



## GERMERSHEIM

Germersheim is situated on the Upper Rhine between Speyer and Karlsruhe. Approximately 20,000 people live here. Public life is shaped by young people, many of whom study at the FTSK. In Germersheim, you will find many student pubs, cafés and restaurants.

The town is homely and rather small. Therefore, it is a place where every newcomer soon feels at ease. The town is situated in the scenic Rhine Plain and shaped by the climatically mild Southern Palatinate. The fruit and wine growing industry contribute to the distinctive character of the region. Germersheim is not far from the Rhine-Neckar-Triangle and France. Belgium and Luxembourg are also easy to reach.

Germersheim has a lot to offer in terms of culture, for example several museums, the catholic church with a crypt and a sculpture park. An active art association and many theatrical performances and concerts offered by the city's cultural office enrich the cultural life of the town.

In addition, the "Festungsfest" (celebration at the fortress) takes place every two years. This celebration is part of the "Kultursommer" (summer of culture) in Germersheim, that offers a huge variety of music, culinary specialities, art exhibitions and parades. This cultural event attracts thousands of visitors each year.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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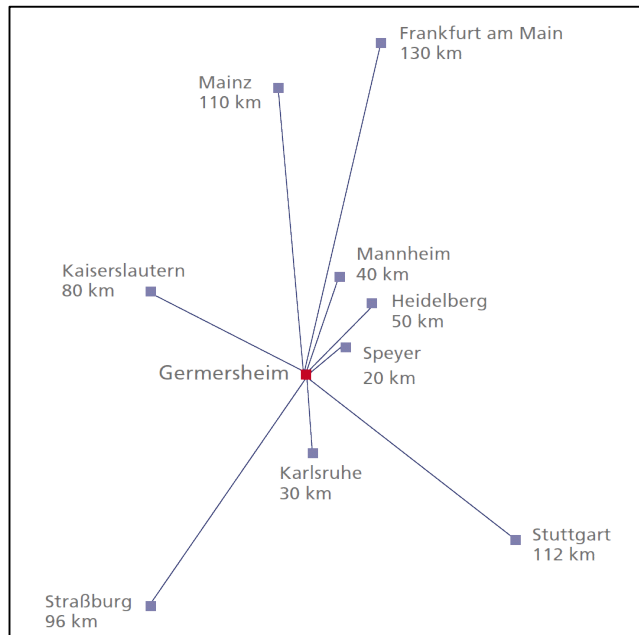
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**TRANSLATION STUDIES,  
APPLIED LINGUISTICS, AND  
CULTURAL STUDIES**

## Information for International Incoming Students

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## THE FTSK

The Faculty of Translation Studies, Applied Linguistics, and Cultural Studies (FTSK) of the Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz is situated on the campus in Gernersheim, approximately 100 km south of Mainz.

About 1,700 students study at the FTSK, approx. 600 of which are from abroad. They can choose between 12 different languages, which makes the FTSK one of the largest educational institutions for interpreting and translation around the world. The faculty maintains relations with more than 100 partner universities on all continents.

The FTSK is a dynamic institution that combines traditional subjects with innovative thinking as well as with independent and practice-oriented work. Special characteristics include the diversity in teaching approaches, a broad variety of possibilities to combine specialisations, an international orientation and the homely atmosphere created by the moderate size of the campus.

## RANGE OF PROGRAMS AND COURSES

- **Bachelor of Arts Applied Linguistics, Cultural Studies, and Translation Studies**
- **Master of Arts Translation Studies**
- **Master of Arts Conference Interpreting**

Exchange students enrol with their mother tongue or a working language in the subject "German as a foreign language" and specialise in translation and interpreting.



## GERMAN AT THE FTSK

There are no beginners' courses for German as a foreign language (DaF). A good basic knowledge of the German language is required.

At the start of the lecture period, exchange students will have to take part in a placement test. This so-called onSET test will determine the students' language proficiency level. Depending on the result, the exchange students will be assigned to one of the following options:

- **regular studies** (free selection of courses, C1 GER) or
- **the course "German for Translators"** (D2 [=B1 GER] / D3 [=B2 GER])

The course "German for Translators" aims to rapidly and systematically impart the knowledge of German that is required to successfully study translation and interpreting.

Particular emphasis is placed on active language skills and many practice classes help students improve their knowledge of written communication. Another focus is on German scientific language and its use in university courses.

## OTHER SUBJECTS

At the FTSK, exchange students have the possibility to take part in courses of the following subjects:

General and Applied Linguistics as well as Translation Technology, Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, Italian, Intercultural Communication, Interpreting Studies, Modern Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.

Furthermore, students can choose courses in the special fields of Economics, Information Technology, Law, Medicine, and Technology.

The language of instruction is German. Some subjects are taught in the respective foreign language (FL). The language combination in translation and interpreting practice classes is generally FL-GER / GER-FL.



## EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT THE FTSK

It is necessary that your university has an agreement on student exchange with the FTSK. If you are interested in studying abroad at the FTSK, please inquire at the International/Mobility Office of your home university or ask your lecturers about the conditions and deadlines for your application and the selection procedure.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to accept individual applications from students (*free mover*).

Even if the FTSK does not maintain a partnership with your university, we highly encourage the International Office or the responsible coordinator at your home university to contact us on your behalf.

## SEMESTER PERIODS

Winter semester: 01 October to 31 March

Lectures: Mid-October to mid-February

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Summer semester: 01 April to 30 September

Lectures: Mid-April to mid-July

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**Application deadline** (only for exchange students):

for the winter semester: **15 September**

for the summer semester: **15 March**

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