

University of Tübingen School of Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
Student Exchange Program Guidelines for 2026

1. School Profile

The University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany. Recently, its institutional strategy was successfully selected for funding in the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of eleven universities to be distinguished with this title of excellence.

2. Location

Tübingen, Germany

3. Term Period

Semester: October 12, 2026 – February 6, 2027, + Exam Period of 2-3 Weeks

Students are advised to arrive by October 1 to meet accommodation and dormitory requirements.

* The exact dates are yet to be confirmed.

Note:

Students who study abroad during the period above will be unable to attend required tutorials for Master's Thesis and Research Project II and may be unable to participate in one or more of the required workshops. Before applying for the exchange program, students should consult their supervisor and the faculty member in charge of international affairs about the period they wish to study abroad and how it will affect their progress in Master's Thesis and Research Project II.

Please note that in order to receive two credits for Master's Thesis and Research Project II, students will need to meet with their supervisor before or after returning from the exchange program to compensate for missed sessions. (90 minutes x 15 face-to-face sessions are required to earn two credits.) Students who are unable to attend a mandatory workshop due to study abroad will be required to give a presentation on the progress of their Master's Thesis/ Research Project to DBS professors upon return to Kyoto. These tutorial sessions and/or make-up presentations must be completed within the DBS fall semester.

4. Application Procedures

- a. Application Deadline: March 16 (Monday)
- b. Application Form: The application form is available for download on the Current Student's page.
- c. The DBS office will only accept one exchange program application per person.

5. Course Registration

This exchange program will take place in the fall semester of the DBS calendar. Students will remain enrolled at Doshisha during their time at the partner university. In order to receive credits for coursework completed abroad, students must first complete registration procedures for DBS and the partner university **before** going abroad. The DBS office will contact successful applicants to guide them through the registration process.

Credit Conversion Chart

<u>University of Tübingen</u>	<u>DBS</u>
3 ECTS	1 DBS Credit
6 ECTS	2 DBS Credits
9 ECTS	3 DBS Credits

Students may register up to 30 ECTS at Tübingen.

Note that only 10 credits from courses outside of the Global MBA curriculum (such as courses in the Japanese MBA program and/or at a partner university) can be counted toward graduation.

6. Program Eligibility

- This exchange program is open to currently enrolled DBS students.
- The University of Tübingen does not require any official test record of English, but non-native English speakers are expected to demonstrate proficiency in writing and communicating in the classroom in order to be able to fulfill the course assignments. Students should meet one of the following requirements:
 - TOEFL iBT® 83 or above (Minimum Test of Written English score - 20 points)
 - B2 English CEFR, B2 German CEFR with complete B1.
 - Certain departments require proof of proficiency (e.g. Law); FU-Berlin Factsheet for more details.
- MEXT scholarship recipients and JICA scholarship recipients are not eligible to participate in the student exchange program due to the scholarship terms and conditions and/or the program regulations.
- Students receiving other scholarships should verify the rules regarding prolonged study outside of Japan.
- All students wishing to apply to the exchange program should consult with their supervisor and the faculty member in charge of international affairs before submitting the application form.

7. Maximum Number of Participants

2 students

8. Nomination Process

Successful students will act as representatives of Doshisha Business School at the partner university and, therefore, will be nominated via a careful selection process. Please note that an interview may be required. The DBS faculty will select up to the maximum number of participants from the list of applicants and will finalize the list of nominees in the faculty meeting. The DBS office will notify applicants of the results after the faculty meeting. It is important to note that a nomination from the DBS faculty is not a formal acceptance. Nominated students will be required to submit a formal application to the partner university.

9. Content of the Exchange Program

The University of Tübingen Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences “International Module Handbook” for exchange students can be found at the link below under “Module Handbooks.” (Be sure that the courses you are interested in are in the master’s level. Courses for AY2026 may not be available yet.)

<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/31075>

Courses for Exchange Students and English taught classes can be found at the following link:

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/238107#c1657368>

[German language and Culture classes](#) at the German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs Department, see below.

TÜ-VIP (Tübingen Virtual Intercultural Program) A 10-week, free online program offering intercultural and language courses. Students can collect ECTS even before their exchange stay has started in Tübingen.

10. Costs

Students who participate in this student exchange program will be responsible for tuition fees, living expenses, travel and transportation cost plus any associated costs for rent or bills in Japan.

- a. Students will pay the same tuition and facilities fees to Doshisha University as if they were on campus. There will be no additional tuition fees required at the partner university. However, exchange students at the University of Tübingen are required to pay a non-waivable student services fee totaling to approximately 120 EUR per semester.
- b. Estimated Monthly Living Expenses in Germany:
Students should budget a minimum of approximately 1000 Euros per month for housing, transportation, food and other daily necessities.
- c. Airfare and Travel:
Students will be responsible for arrangements and costs related to flights to and from the partner university.
- d. Student Visa:
Students will be responsible for arrangements and costs related to obtaining a valid visa when a visa is required. Note that the visa application process and requirements may be costly and require considerable time, please verify the visa requirements for your nationality before applying for the exchange program.
- e. Medical Insurance: All students can either buy student health insurance at a statutory German insurance company (ca 140€ / month), or as students in the European Union, they can take their EHIC-card to a “statutory health insurance company”. It will check if the insurance meets the minimum requirements. If yes, it can confirm to the university that the student’s insurance policy is sufficient: [Basic information on health insurance](#).

For more resources, see the page below.

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/study-in-tuebingen/erasmus-and-exchange-to-tuebingen/>

11. Withdrawal Policy

Students should understand that they should not withdraw from the student exchange program after submitting the application form. Students should secure permission and agreement from their financial supporter to prepare sufficient financial resources for all the estimated expenses before submitting the application form.