



UNIVERSITÄT  
LEIPZIG



## **Degree Programmes**

This study placement is available for Languages and Social Sciences Students.  
Courses are offered in German.

Number of Places: 2

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

## **Application Process**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

**Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.**

## **The University**

University of Leipzig  
Ritterstrasse 26  
04109  
Leipzig  
Germany

Main University website:

[In German](#)

[In English](#)



Aston's agreement is with the [Institute for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies](#)

Beethovenstrasse15,  
04107 Leipzig, Germany

The Universität Leipzig was founded in 1409. In the course of its diverse history, it grew to encompass a wide selection of disciplines comprising almost all areas of knowledge. World-renowned scientists have taught or studied in Leipzig, and important impulses for the development of thought originated here.

[What it is like to study at University of Leipzig](#)

[11 reasons why to study at University of Leipzig](#)

## Location

**Leipzig** is one of the liveliest and most dynamic cities in Germany. Whether as a musical city, trade fair mecca or city of books – Leipzig has been an important European centre for hundreds of years.



Famous poets such as Lessing, Klopstock, Gottsched or Goethe moved here. Philosophers such as Leibniz, Nietzsche and Bloch influence thinking in the city to this day. And Leipzig is especially well known across the world

for its musicality, with a long tradition stretching back to the works of Bach and Mendelssohn Bartholdy in particular.

## Semester/key dates

**Semester 1:** Beginning of October to end of March; the first week is induction week

**Semester 2:** Beginning of April to end of September; the first week is induction week

## [Academic Calendar](#)

## [Courses Available](#)

Incoming ERASMUS students should choose courses in the Institute for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies (translation, interpreting, French, Spanish and Russian language and cultural studies, text linguistics, translation studies).

Students can take German classes of different kinds and levels at Studienkolleg Sachsen. To register for these, they need to take an entrance exam. This exam usually takes place at the beginning of the induction week, so students wishing to do one or several of these classes need to arrive early enough to take this exam. [Information on the courses](#).

Students can attend classes at the other departments of the School of Philology (Romance Studies, Slavonic Studies, German Studies) and at other Schools

(depending on their second subject, for instance). Please note that some departments may have restrictions in place and may not admit ERASMUS students from other departments than their own. So far, however, we have mostly been able to place students at the departments of their choice as long as the subject falls within the Humanities. It is not possible for our ERASMUS students to take classes in subjects such as psychology or sciences.

**IMPORTANT:** As course lists of the individual departments for the coming semester are available rather late, ERASMUS students can only finalize their learning agreements upon arrival. Therefore, it is absolutely essential for them to come to Leipzig early enough to make their final choices and register for the classes they have chosen. It is not a good idea to arrive two or three days before classes start. Allow for at least a full week to organize things.

Our International Centre offers a **Language and Orientation Course** to incoming ERASMUS students. This three-week course is held before the actual classes start, both in Semester 1 and 2. There is a limit to the number of participants, and the course is not free of charge (it costs approx. €150). But it is a great opportunity, as it provides intensive German classes and an interesting cultural and social programme. Students will not only get to know each other and German “buddies”, but they will also get help with organization and administration.

**Workload:** 30 ECTS credits per semester

## **Living in Germany**

- **Accommodation**

Students can go to a **hall of residence** managed by [Studentenwerk](#).

The application form for this type of accommodation is sent in with the ERASMUS application.

Many ERASMUS students opt for accommodation in a **shared flat**. This type of accommodation is not provided by the university, though, students have to find it on their own.

There is a good chance of finding a “Wohngemeinschaft”, if you start looking early enough.

If you do not have any contacts in Leipzig, you can use websites such as:

[Website 1](#)

[Website 2](#)

[Website 3](#)

[Website 4](#)

- **Living Costs**

- **Rent (€):** 175 to 300, depending on the type (rooms in shared flats are usually a bit cheaper than rooms in halls).
- **Transport tickets (€):** There is a so-called **Semesterticket**, which allows students to use all local trams and buses for one semester. At the moment, this ticket costs approximately €110, which is a real bargain compared with the cost of regular monthly passes.
- **Food (€):** 100 to 150. Food prices are generally lower than in the UK, and there are good-quality discounters such as Aldi or Lidl which are considerably cheaper than normal supermarkets.
- **Cinema tickets (€):** 8-15 per ticket, depending on cinema and time of day.
- All students registering at the University of Leipzig, including exchange students, have to pay a one-off fee to Studentenwerk (the so-called [Semesterbeitrag](#), currently €101) which covers certain services provided to students. This is not a tuition fee!
- **GEZ-fees (Radio and TV licence fee)**

Radio	5,76€ / month
Television	17,98€ / month
Radio and television	17,98€ / month

Information regarding GEZ („Gebühreneinzugszentrale“): in Germany exists a legal fee for owners of radios and televisions. This means that every person owning a radio or television has to pay a monthly fee to GEZ, also if these equipment's are never or seldom in use! Further information about GEZ: liability to charge and remission (information in German only).

- **“Welcome Payment”**

All exchange students taking up residence in Leipzig can apply for a “welcome payment” of €150 from the City of Leipzig.

### **Next steps if you are successful**

1. Invitation to a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

### **Visa**

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Universität Leipzig and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in Germany. For further information, please see the website of the [German Embassy](#) in London. Leipzig has provided the following [visa information](#).

## **Careers + Placements**

[www.aston.ac.uk/careers](http://www.aston.ac.uk/careers)

