



Information on German Host Institution

COMBINED STUDY AND PRACTICE STAYS FOR ENGINEERS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (KOSPIE) – TUNISIA

1. Name of Institution:

University of Passau, Universität Passau

2. General Information on Institution:

2.1 Faculties and number of full-time professors:

The University of Passau provides world-class education through the internationally oriented range of degree programmes offered by its four faculties:

- The Faculty of Law
- The Faculty of Business, Economics and Information Systems
- The Faculty of Arts and Humanities with the Department of Catholic Theology
- The Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics

The faculties co-ordinate research and teaching activities and the curricula within their academic disciplines. Each faculty is composed of individual chairs, which in turn may be clustered by subject area. Institutes provide project-related know-how to external entities and undertake special research projects, including contract research, benefitting the students of the University and businesses in the region.

The University counts about 130 full-time professors.

2.2 Research institutions, research facilities and fields of research:

The University focuses its research on the guiding themes of ‘Digitalisation, Networked Society and (Internet) Cultures’, ‘Europe and Global Transformation’ and ‘Migration, Sustainable Development and Just Order’.

2.3 Institution has been accredited by:

The University of Passau is a State-University in Bavaria. All study programmes are accredited by national accreditation services.

2.4 Does your institution follow the Code of Conduct for exchange programmes?

The University follows the National Code of Conduct for German Universities Regarding International Students.

2.5 Welcome programmes for exchange students:

Once the exchange students are enrolled at our university, they will have access to the full range of student support services offered by the University. One of these is the International Office, which provides a range of services, including the Orientation Weeks and the student buddy scheme. The Orientation Weeks for international students take place in the weeks before teaching starts each



semester and give you the opportunity to get to know other international students, among other things. If you partake in the student buddy scheme, you are assigned a German student buddy as a primary contact person, who will help you get life and study in Passau sorted out.

2.6 Location of institution:

Passau is situated near the Bavarian Forest at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, and it is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Germany. After two fires that destroyed much of the town in the 17th century, the Old Town was rebuilt in the baroque style by Italian master builders, which is why you will notice a distinct Italian flair as you stroll through "Bavarian Venice", another name by which Passau is known.

With students accounting for one-quarter of its population, Passau is very much a student town with many galleries, art studios, bars, cafés, clubs and, of course, beer gardens; naturally, there is a modern multiplex cinema. A shopping centre and the nearby pedestrian zone offer a lot of excellent eateries and shops, just a short five-minute walk from campus.

2.7 Special attractions for young people:

Throughout the semester, there are plenty of events of all sorts on campus and around town, often organised by our very active student societies. Our sports centre has some 40 sports clubs, including acrobatics, climbing, rowing and yoga.

Passau is also home to a number of cultural institutions, such as the theatre and the "Scharfrichterhaus" – a restaurant, cinema and political cabaret/stand-up stage where many of Germany's most popular contemporary comedians started out. Both have productions and acts running throughout the year.

In addition to this, Passau plays host to numerous annual cultural events, including "Europäische Wochen Passau" – a cultural festival which brings international symphonic orchestras, classical ensembles, theatre companies and artists to Passau for about six weeks every year; the Eulenspiegel Festival with predominantly German comedy acts and rock bands; two Oktoberfeststyle festivals in spring and autumn; and no list of festivals would be complete without the traditional Christmas Market in front of St. Stephen's Cathedral every December. Incidentally, did you know that St. Stephen's has the world's largest cathedral organ?

Outdoor enthusiasts will be delighted at the many opportunities for hiking, climbing, cycling, and alpine and cross-country skiing in the nearby Bavarian Forest. Additionally, Passau is not far from the Austrian and Bavarian Alps, with their famous skiing areas as well as their mountain biking and hiking trails.

2.8 Costs of living (dorms, costs at university cafeteria etc.):

Students should budget for a minimum of 934.00 € per month for accommodation, food, transport and other activities.

The University of Passau does not charge tuition fees. However, you have to pay a contribution of currently (as of summer semester 2024) 104.00 € per semester at matriculation and re-registration. Much of this semester contribution goes to the student services association, which runs the refectory, cafeterias and halls of residence, among other things. The semester contribution also includes the fee for a semester bus pass for buses operated by Stadtwerke Passau (SWP).



3. Combined study and practice stays for engineers from developing countries (KOSPIE) – Tunisia:

3.1 Faculties participating in the exchange programme and degree courses offered (course language?):

Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics and the courses/PFE is integrated in the programme of the Master of Science in Computer Science.

3.2 Transcripts of records can be issued in the following languages:

English and German.

3.3 Students of the following degree courses may join the exchange programme:

Students in the 5th and last year of an engineering study (equivalent to the 2nd year of a German Master study) from the best Tunisian “grande écoles” Universities in Engineering.

3.4 Tuition waivers:

The University of Passau does not charge tuition fees.

3.5 Near-by companies with which co-operations are withheld:

OneLogic (Artificial Intelligence), msg (Informatics and Consulting), ZF (Manufacturing and Internet of Things).

3.6 Established partnerships with the following Tunisian higher education institutions and faculties:

- Ecole Supérieure des Communications Tunis (SUP'COM)
- Ecole Nationale des Sciences de l'Informatique (ENSI)

3.7 Interest in exchange with the following Tunisian higher education institutions (please specify faculties)

- Ecole polytechnique de Tunisie (Computer Science)

3.8 What language skills are required?

- German: none (A1 would be recommended)
- English: B2

4. Responsible contact person:

4.1 Contact person at university-level and/or at faculty level

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