

University of Vechta

Info Sheet

Webpage for Exchange Students	Exchange studies - Uni Vechta (uni-vechta.de)	
Term Dates	Arrival	Within the week before the semester commences
	Fall Semester (Semester 1)	October to March
	Winter/Spring (Semester 2)	April to September
Quick-Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Vechta (Universität Vechta) is a small research university in northwestern Germany, in the town of Vechta in Lower Saxony. Its study programmes concentrate on teacher training, social sciences, social work, philosophy, and gerontology. • Vechta is a young, up-and-coming city with around 40,000 inhabitants in the Oldenburg Münsterland region. • The rural charm combined with the innovative power of a dynamic labour market and the manageable cost of living offer perfect study conditions for all those who are not looking for the hustle and bustle of the big city and perfect for students who go at their own pace. • In recent studies compiled by the OECD and study.eu Germany was deemed the no. 1 study destination for international students in Europe and the 3rd most attractive study destination among OECD countries. 	
Language of Instruction	English	
Courses	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 30 ECTS.</p> <p>Guidelines for the selection of courses: Exchange studies - Uni Vechta (uni-vechta.de)</p> <p>University Calendar: Semester dates - Uni Vechta (uni-vechta.de)</p> <p>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, Study Abroad Academic Coordinator (or equivalent) and the student.</p>	
Housing	<p>The International Office maintains a housing database for international exchange students. The housing database contains furnished rooms in the halls of residence and in private shared flats.</p> <p>For more information about on and off-campus housing please visit: Living close to campus - Uni Vechta (uni-vechta.de)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation. • Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU. 	

<p>Health Insurance</p>	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period.</p> <p>You can apply for an EHIC/GHIC card 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 UK GHIC card. As a BU student, you can apply for your EHIC/GHIC card using the BU Letter Request Form.</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 practical arrangements webpage.</p>
<p>Travel Insurance</p>	<p>BU offers a comprehensive BU travel cover 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>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</p>
<p>Visas & Permits</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 Vechta. 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>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.</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 local authorities.</p> <p>More information about residence permits and visas here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange studies - Uni Vechta (uni-vechta.de) • https://uk.diplo.de/uk-en/02/visa/university-studies/2449178 • https://www.germany-visa.org/student-visa/ <p>You should also refer to UK Foreign Travel on Germany and can find further information on the GoingGlobal webpage.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Approximate Costs</p>	<p>Tuition fees: Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p> <p>Costs to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return ticket • Accommodation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VISA application fees if applicable • Insurance if applicable • Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.) • Textbooks and stationery <p>Estimated living expenses: Generally, the living costs including rent, food, clothing, transportation, health insurance, entertainments, etc. are estimated for an international student to be between 700 and 900 Euros depending on your lifestyle. Example of costs: Vechta: Cost of Living, Salaries, Prices for Rent & food (livingcost.org)</p>		
Funding	<p>Turing Scheme Funding 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 Turing Scheme Bournemouth University for more details.</p> <p>Student Maintenance Loan 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>Student Finance England Travel Grant 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 Student Finance England Travel Grant website, or contact Student Finance.</p>		
Campus Facilities	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Church on campus • Computer centre </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport facilities • Student clubs and groups • Advisory services </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Church on campus • Computer centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport facilities • Student clubs and groups • Advisory services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Church on campus • Computer centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport facilities • Student clubs and groups • Advisory services 		