

# German Sports University Info Sheet

<b>Webpage for Exchange Students</b>	<a href="https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/exchange-semester-at-gsu/">https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/exchange-semester-at-gsu/</a>	
<b>Term Dates</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	Within the week before the semester commences
	<b>Fall Semester (Semester 1)</b>	October to March
	<b>Winter/Spring (Semester 2)</b>	April to September
<b>Quick-Facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The German Sport University Cologne, founded in Cologne in 1947, combines qualified teaching and international research of the highest level and is the only university in Germany that is dedicated exclusively to the world of sport and exercise science.</li> <li>• Located at the Müngersdorf Sport Park, in the heart of Cologne's green belt and within an almost perfect sport infrastructure, Europe's largest sport university offers a unique environment for 980 employees and more than 6.000 students from 93 countries.</li> <li>• The German Sport University has the largest specialised sport and exercise library in the world.</li> <li>• The campus has 61,000 square metres of sports areas with more than 1600 trees.</li> </ul>	
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English	
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 30 ECTS.</p> <p><b>Guidelines for the selection of courses:</b>  <a href="https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/exchange-semester-at-gsu/course-catalogue/">https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/exchange-semester-at-gsu/course-catalogue/</a></p> <p><b>University Calendar:</b>  <a href="https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/exchange-semester-at-gsu/semester-dates/">https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/exchange-semester-at-gsu/semester-dates/</a></p> <p><b>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, <a href="#">Study Abroad Academic Coordinator</a> (or equivalent) and the student.</b></p>	
<b>Housing</b>	<p>Students can apply for accommodation for the campus dormitories where kitchen and bathrooms are shared. Please note that rooms are limited so students should be looking for off-campus options in Cologne and surrounding region.</p> <p>For more information about the Dormitories check out the website:  <a href="https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/full-time-studies/accommodation/">https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/full-time-studies/accommodation/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU.</b></li> </ul>	

<p><b>Health Insurance</b></p>	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period.</p> <p>You can apply for an <a href="#">EHIC/GHIC card</a> which enables you to obtain medical assistance for free when abroad. If you are an EU passport holder you will be able to use your EHIC card when travelling to an EU country. If you are a UK passport holder and/or do not have an EU passport, please read the information about how to apply for a <a href="#">UK GHIC card</a>. As a BU student, you can apply for your EHIC/GHIC card using the <a href="#">BU Letter Request Form</a>.</p> <p>Please note that some non-European partners request that incoming students purchase additional health insurance to comply with their immigration and institutional requirements.</p> <p>You can find further information on the <a href="#">practical arrangements</a> webpage.</p>
<p><b>Travel Insurance</b></p>	<p>BU offers a comprehensive <a href="#">BU travel cover</a> to all outgoing students. after reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p><b>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</b></p>
<p><b>Visas &amp; Permits</b></p>	<p>When travelling to Germany you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at GSU. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Germany, and the purpose of your stay in Germany amongst other criteria.</p> <p><b>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up-to-date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</b></p> <p>Get in touch with the German Embassy to find out which documents are necessary to study in Germany. Apart from visa regulations every student has to undertake several administrative steps after their arrival in Germany to register with the local authorities.</p> <p>More information about residence permits and visas here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/other-topics/visa-health-insurance-in-germany/">https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/other-topics/visa-health-insurance-in-germany/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://uk.diplo.de/uk-en/02/visa/university-studies/2449178">https://uk.diplo.de/uk-en/02/visa/university-studies/2449178</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.germany-visa.org/student-visa/">https://www.germany-visa.org/student-visa/</a></li> </ul> <p>You should also refer to UK <a href="#">Foreign Travel on Germany</a> and can find further information on the <a href="#">GoingGlobal</a> webpage.</p> <p><b>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</b></p>
<p><b>Approximate Costs</b></p>	<p><b>Tuition fees:</b> Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p> <p><b>Costs to keep in mind:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return ticket</li> </ul>

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<b>Funding</b>	<p><b>Turing Scheme Funding</b>  Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit <a href="#">Turing Scheme   Bournemouth University</a> for more details.</p> <p><b>Student Maintenance Loan</b>  If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p><b>Student Finance England Travel Grant</b>  You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the <a href="#">Student Finance England Travel Grant website</a>, or contact <a href="#">Student Finance</a>.</p>		
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