

Student Exchange Program TUM SOMex

TARGET GROUP

All students enrolled at TUM School of Management (TUM MGT) who have completed at least one year of studies (B.Sc.) at the time of application. Students must be enrolled at TUM MGT (any campus) throughout the entirety of their exchange.

REQUIREMENTS AHEAD OF APPLICATION

- 24 ECTS on average per completed semester
- Language requirements need to be fulfilled by the time of application
- No participation in another TUM exchange program within the same study cycle
- Willingness to take part in the host university's International Fair

APPLICATION

- Mid-December until mid-January, exact dates are published on our website (one application phase per year for the following academic year, i.e. if you'd like to go abroad in WS 25/26 or SoSe 26 you have to apply in WS 24/25)
- Up to 3 application rounds

APPLICATION VIA

TUM SOMex application tool (link will be published on website once the tool opens in mid-December)

Applications via MoveOn cannot be considered!

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Current Transcript of Records (Master's students in their 1st semester or with less than 24 ECTS need to upload their Bachelor's transcript)
- Language certificates (accepted certificates see our website: 4) What to submit: "TUM SOMex language requirements")
- Letter of Motivation (use template)
- CV (use template)
- Optional: Confirmation of participation in our Buddy Program or Accommodation Database

REQUIREMENTS AFTER EXCHANGE

Submission of experience report

Taking part in networking events with future outgoing students

BENEFITS

- No tuition fees at partner university
- Organizational support by the International Office of TUM MGT and the host university
- Financial support (only for ERASMUS+ universities)

NUMBER OF PREFERENCES

Up to 3 (with 1st choice carrying most weight)

WORKLOAD DURING EXCHANGE

At least 15 ECTS of at least two study-related courses (or more if required by host university)

LENGTH OF STAY

usually 1 semester, sometimes 2 semesters are possible (if indicated in "Overview TUM SOMex" (incl. ERASMUS+) and if exchange starts in the winter term)

WEBSITE

<https://www.mgt.tum.de/programs/international-exchange-programs/going-abroad/your-tum-somex>



FAQ

Can I apply if I am not yet a student of TUM School of Management?

No. You have to already be enrolled at TUM School of Management.

Can I apply to go on exchange after I have finished my degree?

No. You need to be enrolled at TUM School of Management until the end of your stay abroad.

Can I apply for TUM SOMex and Erasmus+?

These are not separate programs. All ERASMUS+ partnerships for students of the TUM School of Management are part of TUM SOMex.

When should I apply for the program?

Bachelor's students in their 3rd semester (or 5th) and Master's students in their 1st or 2nd semester. The application deadline ends mid-January. You must submit your application via the TUM SOMex application tool. We will not receive your application if you apply via MoveOn.

I'm a Bachelor student at the end of my studies and want to go abroad during my consecutive Master degree at TUM School of Management. Can I apply?

Yes, Bachelor's students enrolled at TUM School of Management can apply at the end of their studies for an exchange during their consecutive Master degree at TUM School of Management.

Where can I find the available exchange places?

Please take a look at the "Overview TUM SOMex (incl. ERASMUS+)" on our website. This filterable Excel file lists all available TUM SOMex exchange places as well as all necessary information (such as language requirements, semester times etc.) regarding the partner universities. Please read it carefully.

Make sure to re-download the list every time you want to check it since it will be updated until the application period starts.

How many preferences can I choose/ do I have to choose?

You can choose up to 3 preferences. Please only choose universities where you would really love to go because you may receive any of the three preferences. You cannot take part in the 2nd application round (clearing procedure) if you rejected a place before.

What should I consider before choosing my preferences?

Semester times, course offer at host university, language requirements, cost of living, travel expenses, housing market, study level required for exchange, visa, ...

How should I rank my preferences?

Have a look at the "Statistics of previous selection rounds" on our website (see 1: Available places abroad). It's recommended to choose less popular places for preferences 2 and/or 3. The 1st preference weighs more. Most exchange places are distributed via 1st preference.

Can I choose in which exchange period I want to go abroad (winter or summer)?

Please indicate your preference in the TUM SOMex application tool when you apply. Most of the times you can choose, but there are few universities that only offer exchange in a specific period. This is indicated in our Overview TUM SOMex (incl. ERASMUS+). Please note that for some universities, we have specific contingencies for each exchange period. In that case, every exchange period counts as one preference.

What happens if I receive a rejection?

The TUM SOMex selection has two to three selection rounds. If you did not receive a place in the main selection period (1st round), you can apply again in the clearing procedure (2nd round) with again up to three preferences.

Can I go abroad with TUM SOMex multiple times?

Since we want to give the opportunity to go abroad to as many students as possible you can only once per study cycle, i.e. once on your Bachelor studies and once in your Master studies. However, if we have places left after the 1st and 2nd selection round, we may be able to allocate an exchange place to you. Let us know until mid-February if you are interested.

Can I submit my language certificate later?

No. We can only judge your application based on the documents you submitted via the TUM SOMex application tool. You need to have an accepted language certificate at the time of application. The "Confirmation of Language Course Attendance" is only valid for proving basic knowledge in a local language, not for the 1st language requirement.

Where can I take the DAAD Test?

Our Language Center offers the DAAD Test English (and other languages) at regular intervals, free of charge in Munich. The dates can be found [here](#).

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Who is eligible for the ERASMUS+ grant?

All students going to ERASMUS+ partner universities. This is indicated in “Overview TUM SOMex (incl. ERASMUS+)”. No ERASMUS+ funding for exchange in UK!

Do I have to separately apply for the ERASMUS+ grant?

No, you are automatically eligible for the grant if you have received an ERASMUS+ exchange place. After successful selection you will receive more information from the central TUM Global & Alumni Office which is responsible for the administration of the scholarship.

What other funding is there?

Students going to Switzerland can apply for the Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP) after successful selection.

TUM does not provide financial support for exchanges with non-ERASMUS TUM SOMex partners. You will need to find external funding. You might find useful information [here](#) and [here](#).