

Dear Erasmus partners,

I am writing to inform you about some major issues that will affect incoming students to LMU Munich in the winter semester 2014/15.

1) Language requirements:

In line with the new Erasmus+ requirements as from the winter semester 2014/15 new language requirements for incoming Erasmus students will be in place. Most faculties/departments will now require students to have **at least B1 level in German and/or English**, depending on the language of instruction of the courses chosen. Some faculties/departments have higher requirements. Students, applying for admission to the coming winter semester, will have to submit proof of their language knowledge with their application. A table showing which faculties/departments have higher requirements and the types of language certificate which will be accepted can be found at:

http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/exchange/incomings/austausch_engl/application/language_requirements/index.html

Should your students **not** have the required level of language proficiency at the time of application **they may still apply** but must still provide proof of their level of proficiency. If the academic supervisor at LMU is confident that the student will improve his/her language skills before arriving in Munich then the student will be accepted.

2) Early semester start:

In past years we have expected exchange students to arrive in Munich on October 1. The winter semester 2014/15, however, commences unusually early. The first day of lectures is **Monday October 6**. As October 3 is a public holiday when the University is closed, students, who only arrive on October 1, have very little time for orientation. Enrolment will not take place in October as in previous years but in **September**. Students will be notified about their personal enrolment date in their letter of acceptance.

For this reason **we strongly recommend that exchange students now arrive on September 1**.

3) Housing:

Due to the early commencement of the winter semester student housing **will only be available to students who arrive in September**. We cannot guarantee student housing to all incoming Erasmus students but those who only arrive in October will have little to no chance of being allocated student housing.

4) Orientation and Preparation:

During the month of September there will be a full orientation program. This programme is not mandatory but we encourage your students to participate. The orientation will consist of three blocks:

- a) Language courses
- b) Excursions and cultural programme
- c) Campus orientation programme

Students may follow the full programme or choose which block(s) they wish to participate in.

The programme **will not be free of charge** but will be subsidized by the International Office in order to lower the costs for students. We are currently working on the schedule for the orientation month and hope to soon have more information for you. As soon as this is the case, we shall send the details to both you and the students who have been nominated for the exchange.

For more information please see:

http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/exchange/incomings/austausch_engl/orientation/index.html

We hope that this information reaches you early enough to avoid inconvenience to you and your students. We hope that your students will profit from having longer to acclimatize to living and studying in Munich. We are sure that this will help them to settle better and to get off to a good start when the courses begin in October.

Please do not hesitate to ask if anything is still unclear.

Best wishes

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