

Opportunities to Study Abroad

Technology and Innovation Management (M.Eng.)

Requirements for a study abroad semester

- the study abroad semester must take place in the last semester of the students standard period of study
- the first semester of the Technology and Innovation Management study programme must have been successfully completed at the time of application to the International Office (refer to “Application to study at a partner university (exchange programmes)”)
- at least two completed on-campus semesters (physical attendance in Wernigerode) before starting the study abroad semester
- very good academic performance

The right time to study abroad

The completion of a study abroad stay is not stipulated by the study regulations. If you wish to take the opportunity to study abroad, please be aware of the fact that this will extend your period of study. **This may cause difficulties with your residence permit.** We strongly recommend to get in touch with the Foreigners Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) **before** you apply for a study abroad stay at the International Office.

If it is a summer semester, please note that in many countries the spring / summer semester begins in January. Therefore, it should be clarified beforehand whether any examinations still have to be taken locally in January at Harz University of Applied Sciences. If exams have to be taken locally in January the student must clarify with the partner university whether a later arrival/start of the stay abroad is possible. Note: The partner university does not have to fulfil this request. It depends on the respective regulations of the host university.

Recognition of academic achievements abroad

A study abroad semester can only be completed **additionally** and without recognition at Harz University of Applied Sciences.

If you are studying abroad on an Erasmus grant, please note the following: You have to spend a full-time semester at the partner university, i.e. you have to complete courses of 20-30 ECTS. It is therefore not possible to take only 10 ECTS or only one course abroad and spend the remaining time on the Master's thesis. However, the content of the study abroad can possibly be used for the Master's thesis.

Which partner universities are there?

We cooperate with the partner universities listed below for the exchange of Master's students in the field of engineering or computing.

Partner Universities in Europe

We cooperate with the listed universities within the Erasmus+ programme. Therefore, tuition fees at these universities will be waived and you will receive a scholarship.

Partner University	Language of Instruction	Tuition Fees	Exchange Places per AY	Program
Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland	English	none	2	Industrial Engineering & Management, Computer Sciences
Y Schools – Troyes, France	English	none	1-2*	Free choice of courses in the area of Business / Management: E.g. Specialized MSc in Data Science, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence.

(*TIM/iTIM subordinate - consultation with International Office)

Other Universities Worldwide (Free Mover - option)

If you wish to spend a study abroad semester outside our exchange programmes mentioned above, you are welcome to apply as so called “visiting student”/ ”Non-degree seeking student” to any other university worldwide.

In principle, you are responsible for the application process at the university you choose yourself. Nevertheless, it is necessary to inform the International Office about your free mover stay in order to be registered in the database (for statistical and organisational reasons).

Funding opportunities

Because a stay abroad is usually associated with significant costs, you should find out about suitable funding opportunities in good time. On the website of the International Office you will find information on scholarships and additional funding opportunities, both for students who have been nominated for one of the partner universities and for free mover. Below you'll find a selection:

- Erasmus+
- DAAD grant (e.g. HAW.International)

Application to study at a partner university (exchange programmes)

The application deadline for online applications for study abroad ends on December 1st (for the fall semester of the following year) or June 15th (for the spring semester of the following year).

Admission to the selection procedure is regulated by the approval of the degree programme coordinator. The decision is made on the basis of the aforementioned requirements.

Language certificate

If the teaching language during the study abroad stay will be English, you are exempted from uploading a confirmation of English language skills within the online application.

If the teaching language will be other than English, e.g. French or Spanish, a language certificate must be submitted with the application and can be obtained from the Language Centre. Minimum level is B2 (CEFR). The language certificates should be current (i.e. from the current semester) or not older than 1.5 years.

- The Harz University of Applied Sciences language certificate for Spanish and/or French can be submitted by students who have already taken or are currently taking a corresponding language course at the Harz University of Applied Sciences. The language certificate is issued by the respective language lecturer with whom the language course is currently being or has been taken. You can find the template for the language certificate in the IO download centre (visible after logging in; https://www.hs-harz.de/hochschule/dokumente/downloads-international-office/?no_cache=1). If you are not currently attending a language course in French or Spanish at the Harz UAS, please contact the person responsible at the Language Centre: <https://www.hs-harz.de/hochschule/einrichtungen/sprachenzentrum>. The further procedure regarding the language certificate will then be agreed individually.

International Office of Harz University of Applied Science

If you are interested in studying abroad, please arrange a consultation at the International Office. You can find further information on our website:

<https://www.hs-harz.de/en/university/about-us/facilities/international-office>

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