

# INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

## Exchange Student Guide



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University of Applied Sciences and Arts



## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The **International Office** is the contact point for prospective international students, international students and exchange students at Fachhochschule Dortmund – University of Applied Sciences and Arts. We take care of your **admission** and **registration procedures**, **help you with visas, residence permits** and registering with local authorities as well as with the **search for accommodation**. We also provide information on **language courses**, **offer scholarships** and organize a large variety of **intercultural leisure activities**.

Supported by **cooperation programs with nearly 100 international universities**, we also provide a range of international services for all students, offering help to **find and organize internships or exchange studies abroad**.

[www.fh-dortmund.de/internationaloffice\\_en](http://www.fh-dortmund.de/internationaloffice_en)

## DORTMUND IS ALIVE ...

Dortmund is located in the Ruhr area (Ruhrgebiet), the largest urban agglomeration in Germany, with 5 million inhabitants – more than Germany's capital Berlin! Dortmund, the **8th largest city in Germany**, is a modern cosmopolitan metropolis with nearly 600,000 residents, well-served by **excellent regional and municipal infrastructure**.

A city that was once world-renowned for steel, coal and beer has transformed into a **center for innovative technology**, and **cultural and sporting excellence**. Dortmund has not only a thriving **shopping** and ›city scene‹ but also boasts a large number of **parks, woodland** and **leisure facilities** in and around the city. The city has **nine institutions of higher education**, both public and private, with more than 50,000 students.



## ... AND BUZZING

An absolute must to visit is the **Signal Iduna Park**. The home of the **Borussia Dortmund football club**, with its 81,359 (standing and seated) capacity, is the **largest football stadium in Germany** and the seventh largest in Europe. The match day atmosphere inside the stadium is unique and not to be missed! The Christmas festive season opens with the **famous Dortmund Christmas Market**, a labyrinth of bustling market stalls spread throughout the city center, with the **tallest Christmas tree in the world (45 meters)** as its centerpiece.



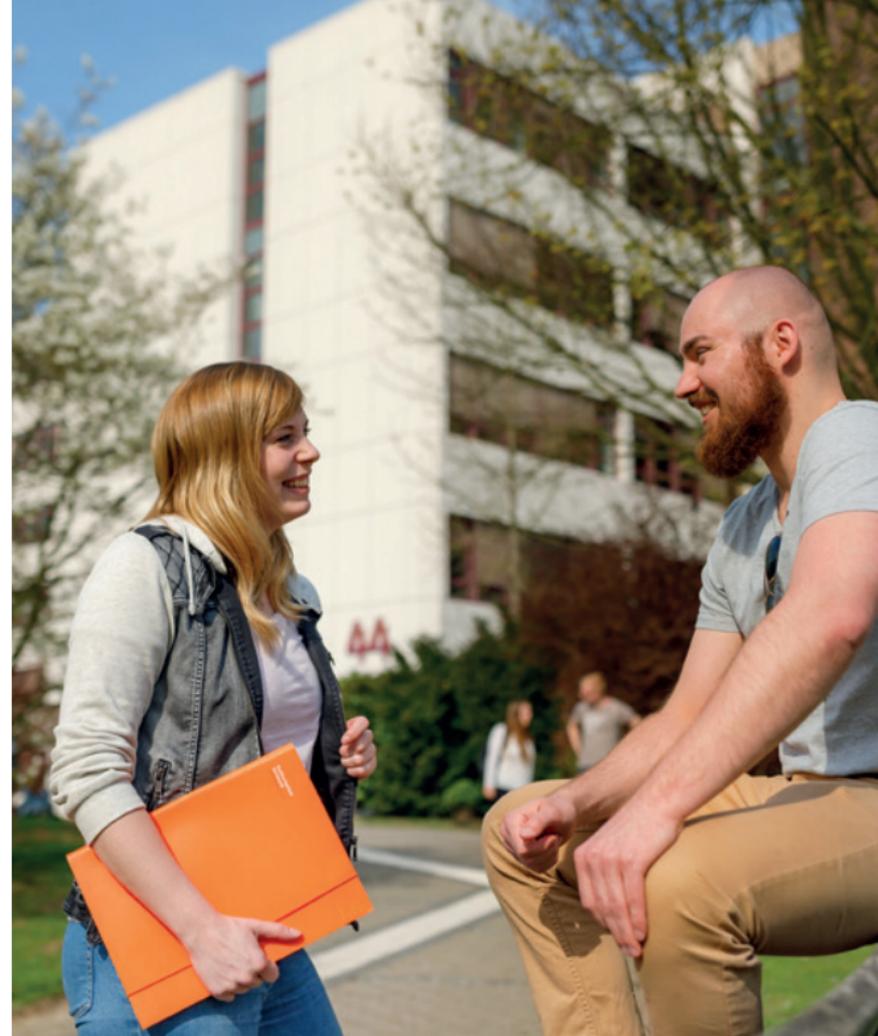


## APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Work studies prepare students for diverse activities in the social sector, drawing on social work theories and methods of intervention as well as social science research. The fields of activity and target groups in social work are equally diverse as concepts of how theory is put into daily practice. Areas of practice are affected by **social issues and policies** as well as interdisciplinary reflections, including **sociology, psychology, education, social medicine, law, politics** and **administration up to organization**. Social workers also advise, accompany and empower, support and take care of people in more than 30 vocational fields covering **community- and healthcare, social policy- and welfare**. This includes working with families, children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens as well as groups of people in the private, public or voluntary sector.

### Additional information:

[www.fh-dortmund.de/applied-social-studies](http://www.fh-dortmund.de/applied-social-studies)



# ARCHITECTURE

The programs in Architecture enable you to acquire knowledge and practical skills that can be used in **design, drafting** and **construction**, in **technical building planning** and in **construction management**. In our Bachelor's program as well as in the three Master's programs, we place great value on a **very good supervisory relationship** between teachers and students and on **excellent equipment in the laboratories and workshops**. We combine traditional craftsmanship and innovative technologies in the architectural exploration in order to offer training that can professionally address social issues from the perspective of building and urban design.

## Additional information:

[www.fh-dortmund.de/architecture](http://www.fh-dortmund.de/architecture)







## BUSINESS STUDIES

Are you a business or management student? If so, you should consider a study-abroad experience with a balance of theoretical and practical content at the Faculty of Business Studies. The Faculty of Business Studies welcomes **international students from all over the world** and has **more than 30 years of experience in student exchange**.

We offer **study programs taught in German and in English**. For instance, the Bachelor's program in International Business provides a variety of business and management modules with English as the language of instruction. Within the Master's program EuroMPM, you will gain skills in international project management. The programs M.A. Business Management and M.Sc. Finance, Accounting, Controlling, Taxation focus on digitalization, project orientation, sustainability and internationalization.

### **Additional information:**

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

In addition to a sound basic education in the administration and further development of **networked systems**, the **structure and organization of databases**, and the **design and development of information systems** form the core elements of Computer Science. Extensive courses are offered in Applied Computer Science and Computer Engineering. Computer Engineering chiefly deals with hardware and systems engineering, **embedded systems**, **telematics** and **automation technology**. In Applied Computer Science, studies focus on such topics as **multimedia**, **software engineering** and **database design and management**. **Medical Computer Science** provides training specifically for the rapidly **growing IT challenges in the healthcare system**. Business Computer Science targets the design and deployment of **corporate information systems**, **data processing organization** and **databases**, and the creation, modification and maintenance of user application software packages.

### Additional information:

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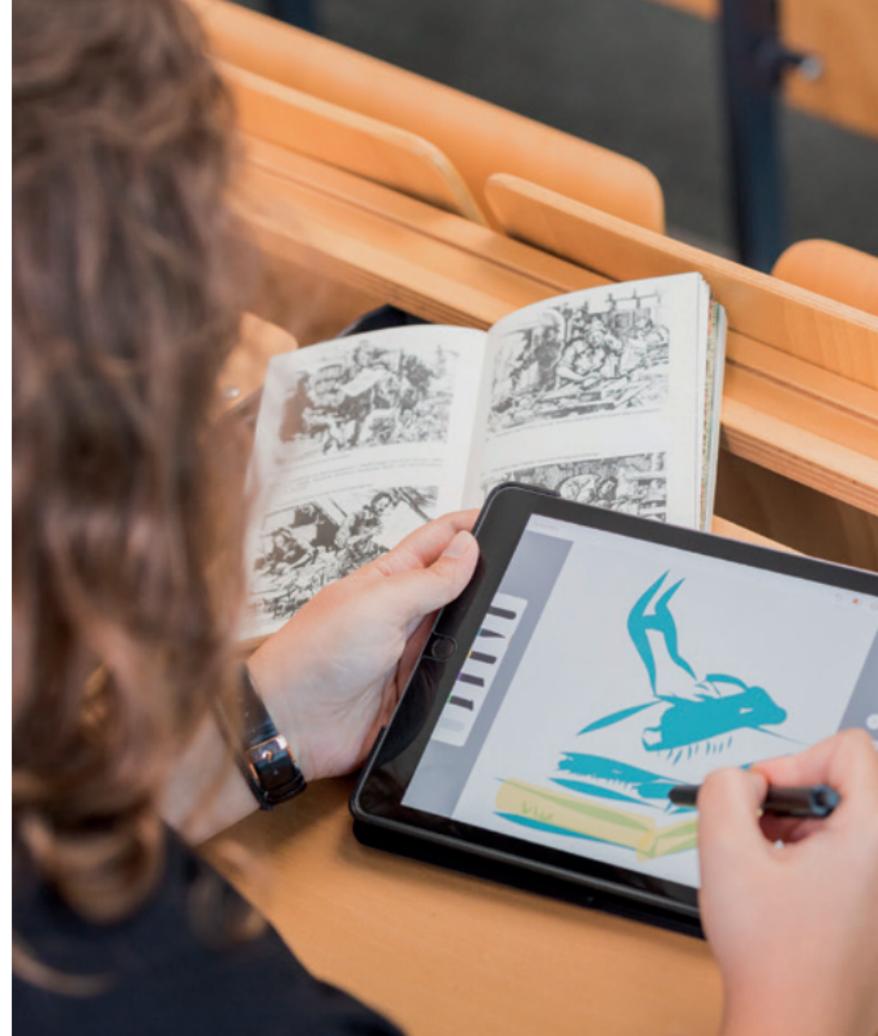
# DESIGN

The diversity of Design as a field of activity is reflected in all areas of **media and society**, in public buildings, in the sector of **exhibitions** and **trade fair constructions**, in **photography**, in the production of **advertising**, in **animation** and in **motion pictures**. Design shapes our perception of the world.

Students acquire high levels of skills in **creative and conceptual thinking**, confidence in preparing designs, accuracy and dexterity in executing their projects. Upon graduating, they are qualified to work in teams, have gained advanced skills in **project management** and the ability to develop design concepts in line with the specifications of commissioned projects, which they bring to the final publication stage, reflected in the publications of the faculty.

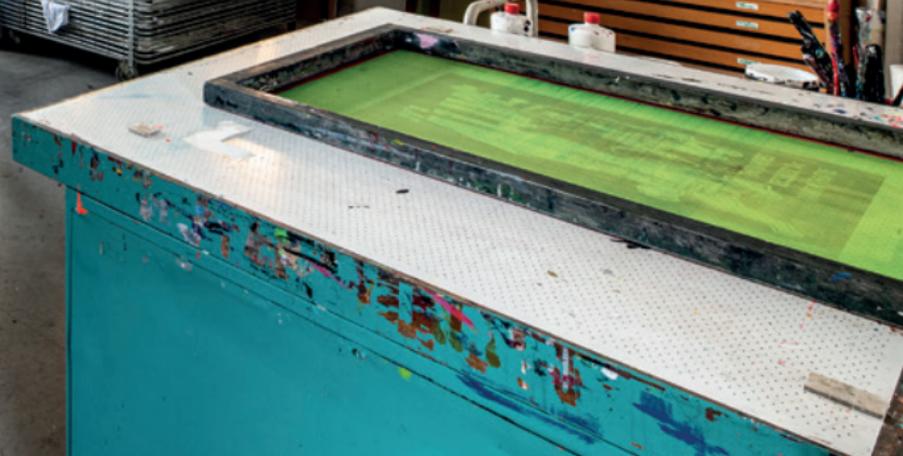
## Additional information:

[www.fh-dortmund.de/faculty-of-design](http://www.fh-dortmund.de/faculty-of-design)





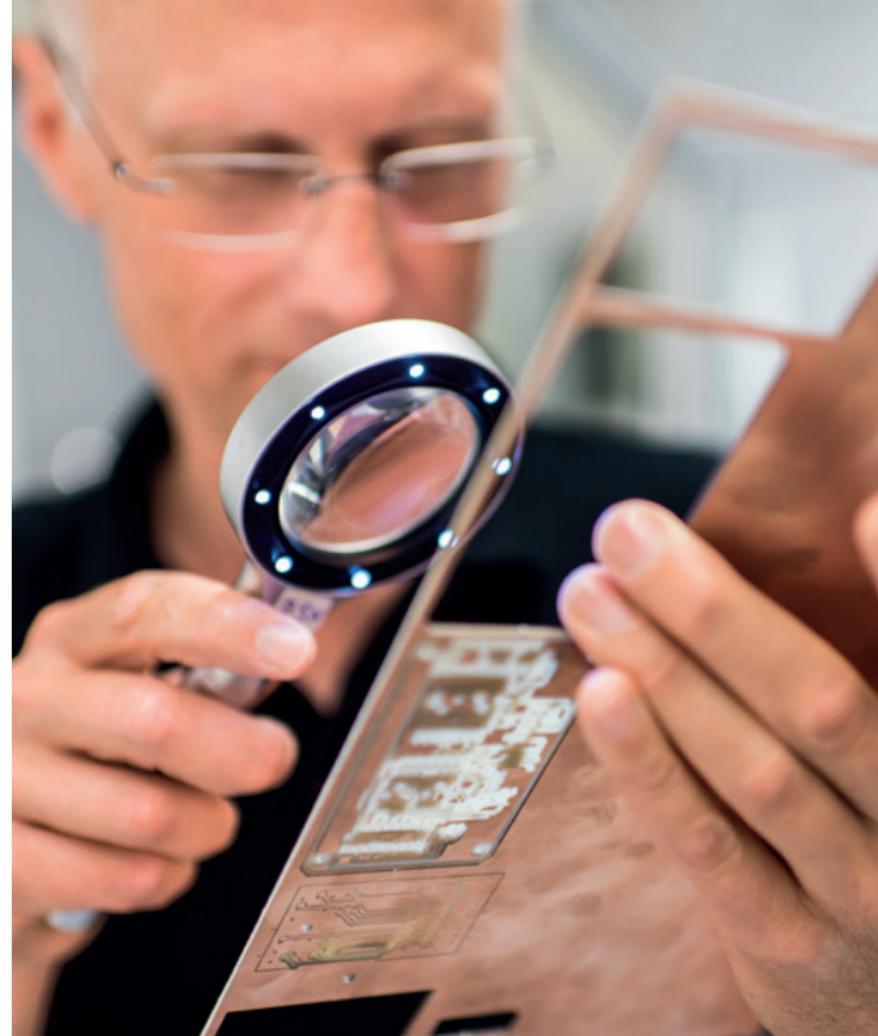
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## ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

The Electrical Engineering study program offers three major fields: **Power Train Systems and Automation, Electrical, Energy and Environmental Engineering, and Industrial Electronics and Sensor Technology**, which lay the foundations for professional activities, such as development, project work, distribution and maintenance of electrical energy plants and equipment. Equipment used to generate and distribute electrical energy (e.g. power stations and transmission facilities) and to convert and transform electrical energy (e.g. machinery and drive equipment, power conversion equipment, and automation units) is of primary importance.

The **Energy Economics** study program complements the study program in Electrical Engineering especially in the field of Electrical Energy and Environmental Technology by analyzing and evaluating the energy-technical boundary conditions under **economic aspects**.

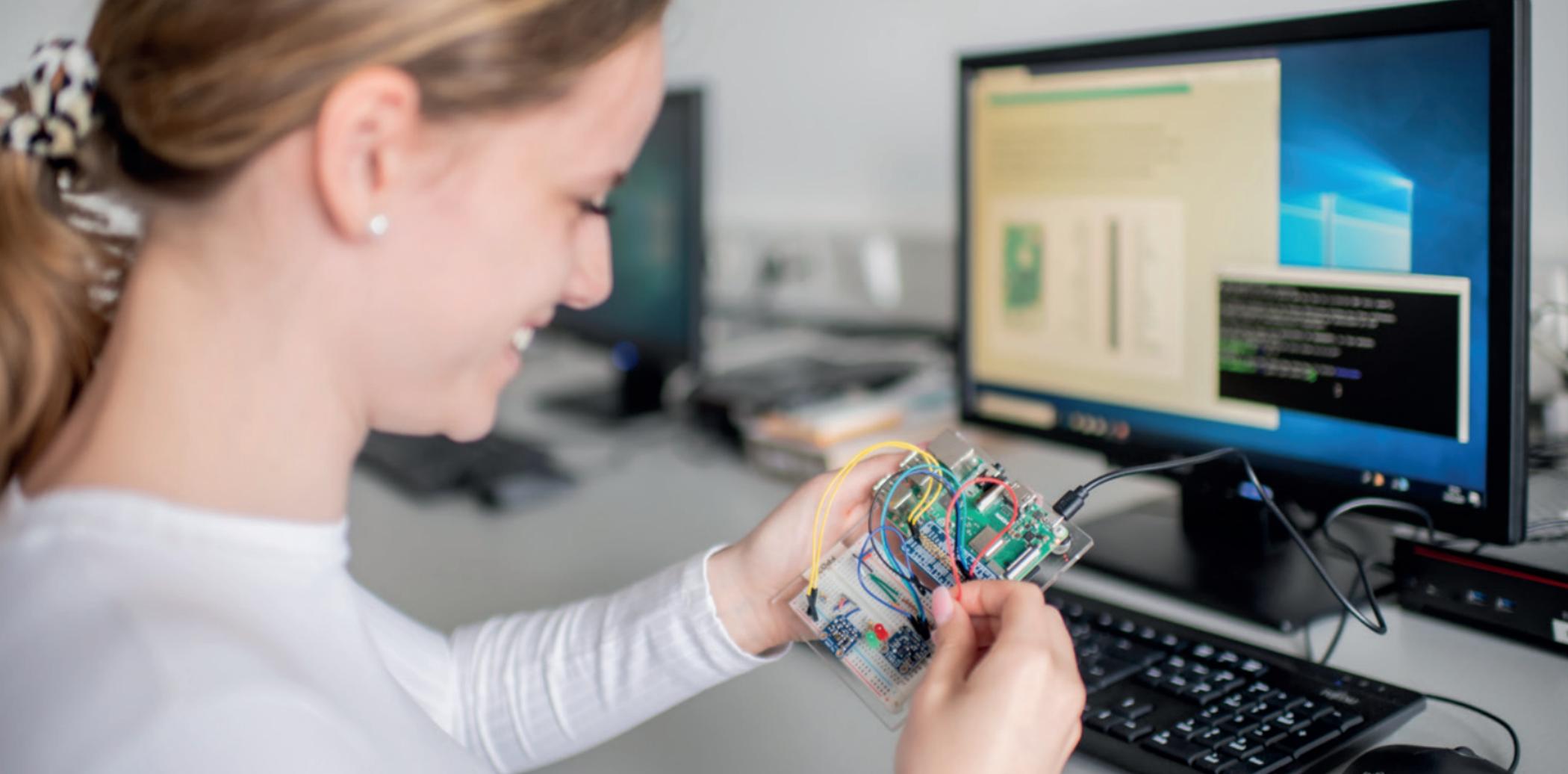


This study program is oriented towards the value chain while considering different areas, such as production, network operation, and trading. The broadly based Master's program in **Energy Systems** is designed for the in-depth academic study and scientific specialization of the knowledge acquired in the Bachelor's programs »Electrical Engineering«, »Energy Economics« and similar.

**Additional information:**

[www.fh-dortmund.de/electrical-engineering](http://www.fh-dortmund.de/electrical-engineering)





## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Faculty of Information Technology combines information technology and biomedical engineering. Skills and knowledge in data acquisition, data processing, artificial intelligence, communication technologies, and automation and control are fundamental to our study programs. Applications span a variety of fields, including home automation, industrial systems, and automotive. A particular focus of the faculty is biomedical engineering: our study programs with a biomedical background focus on information technology in medicine. They provide a basic understanding of medicine alongside information technology and the application of information technology in medicine.

**Additional information:**

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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

With a tradition as old as civilization, Mechanical Engineering is primarily concerned with the **design, production and operation of machines and machinery**. Being essentially concerned with virtually ›anything that moves‹ in some form or another, it plays a central role in activities as diverse as **automobile design and construction, manufacturing, computing, micro and nanotechnologies, automation systems, energy generation** and supply, and many, many more. In short, Mechanical Engineering today is probably the broadest and most diverse of all engineering disciplines representing a wide and surprisingly varied range of professional opportunities for mechanical engineering students of today. Therefore, at Fachhochschule Dortmund – University of Applied Sciences and Arts, we also offer a wide selection of industry-relevant, specialist courses what ensures that our graduates have the expertise to pursue a successful career in addition to providing our students with a solid and comprehensive grounding in engineering basics.

### **Additional information:**

[www.fh-dortmund.de/mechanical-engineering](http://www.fh-dortmund.de/mechanical-engineering)



# APPLICATION

Our application process is fast and easy! Fachhochschule Dortmund – University of Applied Sciences and Arts uses an **intuitive online portal** that guides you through the application process.

After you have been nominated by your university, you need to register for the portal and fill in the forms. You also have to upload a number of documents. **If you would like the Studierendenwerk Dortmund to arrange a room reservation for you, let us know in your application!**

**This application process only applies to Erasmus+ students and students of partner universities!** If you are a freemover, please contact the International Office for additional information!

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You can apply online during the following periods:

## **Application for the winter semester:**

- 1 March – 15 May

→ **Deadline 15 May!**

## **Application for the summer semester:**

- 1 September – 15 November

→ **Deadline 15 November!**



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# COSTS

## Accommodation

If you wish to make a **reservation for a fully furnished room**, the Studierendenwerk Dortmund is here to help you. Simply **state your request for a room in your online application** via Mobility-Online, the online portal for exchange students. Please note that there is only a limited number of rooms available. The accommodation fees for rooms range from €300 to €410. Normally, we cannot take personal preferences into consideration.

## Study-related costs

All students of Fachhochschule Dortmund – University of Applied Sciences and Arts need to pay a social contribution, the so-called **»Semesterbeitrag«** of approximately €320 for the current semester. This **fee is not a tuition fee** but a contribution for our social facilities. **It includes subsidized meal prices in all 10 dining halls, free access to public libraries and a public transport pass, the so-called »NRW-Ticket« or »Semesterticket«.** The ticket allows the holder to **travel free on public transport**, including busses, subway, tram, local trains in North Rhine-Westphalia. It is a great way of getting around and seeing the region.

## Monthly living costs

Here is an example of the costs you might expect as a student in Dortmund:

380 € Accommodation

250 € Food

30 € Clothing

82 € Culture and Sports

120 € Health Insurance, Liability  
and Accident Insurance

18 € Public Broadcasting License  
Fees (GEZ), compulsory

20 € Cell Phone and Internet

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**900 € Total monthly living costs**



## LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

### Students' Sports Program

The university offers a wide range of exciting **free time activities at little or no cost**. For a mere €15 per semester, you can join the Students' Sports program, which offers more than **100 different sports**, such as volleyball, fitness courses, parkour, climbing, and dancing lessons – take your pick, there is something for everyone!

### InterKulTreff

The **InterKulTreff** meets once every month and organizes diverse **activities** and **excursions for international and domestic students**, providing a great opportunity to **meet new people** and **see new places!**

### CareerService

The CareerService offers a large variety of courses including **academic support, job preparation, soft skills, coaching, languages** and **IT – all for free!**

### International Culture Café

The International Culture Café (IKC) hosts events during which students present their cultures by preparing an **evening with information, food, music, dancing and a party** – attendance is **free** of charge!

### Theater and Opera

The theater and opera house have a cooperation with Fachhochschule Dortmund – University of Applied Sciences and Arts offering every student **two tickets** to most of the performances **for free – plays, operas, ballets and musicals**.

... or, of course you could spend your afternoons browsing around the Thier Gallery shopping complex, strolling through **Westfalenpark** or **Rombergpark**, or visit **Phönixsee**, and spend your evenings in one or more **student pubs** on and around **campus**.



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