Exchange at LMU Munich

Key Data for LMUexchange Incoming Students

Institution Details

Name of Institution: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU)
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Application and Registration Procedures

Application (www.lmu.de/international/incoming/application)
After completing the online application, you should sign, print out the form, have it signed by the relevant coordinator at the home university and then send it by post to the International Office at LMU.

Application Deadlines
Winter Semester: May 15
Summer Semester: November 15

Registration
Registration of new incoming LMUexchange students takes place in September/October and March/April respectively. You will be informed about registration dates in the official letter of acceptance (Zulassungsbescheid), which you will receive after the application deadline.

Accommodation

The “Studentenwerk” is responsible for providing accommodation for LMUexchange students. The allocation of rooms is, however, coordinated at the International Office:
www.lmu.de/international/incoming/housing
housing-incoming@lmu.de

If you wish to apply for student accommodation then tick the appropriate box in the online application form for admission. Late applicants cannot be considered for student housing.
The Academic Year

Academic Year
The academic year consists of two semesters – winter and summer.

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Note: The months of March, August and September are officially free of lectures. However, students may have examinations or papers to concern themselves with during these months. Students should ask their academic supervisor about the examination schedule.

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Studying at LMU

Course Information
Consult the online course catalogue at: www.lsf.lmu.de (no login required, simply click on the link “Vorlesungsverzeichnis” to access the online course catalogue.)

The up-to-date course catalogue is available only two months before the beginning of each semester. Before the catalogue goes online students may consult the faculty websites where there is often general information about choosing courses etc.

As an exchange student you must choose at least 50% of your course modules in one department only. You should take the other 50% of your course modules in no more than two other departments (example: 50% of courses in the Department of German Philology, 25% of courses in the Department of History and 25% of courses in the Department of Politics).

If you have no previous knowledge and study experience in a subject area, you will solely be permitted to take introductory courses in this field. As a rule, bachelor students will not be permitted to take master courses (any exceptions to this rule will be discussed and decided by LMU).

Grading System (www.lmu.de/international/incoming/grading)

At LMU credit for Bachelor and Master Courses is given in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). All coursework will be graded in accordance with the German grading system (“1”–“6”, with “1” being the best and “6” the worst grade). A course that is graded with 4 or above is passed. Some course are not graded (non-graded lectures).

Language Requirements at LMU

In order to make the most of your experience in Munich and at LMU, it is important to have good German language skills. Although many departments offer modules taught in English, the language of instruction at LMU is generally German, particularly at bachelor level.

At the time of commencing your studies at LMU you are required to have at least CEFR level B2 in German, unless stated otherwise at the link below. The same proficiency level applies if you plan to take courses in English.

If you choose to take only courses taught in English, generally no German language skills are required. There are, however, exceptions to this rule. Further information: www.lmu.de/international/incoming/language
Language Preparation and Orientation

Language Courses
You may apply for a place on one of several language courses. Courses take place in September and March respectively. Participation is recommended but not mandatory.

Cultural Program
An extensive cultural program with field trips and excursions also takes place in September and March.

Detailed information and prices are available at:
www.lmu-preparation.de

General Information

Visa
Depending on your country of origin, there are different entry and residence regulations. Detailed information can be found at:
www.lmu.de/international/incoming/visa

If you require a visa, you are strongly recommended to send us your printed application form and supporting documents before the application deadlines for admission to the university.

Insurance
Adequate health insurance is mandatory for all exchange students. We strongly recommend that you arrive with adequate travel insurance to cover you until you are officially registered as a student at LMU. You should then take out German health insurance cover for the duration of your stay at LMU. To avoid unnecessary costs, you should not take out any other health insurance for your semester/year abroad before coming to Germany. Please note that travel insurance for the duration of your stay is not enough and will not be accepted at registration. Accident, personal and third party liability insurance for the duration of your stay in Germany is strongly recommended. Detailed information can be found at:
www.lmu.de/international/incoming/insurance

Students with Special Needs / Students with Children
To find out about facilities available at LMU before going abroad, you should contact the director of incoming student support services: mesnouf@lmu.de

Handbook for Exchange Students

Detailed information about all points mentioned above and other useful information can be found at:
www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/exchange/incomings/austausch_engl/downloads