

# Exchange@Schmalkalden

## University of Applied Sciences

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**120 partner universities  
worldwide**

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*“Studying abroad has been one of the best experiences of my life. I got to meet a lot of people and I made really good friends. Also I had the opportunity to take classes with great teachers from all over the world. I will never forget my exchange in Schmalkalden”*

**Henriette Cabrera, 22  
years old, from Mexico**

More than 3,000 students in the Faculties of Business and Economics, Business Law, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering are currently enjoying the numerous opportunities which studying in Schmalkalden offers. Various university rankings demonstrate that our students enjoy a high-quality education and the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences offers ideal conditions: a campus with everything in easy walking distance, state-of-the-art laboratories and a modern library, as well as an excellent lecturer to student ratio.

In addition, studying at the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences is characterized by internationality. With over 120 partner universities worldwide, the university has a close network of international partnerships, giving our students the opportunity to study abroad all over the world. Numerous cultural events, an extensive range of outdoor activities, and the proximity to the winter sports town of Oberhof and to the theatre town of Meiningen make our university an attractive place to study.

Furthermore, the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences is a regional competence center for technology and innovation in Southern Thuringia and is, for many enterprises, a significant cooperation and network partner for research and technology transfer. As such, praxis-oriented research plays an important role.

### Semester Dates

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| <b>Academic Calendar:</b>     | Winter Semester<br>01.10. - 31.03.                                                                                                                  | Summer Semester<br>01.04. - 30.09. |
| <b>Exam Period:</b>           | 3 weeks in February                                                                                                                                 | Mid-July until beginning August    |
| <b>Welcome Days:</b>          | One week before the beginning of the semester                                                                                                       |                                    |
| <b>Semester Dates:</b>        | <a href="http://www.hs-schmalkalden.de/en/studying/deadlines-and-dates.html">http://www.hs-schmalkalden.de/en/studying/deadlines-and-dates.html</a> |                                    |
| <b>Application Deadlines:</b> | Winter Semester<br>June 15th                                                                                                                        | Summer Semester<br>Jan. 15th       |
|                               | (Send your application as soon as possible so that you have time for the necessary arrangements, i.e., visa application, housing, etc.)             |                                    |

Please request an application form from Ms. Weisheit via email at: [c.weisheit@hs-sm.de](mailto:c.weisheit@hs-sm.de)

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*International students,  
who come from over 20  
different countries*

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## German Language and German Culture Summer Course

Each summer the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences offers **German Language Courses** on three levels with the aim to provide basic communicative skills. The course won't be a traditional language course but a platform for communication in German right from the beginning. Even the beginners will have to carry out short dialogues in German language. There are 4 hours of basic language classes every day and two hours of different modules to ensure efficient progress in learning German. Another important part of the course will be the presentation of current topics and facts about German culture and society. Special events like city tours to Erfurt and Weimar, a BBQ, soccer matches, movie nights, bowling etc. will be offered.

The course fee includes accommodation, breakfast and participation in all the courses and excursions.

## The International Summer School

The **International Summer School Schmalkalden** focuses on the challenges confronting the world economy under the conditions of cross-cultural management.

Guest professors from different countries and continents are invited to give us their views on these issues. The wide variety of countries, cultures and religions represented by our international students, who come from over 20 different countries, provides a timely and unique opportunity to investigate the impact of contrasting cultural-religious value systems on international business. Our goal is that students participating in the ISSS will be offered, and be able to develop through the exchange of perspectives and experiences, detailed knowledge and understanding of the complex and interwoven challenges facing economies and firms in the new millennium. In addition, the growing importance of religious values and their economic implications will be examined in multicultural classes and they will develop the students' cross-cultural abilities to prevent Huntington's 'clash of civilizations'.

## The International Engineering Week

The **International Engineering Week** is another opportunity for international students to participate in lectures and free time activities. This week gives international students the opportunity to get to know each other. As a special bonus, students can also take the final exam and receive 2.5 ECTS credit points.

In the past, International Engineering Week the Schmalkalden University of Applied Science welcomed lecturers from Finland, Spain, Bulgaria and Brazil.



*Schmalympics are the final part of the Schmalkalden International Summer School. Track and Field, Swimming, Triathlon, Soccer, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton, Bowling and Spinning are the main events.*

***"I am writing first and foremost to thank you for providing me with a wonderful time in Schmalkalden. The International Week was an absolutely wonderful event, and it was a very nice indeed to get to know the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences, the students your colleagues and all the other invited lecturers. Everyone was very kind and it was a really great atmosphere. We will work very hard to get the double degree agreement and we are already looking forward for the next events!"***

***Pedro Brito; Programa de Pós-Graduação em Engenharia Mecânica PUC-MG  
Professor from Brazil***

## Information

### Mandatory Arrival:

You must arrive one week before the semester starts. You will receive the exact arrival date via e-mail a few weeks before the semester begins.

### Semester Dates:

<http://www.hs-schmalkalden.de/en/studying/deadlines-and-dates.html>

### Courses taught in English:

<http://www.hs-schmalkalden.de/en/international/incomings/classes-taught-in-english.html>

*“Schmalkalden was a life changing experience, I met so many cool people and made so many unforgettable memories. “*

*Alyssa McDaniel, 22 years old, from Cheney, Washington, the U.S.*

*Alyssa and Henriette with their friend:*



### Faculty Coordinators:

<http://tinyurl.com/onc9b28>

### Further Information about Admission Restrictions:

<http://tinyurl.com/pt9puzh>

### Short video about studying in Schmalkalden:

<http://tinyurl.com/hz2zcr7>

## Approx. Living Costs (per month)

### **Housing: 175 - 250 EUR**

→ On campus housing or housing near campus

→ You must apply for campus housing:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Application deadlines: | Winter Semester<br>from 1 <sup>st</sup> April | Summer Semester<br>from 1 <sup>st</sup> November |
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Housing Application:

<http://tinyurl.com/oereq5b>

<http://tinyurl.com/ncxfyh>

<http://tinyurl.com/p6ddlc>

→ The student dormitories are not managed by the university

### **Books and class reading materials: 0 - 50 EUR**

### **Food: max. 200 EUR**

### **Leisure activities: max. 100 EUR**

### **Health insurance: 70 - 80 EUR (if home insurance is not valid)**

**One-time semester contribution of approximately 93 EUR (includes a semester ticket for the local train transportation in Thuringia)**

<http://tinyurl.com/pv5rsmf>

→ Total living costs per month: max. 500 – 600 EUR

## Schmalkalden



The town of Schmalkalden, which is over 1139 years old, lies on the sunny side of the Thuringian Forest mountain range close to the Rennsteig, a famous long-distance hiking trail.

Schmalkalden is equally interesting and attractive for nature-lovers, historians and art enthusiasts.

Every sixth inhabitant of the city is a student and although this town consists of approximately 20.000 inhabitants, this town is a meeting point for the students from all over the world.

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