



*Eberhard Karls Universität*  
**University of Tübingen**  
*Tübingen, Germany*  
[www.uni-tuebingen.de/](http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/)

**Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences and Life & Physical units only**

**Intermediate German required**



City Population: 85,000  
Enrollment: 21,000  
Standard Course Load: 30 ECTS points

**ABOUT EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITY, TÜBINGEN**  
Eberhard Karls University in Tübingen was established in 1477 by Eberhard im Bart, Count and later Duke of Württemberg.

Tightly interwoven with the University's history is the "Evangelisches Stift", founded in 1536 as a Protestant Seminary to which many famous names have added distinction. Johannes Kepler studied here in 1587; other members included the poets Hölderlin, Hauff, and Mörike and the philosophers Hegel and Schelling.

By the beginning of the 19th century Eberhard-Karls-University experienced an impressive academic upswing, and, through its eminent professors became well known beyond the borders of Württemberg. After a Catholic Theology and a State Economics Faculty had been added to the original four in 1817 Tübingen became Germany's

first university to establish a Faculty of Natural Sciences in 1863. The first University Hospital was installed in 1805, in the "Alte Burse", which is the oldest building of the University, constructed in 1478 and still in use today. Today, the institution's character is marked by an awareness of tradition and a cosmopolitan atmosphere.

While the majority of the liberal arts departments and institutions are located in the old part of Tübingen, the modern Science Centre was built twenty years ago on the hills overlooking the town. The University's academic reputation is determined by the research achievements of more than 700 professors and about 2,000 academic assistants. At their disposal is not only the latest technical equipment, but also extensive library facilities. The latest results of scientific research flow directly into the University's curriculum, thus guaranteeing an up-to-date education.

The University, with almost 9000 employees, is the biggest employer of Southern Württemberg and has a budget of DM 900 million. The University Hospital's turnover alone makes up for more than half of that amount. An additional DM 50 million is spent on building and construction.

### **COURSES AVAILABLE**

The University of is divided into schools (Fakultäten). Each school has its own Dean (Dekan) and one or more departments (Seminare) or institutes (Institute).

The Schools are –

- Protestant Theology
- Catholic Theology
- Law (you may have trouble finding units that the UWA Law school will accept)
- Economics and Business Administration
- Medicine
- Philosophy and History
- Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Modern Languages
- Cultural Sciences
- Mathematics and Physics
- Chemistry and Pharmacy
- Biology
- Geosciences
- Informatics and Cognitive Sciences

The language of instruction is German. It is absolutely necessary to have sufficient German Language Proficiency since there are no German classes for beginners and almost no courses are held in English at the University of Tübingen.

Details on German language courses offered outside the University can be found at; <http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/isp/semesterprogramm/wise/wise.html>

### **ACADEMIC GRADING SYSTEM**

German universities keep neither records nor transcripts of students' academic progress and performance. The only record of a student's course participation is a *Schein*. A *Schein* is an official administrative attestation that a student has successfully participated in a course. It is issued by the course professor, and may or may not have a grade recorded on it. A student receives a *Schein* for each successfully completed *Seminar* or *Übung*, and must present *Scheine* for all required courses before receiving a university degree.

### **SEMESTER DATES**

Winter semester - October to February

Summer semester - April to July

### **HOUSING**

There is no University-owned accommodation. Student accommodation is owned by private and public foundations, societies, organizations and institutions. In Tübingen there is accommodation for about 3,400 students and the student services organization (*Studentenwerk*) has a housing office which helps international students find rooms. University dining halls (*Mensen*) serve subsidized meals twice a day.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

UWA has insurance to cover its outgoing exchange students: UWA Corporate Personal and Travel Policy. It is usually accepted by the host universities as primary insurance. However, the Tübingen University will advise you if you need additional insurance

### **ABOUT TÜBINGEN**

Tübingen is 47km south of Stuttgart and 153 km north-east of Freiburg, Tübingen is a quiet old university town on the upper Neckar. Gabled medieval houses crowd against the ancient town wall at the bank of the river. In summer, students pole gondola-like boats up and down the river. Tübingen is upstream on the Neckar where the river is too shallow for commercial vessels, so Tübingen has been spared the industrial look of a trading community.

The Markt is the old heart of Tübingen. The fountain of Neptune in the middle is the centre around which markets are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

There are no long distances to cover in Tübingen. On the way from institute to library you can always find a café. You walk the same streets going to lectures as you would go to the pubs.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Read the Tübingen section in the blue files in the Study Abroad Office. You will find some very useful information from returned UWA students

A glossary of academic life and further information for exchange students is located in the Study Abroad Office. The current version can be found at; <http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/intrel/englisch/e-infoguide.doc>

### **CONTACTS**

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