

QUESTIONNAIRE

TU-STUDENT SURVEY 2025

| | Торіс | Question > Filter question | Answer options following question depends on the pre- vious answer | Type of question SC: Sin- gle Choice MC: Multiple Choice |
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| | | Department and stud | y programme | |
| | | Before the start of | of studies | |
| 1. | Vocational | Have you already completed vo- cational training before taking up your studies? | Yes >continue with 1.1 No >1.1 not | SC |
| 1.1 | training | >Was the vocational training re- lated to your studies? | YesNo | SC |
| 2. | Country of origin of higher edu- cation en- trance quali- fication (HEEQ) | In which country did you get ad- mission to higher education (uni- versity entrance qualification: A- levels, school leaving diploma, etc.)? | in Germany >continue with 2.1 in another country >continue with 2.11 in another country (Studienkolleg) >>continue with 2.11 | SC |
| 2.1 | Average grade of your higher edu- cation en- trance quali- fication | >Please enter the average grade of your higher education en- trance qualification (e.g. 2,5): | 1,0-1,2 1,3-1,5 1,6-1,8 1,9-2,1 2,2-2,4 2,5-2,7 2,8-3,0 3,1-3,3 3,4-3,6 3,7-4,0 No response | SC |
| 3. | Kind of higher edu- cation en- trance quali- fication | What kind of university entrance qualification do you have? | General university entrance qualification (German equivalent to A-levels / high school diploma) Certificate of aptitude for specialized short-course higher education (Fachhochschulreife) Restricted university entrance qualification (fachgebundene Hochschulreife) Studienkolleg Other university entrance qualifications (of other countries) | SC |

| | Sources of | information and reasons for | choosing a degree programme | |
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| 4. | Reasons to study at TU Darmstadt | What role did the following rea- sons play in your decision to study at TU Darmstadt? | My degree programme at TU Darmstadt has a very good reputation. With regard to the range of degree programmes the TU Darmstadt sets special priorities. Other students recommended studying at TU Darmstadt. Studying at the TU Darmstadt allowed me to stay in the region. Applies – does not apply | Five steps scale |
| | | Before university and initia | al period of studies | |
| 5. | Information before start of studies | Before your studies: How well in- formed were you about your de- gree programme with regard to | the study conditions (e.g. the modular system)? the workload? the performance requirements? the course contents? <i>Very well – very bad</i> | Five steps scale |
| 6. | Offers for start of stud- ies | What services did you use in the beginning of your studies? Master's students please evaluate the introductory offers to the Master's programme. (multiple responses allowed) | Bridge courses / Preparation for undergraduate studies (for filling subject-related knowledge gaps and requirements) (e.g. pre-course in mathematics, VEMINT, pre- course in programming)> Preparation courses for interna- tional students (language courses / academic preparation courses) > Orientation-week (OWO) /orienta- tion phase Website "einfach sTUdieren" incl. checklist "Start of Studies" > International Student Services (ISS) introductory events > Tutoring and student working groups in the beginning of my stud- ies > Introduction to research methods and the research process > Mentoring programmes > None >continue with 5. | MC |
| 6.1 | | >How do you evaluate the ser- vices that you used in the intro- | Very useful – Not useful at all | Five steps scale |
| | | ductory phase of your studies? Organization and | structure | [|

| 7. | Organization | Please evaluate the following aspects with regard to how your studies are currently organized: | Enrolling in / Opting out of a course Overlap free timetable / schedule Length of breaks in between courses (e.g. campus change) Information about courses (e.g. on TUCaN or Moodle) Opportunities with regard to elective courses Very good – very bad | Five steps scale |
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| 8. | Examinations | Please evaluate the following aspects with regard to how examinations are currently organized: | (De-)Registering for examinations Overlap free examinations Information on examinations Duration until examination results are published Very good – very bad | Five steps scale |
| | | Structure of study progra | • | |
| 9. | Structure of modules | Please evaluate the modules of your degree programme with re- gard to the following aspects: | The qualification aims listed in the module description are clear. The teaching contents match the qualification aims. The courses of each module are compatible with regard to content. The forms of teaching (e.g. lectures, courses/ seminars, tutorials, etc.) match the teaching aims. | Five steps scale |
| 10. | Structure of degree pro- gramme | How do you evaluate your degree programme with regard to the following aspects? | Applies - does not apply Organizing one's studies individually Structure Wide range of courses; options with regard to choosing one's major/minor subject or consolidation/advanced courses Academic feasibility (with regard to time) Combination of theory and practice Academic feasibility with regard to language / comprehensibility Very good - very bad | Five steps scale |
| | | Research & Te | aching | |
| 11. | Research ori- entation | Please evaluate the following re- search-oriented offers in your de- gree programme: | Research-oriented courses (e.g. courses in which teachers regularly bring in research questions and results) Range of courses that introduce research methods and results | Five steps scale |

| 12. | Quality of teaching | Please evaluate the following aspects with regard to the quality of teaching: | Possibility of doing research during one's studies (e.g. in the context of a research internship) Very good – very bad + 1 cannot tell Subject-related quality of teaching Didactic quality of teaching (e.g. teaching that promotes learning, interesting teaching practices, active participation of students, digital elements) Very good – very bad | Five steps scale |
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| | | Interdisciplin | arity | |
| 13. | Interdiscipli- nary offers | In which sort of interdisciplinary courses have you already partici- pated? (multiple responses allowed) | Lecture series> Studium Generale (freely selectable courses in TUCaN open to everyone)> Interdisciplinary study projects/ project week (e.g. GPEK, emb)> Interdisciplinary course specialisation (iSP)> Specialization subjects > Interdisciplinary / mixed research courses> Others> None> | MC |
| 13.1 | Assessment of interdisci- plinary offers | >Please assess the offer of inter- disciplinary teaching in your de- gree programme: | Very good – very bad | Five steps scale |
| | | Digital teacl | ning | |
| 14. | E-Learning | If the following e-learning offer- ings are used in your program, please indicate how useful you find them. (If no e-learning offers are used, please indicate "offer not known") | Video recordings of courses Provision of learning material (e.g. in Moodle, OpenLearnWare) Online communication (e.g. Moodle Forum) E-Exams Interactivity through live voting (e.g. Pingo, Menti) Very useful – not useful at all + offer not known | Five steps scale |

| | | Support and adviso | ory services | |
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| 15. | Support- and advisory ser- vices | Please name the advisory services you have used so far. (Multiple responses allowed) | Student Advisory Service (ZSB) Student Service (e.g. registration, semester fees, Certificate of Study)> Subject-related student advisory service (at the particular department)> Study Office (Studienbüro) (e.g. MechCenter, Servicezentrum)> Support by the student counsel / AstA> International Relations and Mobility> International Student Service (ISS)> International Admission Office> University Sports Centre TU Darmstadt (USZ)> Student health management betterTUgether (SGM) > Language Resource Center/ Writing Center Centre for teacher training (ZfL)> Family Service (e.g. studying with children)> Social Counselling services of the Studierendenwerk (including Psychological Counselling, Legal Counselling, Studying with a disability) Career Service (Stellenwerk) Others None >continue with 16. | MC |
| 15.1 | | >How do you evaluate the advi- sory services that you have used so far? | Very useful – not useful at all | Five steps scale |
| 16. | Transpar- ency of re- sponsibilities | Please evaluate the transparency of responsibilities with regard to questions on study organization: | Generally, I know the institutions or persons that are responsible for particular organizational questions. Information about responsibilities is communicated on homepages or in information materials of TU Darmstadt. When I ask the wrong institution or person, they usually inform about the correct institution/ person. Applies – does not apply | Five steps scale |

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| | | Student mol | pility | |
| 17. | _ Student mo- | Did you stay abroad for a longer period <u>during your studies</u> (e.g. for an internship or for a semes- ter abroad)? | Yes >continue with 17.1 – 17.11 No >continue with 18. | SC |
| 17.1 | bility | > Were the credits you earned during your time abroad transfer- able to your degree at TU Darm- stadt? | Yes, completely Yes, partly No I haven't done any. | SC |
| 17.II | | Are you planning to go abroad (again) during your studies? | Yes, sure >continue with 17.III Yes, maybe > continue with 17.III No > continue with 18. | SC |
| 17.III | Planning (not) to go abroad | > Why are you planning to go abroad? (multiple responses allowed) | I would like to improve my foreign language skills. I am interested in the target coun- try. The university in the target country has a high reputation. I would like to enhance my chances on the job market. Other reasons: <i>>Please fill in</i> | MC |
| 17.IV | | Other reasons (please fill in) | | open |
| | | Assessment of w | vorkload | |
| 18. | Assessment of time com- mitments | Last semester, how many hours did you invest in the following ac- tivities per week on average? Please distinguish between term- time and non-term-time. | Term-time:• Attending courses: (Think of all different types of courses (lec- tures, seminars, tutorials, etc))Oh per week1-5h per week6-10h per week11-15h per week16-20h per week21-25h per week26-30h per weekMore than 30h per week• Self-study: (Think of preparation and revision (read- ing; preparing presentations, writing minutes, term papers, preparing exams, etc.) | SC |

| 19. | Relation be- tween CPs and Work- load | I consider the relationship be- tween the amount of work and the CPs (1 CP = 25-30 hours stud- ied) as follows: | Non-term-time: • Attending courses: (If you have ever attended block/weekend courses or participated in field trips during non-term time.) Self-Study: Oh 1-5h 6-10h 11-15h 16-20h 21-25h 26-30h >als 30h Workload too high – Workload too low | Five steps scale |
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| | | Courses taught in Engli | sh and German | |
| 20. | Language of degree pro- gramme | My degree programme consists of | mainly German-speaking courses (German-speaking programme). mainly English-speaking courses (English-speaking programme). a roughly balanced mix of German and English-language courses. | SC |
| 21. | English course offer | Which of the following state- ments does best apply to you? | I am happy with the English-speak- ing courses on offer. I wish there were more English- speaking courses in my degree pro- gramme. | SC |
| 22. | Proportion English - Ger- man | What do you think should be the proportion of classes taught in English in your course of study? | 0 - 100% | Scale |
| 23. | Assessment of the offers | If courses taught in English exist in your programme, please evalu- ate them: | Quality of courses taught in English Opportunity to attend English language courses (Language Resource Center) Very good – very bad + offer not known | Five steps scale |
| 24. | International students | If you are an <u>international stu-</u> <u>dent</u> , please evaluate the offer of support with regard to German language courses: | I am happy with the offer. I would like a broader range of general German courses. I would like a broader range of specialized / technical German courses. | SC |
| | | Information on stud | dy behavior | |

| 25. | Knowledge of examina- tion regula- tions | How well do you know your study / programme regulations? | Syllabus Competence descriptions (competences one is supposed to have at the beginning of one's studies and qualification aims) Module guide Internship regulation Very well – not at all +not relevant in my study programme | Five steps scale |
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| 26. | Motivation and learning experience | Please evaluate the following statements with regard to your individual learning experience in your degree programme: | Usually, it is fun for me to learn the contents of my subject / subject area/s. Usually, when I have to learn for my studies, I can use the time that I have effectively. Overall I am satisfied with my grades. | Five steps scale |
| 27. | Stress factors | Which of the following points have caused you difficulties dur- ing your studies? | Examination pressure Competition among students Attendance in courses Courses taught in German Courses taught in English Working together with other students (e.g. during group work) Other: >open question Applies – does not apply | Five steps scale |

| | Academic success | | | | |
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| 28. | Intention to dropping out from studies | Have you ever seriously consid- ered dropping out of university? | Yes >continue with 28.1 No > 28.1 not | SC | |
| 28.1 | Reasons for considering dropping out from studies | > Tell us the decisive reason for a possible discontinuation of your studies: (Multiple responses allowed) | Too high requirements in my degree programme Failure to pass examinations several times I would like to start an apprenticeship / prefer to start a career. I am busy with family work (e.g. child / care for dependents). Problems with financing the studies/ burden due to employment alongside my studies Dissatisfaction with my degree programme (e.g. course content, teaching formats, lecturers) The studies do not meet my expectations / interests. Physical / psychological illness Too few social contact / loneliness I do not feel comfortable in Darmstadt. My studies are already taking too long. | MC | |
| 29. | Personal de- velopment | To what extent have your studies so far fostered your growth in the following ways? | Other reason: >open question Autonomy Ability to work in a team, cooperation and joint problem solving Critical thinking Ethical sense of responsibility Acquisition and development of digital skills Classification of social issues in a scientific context | Five steps scale | |
| 30. | General study satis- faction | All in all, how satisfied are you overall with your study condi- tions? | Very good – very bad Very satisfied – not at all satisfied | Five steps scale | |

| | Temporal placement | | | | |
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| 31. | Semester | Current semester in your current degree programme: | 1. 2. 3. () | SC | |
| 32. | Parttime | Are you studying full-time or part-time? | Full-time Part-time > | SC | |
| 32.1 | studying | >Are you officially enrolled as a part-time student? | YesNo | SC | |
| | | Delay in stu | dies | | |
| 33. | Delay in studies | Are you currently behind sched- ule with your studies? | No 33.1 not. Yes, app. 1 semester continue with 33.1 Yes, app. 2-3 semester continue with 33.1 Yes, app. 4 semesters and more > continue with 33.1 | SC | |
| 33.1 | Reasons for delay | > Please state the main reasons for the delay in your studies: (Multiple responses allowed) | High requirements of my degree programme High concentration of examinations I had to repeat exam(s). Exams did not take place as planned. Change of degree programme, subject or specialization / advances course Overlap of courses Finishing in the standard period of study is not important to me. Job alongside studies Semester abroad Internship during semester I have difficulties with the organization of my stay in Germany (visa, money, accommodation, etc.). I have difficulties with the German language. Long-term sickness (psychological / physical) I find it difficult to motivate myself. Engagement in student council / student's association | MC | |

| | | | Engagement in non-university associations Pregnancy / child care Other family reasons Other reasons: >open question | |
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| 34. | Target de- gree | What is your <u>current</u> target de- gree? (<i>If enrolled in a Double Degree</i> <i>programme</i> , <i>please choose</i> <i>one.</i>) | Bachelor of Arts/of Science >Question 37. not Master of Arts/of Science > Question 36. Not. Joint Bachelor of Arts Teaching degree (LaG / B.Ed. / M.Ed.) | SC |
| 35. | Postgraduate | Are you planning to continue with a Master's programme? | Yes, certainly >continue with 35.1, 35.11, 36 not Yes, maybe > continue with 351, 35. 11, 36. not No > continue with 35.11, 36. not I do not know yet. >continue with 37. | SC |
| | studies I | > Where would you like to begin with your master's pro- gramme? | TU Darmstadt Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences | SC |
| 35.1 | | | Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz I do not know yet. At another university in Germany At another university abroad | |
| 35.11 | | > What is the main reason why you are currently not pursuing a Master's degree? | I would like to start working first. I like to complete an internship first. I am going to attend courses in order to get the credit points that I am still missing. A Bachelor's degree is enough for me personally. I will be engaged in family matters (raising children, caring for relatives, etc.). I would like to take a break. | SC |
| 36. | Transition phase | > Which of the following points have you experienced so far as a problem in the transition from Bachelor to Master programme? (multiple responses allowed) | Other reasons: >open question I had no problems. I had problems with the recognition of early Master's credits. I had problems with the recognition of early Master's credits. I had problems with the transfer to the Master's program. | МС |

| | | | The grading procedure of my bachelor's thesis took a very long time (more than four weeks). I needed to comply with the requirements of the master's programme in order to be accepted for it. Other problems: <i>>open question</i> | |
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| | | Sociodemgraph | nic data | |
| 37. | Age | Please state your age: | • | nume- rial value ques- tion |
| 38. | Gender | Please state your gender: | female male diverse no specification | SC |
| 39. | Nationality | What is your nationality? (multiple responses allowed) | German nationality Other nationality / -ies | MC |
| 40. | Educational background | Do your parents have a degree from an institution of higher edu- cation? | Yes, one parent Yes, both parents No, no parent I do not know. | SC |
| 41. | Migration background | In which country were your par- ents born? | parent 1 (e.g. mother) and parent 2 (e.g. father): in Germany in another country I do not know. | SC |
| | | Living situa | tion | |
| 42. | | Are you currently caring for relatives or have you ever had to do so during your current studies? | >continue with 41.1 | SC |
| 42.1 | Care | > Does the following kind of strain apply to you? | It's difficult for me to reconcile m studies with family commitments Applies – does not apply | |
| 43. | Employmen | Do you have a secondary job alongside your studies? | Yes continue with 44.1 und 44.11 No continue with 47. | SC |

| 43.1 | | > How many hours do you work on average per week during term-time? | 1 – 5 hours per week 6 - 10 hours per week 11 - 15 hours per week 16 - 20 hours per week 21 - 25 hours per week 26 - 30 hours per week 31 - 35 hours per week 36 - 40 hours per week More than 40 hours per week | SC |
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| 43.11 | | > Why do you work? (multiple responses allowed) | I need the money in order to finance my studies and to make a living. I would like to do something practical and to gain experience. I would like to be able to afford something extra. I would like to prepare myself for a prospective job. I would like to obtain additional qualification. I believe that contacts at work will help me to find a job later. I expect additional value for my studies. Other reasons: <i>>open question</i> | MC |
| 44. | Student as- sistant (SHK) at TU | Are you employed as a student assistant at TU Darmstadt? | Yes > continue with 37., 39. No > continue with 38., 39. not Both at TU Darmstadt and elsewhere > continue with 37., 39. | |
| 45. | All those who answered "yes" or "both" | Why are you working at the TU Darmstadt? | Due to the time compatibility with my studies Due to the close proximity of the place of study and place of work To gain an insight into teaching To gain an insight into science To gain an insight into administra- tive activities Due to the good networking oppor- tunities To gain expertise Others | MC |
| 46. | <i>If "no" is se- lected</i> <i>Also non-em- ployees of</i> | Why would you consider working at the TU Darmstadt? | Employment at the TU Darmstadt is out of the question for me Due to the time compatibility with my studies | MC |

| 46.1 > SHK TU Darmstadt only u? | place of study and place of work To gain an insight into teaching To gain an insight into science To gain an insight into administrative activities Due to the good networking opportunities To gain expertise Others | |
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| 46.1 > SHK TU Darmstadt only u? | tunitiesTo gain expertise | |
| Darmstadt only u? | Others | |
| • | I feel that my pay as a student assistant at TU Darmstadt is appropriate. For me personally, a contract as a student assistant at TU Darmstadt for a minimum term of one year is attractive. For me personally, a shorter contract period as a student assistant at TU Darmstadt at TU Darmstadt would be attractive (e.g. for one semester). For me personally, working at least 10 hours a week is compatible with my studies. For me personally, only a workload of less than 10 hours per week is compatible with my studies Overall, I am satisfied with my work as a student assistant at TU Darmstadt. | Fün f- stu- fige Ska la- fra ge |
| 47. <i>Transpar-</i> <i>ency of job</i> <i>adverts</i> <i>"All"</i> How important do you consider a central platform (e.g. Stellen- werk) for the transparent publica- tion of student assistant posi- tions? | Very important - not important at all | Fiv e ste ps scal e |
| 48. Work-related strain > Does the following kind of strain apply to you? • 48. A • • 48. • • • 48. • • • 48. • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | It is difficult for me to reconcile my studies with having a job. Applies – does not apply | Fiv e ste ps scal e |
| Children | YesNo | SC |
| Questions of Departments / questions | | 1 |

| Place for free comments concerning your degree programme | | | | | | | | |
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| 50. | | What do you partic- ularly like about your degree pro- gramme? | | Open | | | | |
| 51. | Free comments on degree programme | What do you not like about your de- gree programme? / Suggestions for im- provement | | Open | | | | |
| Questions of Unisportzentrum (USZ) and Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek (ULB) | | | | | | | | |
| 52. | | Do you have any comments at the questionnaire? | | Open | | | | |