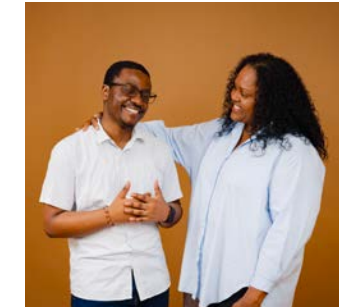




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UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

JOIN US AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT AND BUILD GLOBAL CONNECTIONS!

INSIGHTS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS
AND PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



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BECOME PART



Find friends for life and build your network for the future.



BECOME PART OF AALEN UNIVERSITY

THE GERMAN HIGHER EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT PROVIDES INTERNATIONAL TALENTS WITH **EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES**. AALEN UNIVERSITY AIMS TO PREPARE ITS STUDENTS FOR THEIR CAREERS IN DIFFERENT FIELDS.

Our campus is a dynamic hub of practical learning, cutting-edge applied research, and a vibrant international student community — an ideal environment to launch your professional future.

With over 4,000 students from around 70 countries, Aalen University is among the largest universities of applied sciences in the state Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

The International Center at Aalen University warmly welcomes students and academic visitors from around the world. Through our comprehensive support services, we strive to make your stay both academically enriching and personally rewarding. Internationalization is a core part of Aalen University's mission and strategic vision. Join our global community!

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FROM INDONESIA TO AALEN



FINISHING MY DOUBLE DEGREE AT AALEN UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN A TRULY MAGICAL EXPERIENCE! I **LEARNED** SO MUCH AND MET SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE FROM THIS CAMPUS WITHIN THESE LAST TWO YEARS. HERE IS A PLACE WHERE YOU AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARE TRULY **SEEN AND APPRECIATED**, AND THAT IS THANKS TO THE **WELCOMING PROFESSORS** AND THE INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE TEAM FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER. THIS UNIVERSITY WILL ALWAYS HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART.

**NETANYA JASON
CHRISTOPHER ISKANDAR,
INDONESIA**

DOUBLE DEGREE GRADUATE IN
BACHELOR'S PROGRAM "ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING"



SOUTHERN GERMANY

YOUR NEW HOME

AALEN IS LOCATED IN THE **ECONOMIC CENTER** OF THE SWABIAN ALB. THE REGION BOASTS A BOOMING INDUSTRY, **LONG HISTORY** AND **BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPE**.

A PLACE TO LIVE, STUDY AND FEEL AT HOME

Aalen University is located in a booming, culturally rich region known for tourism and outdoor activities. With around 68,000 residents, Aalen offers an excellent quality of life with affordable living costs. It combines the energy of a larger city with the charm, safety, and greenery of a welcoming small town. Thanks to its central location in the heart of Europe and Southern Germany, Aalen provides easy access to major cities like Munich and Stuttgart as well as popular leisure destinations such as the Allgäu Alps and Lake Constance.



A bustling marketplace during the city festival.

Photo: © Peter Schlipf

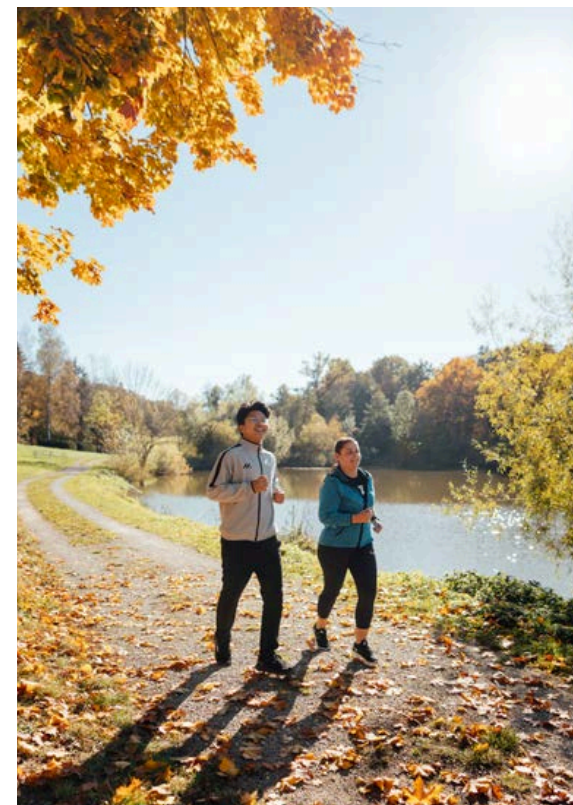
THE REGION OF TALENTS AND PATENTS

The area around Aalen stands for innovation, creativity, and pioneering spirit. This dynamic environment fosters future technologies and thriving industries, making it one of Germany's leading centers for economic strength and innovation.



FESTIVAL CAPITAL OF THE REGION

Aalen is the cultural and festival hub of the region, offering lively events throughout the year. In July, the International Festival showcases diversity through folklore performances and international cuisine. The "Reichsstädter Tage" in September is Aalen's main celebration, featuring live music, local clubs, and community performances. In autumn, the Aalen Jazz Festival attracts renowned musicians. December brings the city's charming Christmas Market, where visitors can enjoy festive treats and warm drinks beneath one of the largest Christmas pyramids in the area.



WHERE HISTORY MEETS QUALITY OF LIFE

The rich and eventful history of Aalen is beautifully reflected in its charming old town and picturesque half-timbered houses. From early settlements and the Roman Limes to medieval castles, fortifications, and churches – the region tells a story that can still be seen today.

With its lively streets, filled with cafés, restaurants and shops, the city has a warmth and energy that welcomes everyone. Weekly farmers' markets and a wide range of international supermarkets add to a cosmopolitan lifestyle.



Enjoy the cozy atmosphere of Aalen pedestrian zone.

Photo:
© Tobias Holzinger

NATURE AT YOUR DOORSTEP

Surrounded by beautiful nature, from scenic hiking and cycling trails to relaxing thermal baths, Aalen creates a perfect setting for outdoor activities, relaxation, and inspiration.

The region impresses with its diverse natural landscapes: dense forests to the north, gentle hills with meadows and orchards, the fairy-tale scenery of the Swabian Alb, and the wide Danube valley with its lakes and wetlands to the south.

Map of Southern Germany with examples of well-known companies and employers with their logos.



THE ECONOMIC CENTER OF THE SOUTH

WE HAVE TWICE AS MANY **HIDDEN CHAMPIONS** AS THE REST OF GERMANY. THESE COMPANIES ARE LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS IN EUROPE AND MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW THEM – ONLY THEIR PEERS CONSIDER THEM **HEROES**. THEY SHARE SPACE WITH **GLOBAL PLAYERS** AND SUCCESSFUL **MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES**.

LEARNING & TEACHING AT AALEN UNIVERSITY

Award winning teaching: Aalen University has top marks in various rankings.

WE WANT YOU TO STUDY SOMETHING THAT EVOKES YOUR **ENTHUSIASM**. OUR LABORATORIES ARE EXCELLENTLY EQUIPPED AND THE THEORETICAL PRINCIPLES WE TEACH HAVE **STRONG TIES TO WORKING LIFE**.



INNOVATIVE AND FUTURE-READY TEACHING

As a University of Applied Sciences, we stay closely aligned with current developments and continuously update our curriculum to incorporate new teaching innovations. Aalen University is and will remain primarily an in-person university, but it also strives to prepare its students for the digital future. Hybrid study concepts have been developed and applied. Students can use our online platform, Canvas, which offers lecture materials, scripts, practical exercises, and much more.

Germany's largest independent student evaluation portal, StudyCheck, demonstrates how much our students appreciate the quality of teaching, the practical relevance of the courses, as well as the digital offerings at our institution. In 2025, Aalen University placed fourth in the ranking of most popular universities across Germany. Especially the modern, state-of-the-art equipment and the high quality of teaching are highlighted in the evaluations.

PREPARING YOU FOR THE FUTURE

At Aalen University of Applied Sciences, we know that the students of today are the developers and decision-makers of tomorrow. Our goal is to empower you to create products and processes that meet the needs of modern industry. That's why our curriculum is closely aligned with current company requirements. Classes take place in small, interactive groups led by lecturers with extensive industry experience. This close connection to industry also ensures that you gain practical insights and relevant skills that prepare you for a successful career.

Our professors strive to make even complex topics accessible. To complement the more structured format of lectures and seminars, several departments offer e.g. "Makeathons." Each semester, students work in teams to tackle real-world challenges.

RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS

Our library provides a broad range of scientific resources, including around 47,000 physical books and more than 500,000 e-books. Our library spans three bright and quiet floors and offers a wide range of study spaces.



Experience practice-oriented teaching.

Photo: © Samuel Burkart

GERMAN LANGUAGE SKILLS

During your time in Germany, we strongly encourage you to learn German. In addition to the Language Center's course offerings, you can also use online Language Learning platforms to improve your skills.

Polish up your German language skills: before or during your stay at Aalen University!



SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** CAN FOCUS ON THEIR STUDIES ONLY IF THEY FEEL WELL. WE WILL GET YOU SETTLED IN FAST AND SMOOTHLY.

All around service – more time for studying, learning and enjoying your time in Aalen.

The International Center at Aalen University and the faculty members make every effort to support all international students both academically and emotionally throughout their stay.

A comprehensive service package for foreign students helps them quickly settle into the university, German academic culture, society, and the working environment.

OUR SERVICE PORTFOLIO INCLUDES:

- Supervision by the IRO and a faculty member
- Online German courses Speexx
- On-campus accommodation
- Orientation weeks
- German language courses at different levels
- Buddy and Family Programs
- Advisory and Counseling services
- Courses in intercultural communication
- Trips and excursions
- Company visits
- Intercultural Club
- Support through student tutors and resident assistants
- Job interview trainings and support by the Welcome Center Ostwürttemberg (for those who decide to go for an internship after their study semester)



Become part of our Buddy Program and make friends from all over the world.

Photo: © Peter Schlipf

BUDDY PROGRAM & FAMILY PROGRAM

OUR GERMAN STUDENTS FORM A **WELCOMING COMMUNITY**. IN OUR BUDDY PROGRAM, YOU WILL EXPERIENCE THAT FIRST HAND. IF YOU WANT TO DIVE EVEN DEEPER INTO GERMAN CULTURE, CHECK OUT OUR FAMILY PROGRAM.

The **Buddy Program** is designed to help international students adapt to campus life and German culture. International students get matched with a local buddy who can answer basic questions about studying and living in Aalen, and help with social integration and adjusting to the new academic environment. Monthly activities give all new international students the opportunity to meet other exchange and full time students.

Our **Family Program** “Hand in Hand” will bring you together with German families who will help you integrate quickly into German society. This program is also a great opportunity to improve your language skills and share your culture with others! By spending time together, you gain authentic insights into everyday life in Germany and build meaningful connections beyond campus.

ACCOMMODATION

COMPARED TO LARGER GERMAN CITIES, LIVING IN AALEN IS **AFFORDABLE** FOR STUDENTS. YOU HAVE THE CHOICE OF LIVING EITHER OFF-CAMPUS IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS OR IN ONE OF THE **STUDENT RESIDENCE HALLS**.

Monthly average rent;
Source: iwd, 10/24



STUDENT RESIDENCE HALLS

Does living on campus in affordable dormitories with other students sound appealing? Then apply for a room or apartment in one of the student residences. Since Aalen University does not own or operate any residence halls itself, you will need to contact the accommodation provider "Jugendwerk Aalen". During the application process, the International Center will inform you about the steps you need to take regarding housing.

The various dormitories differ in size, price and year of construction. Some residences offer different types of rooms, such as single rooms in shared units ("Einzelzimmer") or private apartments with your own bathroom and kitchen.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT RESIDENCE?

Only enrolled students are eligible to rent a room in a student residence hall. To secure a room, we recommend applying as early as possible. Please note that, in addition to the application form, you will need to submit proof of financing (e.g., a bank statement or scholarship confirmation) and your admission letter from Aalen University.

The "Jugendwerk Aalen" will inform you when you have been assigned a room and send you the tenancy agreement and a SEPA direct debit mandate. Both, the deposit (around 400 €) and the first rent must be paid before the room is handed over.



SINGLE ROOM IN A SHARED FLAT OR A PRIVATE APARTMENT IN A STUDENT RESIDENCE?

The monthly rent for these recommended dormitories is as shown in the table in EURO. Please note that prices are valid as of November 2025, they may be subject to change.

Find more info, such as photos and up-to-date prices here:
www.jugendwerk-aalen.de/en

In case of questions, contact
info@jugendwerk-aalen.de.



PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

There are also private student residences available in Aalen. The monthly rent ranges from 350 € for a room without a shower up to 850 € for high-standard rooms. A popular form of student housing is shared flats. Many students or private landlords look for additional flatmates to occupy vacant rooms in shared apartments. Please note that these private apartments are often unfurnished and rental agreements are usually in German.

You can browse through private offers on external websites such as wg-gesucht.de or kleinanzeigen.de etc.

Find an overview [here](#):



JUGENDWERK STUDENT RESIDENCE HALLS

SINGLE ROOMS IN A FLAT UNIT WITH SHARED KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND SHOWER

PRIVATE APARTMENTS

Residence Anton-Huber

Unit shared with 2 students for 345 €
Unit shared with 4 students for 330 €
Unit shared with 6 students for 315 €

Apartment for 400 €

Residence Carl-Schneider ("Tower")

Unit shared with 12 students for 285 €

No private apartments

Residence Waldcampus

No single rooms

1 room apartment for 550 €

1 room apartment with shared kitchen with 4 students for 520 €

Residence Wellandstrasse Student's Village

Unit shared with 4 students for 410 €

Apartment for 450 €

Residence Steinertgasse

Unit shared with 9 students for 310 €

Apartment for 385 €

CAMPUS LIFE

STUDYING IS NOT ALL ABOUT FULL LECTURE HALLS. OUR **CAMPUS** IS FILLED WITH LIFE. OUR STUDENTS ARE A **COMMUNITY**.

When you spend enough time at Aalen University, you will see that our students are a close community. They have formed associations and initiatives in which each student can be active and work for an exciting and social life on campus.

The various student-led departments and clubs organize and plan activities all over campus:

- They are responsible for the university sports program, including basketball, dancing courses, tennis, football and volleyball.
- A highlight in the summer is the University's sports festival and in the winter the Christmas Market on campus.
- The students also run a student bar called ERNAS Séparée, which is located on campus.
- They run the weekly university cinema.
- For those who prefer nightlife, the UStA organizes parties on campus.
- The "E-Motion Racing Team" builds their own electric race car from scratch to compete on race tracks all over Europe.
- Our university offers a range of further communities.



The relaxed atmosphere of our green, perfectly compact campus makes it easy to connect with others.

You can also participate and engage in events promoted by the Intercultural Club. The Aalen International Student Network (AISN) organizes fun get-togethers for local and international students.

Check out our social media channels to get a glimpse of campus life at our university!



@aalen_isn

@hochschuleaalen



OUR PROGRAM – YOUR CHOICE

WE ARE COMMITTED TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS. YOU CAN TAILOR OUR **MODULAR PROGRAM** TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCES AND ACADEMIC NEEDS.

Your semester at Aalen University can include various exchange formats. You choose the modules and credit points you need for your curriculum.

Your first option is the regular study semester for five months, in which you study courses from our catalogue on Bachelor (undergraduate) or Master (graduate) level. We encourage you to stay for additional semesters. With certain partner universities, we have Double Degree Agreements.

The second module is project-based and a flexible solution in terms of credit points, if you prefer working on an individual project or final thesis in a laboratory. Once you are a registered exchange student, you are eligible to apply for an internship at regional companies. Depending on the current offer, you can also experience some shorter exchange schemes. Your career at Aalen University could even culminate with a Master's or PhD degree.

<p>Study Semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Taught Lectures (5-30 ECTS) German Taught Lectures (5-30 ECTS) German as Foreign language (3-8 ECTS) Double Degree with Certain Partner Universities 	<p>Individual Project or Thesis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Project with a Professor or in a Research Lab (5-12 ECTS) Final Thesis Bachelor (12 ECTS) Final Thesis Master (30 ECTS) PhD in a Research Institute 	<p>Internship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in a University Lab (0-30 ECTS) Work at a Regional Company / Co-op 	<p>Further short exchange formats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short Program – If Offered General Studies and International Week (1-3 ECTS)
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Make use of our flexible exchange formats.

AFTER ONLY TWO WEEKS, I REALIZED THAT ONE SEMESTER WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR ME. WITHIN JUST A MONTH, I FELT AT HOME. LIVING IN GERMANY WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN IMPROVING MY ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS. MOVING TO A NEW COUNTRY, WITH A **DIFFERENT LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**, ALLOWED ME TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE, STRENGTHEN MY LANGUAGE SKILLS, OPEN MY MIND, HEAL MYSELF, CHALLENGE MY LIMITS, AND TO **STEP OUTSIDE MY COMFORT ZONE**. WHEN YOU LIVE ABROAD, YOU LEARN TO RELY ON NEW EXPERIENCES, YOU MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, WHO BECOME YOUR SECOND FAMILY, AND THIS ALLOWS YOU TO DISCOVER ALSO THEIR CULTURE AND TO SHARE MOMENTS THAT WILL STAY WITH YOU FOREVER. IF I COULD GO BACK, I WOULDN'T CHANGE A SINGLE THING, BECAUSE I LIVED MY **EXPERIENCE ABROAD** TO THE FULLEST, AND WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST TIMES OF MY LIFE.



**RITA BERGAMI,
ITALY**

EXCHANGE STUDENT IN BACHELOR'S PROGRAM "INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS STUDIES"

Check out Rita's reel on Instagram.



CHOOSING HOCHSCHULE AALEN WAS THE BEST DECISION FOR ME BECAUSE IT HAS A VERY **DIVERSE ENVIRONMENT OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS** AND EXCELLENT SUPPORT. I GAINED VALUABLE EXPERIENCE BY PARTICIPATING IN EVENTS, WHICH HELPED ME MEET NEW FRIENDS. **WORKING IN GROUPS** DURING CLASSES ALSO MADE IT EASIER TO INTEGRATE INTO THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. I PARTICIPATED IN **COURSES TAUGHT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND GERMAN**. STUDYING IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN YOUR NATIVE ONE IS NOT EASY, BUT THE PROGRAM IS WELL-STRUCTURED, AND THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDES VARIOUS MATERIALS TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE LEARNING. HOCHSCHULE AALEN OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF COURSES TO SUIT INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS. MY EXCHANGE SEMESTER HERE WAS A VERY ENRICHING AND VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.



**ANASTASIIA KLYPAK,
UKRAINE**

EXCHANGE STUDENT IN
BACHELOR'S PROGRAM
"COMPUTER SCIENCE"

RIGHT AFTER OUR ARRIVAL, WE RECEIVED AN **INTRODUCTION** TO EVERYTHING AT THE SCHOOL, AROUND THE SCHOOL, AND IN GERMANY. THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF ORIENTATION WERE ALL ABOUT MAKING FRIENDS, LEARNING GERMAN, AND GETTING FAMILIAR WITH THE CULTURE. THE TEAM WELCOMED US WITH OPEN ARMS. IT WAS REALLY NICE TO GET TO KNOW EVERYTHING SO QUICKLY AND SO THOROUGHLY. THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER ORGANIZED INTERESTING EVENTS THAT HELPED US INTEGRATE INTO THE **CULTURE**. "WALK AND TALK" WAS ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES FOR **CONNECTING WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**. WE ALSO HAD A GREAT **BUDDY PROGRAM**, THROUGH WHICH I MADE SOME TRULY LASTING FRIENDSHIPS WITH GERMAN STUDENTS. OVERALL, IT WAS A VERY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE DURING MY **ERASMUS** PERIOD IN AALEN.



TOBIT BUYSSE, BELGIUM

MASTER-THESIS-STUDENT IN
MASTER'S PROGRAM "POLYMER
TECHNOLOGY"

YOUR COURSES AT AALEN UNIVERSITY

GAIN **CREDIT POINTS** ABROAD BY ATTENDING OUR ENGLISH OR GERMAN TAUGHT LECTURES.

As an exchange student, you can freely select courses from all our study programs. Our offer of English taught lectures is thematically structured. Tailor your international experience by choosing from a wide range of English and German taught courses in engineering, management, computer science, health sciences, and more subjects.

Study together with German and international students in the courses of your choice. We are happy to host you for an exchange study semester.



Choose the courses from our catalogues that fit your major.

YOUR LEARNING AGREEMENT

Set up your learning agreement easily based on the course catalogue in our Online Application Portal. Please note the following:

- Please only select courses that correspond with your major at your home university.
- Aalen University expects you to take a minimum of 20 ECTS credits related to your study area and, in addition, a German course.
- Pay attention to bachelor and master course offerings. If you wish to take master courses here, you will need to submit an official proof (signed and sealed by your university) that you have achieved a minimum of 180 ECTS (equivalent to 90 US-credits or 3 years of studies).
- Pay attention to course prerequisites.
- Note that some courses may only be taken in combination with other courses.
- Please consider that some of the course offers might be subject to change at short notice. Therefore, it might be necessary to change your learning agreement during the application process or even after your arrival in Aalen.
- Project work or writing a thesis is generally possible. Please contact our International Center as soon as possible to define the topic and the workload, and to find a supervisor well before the semester start.



LEARN GERMAN OR STUDY IN GERMAN

If you would like to attend German taught lectures as well, you need a B1 German language level. Please refer to the offers of our study programs on the website of Aalen University or contact incomings@hs-aalen.de.

German language courses are free of charge. Exchange students are expected to attend an intensive German course at an appropriate level during the Orientation Weeks. After the intensive course, students will participate in weekly German classes during the semester.

Thanks to our free German language courses, communication with your fellow students in Germany will be a lot easier.

ENGLISH TAUGHT LECTURES CATALOGUE

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS PAGE TO **SELECT COURSES** FROM OUR **COURSE OFFER FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**.

You can find the english taught lectures catalogue [here](#).

Preselect courses according to semester and subject area (see next page). Then generate a list of course offerings by starting your search.

Maximum ten courses will be shown on the first page automatically. If you would like to see more than ten courses at once, indicate a different number of entries. By clicking on the "i" on the right, the content description for each course will appear. You can save this course description for future reference.

Find all course descriptions and our up-to-date catalogue [here](#).



Course name	Course no.	Study field	Local Credits
Additive Manufacturing	2039	Engineering Future Technologies	5.00
Additive Manufacturing 1	81410	Engineering Future Technologies	5.00
Additive Manufacturing 1	81410	Engineering Future Technologies	5.00
Additive Manufacturing 1	81410	Engineering Future Technologies	5.00
Additive Manufacturing 1	81410	Engineering Future Technologies	5.00
Additive Manufacturing 1	81410	Engineering Future Technologies	5.00
Additive Manufacturing 2	81709	Engineering Future Technologies	5.00
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BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

HEALTH & NATURAL SCIENCES

GERMAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

DESIGN & COMMUNICATION

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT

ENGINEERING & FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES

INTERNSHIPS PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

WE WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DURING YOUR TIME WITH US. DIVE INTO GERMAN **WORK LIFE** BY INTERNING IN A REGIONAL COMPANY.

Gain work experience in a company in our region.

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Make the most of your time in Germany by staying for an additional semester in Aalen. Once you are here, we will support you in your venture of applying for an internship for your second semester in Aalen.

As soon as you are a registered exchange student at Aalen University, you are eligible to apply for an internship – also called “co-op” – at any of the regional technology hotspots, including Audi, Bosch, Daimler, Porsche, Voith and Zeiss, or with local start-ups.

Completing an internship after your study semester enhances your career prospects. The two-semester scheme fits seamlessly into your academic schedule, even if semester dates vary in your home country.

We will prepare you for your pursuits and help with administrative issues and work permits. Once you are a student at Aalen University, obtaining a work permit is a very straightforward process. Our International Center can help you with the paperwork and guide you during the job application, e.g. with job interview trainings to help secure a position.

Typically, internships in Germany last six months. Companies expect you to commit to this six-month time frame. You might receive an internship remuneration. During your internship, you will work on meaningful projects and gain hands-on experience in a real professional environment.

I REALLY VALUE THE EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD AT AALEN UNIVERSITY, WHICH I INITIALLY THOUGHT WAS ONLY ABOUT WRITING **MY THESIS**, BUT IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN THAT! I'VE GROWN ACADEMICALLY BUT ALSO PERSONALLY. WORKING IN A MECHATRONICS **RESEARCH LAB** ALLOWED ME TO APPLY MY ENGINEERING SKILLS AND LEARN A LOT ABOUT MY MAJOR IN A SHORT TIME. ALSO, THANKS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER AND THEIR **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO ADAPT EASILY TO A NEW COUNTRY, **MEET AMAZING PEOPLE** FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND FEEL TRULY WELCOME IN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL CITY. STUDYING AT AALEN UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN AN UNFORGETTABLE AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE!

**ADRIAN ROJAS ALVARADO,
COSTA RICA**

EXCHANGE STUDENT
IN BACHELOR'S PROGRAM
"MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING"



I HAD THE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP MY **BACHELOR'S THESIS** AT AALEN UNIVERSITY. MY PROJECT FOCUSED ON THE AUTOMATION OF AN ASSEMBLY PROCESS USING UR ROBOTIC ARMS, WHICH ALLOWED ME TO GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AND DEEPEN MY **TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE**. BEYOND THE ACADEMIC GROWTH, THIS EXPERIENCE GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, EXPAND MY CULTURAL HORIZONS, AND DEVELOP BOTH **PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL SKILLS**. I WAS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DIVERSE ACTIVITIES, CULTURAL EVENTS, AND STUDENT PROGRAMS THAT HELPED ME FEEL **CONNECTED AND WELCOMED** THROUGHOUT MY STAY. THIS OPPORTUNITY HAS SIGNIFICANTLY SHAPED MY JOURNEY AS AN ENGINEER AND AS A PERSON.

**SHARON VÁSQUEZ DÍAZ,
COSTA RICA**

EXCHANGE STUDENT IN
BACHELOR'S PROGRAM
"MECHATRONICS
ENGINEERING"

Check out Sharon's photos on Instagram.



HANDS ON: PROJECTS OR THESIS

YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF AALEN UNIVERSITY? STAY WITH US EVEN LONGER, WRITE YOUR **THESIS** OR WORK ON A **SENIOR PROJECT** IN OUR **LABORATORIES**.

Students work on research topics that address future-relevant challenges.

Stay at Aalen University of Applied Sciences for an individual project or final thesis. You can choose from many different industrial technologies, like digitalization, laser technology, or industry 4.0.

You will conduct your work in one of our excellently equipped laboratories. Join a research team and get an assignment for a thesis or a senior project. Your project supervisor will be there to support you in our state-of-the-art labs.

We provide credit points for lab and research work depending on the workload and your requirements. It is also possible to pair your research project with a few relevant classes in the field. In the "Project Semester" you could combine e.g. research work, English taught courses and a German as a Foreign Language Course.



APPLICATION PROCESS

JOIN AALEN UNIVERSITY AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT AND BECOME A MEMBER OF ITS INTERNATIONALLY **WELL-CONNECTED COMMUNITY**.

Academic Calendar

Winter semester:

September 1st – February 28th

Orientation Weeks (including a German intensive course): approx. in September

Lecture Period: Begin of October – End of January

Examination Period: First three weeks of February

Summer Semester:

March 1st – August 31st

Orientation Weeks (including a German intensive course): approx. in March

Lecture Period: Mid-March – End of June

Examination Period: First three weeks of July

There are some academic and organizational decisions to be made if you want to study in a foreign country. The coordinators and the international office at your home university will assist you in obtaining information about the program you are interested in and help you handle the technicalities involved in studying at Aalen University.

The International Center at Aalen University is the contact for the nomination and application process.

- Exchange students first need to get nominated by their home university. Our partner universities select their student candidates for the exchange (so you might have to apply internally first).
- As a second step, the exchange students need to upload their application documents through the Aalen University application portal (the link for registration will be sent out after the nomination by your home university).
- Please pay attention to the nomination and application deadlines.

All relevant application documents will be generated within the application portal of Aalen University. A complete application will contain:

- The general application form (to be signed by you and your institution)
- The enrollment application
- The application form for an email account
- The learning agreement (to be signed by you and your institution)
- Proof of language proficiency in German (min. B1) and/or English (min. B2)
- A final project request form (in case you wish to carry out your final project or an individual project)
- Recent photo (passport format)
- A transcript of records including all your study results so far
- A full curriculum vitae (CV)
- Passport copy

The deadlines for submitting a full application are:

- November 30th for summer semester (same as spring term)
- and April 30th for winter semester (same as fall term).

Please contact us at incomings@hs-aalen.de if you have any questions.

See our International Pre-Arrival Guide for more information on the application procedure, as well as housing and further practical information: <https://aalen.instructure.com/enroll/DAXPB7>

After your application, the International Relations Office will send you practical tips about how to plan and organize your stay and travels.



1. NOMINATION (BY PARTNER UNIVERSITY)

The International Office of your home university will get a nomination link in our newsletter.

Nomination Deadlines
Summer semester: November 1st
Winter semester: April 1st

2. APPLICATION (BY STUDENT)

Students will apply online and upload various documents that also need to be signed by their home university.

Application Deadlines
Summer semester: November 30th
Winter semester: April 30th

NEED MORE HELP? WE ARE HERE!

TAKING CARE OF SOME **FORMAL ISSUES** IS A NECESSITY, BUT YOU WILL NOT BE LEFT ALONE. THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER TEAM IS HAPPY TO SUPPORT YOU.

Exchange students from most non-European countries will need a visa for Germany and should consider that getting the visa may take quite some time. After we have received your application, we will send you a letter of admission, along with an invitation confirming your status at Aalen University. Only then you can apply for your visa at a German Embassy or a German Consulate.

A prerequisite for your enrollment is a confirmation of adequate health insurance. We provide you a list of health insurance providers and would recommend choosing a German public provider.

After your arrival in Germany, the following additional items need to be taken care of:

- the payment of an administration fee to the German Student Association
- registration in the City Hall (and residence permit if needed)
- opening a European bank account.

The International Center will assist you when you take care of these formalities.



Our advisors are always there to answer your questions.



WHAT BEGAN AS A SINGLE SEMESTER QUICKLY EXPANDED INTO A FULL YEAR — AND NOW I AM PREPARING TO STAY EVEN LONGER TO COMPLETE MY **INTERNSHIP**. AALEN CONTINUOUSLY OPENS NEW DOORS THE MORE YOU ENGAGE WITH ITS COMMUNITY. I HAVE STRENGTHENED MY ACADEMIC JOURNEY WHILE GAINING VALUABLE **TEACHING EXPERIENCE** AS A MATHEMATICS TUTOR. WHAT TRULY SETS AALEN APART IS ITS ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES FOR GROWTH — ACADEMICALLY, PROFESSIONALLY, AND PERSONALLY. IF YOU ARE CURIOUS, MOTIVATED, AND WILLING TO EXPLORE, THE UNIVERSITY OFFERS FAR MORE THAN YOU EXPECT. AALEN HAS BECOME THE PLACE WHERE I **CHALLENGE MYSELF** AND EXPAND MY SKILLS.

**NARE MOVSISYAN,
ARMENIA**

EXCHANGE STUDENT IN BACHELOR'S PROGRAM "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA SCIENCE"



Check out Nare's photos on Instagram.

CONTACT US!

INTERNATIONAL CENTER

AALEN UNIVERSITY IS HAPPY TO ANSWER ALL YOUR **QUESTIONS** AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO **WELCOME** YOU SOON IN GERMANY.

Find more information here on our websites:

- For Exchange Students:
 - <https://www.hs-aalen.de/en/international-center/exchange-studies-in-aalen/>
- Homepage:
 - <https://www.hs-aalen.de/en/international-center/>

After your application, we will provide you with a "Pre-Arrival Guide" so that you can prepare your arrival in Aalen.

And once you are in Aalen, we will prepare you during our compulsory Orientation Weeks.

Contact our team members via email:

- For Exchange Students:
 - incomings@hs-aalen.de
- General:
 - aaa@hs-aalen.de



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