

SCI-school Interview with TU Darmstadt 2022-06-14

How would you promote Darmstadt as a University and as a city?

Located in the southern part of the Rhine-Main-Area (Frankfurt Metropolitan Region), Darmstadt has around 160,000 inhabitants, making it the fourth largest city in the state of Hesse. Darmstadt holds the official title "City of Science" as it is a major center of scientific institutions, universities, and high-technology companies. The European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT), the European Space Operations Centre (ESOC) Darmstadt and GSI Centre for Heavy Ion Research are only some of them. Darmstadt is also the seat of the world's oldest pharmaceutical company, Merck, which is the city's largest employer.

With more than 25,000 students, of which about 18% are international, Technical University of Darmstadt is a leading German university and a member of TU9, a network of the most notable German technical universities. TU Darmstadt introduced the world's first degree course in electrical engineering and currently offers over 130 courses of study in 13 departments. Besides that, TU Darmstadt also offers free courses in 22 languages on different levels and over 100 sports, all the way from Ami Jitsu to Zumba. You can find an overview of the sports courses here: [Startseite Unisport-Zentrum – Unisport-Zentrum – TU Darmstadt \(tu-darmstadt.de\)](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/startseite-unisport-zentrum)

Do you have courses taught in English within the subjects Physics, Mathematics and Vehicle Engineering? In bachelor and master level.

TU Darmstadt offers a variety of courses in English, both bachelor and master level. Students can find an overview of the offered courses in English in the following link: [Technische Universität Darmstadt \(tu-darmstadt.de\)](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/technische-universitaet-darmstadt)

TU Darmstadt does not offer "Vehicle Engineering". Depending on the study plan of each university, students might find various relevant courses offered in the degrees Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, etc. Especially the Master's course in Traffic and Transport might be interesting for students of Vehicle Engineering: [Traffic and Transport – TU Darmstadt \(tu-darmstadt.de\)](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/traffic-and-transport)

If you get admitted as an exchange student to one of the departments, how flexible is it to take courses at other departments?

Exchange students that would like to take courses from other departments should clarify the creditability of these courses with their home university if necessary. TU Darmstadt does not have restrictions as to which courses exchange students take, though some home universities might require the students to take the majority of the courses from their own department.

Is there a possibility for KTH's students to do their bachelor thesis and/or master thesis at Darmstadt?

Yes! Students that would like to do their bachelor/master thesis in Darmstadt have to find a supervising professor both in TU Darmstadt and their home university.

[Writing a Bachelor or Master Thesis at TU Darmstadt – TU Darmstadt \(tu-darmstadt.de\)](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/writing-a-bachelor-or-master-thesis-at-tu-darmstadt)

Will exchange students get help from the University to find Housing close to campus?

ESHA (Exchange Student Housing Assistance) is a service facility at TU Darmstadt that supports exchange students in finding accommodation in Darmstadt. They work in cooperation with well-known (public as well as private) student dormitory providers, such as: Studierendenwerk, HEAG Wohnbau GmbH, Uninest and more. Their services include the distribution of an "Accommodation Guide" with links to private and public student dormitories, hotels and youth hostels. Furthermore, the ESHA provides a "Housing Guide" with tips on how to search for accommodations in

Darmstadt. They also offer guidance on how to find an accommodation via the private housing market and in examining the rental contracts.

[Accommodation in Darmstadt for Exchange Students – TU Darmstadt \(tu-darmstadt.de\)](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/en/International-Student-Services/Exchange-Students/Exchange-Students-Accommodation)

How are the services at campus during Arrival Days for new exchange students?

Each exchange student coming to TU Darmstadt is assigned a personal guide that is also a student of TU Darmstadt. This guide helps the student with any question regarding their exchange semester, including registration for the courses, housing and Darmstadt as a city.

The International Student Services of TU Darmstadt also offers an orientation program, the Kick-Off Days, for new students every semester.

[Kick-Off Days – TU Darmstadt \(tu-darmstadt.de\)](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/en/International-Student-Services/Exchange-Students/Kick-Off-Days)

Various student groups and university departments such as Erasmus Student Network (ESN), TUTOR International and International Tutors Team (ITT) regularly organize events throughout the semester where exchange students can get to know the city and socialize.

Do you offer Student Health Service?

TU Darmstadt does not directly offer health services, though International Student Services provides the students a list of hospitals and doctors in and around Darmstadt speaking different languages.

[Healthcare – TU Darmstadt \(tu-darmstadt.de\)](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/en/International-Student-Services/Exchange-Students/Healthcare)

Student Services also offers psychological counselling to students of TU Darmstadt:

[Psychological Counselling - studierendenwerk darmstadt](https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/en/International-Student-Services/Exchange-Students/Student-Services/Psychological-Counselling)