Located on the Rhine, Mainz is the capital of the State of
Rhineland-Palatinate, a city with about 200,000 inhabitants in
the Rhein-Main Area, i.e. close to Frankfurt. Important media
companies have their headquarters in Mainz, but the city is also
the heart of a major wine-growing region.

The Rhein-Main Area is characterized by a diversity of large
businesses and industries which includes many international
companies. Thus, the region offers numerous opportunities for
internships accompanying your studies at Mainz.

Part of the international flair of this region is the multiethnic
character of the population. If you are looking to make friends
here, you will soon get to know new people in and around Mainz.
The people here are known to be very open and sociable.

Thus, Mainz combines the advantages of urban lifestyle with
small-town charm. This means a multitude of social and cultural
events, conveniently accessible by public transport, but at the
same time, outdoor recreation areas in Rheingau, Rheinhessen,
Pfälzer Wald and the World Heritage Site Middle Rhine Valley
are always within easy reach.

Mainz is also famous for its “fifth season”, “Fastnacht”
(=carnival), féted from November through Catholic lent. Its
highlight is the big parade on “Rosenmontag”. Mainz 05 also
refers to itself as a “carnival club”, but it is actually a first-division
football club.

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The University of Mainz offers a very broad range of subjects and academic departments:

- Catholic and Protestant Theology
- Social Sciences, Media Studies, and Sports Sciences
- Law and Economics
- Medicine and Dentistry
- Philosophy and Humanities
- Interpreting / Translating
- History and Culture Studies
- Physics, Mathematics, Computer Sciences
- Chemistry, Pharmacy, Earth Sciences
- Biology
- Music and Fine Arts

Each semester, a large number of exchange students come to the University of Mainz.

- They study at Mainz as exchange students under e.g. the ERASMUS programme or a sister universities programme, or
- They are enrolled as “freemovers” for a limited period of one or two semesters.

As an exchange student, you are a non-degree-seeking student, but you can get ECTS credit points. If you wish to study at Mainz for more than two semesters or want to study for a degree here, you have to apply for regular admission.

The academic year begins Oct. 01 (winter term), but you can also take up your studies with the beginning of the summer term, April 01.

The lecture periods when school is in session are:

- Winter term: late October until the end of February
- Summer term: late April until the end of July

Application deadlines are:

- for the winter term: July 15
- for the summer term: January 15

All application documents must have arrived here by that date.

Services provided by Mainz University

- **German language courses:** the Language Center of Mainz University offers a two-week intensive language course prior to the beginning of classes and a language course concurrent with the lecture periods. A placement test during the InfoDays determines which level of language course you can attend.

- **InfoDays:** at the beginning of each semester, the so-called InfoDays are offered specifically for exchange students in order to help you with the logistics of student life in Mainz.

- **Accommodation:** exchange students can apply for student housing in one of the dorms of Studierendenwerk Mainz. Residence halls are located on campus, but also in other parts of town.