. 1 page outlining your motivation for studying abroad at UniBw M)
- **Transcript of Records**
- **curriculum vitae**
- **a copy of your passport or ID card**
- **university enrollment certificate**
- valid **certificate of German** language skills (at least level B1), if you plan to take courses in German language
- **health insurance certificate** valid throughout the entire period of your stay which is digitally sent to us by your health insurer by the beginning of the trimester (see page 5)
- **For ERASMUS+ students:** Learning Agreement (study plan): list of courses you want to attend at UniBw M (If you have questions please discuss your LA with the Erasmus Coordinator at your home university and the International Affairs Delegate at the UniBw M department in concern.)

Further information you can find here: <https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound/exchange-students/exchange-students>

Nomination and Application Deadlines

	Nomination Deadlines	Application Deadlines
Winter Trimester:	August 31	September 30
Spring Trimester:	December 1	January 15
Fall Trimester:	May 31	June 30

Be prepared

- ➔ Please read the **“UniBw Munich brochure”** and leaflet **“About Us”** available under **“Downloads”** on our website.
- ➔ **Bring one passport photograph.** The photo is required for your enrollment application at the examination office.
- ➔ Make sure to always have enough **cash euros** on you: in Germany we use a lot of cash and it is sometimes the only possible way of payment in local stores or restaurants that do not accept credit cards. Also, payment on campus (such as for meals) is in cash only.

The Universität der Bundeswehr München

The Universität der Bundeswehr München (UniBw M) was founded in 1973 in order to provide academic training for officers and officer candidates. Today there are around 3,500 registered students, including 575 women, approximately 30 international officers and 290 civilian students.

The University offers a diverse range of studies in two domains: University and University of Applied Sciences. The trimester system, short distances on campus and individual support in small groups allow students to complete their academic studies successfully in a relatively short time. The intensive study environment forms the ground on which a bachelor's degree and a consecutive master's degree can be earned in a period of four years. The academic degrees are equivalent to those at the state universities. Teaching and research are conducted independently. Excellent scientific facilities enable internationally competitive research at a high level.

The main task of UniBw M is to provide officers and officer candidates of the Bundeswehr (= Federal Armed Forces) with a university education. Officers in the German Armed Forces are committed to military service for at least 13 years. This includes studies at our university, after first passing the assessment center process in Cologne. But the university is also open to civilian students: via an industrial scholarship or via bilateral university agreements. On the basis of bilateral cooperation agreements, it is possible for civilians from foreign countries to complete a portion of their studies at UniBw M. Currently, we offer foreign students the opportunity to stay for up to 12 months.

Connections around the globe

UniBw M is globally networked. It has partnerships with more than 70 internationally renowned universities and institutes in Europe, the USA and Latin America. In cooperation with the International Office on campus, students can participate in a variety of exchange programs without having to pay tuition fees. Around eight percent of the student population and researchers come from abroad.

More on our website: <https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en>

Degree Programs and Courses in English

Potential recruits have a choice of 16 bachelor's and 15 master's degree programs. Studying in small groups allows individual support: on average the professor-student ratio is only 1 to 18. Because of this range of academic and personal training based on critical thinking and scientific research as in civilian universities, graduates can pursue careers not only in the military, but also in the private sector or public service after leaving the German Armed Forces. All of the university's degrees are state-recognized and accredited. The courses are adapted regularly to reflect current developments in the economy, society and research.

UniBw M is made up of the **University** and the **University of Applied Sciences**:
<https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound/degree-programs/degree-programs>

Academic Calendar

In contrast to other universities, the standard period of study at UniBw M is only 3 years for a bachelor's degree and one additional year of intensive study for a Master's degree. Each academic year is structured into the **trimesters**, not semesters:

Fall Trimester: October – December
Winter Trimester: January – March
Spring Trimester: April – June
Lecture-free time: July - September

Campus Life

Located on the 14-hectar grounds of a former military airbase on the outskirts of Munich, the campus university combines studying with research and work. Despite the size of the campus, students can get from the lecture halls to the main facilities on campus and to the cafeteria in a matter of minutes.

University library, computer center, media center, and language training center:
<https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound/campus-life>

Sports

Sports are a top priority on campus and its facilities, which include a climbing wall, a swimming pool with a sauna and steam bath, a fitness center, different sports classes, tennis and beach volleyball courts and a ski and snowboard rental, are open to everyone on campus.

<https://www.unibw.de/hochschulsport/sportzentrum>

Extra fees

Printing costs for printing in our computer center: around 5 Cent for black & white copy and 15 Cents for color printing. There are various other printers in other locations different from the computer center. Please check out the prices here:

<https://bit.ly/2Y6ml4X>

Meals on Campus:

There are several places to eat at the university:

Mensa | Cafeteria

Building 30

The least expensive option is the university cafeteria (Mensa), which serves reasonably priced breakfast, lunch, and dinner from Monday through Friday. The cafeteria is closed on weekends.

Opening hours:

Breakfast: Mon-Fri: 6.30 - 8.15 am

Lunch: Mon-Fri: 10.45 - 1.30 pm

Dinner: Mon-Thu: 4 – 6 pm

The monthly meal plan is available for download on their website:

<https://www.unibw.de/campusleben/verpflegung/mensa>



Restaurant "Brandl"

Building 30

There is also a restaurant on campus. At "Brandl" you can choose from a selection of entrées at lunch and dinner time; also snacks and drinks are served all day.

In the evening, the restaurant offers a good selection of pizzas and a delivery service on campus:

Opening hours:

Mon – Fri: 8 am – 22 pm

Fri: 8 am – 2 pm

<https://www.unibw.de/brandl>



Uni Bar

Building 30

Opening hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 7 pm – 2 am

Friday: 8 pm – 2 am

<https://www.unibw.de/brandl/unibar>

Officer's Club | UniCasino

Building 61

The UniCasino is not a casino, but a restaurant on campus in building 61 that offers a selection of dishes from Monday through Friday at lunch and dinner time and also hosts students' parties and festive events throughout the year.

Opening hours:

Monday - Thursday: 11 am – 2:30 pm and 5 pm – 10 pm

<https://unicasino.weebly.com/>



Legal requirements – Before Arrival

Entry requirements and visa

US citizens and students from EU/EEA states and some other countries may stay in Germany without a visa for three months. **Do you need an entry visa?** Please see <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/-/231148>.

In case an entry visa is requested, you will need an **official invitation letter** issued by the International Office or your inviting professor at UniBw M. Contact us!

Get information regarding the **German statutory health insurance** (for further information please see page 5).

Legal requirements – After Arrival

Register your address

After entering Germany and **planning to stay for more than three months**, you must register your address in Munich at one of the residence registration offices operated by the Department of Public Order within two weeks. For more information, see the section on **“Registration of Residency”**:

https://www.muenchen.de/rathaus/home_en/Department-of-Public-Order/Registration-Deregistration.

The **Foreigners Office** at the Department of Public Order here in Munich is responsible for issuing and renewing residence permits. You must apply for this permit while your visa/ allowance to stay is still valid (normally within 90 days after arrival):

- ✓ Filled in application form (completed in full)
- ✓ A valid passport
- ✓ A recent photograph that satisfies biometric criteria (photo booths are available at the Foreigners Office)
- ✓ Enrolment Certificate from UniBw M
- ✓ Proof of adequate funding (e.g. a formal obligation by a third party)
- ✓ Proof of adequate health insurance

For more information on the residence permit, please see here: <https://stadt.muenchen.de/infos/new-foreign-students.html>.

To Dos at UniBw M – After Arrival

Please arrive a few days before the official start of the new trimester. We provide an introduction into different topics that are important for a successful study exchange at UniBw M. We will also complete some important administrative matters:

- ✓ Enrollment (Please bring **one passport photograph** with you and hand it to me when you arrive. The photo is required for your enrollment application at the examination office.)
- ✓ **German statutory health insurance certificate** (Please submit your **valid health insurance certificate stamped “For Enrollment”** to me no later than the first few days after your arrival (see page 5).
- ✓ UniBw M student card
- ✓ Campus access card (for access to our campus through all gates): A deposit of EUR 20 is required for the card. Please have the amount ready in cash (cash only), as the deposit has to be paid in our payment office on campus. You will receive a receipt for the deposit. The deposit will be returned to you at the end of your stay in exchange for your card.
- ✓ Wi-fi access on campus
- ✓ Printing and scanning in our computer center
- ✓ Digital course catalogue
- ✓ Library
- ✓ Sports facilities
- ✓ University cafeteria (called “Mensa”)



Health Insurance

In Germany, all students are obliged to take out a valid health and nursing care insurance policy. As you are an exchange student coming to our university from a partner university for studies, you will need to give proof of valid health and nursing care insurance within the first days after your arrival for enrollment. Proof of health and nursing care insurance that is in conformity with German laws and regulations is mandatory for all students in order to be enrolled at a German university.

For further reading on the subject, please visit the website of the German Academic Exchange Service: <https://bit.ly/2lWoGnu> and/or find more information on our website under "Health and nursing care insurance": <https://www.unibw.de/internationales-en/inbound/exchange-students/exchange-students>

Please read all information carefully.



PLEASE NOTE: International emergency travel insurance policies do not conform to German laws and regulations concerning student health and nursing care insurance as they only cover in case of emergency, and will not be accepted for enrollment.

How to give valid proof of health and nursing care insurance?

Students from countries in the EU:

The AOK is a non-profit oriented health insurance organization and one of the largest German health insurance providers. Their advisors will verify your current health insurance policy regarding its conformity German regulations: If your current health insurance policy is suitable for admission at a German university, your AOK advisor will issue the certificate of health insurance "for enrollment at the university" that you will need for enrollment.

Please send an email including a **copy of your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** to the AOK student service: muenchen.studenten@service.by.aok.de

Shortly after, your insurance status is digitally reported to UniBw M by the German statutory health insurance company (e.g. AOK).

Students from non-EU countries:

Write an email including your current international health insurance policy to the AOK student service: muenchen.studenten@service.by.aok.de

Sending a copy of your health insurance card is not enough as the responsible person will not be able to verify the specific conditions and the coverage.

The AOK is a non-profit oriented health insurance organization and one of the largest German health insurance organizations. The AOK advisors will verify your current health insurance policy free of any charge.

In case the AOK sends you a negative reply that your health insurance cannot be accepted for enrollment at a German university, you must select a German health insurance company and conclude a contract. Here are some suggestions:

- ❖ The "German Academic Exchange Service" offers an affordable combined health, accident and liability insurance package (costs are around 190,00 EUR per month): <https://bit.ly/3yhh1d4>
- ❖ The private health insurance policy "MAWISTA STUDENT PRO" is recognized/ approved for enrollment at a German university (around EUR 100 per month): <https://bit.ly/3rJVskv>
- ❖ The student fee for **statutory insurance** is around EUR 120 per month with any statutory, non-profit German health insurance company. In Germany there are many state health insurances and the AOK or TK are one option among many. The contribution rate for students is the same nationwide regardless of the chosen statutory health insurance company. Also the benefits of the statutory health insurance companies are almost always the same. Therefore you may as well take out a student health insurance policy with the AOK or TK for the duration of your studies at UniBw M.
AOK: <https://www.aok.de/pk/krankenkassenbeitraege/studenten/>
TK: <https://bit.ly/3SUdywd>

Once your health and nursing care insurance has been approved with a German insurer, they will digitally send confirmation of your valid insurance to UniBw M.



Student Apartment

It is possible to apply for a room or bed in a shared double bedroom (depending on availability) in a military building belonging to the Bundeswehr Career Service in **Munich City Center**. Since the apartment is located in the very center of Munich, grocery stores and laundry service stores as well as a big park (the Olympic Park Munich) and public transportation services are in close proximity. It takes about 50 min. by public transportation to get from the accommodation to our university campus which is located in the outskirts of Munich.

The apartment is on the **5th floor** of the building, there is no elevator. It offers space for up to 9 international students. All rooms are **fully furnished** (bed, cupboard, desk, desk lamp, shelf, chair, etc.). Pillow, blanket, **bed linen** and two small towels are provided. You might want to bring a large towel with you or buy one in Munich. There is a shared kitchen in the apartment. Cooking utensils, pots and pans are available, as well as spoons, forks and knives. **Shared showers and restrooms** divided by sex are available on the 4th floor.

The apartment does not provide a dishwasher, a washing machine, nor a dryer. Laundromats are available in the vicinity of the accommodation.

An **internet connection** is not available in the building and cannot be set up. Students can receive wi-fi on their smartphones by purchasing a German prepaid SIM card. You can go online on your laptop by buying an Internet modem stick and by regularly charging the stick with credit.

Overnight **guests** staying for a few nights need to be registered two weeks in advance (ask the International Office how to register your guests) and there is a fee to be paid per guest and per night.

The accommodation building belongs to the Bundeswehr (= The German Armed Forces) Career Center. Since they house young military applicants in the building on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floor overnight, it is very important to respect the night's peace from 22 pm – 6 am and to help keep the facility clean.

Cleaning Services are provided once a week (floors, hallways, sanitary facilities, and kitchen floor), but only the floors, no surface cleaning.

The apartment in Munich City Center does not have a reception to welcome new students. Without your keys, you will not be able to enter the accommodation building. Please stay in close contact with the International Office about your arrival, so we can arrange your **check-in and the hand-over of keys** with our **Housing Office** on our university campus thus making your arrival as smooth as possible.

The address of the accommodation is:

Bundeswehr Karrierezentrum
Hedwig-Dransfeld-Allee 7
80637 Munich

If you want to stay in the student apartment, please send me your signed and filled in **Housing Application Form** by email at least four weeks before your arrival. Your application for accommodation is not valid without the signed Housing Application Form sent to me by email in due time. Because accommodation is limited, your application for accommodation is no guarantee for a reservation in the apartment.

Other options:

Rooms in Shared Flats

Another option is to find accommodation by contacting the Private Accommodation Service of the **Munich Student Union**. This Private Accommodation Service passes on the details of several hundred private rooms to students on offer by private landlords: <https://bit.ly/3oofGiF>

Rental platform HousingAnywhere

Rental platform for mid- to long-term rental solutions in Munich:
<https://housinganywhere.com/s/Munich--Germany>



Planning your arrival in Munich: Important Dates in 2023

Winter Trimester 2023: January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

Arrival Dates	January 4-6, 2023
Orientation Week	Individual arrangement with International Office
Classes begin	January 9, 2023
Classes end	March 24, 2023
Examination period	March 27 – March 31, 2023

Spring Trimester 2023: April 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

Arrival Dates	Wednesday/Thursday/Friday March 29 – 30, 2023
Orientation Week	Individual arrangement with International Office
Classes begin	April 3, 2023
Easter Holidays	April 11 – 14, 2023
Classes end	June 23, 2023
Examination period	June 26 – June 30, 2023
Lecture-free time:	July 31 – September 30, 2023

Fall Trimester 2023: October 4, 2023 - December 23, 2023

Arrival Days	September 21 - 25, 2023
Mandatory Orientation Week	September 26 - 29, 2023
Classes begin	October 2, 2023
Classes end	December 15, 2023
Examination period	December 18 - 22, 2023
Christmas Holidays	December 23, 2023 - January 7, 2023



The City of Munich

Munich is the capital and most populous city of the German state of Bavaria. With a population of approx. 1,5 million inhabitants as of 31 July 2020 it is the third-largest city in Germany, after Berlin and Hamburg, and thus the largest which does not constitute its own state, as well as the 11th-largest city in the European Union. Munich is a very cosmopolitan city, with foreign nationals accounting for almost 25 percent of its population. Over 100 consular representations and a large number of international business clubs and cultural societies foster dialogue between Munich, Bavaria and various countries.

You will have many questions about daily life, leisure activities and many more. The following pages and links are meant to help you give you a good idea about every aspect of life in Munich.

Official Website of the City of Munich: <http://www.muenchen.de/int/en.html>

Welcome! New to Munich: <http://www.muenchen.de/int/en/living/new-to-munich.html>

Munich Drinking Water: <https://www.swm.de/english/m-wasser.html>

Munich Public Transportation: <https://www.mvv-muenchen.de/en/index.html>

Average living costs for students studying in Munich: <https://bit.ly/2UOoeDQ>

