

Welcome to the KIT Department of Business and Economics

# Guide For Exchange Students



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# Welcome Letter

Dear Exchange Students,

welcome to the Department of Business and Economics (WiWi) at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)! We are honored and delighted that you have chosen to spend part of your academic journey with us. With around 3,600 students, we are one of the largest departments at KIT and among the leading programs in Germany and Europe for Industrial Engineering and Management.

Each year, our department welcomes many international exchange students, and we take pride in offering an inclusive, research-oriented, and academically stimulating environment. Here, you will join a vibrant international community, engage with peers from diverse backgrounds, and experience both science for impact and the rich cultural life at and around KIT.

You will find a broad selection of courses in English—more than 200 in total—and, if you speak German, you can also benefit from courses in the local language. We encourage you to take advantage of the university's pre-semester German language course to support your integration into local life. To ensure a smooth experience, please follow the required steps for all exchange students—such as registration, application, and check-in—and read all correspondence carefully.

We look forward to supporting your studies and hope your time at KIT will be both academically rewarding and personally enriching.

Warm regards,



Prof. Dr. Orestis Terzidis

Director of International Relations Office

Department of Business & Economics (WiWi)

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)



# Contact for Your Stay at KIT and at the WiWi Department

The following information serves as main contacts for Erasmus, overseas exchange and double degree programs

## **International Relations Office (IRO) of WiWi Department**

is the main contact for incoming and outgoing students of the **WIWI department** regarding Erasmus overseas exchange programs and double degree program.

### **Prof. Dr. Terzidis, Orestis**

Director of International Relations

Foreign representative of the WiWi Department

### **Han, Jie (She/ her)**

International Relations Manager

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**Email:** [international.relations@wiwi.kit.edu](mailto:international.relations@wiwi.kit.edu)

**Office Hour: Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

[Book an appointment for the office hour](#)

## **International Students Office (IStO) of KIT**

provide exchange students with optimal support and advice before and during their entire semester abroad, so that they can successfully complete their studies and have a good time in Karlsruhe. Especially during the application phase and the first steps in Karlsruhe. Please find more information about IStO via this [website](#).

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Adenauerring 2, 76131 Karlsruhe  
Campus South, Building 50.20, Room 106

Phone +49 721 608-44911

Fax +49 721 608-44907

Mail: [student@intl.kit.edu](mailto:student@intl.kit.edu)

Front desk opening hours [Contact form](#)

Mo.-Fr. 9am-12am

Closed on Tuesdays

# WIWI Department at KIT



## Key Facts about KIT-Department of Business and Economics

The KIT-Department of Business and Economics (WiWi) is a leading institution in its field, with industrial engineering consistently ranked in the **top 3** by WiWo since 2010. With a vibrant student community of over **3,500 students**, the department is one of the biggest at the KIT. Students benefit from a broad selection of over **200 courses** taught in English, making it an ideal place for international learners.



Photo: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology



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The department is supported by a dedicated faculty of **39 full professors** and fosters a thriving research culture, with **300 doctoral students** currently contributing to groundbreaking projects. In 2023 alone, KIT saw **49 successful start-up** launches, demonstrating the department's commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship.

We are home to 10 renowned institutions and research groups, each specializing in various aspects of economics, business, and management, offering a diverse and comprehensive academic experience.

# Institutes & Research Groups

<p><b>Institute of Applied Informatics and Formal Description Methods</b></p> 	<p><b>Institute for Customer Insights</b></p> 	<p><b>Institute of Economics</b></p> 	<p><b>Institute of Entrepreneurship, Technology Management &amp; Innovation</b></p> 	<p><b>Institute for Finance</b></p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Technical-Cognitive Systeme</li> <li>• Business Information Systems</li> <li>• Cooperative Autonomous Systems</li> <li>• Information Service Engineering</li> <li>• Security • Usability • Society</li> <li>• Systems, Data, Simulation, Energy</li> <li>• Web Science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Marketing</li> <li>• Information Services and electronic Markets</li> <li>• Marketing &amp; Sales</li> <li>• Cognition &amp; Consumer Behavior Lab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Finance and Public Management</li> <li>• Industrial Organization</li> <li>• Macroeconomics</li> <li>• Network Economics</li> <li>• Strategic Decisions</li> <li>• Economic Policy</li> <li>• Economic Theory</li> <li>• Experimental Market Design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrepreneurship and Technology Management</li> <li>• Innovation and Technology Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Engineering and Derivates</li> <li>• Finance and Risk Management</li> <li>• Finance and Banking</li> <li>• Asset Pricing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Institute for Industrial Production</b></p> 	<p><b>Institute for Information Systems</b></p> 	<p><b>Institute of Management</b></p> 	<p><b>Institute for Operations Research</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Institute of Statistics</u></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Economics</li> <li>• Production and Logistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Systems I   human-centered systems lab</li> <li>• Information systems III</li> <li>• Information and Market Engineering (IM)</li> <li>• Digital Service Innovation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Resource Management</li> <li>• Management Accounting</li> <li>• Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytics and Statistics</li> <li>• Continuous Optimization</li> <li>• Discrete Optimization and Logistics</li> <li>• Operations of Critical Infrastructures</li> <li>• Stochastic Optimization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical Methods and Econometrics</li> <li>• Applied Econometrics</li> <li>• Computational Statistics (in cooperation with KIT-Department of Mathematics)</li> </ul>

# Interdisciplinary Study Programs at WiWi

The KIT-Department of Business and Economics offers a wide range of interdisciplinary courses in collaboration with the other KIT Departments to offer you the best possible diploma.

1. Industrial Engineering & Management (B.Sc./M.Sc.)  
& Double Degree Program Master Industrial Engineering\*  
\* in cooperation with INP Grenoble - Génie Industriel, UGA

2. Information Systems (B.Sc./M.Sc.)\*  
\*\* in cooperation with the Department of Informatics

3. Digital Economics (B.Sc./M.Sc.)

4. Business Mathematics (M.Sc.)\*\*\*  
\*\*\*in cooperation with the Department of Mathematics



## We Are Excellent- KIT. Place of the Future. Since 1825.

- KIT is one of the eleven **German Universities of Excellence** with a **national large-scale research sector**.
- In the **QS World University Rankings** by Subject, KIT ranks 53rd worldwide in Engineering & Technology.
- KIT was ranked as the most popular university with over 15,000 students by students on **studycheck.de** in 2025
- With around 3.5000 students the WiWi Department is one of the biggest departments at KIT
- Since WiWi Department is ranked among the Top 3 in the “**WirtschaftsWoche**” Ranking (Annual nationwide survey of HR professionals in Germany)
- A degree from WiWi Department provides an excellent foundation for entering the job market in the Karlsruhe TechnologyRegion, home to numerous employers in the IT sector and other forward-looking industries (e.g., Daimler, Bosch, 1&1, INIT Group, L’Oréal, Siemens).



## IRO maintains and coordinates the international cooperation of the WiWi Department

We are the central contact point for international  
exchange  
students, especially focusing on subject-related  
support.

- General questions about studying at our department
- Pre-arrival information pack (sent to you via email)
- Help you with your learning agreement
- Sign your learning agreement
- Organize cultural and social events
- Coordinate the exams and ToR issue
- And other issues...



Book an appointment for  
the office hour:  
Wednesdays from 10:00  
am to 11:00 am

**More information for the Incoming Students:**

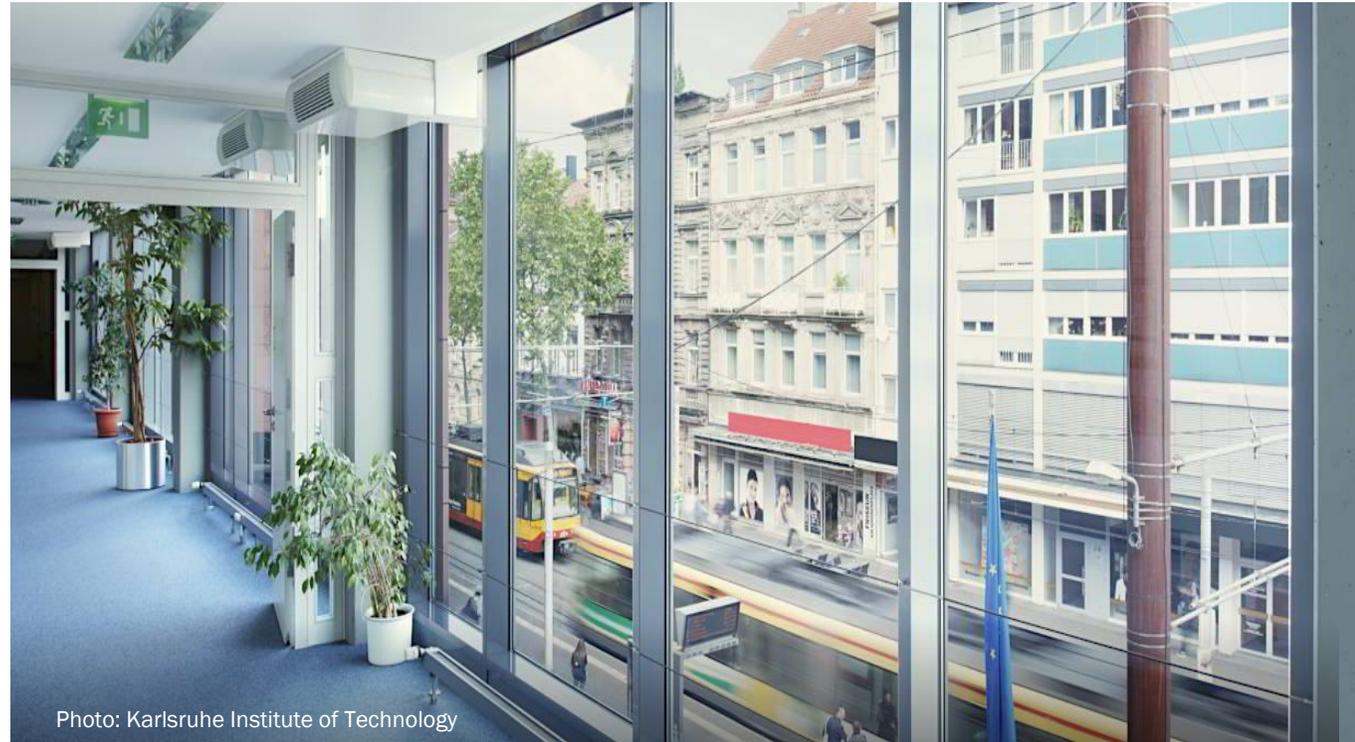
<https://www.wiwi.kit.edu/english/IncomingStudents.php>



The Examinations Office is the office of the Examination Board of a degree program. It supports the examination board or its chairperson in all matters that fall within its remit. In addition, it offers advice and services for students and KIT institutes on questions regarding the SPO of a degree program or general administrative matters of the examination system.

Also for the exchange student, the examination office is responsible on advising on general examination questions:

- Questions about study and examination regulations
- Special cases of exam registration and deregistration (courses offered from other departments)
- Advice on examination questions



Check the exam schedules of the  
WiWi Department

Telephone consultation hours [To the reservation](#)

Email: [info@wiwi.kit.edu](mailto:info@wiwi.kit.edu)

## WiWi-Pool

In the pool and study rooms of the KIT Department of Business and Economics, students have access to over 50 computer workstations and 12 study places.

All workstations are accessible to students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the KIT card.

## WiWi-Portal

The Wiwi-Portal bundles most of the IT applications offered by the faculty to support teaching.

This includes a registration system for seminars and tutorials, an information system for examinations, a notebook lending service, many online forms relating to studies and much more.

## Devices for WiWi Students

Students of the WiWi Department can rent equipment free of charge for their student work.



At KIT, a "Fachschaft" is a student-run organization within a department, managed by students themselves. These Fachschaft groups assist fellow students with academic matters, making them the go-to resource for questions about courses, facilities, or professors within your faculty. In addition to academic support, they organize social events, sell study materials like lecture notes and past exams, and offer various other services.

Below is the information of the [Fachschaft of KIT-Department of Economics and Management](#).

Office hours during the lecture period are Monday to Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the 1st floor of the Alliance Building at Kronenplatz (Kaiserstraße 93, 76133 Karlsruhe, Building 05.20, R1C-03.2

During the lecture-free period, only on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Website:** <https://fachschaft.org/>

**Email:** [info@fachschaft.org](mailto:info@fachschaft.org)

## WiWi Fachschaft (Student Body)



Photo: WiWi Fachschaft

# Academic Calendar

## Academic Year 2025-26

<b>Lecture period</b>	Winter semester	October 27th, 2025 – February 15th, 2026
	Summer semester	April 22nd, 2026 – August 2nd, 2026
<b>Exam period</b>	Winter semester	February 2026 – March 2026
	Summer semester	July 2026 – September 2026
<b>Orientation week</b>	Winter semester	October 2025
	Summer semester	April 2026
<b>Pre-semester German language course</b>	Winter semester	September 2025
	Summer semester	March 2026

# Organizing Your Studies at WiWi Department

# Language Requirements

## Language Requirements

a B1 CEFR level of German language certificate, if only courses taught in German will be attended

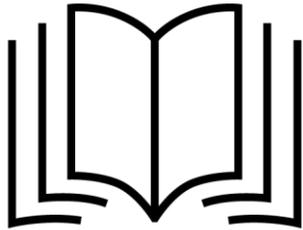
a B2 CEFR level of English language certificate, if only courses taught in English will be attended

both language certificates (a B1 CEFR level of German and a B2 CEFR level of English), if courses in both languages will be attended.

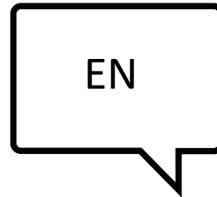


We highly recommend to learn German in order to be able to master your daily life in Karlsruhe. Participation in the **pre-semester German course** offered at KIT is mandatory to all applicants, who don't have any/sufficient German language proficiency. Also, you are welcome to take German course during the semester **for free**.

## Ways to find suitable courses for your study at the WIWi Department



[module handbook for non-degree students](#)  
(this is where you can find the details of the courses, e.g. workload, content, aim, assessment ect. )



[English-taught courses](#)



[Course catalog in the Campus Management System: KIT Department of Economics and Management](#) (This is where you can find the schedule and locations of the courses.)

### Some useful hints

- Be flexible! It is common and possible to make changes to your Learning Agreement after arriving in Karlsruhe / during the semester.
- Some courses, especially the seminars, require registration on [WIWI-Portal](#). Be quick – seminars offer only a limited number of seats, and some are very popular among students.
- If you're looking for details on a specific lecture, you can search at the [KIT Campus Management System](#) by using the key words.

# Course Registration

- Only seminars require registration via the WiWi-Portal. Please pay attention to the **registration deadline**.

If there are still spots available after the deadline, please contact the seminar coordinator to ask whether late registration is possible.

- While lectures do not require prior registration, you must include them in your study plan via the KIT Campus Management System (**s. next slide**) if you intend to take the corresponding examination.

- If it doesn't work out with the registration on WiWi-Portal, please contact the corresponding lecturer or his / her institutes directly.

# Complete Your Study Plan

Campus Management: <https://campus.studium.kit.edu/index.php>

Studierendenportal des KIT (exams, confirmation, lecture catalogue, etc.)

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Willkommen im Studierendenportal des KIT

Hallo Gas **Anmelden**

Das Campus Management Portal bietet den Studierenden des KIT verschiedene Services zur Selbstbedienung im Bereich der Studierendenverwaltung. Dazu gehören:

- die Suche nach **Veranstaltungen** mit Erstellung eines Stundenplans,
- die An- und Abmeldung zu **Prüfungen**,
- den **Studienaufbau** und -inhalt von einzelnen Studiengängen sowie deren Module und Teileleistungen,
- die **Rückmeldung** in das Folgesemester via Überweisung oder Lastschriftverfahren,
- der Download von **Bescheinigungen** (z.B. Studienbescheinigung, KVV-Bescheinigung, Notenauszug),
- die Änderung von **persönlichen Daten**.

Weitere Informationen zur Nutzung des Studierendenportals sowie häufig gestellte Fragen und die jeweiligen Ansprechpartner/innen entnehmen Sie bitte den **FAQ**.

Exam registration:

Campus Management: <https://campus.studium.kit.edu/exams/index.php>

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82-179-H-2015 - Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen Bachelor 2015

Teilleistungen

- noch nicht begonnen
- begonnen
- bestanden
- endgültig nicht bestanden

How to add a course:

Go to the green rectangle

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▼ Betriebswirtschaftslehre ab 01.10.2021	<b>Module wählen</b>	PF
▼ M-WIWI-105768 – Management und Marketing		PF
T-WIWI-111594 – Management und Marketing		PF
▼ M-WIWI-105769 – Finanzierung und Rechnungswesen		PF
T-WIWI-112820 – Grundlagen Finanzierung und Rechnungswesen: Finanzierung und Rechnungswesen		PF
▼ M-WIWI-105770 – Produktion, Logistik und Wirtschaftsinformatik		PF
T-WIWI-111602 – Produktion, Logistik und Wirtschaftsinformatik		PF

You need to make sure which module the course you want to choose belongs to. This you can figure out with the modulhandbook.

Choose from a wide variety:

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Tick the boxes on the left side

Titel	Hinweis	Gewichtung	LP
M-WIWI-105768 – Management und Marketing	Begonnen	1	8,0
M-WIWI-105769 – Finanzierung und Rechnungswesen	Begonnen	1	6,0
M-WIWI-105770 – Produktion, Logistik und Wirtschaftsinformatik		1	8,0
Vertiefungsprogramm Betriebswirtschaftslehre LP: 6,0 von min. 9,0 (Wahl bei min. LP abgeschlossen)			
M-WIWI-101499 – Controlling (Management Accounting)		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101434 – eBusiness und Service Management		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101402 – eFinance		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101464 – Energiewirtschaft		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101435 – Essentials of Finance		2	9,0
M-WIWI-105610 – Financial Data Science		2	9,0
M-WIWI-103720 – Financial Economics		2	9,0
M-WIWI-102782 – Fundamentals of Digital Service Systems		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101424 – Grundlagen des Marketing		2	9,0
M-WIWI-105928 – HR Management & Digital Workplace		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101437 – Industrielle Produktion I		2	9,0
M-WIWI-105981 – Information Systems & Digital Business	Nicht wählbar mit M-WIWI-104913, M-WIWI-104912, M-WIWI-104911	2	9,0
M-WIWI-106860 – Leadership & nachhaltiges HR Management	Nicht wählbar mit M-WIWI-101513	2	9,0
M-WIWI-105482 – Machine Learning and Data Science		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101425 – Strategie und Organisation		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101465 – Topics in Finance I		2	9,0
M-WIWI-101423 – Topics in Finance II		2	9,0

# Learning Agreement

## Requirements for filling out your Learning Agreement

The minimum ECTS points of your Learning Agreement for each exchange semester at WiWi Department are **15 ECTS**.

At least **70%** of your total credits must be courses **you find in the module handbook for non-degree students from the KIT-Department of Business and Economics**. The rest can be chosen freely from the KIT-wide course offer. The rest of the courses can be chosen freely from other KIT departments / faculties.

You can attend both Bachelor's and Master's courses but you have to check with your home university if the recognition is possible.

Please choose only courses from the current semester. Some courses are offered only once a year – either in the winter or summer term

You can change or update your Learning Agreement **within two weeks after the start of the lecture period**. Changes after that are only possible under certain circumstances

If your university already uses the EWP (Erasmus Without Paper) system, please first submit your Digital Learning Agreement (DLA) via your home university's portal. Once your home university coordinator has approved and signed the DLA, it will be transferred to Mobility Online. In this case, the Learning Agreement in PDF format will not be signed

# Import Tools for Organizing Your Studies

## Campus Management System

General organization of studies

## Module Handbook for Non-Degree Students

Guide through your studies:

[https://www.wiwi.kit.edu/downloads/mhb\\_nondegree\\_en\\_aktuell.pdf](https://www.wiwi.kit.edu/downloads/mhb_nondegree_en_aktuell.pdf)



## ILIAS

Learning Plattform

## WiWi-Portal

(Registration for Seminars) und

**IRO-Website** (useful information for incoming students:

<https://www.wiwi.kit.edu/english/IncomingStudents.php>)

# Survival Rules for Your Studies at WiWi Department

The lecture time here is short, you will do a lot of self and group learning

Check the examination schedules in time, so you are able to take them before your leaving

Get in touch with the local students and ask for help if necessary

There are plenty of services around you, get use of them!

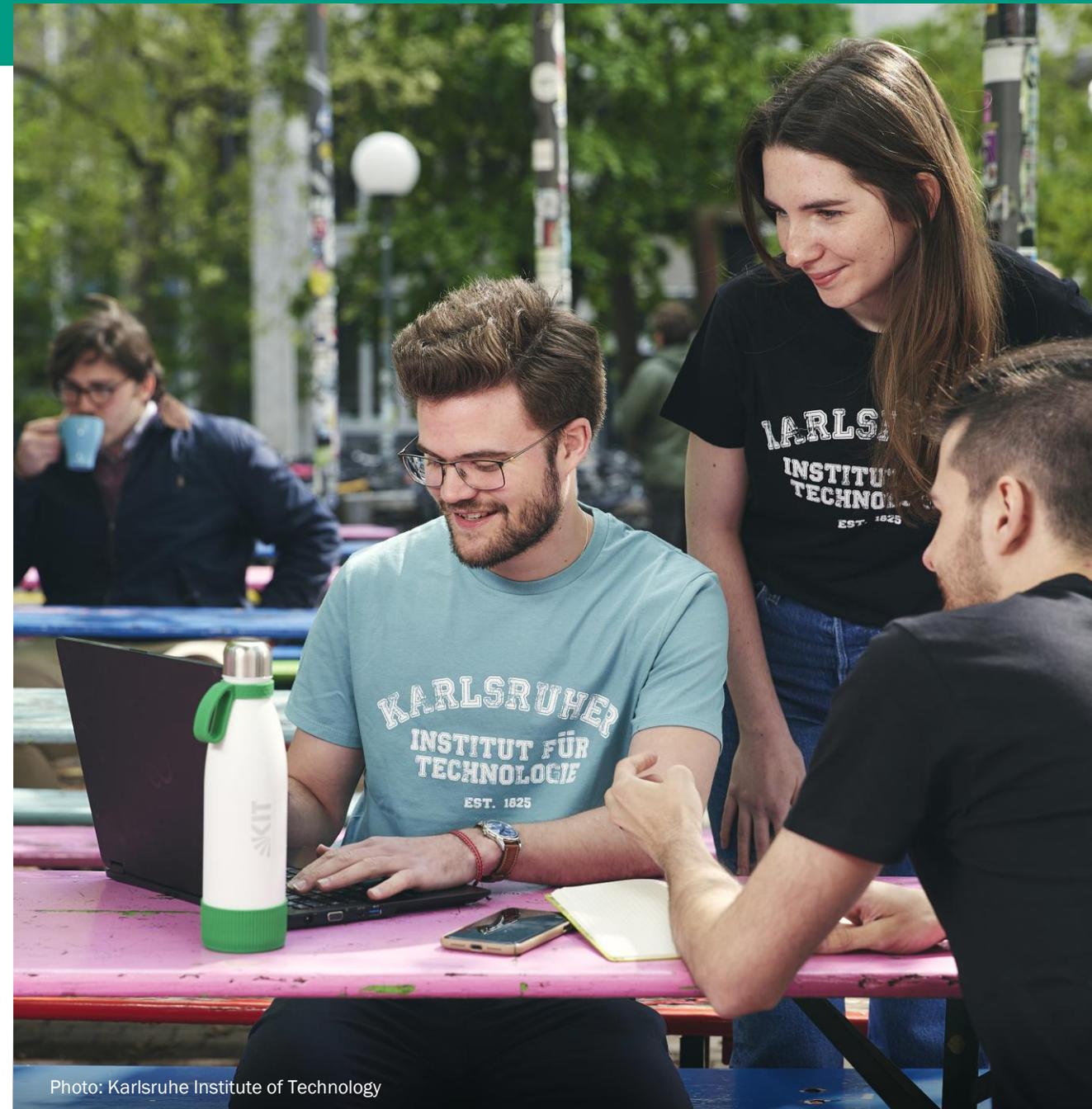


Photo: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Get Yourself Prepared  
(not only academically)



The cost of living in Karlsruhe is moderate compared to other major German cities. On average, exchange students should budget around **€650 to €1,100 per month** to cover essential expenses. Here's a rough breakdown:

- **Rent (including utilities):** €350–€600 (depending on location and type of accommodation)
- **Food and groceries:** €200–€300
- **Leisure, clothing, and personal expenses:** €100–€200

Besides these costs, you have to pay the semester ticket and health insurance (if not already covered).

<https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/3173.php>

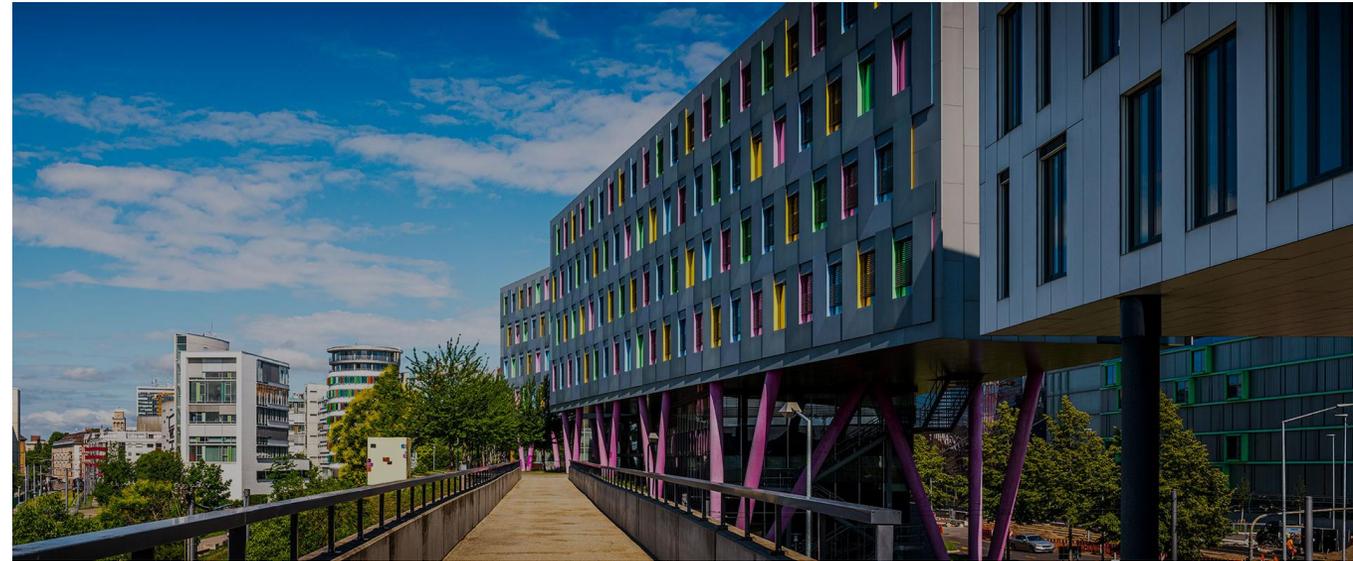


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## Accommodation searching – ASAP

### **Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe ([link](#))**

The Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe has been providing services for students at the KIT for over 100 years

### **KIT official webpage for Accommodations ([link](#))**

It provides you with overall information on kinds of accommodations in the city and some useful external links to find a place in cities or regions nearby Karlsruhe.

### **WG-Gesucht application/ website ([link](#))**

A WG (Wohngemeinschaft) is a shared apartment. It's a popular and affordable housing option for students in Germany.

## Scam offers when looking for an apartment!

These days, since it can be challenging to find an accommodation, **be aware of scammers**. The Baden-Württemberg Police help you spot fake listings and keep your personal information and money safe, by sending you a [pamphlet](#).

## Common abbreviations in communication

A majority of landlords/ landladies in Karlsruhe use German language to communicate. To make your search more convenient, we have prepared [a list of common abbreviations](#) that are often used in apartment advertisements.



## Health insurance

KIT will provide assistance in obtaining health insurance for incoming and outgoing students, according to the requirements of the ERASMUS Charter for Higher Education. For students, **having health insurance** with unlimited coverage for the entire duration of their stay in Germany **is mandatory**.

We strongly recommend that all incoming students ensure they are fully insured. The insurance policy should cover **medical emergencies** as well as **personal property**.

Please note that it is the **responsibility of the incoming students** to obtain the necessary and comprehensive insurance coverage.

Further information is available online at <https://www.intl.kit.edu/istudies/12698.php> or contact [erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu](mailto:erasmus-in@intl.kit.edu).

A list of all statutory health insurance providers can be found [here](#).

## Other kinds of insurances in Germany (optional)

- Private liability insurance
- Casualty insurance
- Household/property insurance



## By Train

Karlsruhe offers direct train access to many major cities across Germany and Europe, making it considerably convenient for you to travel by train.

### **Karlsruhe Central Station**

Karlsruhe's main train station is located in the southern part of the city center. When you exit the station through the main doors, you'll find taxis and all the streetcar stops just outside on the station square.

### **With the TGV to Karlsruhe**

Karlsruhe is the only city in Germany served by two TGV routes. For more details, visit [www.sncf-connect.com](http://www.sncf-connect.com).

## By plane

Getting to Karlsruhe is simple! The most common airport is **Frankfurt International Airport**, and other options for European departures are nearby airports like Baden-Baden, Stuttgart, or Strasbourg.

### **Taking Public Transport from the Airport (Train)**

Traveling by train is a convenient and eco-friendly option. From Frankfurt Airport (long-distance train station), you can take direct Intercity Express (ICE) or Intercity (IC) trains to Karlsruhe Hauptbahnhof (Hbf).

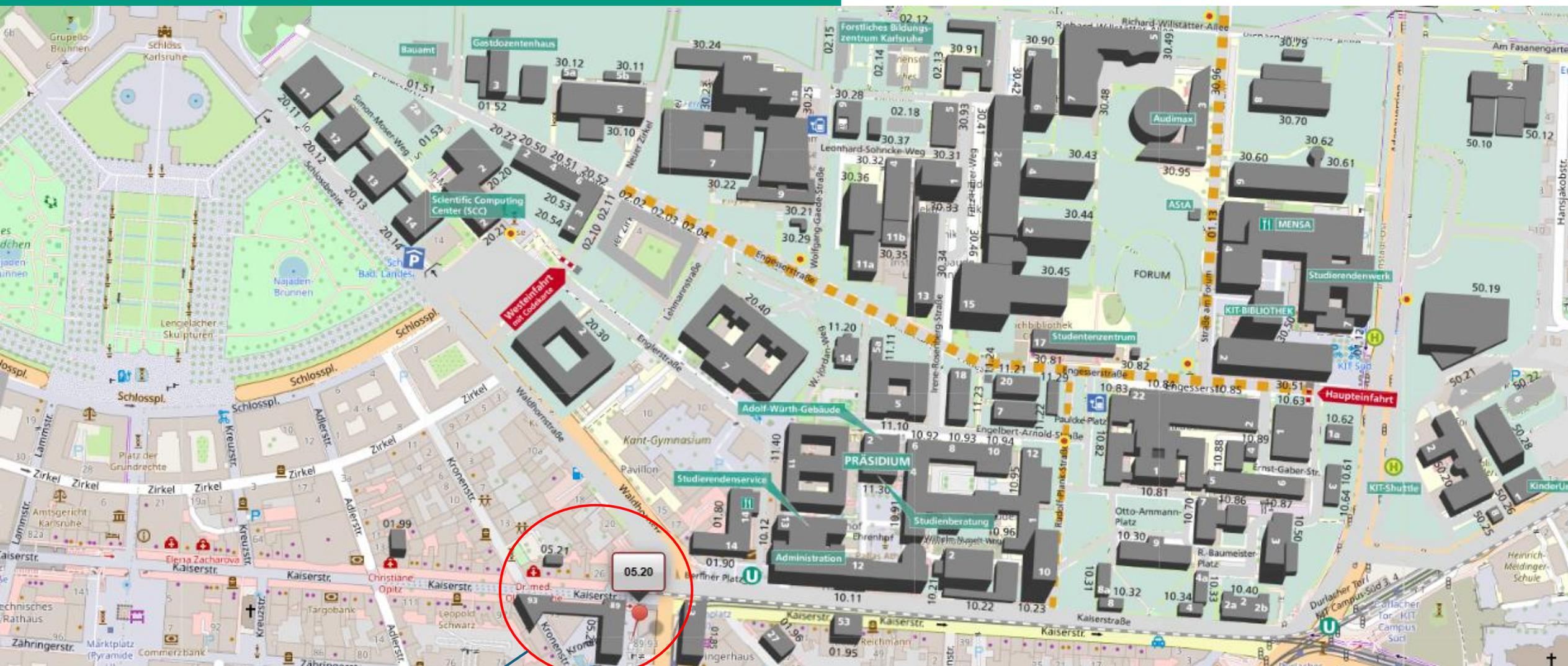
### **Taking Long-Distance Bus from the Airport**

FlixBus (available on the [website](#) or mobile app) operates services from Frankfurt Airport to Karlsruhe, with journey times averaging 1 hour and 45 minutes. It often is a bit more affordable than taking the train. Buses are equipped with amenities such as Wi-Fi and power outlets.

More useful information on other modes of transport can be found [here](#).

Discover KIT During Your Stay

# Campus Plan



Here are we: Building 05.20 on the corner of Kronneplatz

You can find the KIT buildings by checking: <https://www.kit.edu/campusplan/>

# Sport Activities (Hochschulsport)

The **Hochschulsport** (university sports) offers a wide range of sports courses, covering almost every activity imaginable, from aerobics to basketball to karate. To join these courses, you must register about two weeks before the start of classes.

## 1. Choosing Courses:

Visit <http://www.sport.kit.edu/hochschulsport>, click on “Sportangebot” on the left, then “Sportkurse.” Here, you’ll find the full list of sports offered. Click the links for course details, including times and locations. To book a course, click “buchen” on the right side.

**2. Booking:** Fill out the registration form, including your bank account details, and click “verbindliche Anmeldung” to submit it. You will receive a confirmation email, which you should print and bring to your class.

**3. Waiting List:** If the course is full, you can join the waiting list (Warteliste) for a chance to secure a spot if space becomes available later.



# Excellent Learning Environment at KIT and in Karlsruhe



Badische Landesbibliothek



Lernzentrum am  
Fasanenschlösschen (LAF)



Mathematik Gebäude



Stadtbibliothek Karlsruhe



InformatiKom KIT



KIT Bibliothek: offers the possibility to book seats in advance and is 24 hours open: <https://www.bibliothek.kit.edu/english/study-space-reservation.php>

# Studierendenwerk – Social Services for Students

The **Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe** is a student services organization that supports students at KIT and other universities in the region.

It provides essential services such as affordable housing, student cafeterias (Mensa), financial aid, childcare, and counseling. In addition, the psychotherapeutic counselling office of the Studierendenwerk is open to students with personal and psychological issues, including depression, psychosomatic complaints, anxiety, etc.

The organization aims to improve students' daily lives and well-being. You can contact them for any inquiries through their website at [www.sw-ka.de](http://www.sw-ka.de) or visit their office directly.

## Address:

Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe

Studentenhaus

Adenauerring 7, 76131 Karlsruhe

<https://www.sw-ka.de/en/>



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## ESN Karlsruhe

aims to make life easier for all the international students coming to Karlsruhe and ensure that they can make the best out of their time here. It organizes a lot of events throughout the semester to bring international and local students together.

### **Office Hour**

- Our office hours take place every Tuesday from 1-2pm.
- You can find us in [KIT Building 50.20 Room 005](#)
- Please contact us via [email](#) if you have any questions in advance.

### **O-Phase**

The International Orientation Week (O-Phase) is the perfect opportunity for you to start smoothly in your semester abroad in Karlsruhe. During the week full of fun events, trips and parties you get to know fellow exchange students as well as the city of Karlsruhe, all while having a great time.

### **Buddy Program**

You will sign up with some information about yourself and ESN Karlsruhe will try to match you with a local student from Karlsruhe, who then becomes your “buddy” for the semester, [Registration now.](#)



Discover Karlsruhe and Around During  
Your Stay

## Why Karlsruhe?

- Located in Karlsruhe, KIT provides convenient access to major European cities such as Paris (2 hours 40 minutes by train), Zurich (2 hours 40 minutes by train), Amsterdam (5 hours 30 minutes by train), and Berlin (6 hours by train)
- With around 300,000 inhabitants, Karlsruhe is the third-largest city in Baden-Württemberg, offering a wide range of leisure and cultural activities. Additionally, Karlsruhe is a safe city with easy access to biking, whether around the city itself or in its green surroundings
- New study: Karlsruhe is the city with the best English skills



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## Free Travel in the Evenings and on Weekends

With your KIT card and the KVV certificate (downloadable from the Campus Management System), you can use the KVV network for free after 6 p.m. on weekdays, and all day on weekends and public holidays.

## KVV Studikarte ([link](#))

For €215.50, the Studikarte gives you unlimited travel in the entire KVV area for six months – ideal if you commute regularly.

## Free Nextbike Rentals ([link](#))

As a KIT student, you can use Nextbike for free. Just register with your student email and enjoy easy bike access around the city.

## Deutschland-Ticket Uni – Travel Across Germany ([link](#))

For €55.08/month, the Deutschland-Ticket lets you use local and regional transport across Germany (excluding IC, EC, ICE).

In addition, you can have a look at the [D-Ticket JugendBW](#) Ticket, which is valid for students who:

- live in the Baden-Württemberg section of the KVV network (or their school is located in this area), and
- are under 27 years old.

# Experience Karlsruhe

**Karlsruhe offers a vibrant cultural scene with a variety of attractions:**

**ZKM | Center for Art and Media:** A leading institution blending art, technology, and media with exciting exhibitions and events.

**Badisches Staatstheater:** A renowned theater offering opera, ballet, drama, and concerts.

**Kunsthalle Karlsruhe:** One of Germany's oldest art museums, showcasing European art from the 14th century to contemporary works.

**Städtische Galerie Karlsruhe:** A municipal gallery focusing on modern and contemporary art.

## Annual Events

Don't miss "[Das Fest](#)," one of Germany's largest open-air festivals, and the Schlosslichtspiele light and sound show at Karlsruhe Palace every summer.



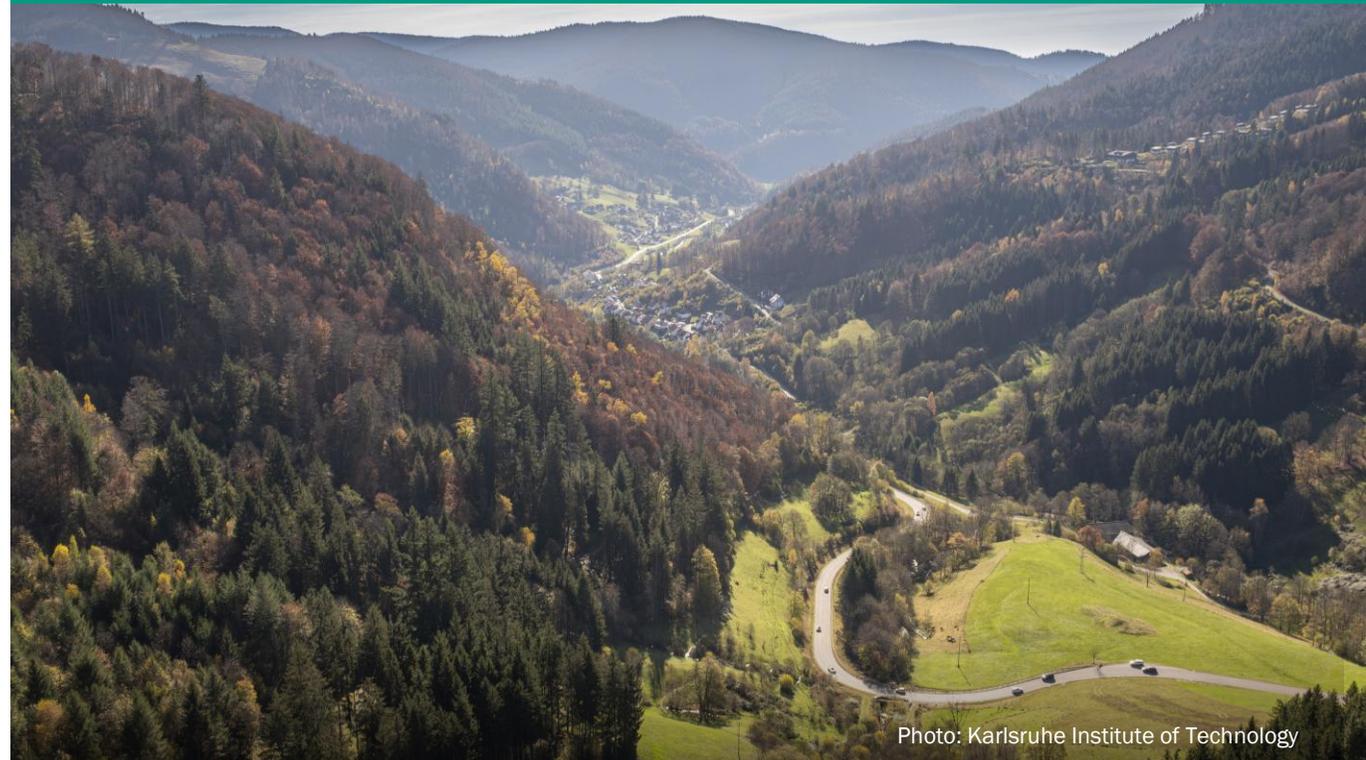
# Sightseeings in Karlsruhe and around

## Top 10 Sights in Karlsruhe

As part of your exchange experience in Karlsruhe, exploring the city's key sights is a great way to connect with its culture and history. You can visit the [Karlsruhe Palace](#), the [Zoological Garden](#), the [Turmberg](#), the [Center for Art and Media \(ZKM\)](#), [Botanical Garden](#), [State Art Gallery](#), [Karlsruhe Pyramid](#), [Marktplatz](#), [Schlossgarten](#), and the [Badisches Staatstheater](#) to get a deeper sense of the city's unique charm.

Check out the **Top 10 Highlights** in Karlsruhe here:

<https://www.karlsruhe-erleben.de/en/sehenswuerdigkeiten/highlights>



## Discover the Wonders of Baden-Württemberg

Baden-Württemberg, located in Southwest Germany, offers a unique blend of natural beauty, rich history, and exciting activities. From the stunning [Black Forest](#) and [Swabian Alb](#) to the scenic [Lake Constance](#) and the [Stuttgart Region](#), each area has something special to offer. Discover world-renowned castles like [Heidelberg Castle](#) and [Hohenzollern Castle](#), explore prehistoric sites like the [Pile Dwellings of Unteruhldingen](#), or enjoy thrilling activities at Europe's largest outlet center and famous [theme parks](#). Whether you're into history, nature, or adventure, Baden-Württemberg has something for everyone.

# Important Information

Here are a few addresses and telephone numbers you can call in an emergency.

## In case of physical problems

In case of serious accidents and life-threatening emergencies: **Emergency number 112**

Europe-wide telephone number, no area code and free of charge.

You call an emergency center, which decides whether to inform an ambulance, the fire brigade or the police.

## In case of fraud, robbery, acts of violence, traffic accidents or other incidents in which no one was injured

**Police (phone 110)** Germany-wide telephone number, no area code and free of charge.

## If you have health problems that are not life-threatening, but you can no longer go to the doctor or hospital yourself.

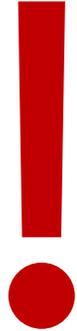
Or if you have health problems that require you to see a doctor immediately. This applies to times when you cannot go to any of your doctors. There is an on-call medical service that is available on public holidays, weekends and Wednesday afternoons. **On-call medical service 116117** A uniform telephone number throughout Germany, no area code and free of charge.

## For mental health problems

If it is very urgent, such as in the case of serious psychological problems that include suicidal thoughts, please ask to be taken to the **Clinic for Psychiatry and Psychotherapeutic Medicine** at the Municipal Hospital! If no friend or acquaintance can bring you, please call **the police (phone 110)**. The address of the clinic is: [Kaiserallee 10, 76133 Karlsruhe](#), opening hours: all day and night Phone: **0721 9743710**

If you would like to speak to someone in case of **a crisis, worries, problems or even suicidal thoughts**, there is the telephone counseling service. Specially trained employees are there for you. You can reach the telephone counseling service day and night on the numbers

**Phone counseling service 0800 111 0 111** and **0800 111 0 222**. Uniform telephone number throughout Germany, without area code, free of charge and above all anonymous and completely confidential.



# Public holidays in Baden-Württemberg

In Germany, both public holidays and school holidays differ from one Federal State to the next. Karlsruhe is located in the state of Baden-Württemberg, which means the following public holidays apply, along with certain protective regulations.

## Public holidays 25/26

- New Year (January 1 )
- Epiphany (January 6)
- Good Friday (April 3, 2026)
- Easter Monday (April 6, 2026)
- Labour Day (May 1, 2026)
- Ascension of Christ (May 14, 2026)
- White Monday (May 25, 2026)
- Corpus Christi (June 4, 2026)
- German Unity Day (October 3)
- All Saints' Day (November 1)
- First and Second Christmas Day (25/26 December)

**Please note that the super markets are closed on Sundays and on those public holidays.**



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In addition to these public holidays, there is a **KIT Christmas break** from December 24th to January 6th. Also, there are no lectures during the “semester holidays”/lecture-free period, but there might be exams.

# Testimonials



**Matilde Casazza\_Università degli studi di Bergamo**

“Studying at KIT was an incredible experience. The university offers outstanding courses and opportunities in a truly dynamic and international environment, which allowed me to grow both academically and personally. In addition, the vibrant yet relaxing atmosphere of Karlsruhe, as a perfectly sized student city, gave me the perfect chance to meet new people and make the most of my Erasmus experience.”

**Flavia und Maria: Centro Universitário FEI Brazil**

“Academically, the university exceeded all expectations. The professors were incredibly knowledgeable and approachable, always encouraging open dialogue and critical thinking. The international environment also allowed us to connect with students from all over the world, broadening our perspectives and making us feel like true global citizens.”



**Raphaël Di Maiolo Université de Montpellier**

“Studying at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) has been an incredible experience. The diverse international community allowed me to meet people from all over the world, broadening my perspective and fostering cultural exchange. Moreover, the student life is dynamic, with many events and opportunities to connect, making it easy to feel at home. Academically, the courses are engaging and well-structured, with professors who encourage interactive learning. Thanks to the wide range of courses offered, I was able to choose subjects that truly align with my future career goals, making my studies even more meaningful.”



## Why Join?

*As an ambassador, you play a vital role in inspiring and informing future exchange students about the opportunities at KIT Department of Business and Economics. Your experiences, insights, and enthusiasm can help us welcome even more students from your home university in the future!*

## What Can You Do as an Ambassador?

- ❖ *Share Your Experience – Talk about your exchange journey with fellow students at your home university.*
- ❖ *Promote Our Programs – Introduce students at your home university to our exchange opportunities through presentations at International Days of your home university, social media, student fairs or privately.*
- ❖ *Answer Questions – Help prospective students by sharing insights about studying at our department and life in Karlsruhe.*
- ❖ *Stay Connected – Collaborate with us to support exchange initiatives and build an international network.*

## What's in It for You?

*As a token of our appreciation, you will receive an **exclusive Ambassador Package** with merchandising articles of KIT and information materials to support your role and represent us at your home institution. Also, you will receive a certificate for being the ambassador for us.*

## Interested?

*If you're excited to be part of this initiative, let us know! We look forward to having you as a valued ambassador and spreading the spirit of international exchange together.*

**Contact us at [International.Relations@wiwi.kit.edu](mailto:International.Relations@wiwi.kit.edu) to sign up!**

**We look forward to seeing you soon in Karlsruhe  
at KIT Department of Economics & Management!**

