

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Exchange Student Guide

A photograph of three students in a bright, modern hallway. A man in a blue shirt is handing an orange folder to a woman in a white cardigan. Another woman in a black top stands behind them. In the foreground, two other students are blurred.

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**Fachhochschule
Dortmund**

University of Applied Sciences and Arts



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The **International Office** is the contact point for prospective and current international students as well as for 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 along 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 over 170 partner universities in 56 countries on 5 continents**, we also provide a wide range of international services for all students, including help **with organizing internships or exchange studies abroad**.



For more information:

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 **9th largest city in Germany**, is a modern cosmopolitan metropolis with more than 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

Signal Iduna Park, home to **Borussia Dortmund**, is an unforgettable highlight. With a capacity of 81,359 (standing and seated), is the **largest football stadium in Germany** and the sixth largest in Europe. The Christmas festive season opens with the **famous Dortmund Christmas Market** with the **tallest Christmas tree in the world (45 meters)** as its centerpiece.

Thanks to our partnership with **Theater Dortmund**, students have the opportunity to enjoy **free tickets** to fantastic performances!

You will also be amazed by the variety of **museums and galleries** in the city, from the **German Football Museum** to the amazing **Phoenix des Lumières**, there is something for everyone.

And of course Dortmund's vibrant atmosphere – with its lively cafés, buzzing bars and exciting cultural events – makes it a perfect place for students.





APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Work study programs prepare students for various 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



ARCHITECTURE

The Faculty of Architecture welcomes international degree-seeking as well as exchange students for one or two-semester stays in our three-year **Bachelor's** or two-year **Master's** programs.

Our curriculum equips you with practical and theoretical skills in **design, technical building planning** and **construction management**. You will explore the built environment through a unique blend of **traditional craftsmanship** and **innovative technologies**.

We offer a currently growing range of study programs in **English** or **German/English**, particularly in the areas of **Architectural History, Urban Planning** and **Design**. Whether you are interested in **studio projects, seminars**, or **technical subjects**, you will find courses that match your interests and academic background.

At the Faculty of Architecture you will study in a **modern learning environment**, with **state-of-the-art laboratories, well-equipped workshops**, and access to **dedicated teaching staff** that bring international experience and passion for architecture into the classroom.



You will benefit from an **open-minded and interdisciplinary atmosphere**, where ideas are exchanged freely across cultures and fields. The city of Dortmund, located in the dynamic Ruhr region, offers plenty of inspiration through its architectural diversity and vibrant urban life.

Join a **diverse student community**, gain new perspectives on architecture and urbanism, and expand your academic and personal horizons.

Additional information:
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 contents at the Faculty of Business Studies. The faculty 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:

www.fh-dortmund.de/business-studies







COMPUTER SCIENCE

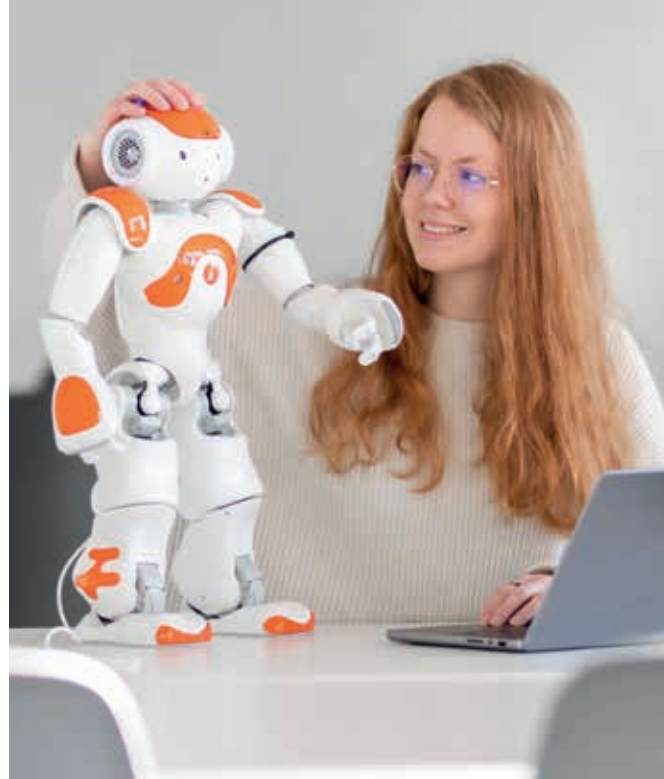
IT characterizes our everyday lives in almost all areas, such as mobility, communication, health, work, leisure and private life. Our modern world is highly digitally connected.

The **Faculty of Computer Science** offers a variety of different study programs at Bachelor's and Master's level. We **welcome international students** and offer courses in German and English.

Our teaching starts with the basic subjects of introduction to computer science, programming, databases, operating systems, computer structures and networks, software engineering and web technologies as well as presentation and communication techniques. Focused courses and degrees are offered in **the areas of embedded systems, data science, medical informatics, business informatics and digitalization**.

Additional information:

www.fh-dortmund.de/computer-science





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





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 and Energy Data Management** study program complements the program in Electrical Engineering, especially in the field of Electrical Energy and Environmental Technology, by analyzing and evaluating the energy-related boundary conditions under **economic aspects**.

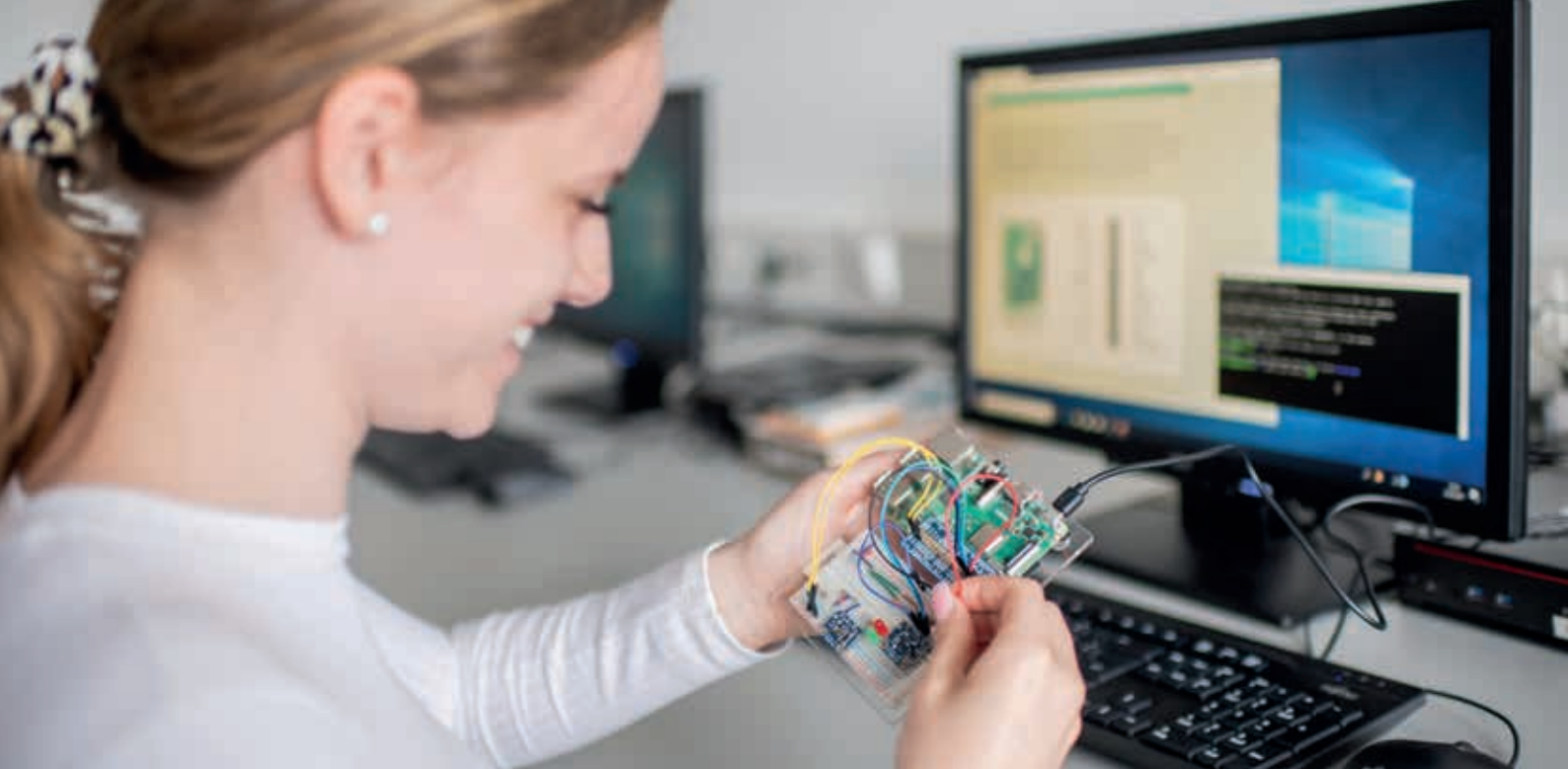


This study program is oriented towards the value chain while considering different areas, such as production, network operation, and trading. The broadly based Master's program in **Electrical Engineering and Energy Systems** is designed for the in-depth academic study and scientific specialization of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

Additional information:

www.fh-dortmund.de/electrical-engineering





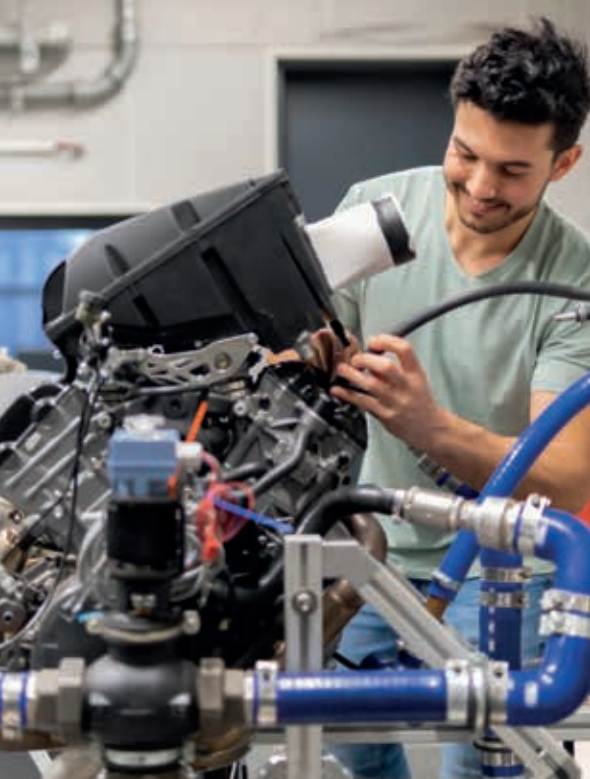
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Faculty of Information Technology delivers **hands-on engineering education** in data acquisition and processing, artificial intelligence, communications, and automation. Programs offered include **Internet of Things (IoT), Cloud and Edge Computing, Robotics, Intelligent Mobility and Automotive, Extended Reality (XR), Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR)** as well as **Cybersecurity and Biomedical Engineering**. Our biomedical-oriented curricula combine medical fundamentals with biosignal and medical image processing, biomechanics, rehabilitation technologies, device development and medical assistance systems.

Additional information:

www.fh-dortmund.de/information-technology





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 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





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 is only relevant to Erasmus+ students and students of partner universities! If you are a freemover, please contact the International Office!

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!**



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 €350 to €600. As a general rule, 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 fee, 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 »Deutschland-Semesterticket«.** The ticket allows the holder to **travel for free on public transport**, including busses, subways, trams and local trains in Germany. 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:

- 450 € Accommodation
- 250 € Food
- 40 € Clothing
- 80 € Culture and Sports
- 150 € Health Insurance, Liability
and Accident Insurance
- 18 € Public Broadcasting License
Fees (GEZ), compulsory
- 22 € Cell Phone and Internet

1010 € 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 €20 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 a 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!**

Festival of Cultures

The Festival of Cultures events take place twice a year – 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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