Aalen University

International Program

Academic Year 2022-2023

Information for Partner Universities and Exchange Students

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Welcome to Aalen

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE - TOGETHER FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP
STUDYING IN AALEN

Find friends for a lifetime and build your network for future days: all in one place - Aalen.

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DYNAMIC AND MODERN

Innovative educational models, research strength, foresight, close links to industry, regional and international networks: We provide attractive study programs on a sound foundation. Increasing student numbers, successful knowledge transfer with the business community and a continuously growing campus also testify to its enormous development. Aalen University of Applied Sciences is firmly rooted in the region and has a wide international network. This is demonstrated by the numerous co-operations in the region and the 137 partner universities all over the world.

SCORING IN RESEARCH FOR YEARS

When it comes to research, Aalen University is one of the leading Universities of Applied Sciences in Germany. The annual research budget exceeds more than 15 Million Euro and the scientific output adds up to more than 300 publications and patents per year. Currently, more than 150 scientists are receiving funding from external sources and more than 60 are pursuing a doctorate. Research infrastructure includes among others two new, state-of-the-art research centers and modern research equipment, which is upgraded continuously.

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THE GERMAN HIGHER EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT PROVIDES FOREIGN STUDENTS WITH EXCELLENT OPTIONS. AALEN UNIVERSITY OFFERS NOT ONLY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, BUT ALSO ACCESS TO THE GERMAN WAY OF LIFE WITH OUR FOCUS ON RESEARCH AND MODERN LABORATORIES, AALEN UNIVERSITY AIMS TO PREPARE ITS STUDENTS FOR THEIR CAREERS IN THE INDUSTRY.

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The Swabian Alb is located in the region of East Württemberg and therefore in the center of Europe and in the heart of Southern Germany - close to metropolises like Munich and Stuttgart, and vacation spots like Allgäu and Lake Constance. And the alpine countries of Austria and Switzerland are also within reach.

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

“The region of talents and patents” is what we call East Württemberg. Pioneering spirit, creativity and inventiveness are shaping the daily and professional lives of the area’s population. That is why many growth sectors and future technologies are developed here. Global players, successful medium-sized companies, and ambitious start-ups all call East Württemberg home. Here, the amount of hidden champions is twice as high as in the rest of Germany. Moreover, East Württemberg is one of the leaders in terms of registered patents and innovations within Germany.

EAST WÜRTTEMBERG – THE PLACE TO BE

Although East Württemberg is the economical center of the south, it has managed to keep its unique fusion of lively urban flair and picturesque rural scenery. Its rich history as well as its natural beauty has always managed to attract people to it. Before the Romans and Celts settled here, humans from the Neolithic period left their artifacts for us to discover. The Romans built their famous frontier, the Limes, on the Swabian Alb and established the largest cavalry fort north of the Alps in what would eventually become Aalen. During the Middle Ages, the people built countless castles, palaces and residences as well as medieval city-fortifications and impressive ecclesiastical buildings that continue to shape our region’s appearance.

However, if you want to explore nature instead of taking a trip to the past, East Württemberg will spoil you with beautiful and varied landscapes. The densely wooded areas in the north of East Württemberg are perfect for hiking or exploring. The rolling hills of the region around Aalen offer peaceful orchards, meadows and fields. The Swabian Alb is an escarpment running through the whole of East Württemberg with lots of forests fit for fairy tales. On the plateau of the Swabian Alb, you will find light beech forests as well as juniper heathland and dry valleys. The Danube wetland marks the southern end of East Württemberg. In this broad and open valley, you will find countless quarry lakes and reed fields to enjoy. East Württemberg offers something for every taste.

BECOME AN HONORARY AMBASSADOR OF EAST WÜRTTEMBERG

To offer the international students of East Württemberg an incentive to get to know our astonishing region, encourage them to learn German, give them better access to the local economy, and the chance to better integrate into German society, Aalen University created the “East Württemberg Ambassador Program”.

For participation in multiple events (including a German language course), students receive a certificate from the District Chief Officer which recognizes them as Honorary Ambassadors of East Württemberg. This certificate can be used as proof of their successful time abroad for future academic institutions or employers.

Sona Kharazyan from Armenia is an Honorary Ambassador of East Württemberg.
THE ECONOMIC CENTER OF THE SOUTH

BESIDES GLOBAL PLAYERS, WE HAVE TWICE THE AMOUNT OF HIDDEN CHAMPIONS AS THE REST OF GERMANY. THESE COMPANIES ARE LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS IN EUROPE AND AT LEAST THIRD WORLDWIDE. THE CURIOUS THING ABOUT THEM: MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW THEM – ONLY THEIR PEERS CONSIDER THEM HEROES. THEY SHARE SPACE WITH GLOBAL PLAYERS AND SUCCESSFUL MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES.
OUR PROGRAM – YOUR CHANCE

WE AT AALEN UNIVERSITY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ONE PROGRAM FITS THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS. THAT IS WHY WE CREATED A THREE STAGE PROGRAM YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM INDIVIDUALLY. YOU CAN MAKE YOUR STAY WITH US SILVER, GOLDEN OR PLATINUM.

Your basic semester exchange program in Aalen is what we call the Silver Program. You will stay for one semester at Aalen University and study with our German and international students in the courses you choose from our syllabus. If that is not enough for you, you can aim a little higher with an upgrade to gold. We certainly encourage it. All you have to do is extend, upgrade, and make the most of your stay in Germany. As soon as you are here, we will support you in all your ventures.

Once you are a registered exchange student with Aalen University, you are eligible to apply for an internship/co-op at any of the regional technology hotspots, including but not limited to Audi, Bosch, Daimler, Porsche, Voith, Zeiss, and ZF. That is what differentiates our Gold Program from Silver: You study at one of the top universities of applied sciences in Southern Germany and spend some time working in one of the area’s companies.

If you prefer consulting, financial services or even investment banking, no problem. We can help you in these fields as well. We will support you in your pursuits and help with administrative issues and work permits.

If you liked going gold, why not stay for another six months for a senior project or thesis, and add platinum to your exchange?

With our Platinum Program, we offer you the chance to deepen your theoretical knowledge: hands-on research and projects, working in the excellently equipped laboratories of our university, and finishing your degree at Aalen University.


ROOPE AROLA, FINLAND, DOUBLE-DEGREE STUDENT IN THE PROGRAM “INTERNATIONAL SALES MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY”
Aalen University wants you to ace your studies. That is why our lecturers teach you in exciting and innovative ways. We offer a wide range of help for your theoretical principles. During the lecture term, there are tutorials supplementing and deepening the content of lectures.

As a University of Applied Sciences, we keep our finger on the pulse and adapt our syllabus to 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. The Corona pandemic further advanced the digitalization of our institution. Successful hybrid teaching and learning concepts have been developed in the past semesters. Students can use our online platform Canvas, which offers lecture contents, scripts, practical exercises and much more. Using this platform, students can learn, revise and practice individually.

The 2022 Category Award of Germany’s largest student evaluation portal “StudyCheck” demonstrates how much our students appreciate the flexibility of our hybrid concepts and digital readiness proven during the Corona pandemic. Aalen University was ranked second most popular among German Universities of Applied Sciences with a student body between 5,000 and 15,000 students.
Our library offers a wide range of scientific publications as ebooks or electronic resources accessible over various databases. Besides the online content, the library offers over 58,000 physical books or magazines. On three floors, students can learn in a bright, quiet environment with tables supplied with electric sockets and free WIFI. The staff of our library will also help you in individual appointments, as well as courses and seminars with questions regarding lending of books, researching an academic paper or on how to use the online databases properly.

We at Aalen University know that students of today are developers and decision-makers of tomorrow. Our goal is to enable you to develop products and processes that match the demands of the industry. Therefore, our lecturers aim for lectures that discuss current events. Our syllabus is closely adapted to the demands of the industry. Learning happens in small, individualized and interactive groups lead by lecturers with long-time experience in the industry. While teaching, our professors aim to pass on even difficult topics effortlessly and with a sense of humor, because we know that laughing charges the brain.

To break up the relatively strict structure of lectures and seminars, some subjects at Aalen University offer so-called “Makeathons”. Each semester, students form groups to mill over problems and in the end construct and program prototypes to solve said problems within three days. Such projects and tasks help students grow.

Outside our lecture halls, you will find projects and activities to get to know your fellow students and improve your soft skills. Our biggest student project is the “E-Motion Racing Team”, an interdisciplinary team of students developing, constructing and testing an electric racecar. During the process, more than twenty subjects from all five faculties at Aalen University are involved in the building of the car. While the team is big, each member is able to contribute their ideas and work on projects within the race team that interest them. The finished product is an electric racecar that is participating in races on racetracks all over Europe. During the assembly of the car, students use what they have learned in lectures, along with soft skills, which are necessary for working in any team.

To improve those soft skills further, Aalen University offers a program called “Studium Generale”. Each semester, the program runs under a different topic, e.g. industry 4.0, philosophy, or migration and integration. Students can work on their soft skills in small groups or listen to lectures held by international experts on their respective fields. In addition, students can develop their personality through courses held by coaches as varied as actors, rhetoric coaches, cyber security specialists or anthropologists.

During your time in Germany, we strongly encourage you to learn German. In addition to the offers of the Language Center, you can also use the Speexx Online Language Learning software to master the German language. This world-renowned program is flexible, results oriented and available at your fingertips! Especially if you would like to work in Germany, the language is a must!

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

PERSONALIZED AND FLEXIBLE GERMAN COURSES FOR YOU!

THE LANGUAGE LEARNING SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS.

Please write to rosemarie.francis-binder@hs-aalen.de if you would like to use this software before your arrival in Aalen.
YOUR COURSES AT AALEN UNIVERSITY

WE ARE HAPPY TO HOST YOU FOR AN EXCHANGE STUDY SEMESTER. YOU CAN 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 English taught programs are thematically structured within the frame of the Aalen International Program. To give you an overview of our study fields, we present our international teaching portfolio under carefully selected study areas (see page 21 for those study areas).

To consider your choice of lectures, you are very welcome to browse through our catalogue to check out available courses offered in English that fit your major. Study together with German and international students in the classes of your choice.

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

- Please only select courses that correspond to 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 a representative of 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 academic staff or the International Relations Office in advance to define the topic and the workload, and to find a supervisor.
- Choose the courses from our syllabus that fit your major.
- If you would like to attend German taught lectures as well, please refer to the offers of our study programs on the website of Aalen University or contact eai@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 period. Upon passing the exam, they will receive credits. After the intensive course, students will participate in weekly German classes during the semester.
ENGLISH TAUGHT
LECTURES CATALOGUE

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS PAGE TO SELECT COURSES FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL TEACHING PORTFOLIO. FOR OUR ENGLISH TAUGHT COURSES CATALOGUE GO TO WWW.HS-AALEN.DE/EN/PAGES/AAA_ENGLISH-TAUGHT-LECTURES

Preselect your requirements for the courses you plan to take (semester and study area) and generate a list of course offerings by starting your search. Ten courses (if so many are available with your requirements) will be loaded 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 course catalogue here.

MARKETING & SALES
OPTOMETRY & AUDIOLOGY
HUMAN RESOURCES AND BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION
DIGITALIZATION & DATA SCIENCE
INDUSTRIAL & SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT
FUTURE MATERIALS
FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, CONTROLLING & TAXATION
STEM
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN ENGINEERING AND SIMULATION

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS

OPTOELECTRONICS, PHOTONICS & LASER TECHNOLOGY
LIGHTWEIGHT DESIGN & MANUFACTURING

ENGLISH TAUGHT LECTURE CATALOGUE
I really enjoyed my time with the Chemistry Department at Aalen University. I was exposed to several industries in the area, which all create exciting opportunities for students. My favorite part of my time in Aalen was spent participating in research and exploring the different parts of Germany.

Lauren Kendall Graham, USA, Exchange-Student in Bachelor’s Program “Chemistry”
I chose to come to Aalen University because of the **fully equipped ultra-modern battery laboratory**, which the Institute for Materials Research (IMFAA) provides for its students. The **incredible infrastructure** gives me the best opportunity to work on my PhD research. In addition, as exchange students, we are strongly supported by the International Relations Office which **provides help not only in dealing with all the necessary bureaucracy, but also the emotional support needed during this exceptionally challenging period.**

LETICIA TREZECIK SILVANO, 
BRASIL 
PhD CANDIDATE AT THE INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS RESEARCH (IMFAA)

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**HANDS ON: UPGRADE TO PLATINUM**

You can’t get enough of Aalen University? Stay even longer with us, write your thesis or work on a senior project in our laboratories.

If you liked going gold, why not stay for another six months? With an upgrade to our Platinum Program, you can stay at Aalen University for a senior project or thesis. You can choose from many different industrial technologies, like digitalization, laser technology, or industry 4.0 for either of them. We will put you to work in one of our excellently equipped laboratories. You can become a member of the research team and get an assignment for a thesis or a senior project almost instantly. Your advisor will be there to support you throughout the entire process and help you with all your individual questions or needs.

Do you want to work in a lab without having finished a study program or an internship semester? At Aalen University, you can do that too! If you prefer to work in a lab from the get-go, we can tailor your program so that you join a research group right away and work on a research project in your field. From our end, we can provide enough credit points with just lab work if you would rather do that than lectures. Better yet, if you want to pair your research project with a few pertinent classes in the field, you can do that too. You can add as many classes as you like. As you dive deeper into the coursework, you may even be able to take a few classes in German. This individually tailored combination of research work and courses is what we call the Executive Platinum Program.
AALEN UNIVERSITY IS A CENTER FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AND THOSE WHO WANT TO BECOME BUSINESS OWNERS OF THE FUTURE.

Aalen University answers the question “Can you learn the spirit of entrepreneurship and a business-like thinking?” with a “Yes!” Our university encourages students to come up with innovative ideas, develop them and found their own businesses after graduation – or even during their time with us.

Under the phrase “Entrepreneurship University”, programs have been established and bundled with already existing offers concerning the founding of a business. Students interested in this topic can choose from a variety of interdisciplinary consultation and support services. In the programs, workshops and courses, students learn to develop their creativity, to have faith in their ideas, to practice team spirit and to hold self-confident presentations. Because at Aalen University, we want to discover the potential of students, hold it in highest regards and help make innovative ideas a reality.

The university’s very own entrepreneur initiative “stAArt-UPide” teaches different techniques to solve problems in a creative way or methods for business-like thinking. In the so-called INNO-Z innovation center on campus, students can work during the pre-founding phase in Shared Desk areas to develop their budding ideas. Afterwards, young start-up companies can move into the office spaces of the INNO-Z to build up their company. Since opening its gates to young entrepreneurs three years ago, 50 start-ups have sprouted roots in the INNO-Z. Some of them are already selling their goods or services.

The goal of Aalen University is to educate creative people who think along the lines of modern day businesses and beyond – no matter whether they build up their own company after graduation or take on jobs in already existing companies.

THE INDUSTRIAL-ORIENTED SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES AT AALEN UNIVERSITY ASSISTED ME IN LEARNING ABOUT THE MOST RECENT POLYMER TECHNOLOGIES. THE CONSTANT GUIDANCE OF QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PROFESSORS HELPED ME GAIN CONFIDENCE IN DEALING WITH REAL-LIFE PROBLEMS. THE STUDIES AT AALEN UNIVERSITY NOT ONLY FULFILLED MY EXPECTATIONS, BUT ALSO LED TO MY DREAM JOB.

ASHWINI ALVA NAVOOR, INDIA, GRADUATE OF MASTER’S PROGRAM “POLYMER TECHNOLOGY”
APPLICATION PROCESS

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1. NOMINATION (BY PARTNER UNIVERSITY)
We will send a table for you to fill out and send back to us via email to incomings@hs-aalen.de!
Nomination Deadlines
Spring term: November 1st
Fall term: April 1st

2. APPLICATION (BY STUDENT)
Students will apply online and upload various documents that also need to be signed by the home university.
Application Deadlines
Spring term: November 30th
Fall term: April 30th

Academic Calendar
Fall term:
September 1st - February 28th
Orientation Weeks (including a German intensive course): approximately four weeks before the beginning of the Fall term
Lecture Period: Begins in October - End of January
Examination Period: First three weeks of February
Spring term:
March 1st - August 31st
Orientation Weeks (including a German intensive course): approximately two weeks in March
Lecture Period: Mid-March - End of June
Examination Period: First three weeks of July

OUR EASY APPLICATION PROCESS
JOIN AALEN UNIVERSITY AND BECOME A MEMBER OF ITS INTERNATIONALLY WELL-CONNECTED COMMUNITY

There are many 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 Relations Office at Aalen University is the contact for the nomination and application process. Exchange students first need to get nominated by their home university. 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 to the nominated students). 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 your institution before sending)
- The enrollment application
- The application form for an Email account
- The learning agreement
- 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 / degree dissertation at Aalen University)
- Recent photo (passport format)
- A transcript of records including all your study results so far
- A full curriculum vitae

The deadline for submitting a full application is November 30th for the Spring term and April 30th for the Fall term.

Please contact us at incomings@hs-aalen.de if you have any questions regarding the application process.
APPLICATION PROCESS

YOU NEED MORE HELP?
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

TAKING CARE OF SOME FORMAL ISSUES IS A NECESSITY, BUT YOU WILL NOT BE LEFT ALONE WITH THE RED TAPE

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. Therefore, we advise you to apply to Aalen University as soon as possible. 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 can you apply for your visa at the German embassy or a German Consulate. Special visa regulations may apply for certain nationalities (e.g. Students from the USA do not need a visa for entry).

When enrolling at Aalen University (normally after your arrival in Germany) the following additional items need to be taken care of:
• adequate health insurance (can also be taken in Aalen)
• the payment of an administration fee to the German Student Association
• residence permit (registration with the City Hall)
• opening a German bank account

The International Relations Office will of course assist you when you take care of these formalities. As soon as you have fulfilled all the enrolment requirements (normally a couple of days after your arrival) you will get your student card.

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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.

The International Relations Office (IRO) at Aalen University and the faculty members make every effort to support all international students both academically and emotionally. Throughout the years, a comprehensive service package for foreign students has been developed to help get them settled in quickly. Whether it be into the university, German academic culture, society and the working environment.

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

SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Buddy Program is designed to help international students adapt to campus life and German culture. It helps them get to know local students and from all over the world. 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.

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OUR SERVICE PORTFOLIO INCLUDES:

• Supervision by the IRO and a faculty member
• Preparatory online German course 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
• Cultural events
• Support through student tutors and resident assistants
• Job interview trainings and support by the Welcome Center East Wuerttemberg (for those who decide to go for an internship/co-op after their study semester)

Improve your language skills and integrate better into German society with our Family Program.
ACCOMMODATION

DEPENDING ON YOUR PERSONAL TASTES, YOU HAVE THE CHOICE OF LIVING EITHER OFF-CAMPUS IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS OR IN ONE OF THE STUDENT RESIDENCE HALLS.

Compared to larger German cities, living in Aalen is affordable for students. You just need to inform us of your accommodation preferences during the application process.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

There is plenty of private housing and private student residence halls available in Aalen. The monthly rent ranges between € 250,- for a room without a shower and up to € 500,- for luxurious rooms. A very popular form of student housing are shared flats. Many students look for an additional flatmate for a vacant room in a shared apartment.

These and other private offers can be found on the university’s website under hs-aalen.de/apartments or on the website of the Student Association https://studierendenwerk-ulm.de/en/accommodation/private-room/.

When you are looking for private accommodation, please consider some additional aspects, such as whether the rent includes utilities, or whether the apartment comes furnished or unfurnished. Please be aware that some of the landlords might not speak English well. If you need any assistance when looking for private accommodation, please contact us at incomings@hs-aalen.de.

STUDENT HALLS

Aalen University does not own or operate any residence halls. Many exchange students choose accommodation in student residence halls run by the Aalen Youth Association (AYA). For exchange students, there is a special room application procedure. A deposit must be transferred in order to reserve a room and private liability insurance is a requirement. You will be informed about further details in time during the application process.

Please be aware that a contract for AYA accommodation can only be signed for one full semester (= 6 months, from March 1st to August 31st or from September 1st to February 28th) and that students obtaining a room in an AYA residence hall have to move out after 6 months so that new exchange students can be served. Thus, should somebody plan from the start to stay more than 6 months or less than 6 months, we recommend that you look for accommodation on the private market from the beginning.

The AYA Student Residence Halls Include:

- Carl-Schneider Residence Hall: single room in an 11-room unit; shared kitchen /bathroom/showers; monthly rent € 250,- *)
- Anton-Huber Residence Hall: single room in 4 or 6-room unit; shared kitchen /bathroom/showers; monthly rent € 290 - 305,- *)
- Steinertgasse Residence Hall – single Apartment; monthly rent € 340,- *)

*) Prices are valid as of September 2019; they may be subject to change.
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 in which each student can be active and work for a better and more exciting life on campus. The student body, called Verfassete Studierendenschaft, is an office led by a student committee. Their various departments organize and plan activities all over campus. They are responsible for the wide range of offers in the university’s sports program including yoga courses, basketball, salsa courses as well as tennis or volleyball. A highlight in the summer is the University’s sports festival organized by the VS. They also manage the Q-Buddy system, which allows students to report problems within programs or the University itself anonymously. The VS also hands out international student identity cards, funds field trips and organizes the university’s choir. A specialty of the VS is the annual Christmas Market held on campus with festive food and hot drinks.

Another big student-lead organization is the USA. Their slogan “from students – for students” sums up their program effortlessly. The USA is in charge of organizing one of the biggest fairs on campus: The Aalen Industry Fair takes place each year and offers students of Aalen University the chance to meet regional companies and make connections for internships, student jobs or writing a thesis in cooperation with a company. The USA also organizes a blood drive and the university cinema. The program for the cinema varies each semester, from current blockbusters to Hollywood classics – the university-cinema in the main lecture hall will serve every taste. For international students, the USA offers field trips to interesting and exciting locations all over Europe, like Berlin, Prague or Brussels. For those who prefer nightlife, the USA organizes two of the biggest parties on campus: the Niwé-Party at the beginning of each semester are popular among students.

Our university also offers a range of other communities such as the “E-Motion Racing Team” who build their own electric race car from scratch to compete on race tracks all over Europe.

The explorhino program has set its goal at showing children that science is fun. With this program, Aalen University wants to incorporate scientific games and experiments into early education to overcome children’s hesitations against choosing a scientific career in later life. The experiments and courses offered by the pupil’s laboratory make natural science palpable and approachable. If you want to help with this project, the explorhino pupil’s laboratory is always looking for volunteers!

Check out our social media channels to get impressions of Campus Life at our university:

Instagram @aalen_isn
Instagram @hochschuleaalen
Instagram @AalenuniversityIRO
Instagram @hochschule.aalen

Aalen University is represented each year at the city run, when lecturers, staff and students strap on their running shoes and give it their all.

Our student community benefits from our modern, green campus areas.
CITY LIFE

Aalen is a lively city and has a lot to show. Here, you’ll have everything: innovative industries, a long history and booming festivals.

Aalen has an urban, almost Mediterranean flair. In the pedestrian area at the heart of the city, you will find many shops, cafés and restaurants. You can spend an afternoon in the shade outside one of the countless cafés with a coffee or something cold. In the evening, Aalen offers a broad selection of various restaurants. Italian, Japanese, Tapas bars, traditional German cuisine – you name it. Aalen has it. If you like to cook your own meals, Aalen has a farmer’s market twice per week. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, the market place and the pedestrian area all the way up to the town hall is turned into a market. Local farmers sell fresh produce, honey and baked goods, among other things.

History coming to life

Aalen is not only an urban center, it was also the center of industrialization in the region. Aalen is home to one of the oldest industrial companies in Germany. Schwäbische Hüttenwerke was founded in 1365 due to the iron ore mining in the region. Still running to the present day, Schwäbische Hüttenwerke GmbH offers pumps and engine components for all types of powertrain concepts. Not far from today’s site, the mine “Tiefer Stollen” is situated north of Aalen in a peaceful forest. The mine is now a museum, and offers a unique glance into the history of mining, showing how working underground developed during the heyday of iron mining.

Aalen is also a city with long Roman history. The romans built their frontier, the limes, not far from Aalen and erected the largest cavalry fort north of the Alps in what would later become the city of Aalen. Today, the area is home to the Limes Museum, which underwent extensive refurbishments in 2018. The site is counted among the UNESCO world heritage sites. However, not only Aalen offers you a glance into Roman history. In neighboring communities, you will find the replica of a roman watchtower or a triumphal arch that marked the frontier on a hilltop. After a visit to the Roman sites, you can relax in the bubbling hot springs on a mountain overlooking Aalen. The thermal baths are situated in a spa resort with Roman flair and offer a unique view over Aalen.

Did you know that there is a prehistoric period called the Aalenian Age? If not, the primeval world museum might be for you. The term “Aalenian” is used in scientific dialog all over the world and Aalen – as a so-called type locality – is known in geological circles globally. The primeval world museum offers a glance into the geologic history of the region with a collection of fossils – dinosaurs, squids, crinoid or giant ammonites – spread over two floors. For someone who does not like strolling through museums, the guided walking tours through Aalen at night might be a fun alternative. Accompanied by a night watch in historic garb, you can delve into the history of medieval Aalen and learn more about its development.

Aalen – Festival capital of the region

Back to the present: Aalen has a variety of festivals to offer, with which you can fill your time. In July, Aalen celebrates its diverse inhabitants and holds the international festival. Folklore performances as well as culinary specialties shape the face of this street festival. “Reichsstädter Tage” is Aalen’s biggest festival. It is held in September. Performances from various bands and clubs shape this festival. The Limes Museum also holds the “Roman Days” festival in September. Enactment groups from sometimes more than six different countries show interested audiences how Romans lived in everyday life and during military duty. In the fall, Aalen is home to the Aalen jazzfestival. Many concerts by leading jazz musicians such as Gregory Porter, Zaz or Sinead O’Connor take place in the city. In December, Aalen has its very own Christmas Market, a magical, festive get-together with good food and warm drinks in the heart of the city situated around one of the largest Christmas pyramids in the region.
**Top 5 Destinations of Aalen University Students for Studies and Internships Abroad**

- **Spain**
- **Finland**
- **Sweden**
- **USA**
- **Australia**

**International Facts of Aalen University**

- 8% International Students
- 73 Nationalities
- 137 Partner Universities in 56 Countries
- 67,598 Inhabitants
- 30% Possess a Migration Background

**The City of Aalen: Multicultural and International**

- 124 Nationalities in Total
- 35% Exchange Students from European Countries
- 35% Exchange Students from Non-European Countries

**Aalen University of Applied Sciences**

- 6,000 Students
- 5 Schools in Engineering and Business

**Member of EUA and DAAD**

- 24% Master Students
- 76% Bachelor Students
- 33 Bachelor Programs and 29 Master Programs

**Continents of Origin of All International Students (Exchange & Degree Seeking) at Aalen University**

- Europe
- Asia
- Africa
- South America
- North America

**International Students at Aalen University Study in These Schools**

- Chemistry
- Electronics & Computer Science
- Management & Business Sciences
- Office & Metallurgy
- Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science

**Universities**

- Côte d’Ivoire
- USA
- France
- Russia
- South Africa
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