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Admission Procedure

Students from our partner universities who want to experience one semester or an academic year abroad at NGU should follow the [admission guidelines](#).

For admission please make sure to complete the following parts of the application process and provide us with necessary documents:

Application documents

The NGU [Online Application](#)

Documents to be uploaded while completing the application online:

1. Transcript of records in English - containing already obtained academic credits and results at home university
2. CV/Resume

Course Catalogue for Incoming Students is available [online](#).

Nomination/Application deadlines

Fall/winter:

Nomination deadline: June 15
Application deadline: July 1

Spring/summer:

Nomination deadline: November 15
Application deadline: December 1

Academic calendar

Fall/winter semester

Lectures: October 6, 2025-January 30, 2026; Examination Period: February 2-February 20, 2026

Spring semester

Lectures: March 24, 2025-July 11, 2025; Examination Period: July 14-August 1, 2025

The NGU academic calendar does not always match perfectly with the academic calendar in some countries. Therefore, in exceptional cases, i.e. if lectures start earlier at home and attendance is mandatory to reserve a seat, students from our partner universities can take the NGU exams at home.



Housing

Exchange students usually live in the students' residence hall "Schelmenwasen" which is located on the outskirts of Nuertingen next to the university building CB1. For more information please refer to our [website](#). Please note that students must be admitted to NGU before applying for accommodation at the residence hall. The rent for a room at the residence hall is amounting to 250€ per month + 600€ deposit (recommended: bring own bed linen and sheets).

Municipal Registration/ Residence permit

Exchange students need to do the registrations during the orientation days. **Students from the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland do not need a residence permit. Non-EU students have to apply for a residence permit** at the local Immigration Office during the Orientation Days.

Buddy Program

The international office tries to make the students' stay in Nürtingen and Geislingen as enjoyable as possible. The buddy program does just that: it pairs up an international with a native student to make life in the new environment easier and more fun.

Orientation Days

All international students are requested to take part in the Orientation Days. These days are designed to help them feel more comfortable in Germany and to give them time to do the paperwork, register for classes, meet other exchange students and get to know the campuses. We even do trips to nice places within Germany.

Orientation Days for fall/winter semester: September 25 - October 2, 2025

Academic Information

Course catalogue

"Course Catalogue for Incoming Students" with almost 100 courses taught in English is usually updated until mid-August respectively January and available [online](#). As incoming students choose English taught courses from different programs and semesters, time clashes are unavoidable.

Language of Instruction

English, German

Language Proficiency

Applicants should have a good command of English to be able to follow lectures without difficulties ([upper intermediate/at least B2](#)). We strongly recommend that non-English native speakers take an English language proficiency test, preferably TOEFL or IELTS. **Students from Chinese Universities** need to take a TOEFL with a score of 500 on the paper-based TOEFL exam or 61 on the internet based TOEFL. For the IELTS test, a score of 5.5 must be achieved. We accept as well Cambridge Certificates BEC Vantage, FCE, CAE, CPE, an APIEL with a result of at least 4 and a TOEIC with at least 785 points.

Language Courses/ German Culture

NGU offers German language courses at different levels for international students during the semester with 4 ECTS each. We also offer a German culture course. Students in this course get familiar with German history and politics. German language and culture courses are free of charge.

Nt-Great Integration Project

[Nt-Great](#) is an integration project to help international students settle into their new environment and to get to know local people.

Estimated Cost of Living

NO TUITION FEES!

Social Service Fee

98,90€ per semester (as of May 2022)

Student Housing

250€ monthly + 600€ deposit

Broadcast Fee

18,36€ monthly (mandatory)

Food

approx. 160€ monthly

Clothes

approx. 50€ monthly

Personal expenses

approx. 150€ monthly

Books and materials

approx. 33€ monthly

Telephone

approx. 35€ monthly

Health Insurance for non-EU-members

approx. 145€ monthly

Public Transportation/

buses and trains free of charge within the [VVS area](#) after 6pm, during the weekend and on public holidays

Deutschlandticket

approx. 58€ per month (optional)

Further Information

<https://www.hfwu.com/future-students/semester-hfwu/>