Why Kaiserslautern?

Technische Universität Kaiserslautern is a research-oriented university and offers high quality graduate education and (post)doctoral research training in innovative fields of economic relevance, many of them as international programs (English-taught). Our twelve departments attract students worldwide: More than 20 percent of our students are international students from more than 100 countries. More than 50 percent of the students on campus are postgraduate and doctoral students. This underscores the university’s emphasis on master studies and doctoral training as well as on research.

Students & Professors as Partners

Technische Universität Kaiserslautern is one of three German technological universities awarded "Excellence University in Teaching". As a part of our **Excellence in Teaching** concept, students are involved in managing and optimizing academic educational processes. With its current enrolment of approx. 14,833 students, the university has a manageable size and offers an outstanding support ratio of students per lecturer which ensures close contact with professors and excellent guidance.

Intense Affiliation with Research Institutes

Students can profit from the large number of internationally renowned research institutes, e.g. three Fraunhofer-Institutes, the Max-Planck-Institute, and the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence, situated either directly on or near the campus and cooperate closely with the university. Thus, the content of teaching strongly correlates to application oriented topics with societal relevance.

Strong Cooperation with Industry

A special feature of our graduate education is the intensive collaboration with national and international industries, many of them (e.g. BASF, Daimler) situated close to Kaiserslautern. Students profit from these dense networks by an instruction that is strongly linked to current tasks of the global market and participation in industry research projects (e.g. in Master thesis or internship).

Individual & Effective Support for International Students

The Department of International Affairs: ISGS at our university offers effective pre-departure communication and assistance which helps you to regulate application, visa, residence permit, and housing affairs. Once you are in Kaiserslautern, a broad range of highly professionalized orientation services helps you to become part of the university’s vibrant community. Mentoring your studies by a variety of extra-curricular seminars and activities enhancing your professional skills and a profound career service will guide you to succesful graduation and beyond.

Secure City & High Standard of Living at Affordable Costs

There is no such thing as being a foreigner - as a cosmopolitan city, Kaiserslautern is home to more than 140 nations living together without being dominated by one special group. Most of the 100,000 inhabitants speak English, making it easy to feel at home. High standards of living combined with low living expenses, friendly people and a low crime rate allow comfortable living in safe surroundings.

2019 Snapshot

- **Students enrolled**: 14,833
- **International Students**: 2,986
- **Professorships**: 213
- **Scientific & Academic Staff**: 1,467
- **Study Courses in Total**: 109
- **Budget**: € 223.6 Mio., ~70% state financed (2018)
- **External Third-party Funds**: € 70.6 Mio. (2018)
- **1st Place Support Services & its sub-categories**: IT Support, Welcome Center, Student Secretariat/Administration
- **1st Place Arrival & its sub-categories**: Registration, Admission Officer
- **1st Place LIVING & its sub-categories**: Living Cost, Accommodation Quality, Eco-friendly attitude, Visa Advice
Fees & Living Expenses

1. **Program Fee**: none
   Program fees are covered by the state of Rhineland-Palatinate. International students do not have to pay program fees.

2. **Social Fee**: € ~483/year
   The fee includes:
   - Bus & train transportation in the area around Kaiserslautern
   - Basic card Unisports -> more than 50 free university sports courses, e.g., Aikido, Basketball, Cricket and many more
   - basic amount of free printouts
   - social services of ‘Studierendenwerk’ -> meals at student prices

3. **Assessment Fee**: € 50 single payment
   The university has to charge a fee of 50 € for the verification and acceptance of foreign qualifications and certificates. Exceptions:
   - Exchange students, e.g., ERASMUS students or partner schools
   - Scholarship holders (DAAD)
   - PhD applicants

4. **Exemplary Calculation & Costs of Living**
   Including study-related fees (except program fees) you will typically need approx. € 9,200 a year to live comfortably:
   - **Initial Costs**
     - Deposit ...................... ~ € 300-500
     - First rent ...................... ~ € 250
     - First supermarket shopping ...... ~ € 70
     - Kitchen utensils, blankets, pillow, towel, etc. ...................... ~ € 250
     - Total approx. € 1,200 start-up costs
   - **Monthly Costs**
     - Accommodation ............ ~ € 250
     - Health insurance .......... ~ € 80
     - Food ......................... ~ € 200
     - Internet & phone ......... ~ € 25
     - Other ......................... ~ € 75
     - Monthly approx. € 630 living costs
   - **Snapshot on Regional Prices (Discount)**
     - Loaf of bread: € 1,20 (500g)
     - Meal in dining hall: € 2,40
     - Orange juice: € 1,00 (1l)
     - Rice: € 0,90 (1kg)

5. **Language & Orientation Course**
   - a) **Orientation Course for international programs (6-8 weeks)**
     € 750 single payment
     Strongly recommended for international Master & PhD students. The course combines intensive German language training with integrative elements:
     - Cultural & Social Component
     - Language Component (~180 teaching units)
     - Administrative Component (registration, visa etc)
   - b) **DSH* Course for German taught programs (1. Semester)**
     € 740 single payment
     DSH-2 or TestDaF-4 Certificate are mandatory for German taught courses. The DSH intensive course (Proof of German knowledge B-1 required) consists of:
     - Language & Orientation Component (~380 teaching units)
     - Exam Training & DSH Exam
     * Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (proficiency test required to undertake classes in the German language)