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A: VISA

https://www.tu-clausthal.de/fileadmin/TU_Clausthal/dokumente/Corona/Update_Internationale-17.03.2021.pdf

1. How can I check my visa status?

<https://www.landkreis-goslar.de/index.phtml?sNavID=1749.57>

2. How can we change our visa when we reach Clausthal and how much time will it take?

<https://www.landkreis-goslar.de/index.phtml?sNavID=1749.57>

B: ARRIVAL

1. What do I need to know before moving to Clausthal?

<https://www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/en/ways-to-clausthal/practical-information/>

2. Why do I need to be in Germany by the 15th of May?

If you are not able to be in Germany/Clausthal by the 15th of May, we strongly recommend that you apply for the Winter Term 21/22. The reason for that is that you need to be able to participate in all offline lectures or exams, which are scheduled from the 1st of June. This time does not include quarantine time.

C: STUDIES

1. Until when should I register?

To have a successful start to your studies, it is important that you register in time, preferably by 15.03.2021. Only then you will get your university account in time and can participate in all courses without problems.

2. When is the summer semester starting?

19.04.2021 (Not all classes start on this exact day. Check the starting day for every course on the student platform <https://studip.tu-clausthal.de/>)

3. After enrolment, do we have to send signed documents by courier or can we send them by email?

Due to the current situation, you are allowed to send your application documents per email. Please use the following email address: application@tu-clausthal.de

5. Will the classes of the first semester be online or physical?

It is not official yet, but the semester will probably be hybrid again, although most of the classes will probably be online.

6. And how about the exams?

Probably both. Some courses are more suitable as an offline exam.

7. Is the module book available in English?

Yes, there is an English translation of the module book in the Computer Science Study Group in Stud.IP.

8. Which courses will be taught in English?

During the Welcome Weeks there will be a special session where we will give you information regarding this question.

9. Does the university provide any German courses for international students?

Yes. The international office at TU Clausthal offers a variety of language courses. You can find the available courses here:

<https://www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/en/language-center/>

<https://www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/en/language-center/german-as-a-foreign-language/>

We also offer you other possibilities to learn German such as Tandem, Self-learning in our language lab, Virtual Bookshelf and an International Roundtable. Take a look at this website for more details: <https://www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/en/language-center/further-offers/>

All these activities are free of charge for students.

https://www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/fileadmin/Printmedien/Flyer_Deutschkurse2015_web.pdf

10. How many lectures can I take in 1 semester?

You are free to take as many lectures as you want. In order to achieve the full number of credit points (180 CP for Bachelor and 120 CP for Master) in the “regular study period” (6 semesters for Bachelor and 4 semesters for Master), students usually take 5-6 “full” courses every semester. Most course modules have 6 CP. It is best for you, if you try to follow the model study plan provided from the university, although you are free to adapt your own study plan to your own capabilities.

11. How long does a normal lecture take?

Most lectures take 90 minutes. At the moment there are some professors who prefer to pre-record their own lectures. The time here mostly depends on the size of the chapter that is being discussed. The recordings are usually found on the university’s video server (more details will be given during the welcome weeks).

12. Can we do a part time job along with our studies or will it affect our studies? Can we do a part-time job at the University?

A lot of students decide to do a part-time job during their studies. There are many possibilities for you to work here. Normally students have jobs such as waiting tables, student assistants, student tutors, etc. The working times vary mostly between 10 h/month and 50 h/month. You need to be aware of your own capabilities and the time you need to study for a specific course.

Just keep in mind that international students can only work 120 “full” days or 240 “half” days in one calendar year.

13. Can we also study or do internships outside Germany like Finland, France etc during our Master degree in TU-Clausthal?

Yes. Take a look at this website: <https://www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/en/ways-to-go-abroad/>

14. I have already sent my documents for enrolment, but I haven’t received a reply from the university. Until when should I wait for a confirmation and for my credentials? When should I be worried?

We are sorry that it is taking longer as planned with your case. Your documents are being processed as quickly as possible.

Before you start worrying, please check these things first:

- Was the semester fee transferred correctly?
- Did you send all the documents required for your enrolment?
- Were all the forms filled out correctly and are all your documents valid (for ex. insurance certificate)

If you still have not received an answer 3 weeks after you sent the documents, please write an email to studentensekretariat@tu-clausthal.de

If you have received your enrollment certificate, but not your credentials, please write to the Studentensekretariat.

15. Is there a course plan available in English for MS Computer Science?

Yes, there is an English translation of the course plan in the Computer Science Study Group in Stud.IP. You can also find it here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MSI_dh8HW7Hz_hkXI_y-TmPltxLDhxul?usp=sharing

16. Where do I get my TU-card?

You will receive your Student ID card per courier together with the rest of your documents. Please be patient, since it can take some time.

17. How can I choose the courses I want to take?

Have a look at the model study plan, the elective catalog and the module handbook of your corresponding degree.

It is recommended that you follow the Model Study Plan, but you have the flexibility to shape the flow of your studies yourself. There you will see the fields you have to complete. You can have compulsory and elective courses.

You can find elective courses in the elective catalog.

In the module handbook you can find information about all available courses and find out what prior knowledge is required for them.

18. Are the students starting in the summer semester at any kind of disadvantage with respect to the electives or the curriculum?

Not at all. Your study plan might vary from those who start in the winter, but at the end of your studies it is exactly the same. For example (Informatik Bachelor): you need to take 2 classes: Programming Course (available in summer) and Software Systems (only available in winter and for which you should know some JAVA already). If you start in the summer semester you can take the Programming Course in your 1st semester and Software Systems in your 2nd semester. If you start in the winter you do the Programming course in your 2nd semester and take Software Systems in your 3rd semester. You are allowed to shape your own study plan.

19. Where do all our lectures and tutorials take place in the digital semester?

Most lectures/exercises are either pre-recorded (you can find these on our video server) or take place in Big Blue Button (a video conferencing platform like Zoom for example). In addition, you can complete exercise assignments on Studip, Moodle, gitlab, gate system, or

other online sites, for example. This will be determined by the respective course lecturer and his or her co-workers.

20. What's going to happen if we fail a subject? Do we have an option to repeat the exam or do we need to repeat that subject again for another semester?

If it's an oral exam, you may ask your professor if he can repeat your exam in the coming weeks. To be able to participate in exams you need to get a "Hausübungsschein" first (a confirmation that you successfully completed your homework assignments – check the conditions that apply for your particular course). If you fail the exam you need to wait until the next semester to write the exam again. By exception you can ask your lecturer if he/she can do an oral exam for you.

21. When do the exams take place?

Usually between July and October, although most tend to be in July and September. For that, just check here for the dates of the exams you want to take this semester:

<https://www.studienzentrum.tu-clausthal.de/das-studienzentrum/pruefungsamt/pruefungszeitraeume-klausurtermine>

22. How many attempts do I have at an exam?

During the regular period of study (Bachelor 6 semesters and Master 4 semesters) you first get one free attempt. You "lose" this free attempt in the 7th semester if you have not written the exam by then. After that, 3 more attempts and an oral exam follow. If you still have not passed the exam, you will unfortunately be exmatriculated.

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2. Does the university have accommodation?

<https://www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/en/ways-to-clausthal/practical-information/prior-to-arrival/accommodation/>

<https://www.tu-clausthal.de/en/prospective-students/student-life/accommodation>

<https://www.stw-on.de/en/clausthal-zellerfeld/housing/dormitories/>

3. Why doesn't the TU-Clausthal provide a semester ticket?

There has been a lot of discussion about this for a long time. Basically Clausthal is a very small city, where you can reach every place in max. 20 minutes by foot. If you have a car or a bike, you can even get there in less than 5 minutes. For this reason, most students (about 90%) always vote AGAINST the introduction of the semester ticket, because it would increase the semester fee by about 200€. Financially, it is therefore not worth it for the students of the TUC.

E: COVID-19

Any other recent informations regarding the pandemic can be found here: <https://www.tu-clausthal.de/en/corona/international>

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