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# Master's degree

**RPTU** **Automation & Control (A&C)**  
RPTU University of Kaiserslautern-Landau • Kaiserslautern



## Overview

Degree	Master of Science (MSc)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The core programme is taught in English only. Elective courses and the thesis can be in English or German.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Summer semester: 31 October</li><li>Winter semester: 30 April</li></ul>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p><b>Automation &amp; Control (A&amp;C)</b> is a four-semester Master's programme. A total of 120 ECTS CPs must be acquired.</p> <p>The compulsory subjects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Logic Control</li><li>Nonlinear and Adaptive Controlling</li><li>Digital Signal Processing</li><li>Robust Control</li><li>Mechatronic Systems</li><li>Lab Automation and Control</li></ul>

- Methods of Soft-Control
- Modelling and Identification
- Seminar (with a selectable topic)

The elective part of the programme can contain the following elements:

- A wide range of modules from the EIT department
- Subject-related modules from other RPTU departments
- Individual projects, carried out either at an RPTU chair or in industry

## Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	For regulations and administrative details, see: <a href="https://eit.rptu.de/en/studies/master-in-english">https://eit.rptu.de/en/studies/master-in-english</a> At the beginning of each semester, we hold an introduction session in which we present the generic study plan and provide further information about the recommended structure and organisation of your studies.
<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>Certificates for specific modules are awarded</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	Internships are not an integral part of the curriculum, but they can be carried out on a voluntary basis.
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	<p>Social fee: RPTU Kaiserslautern: 285 EUR per semester, RPTU Landau: 170 EUR per semester (includes free transport in the RPTU surroundings, free university sports courses, etc.)</p> <p>Assessment fee: RPTU Kaiserslautern: 60 EUR, RPTU Landau: 75 EUR (single payment for verification of foreign certificates)</p> <p>Recommended: German language &amp; Orientation Course for international students: 750 EUR</p>

**Costs of living**

Monthly cost of living:  
RPTU in Kaiserslautern: approx. 850 EUR, RPTU in Landau: approx. 950 EUR (including accommodation, health insurance, food, Internet, phone, etc.)

For more information:

<https://rptu.de/international/master/prospective-students/why-kaiserslautern/fees-living-expenses>

<https://rptu.de/international/master/prospective-students-rptu-in-landau/why-rptu-landau>

**Funding opportunities within the university**

No

## Requirements / Registration

**Academic admission requirements**

- Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering or an equivalent foreign degree in a related field
- TOEFL or IELTS (GRE is recommended)
- CGPA (cumulative grade point average): The Bachelor's grade shall be not lower than 1.7 in the German grading system (in general relates to "B" in the ECTS grading system) or equivalent.

**Language requirements**

A good knowledge of English is required for admission to this programme of study. You will need to prove your English language skills for this Master's programme as follows:

TOEFL Test minimum:

- 550 points (on the paper-based test)
- 213 points (on the computer-based test)
- 79/80 points (on the internet-based test)

and/or

IELTS: band score of 6.0

**Application deadline**

- Summer semester: 31 October
- Winter semester: 30 April

**Submit application to**

<https://eit.rptu.de/en/studies/master-in-english>

Online application only, no paper documents

## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

Student assistant jobs are available on a competitive basis at the university and its departments, at the affiliated research institutes of the Science & Innovation Alliance Kaiserslautern (including DFKI, Max Planck, Fraunhofer, etc.) or at nearby industry companies (John Deere, Daimler, BASF, etc.).

Excellent students have good chances to find jobs in research projects, but these are not usually granted in advance.

International Affairs RPTU supports international students in finding student jobs and in deepening their professional networks, e.g. by organising networking dialogues with executives from science and industry as informal career meetings.

## Accommodation

RPTU Kaiserslautern:

The majority of our students live in residence halls located on or close to campus. The "Studierendenwerk" operates several large halls of residence in Kaiserslautern. Students submit housing applications directly to the Studierendenwerk. For international Master's or PhD students, International Affairs RPTU aims to arrange accommodation in these residence halls or in private accommodation within its pre-arrival service. The halls of residence have modern single, double or shared apartments with kitchenette, bathroom/WC, and modern facilities as well as Internet access.

- Fully-furnished: kitchenette (no plates & pots, etc.), bed & mattress (no blankets & pillows), wardrobe shelf, table, chair (no computer)

- Rent: approx. 350 EUR

Since accommodation is not automatically guaranteed with admission, a request for accommodation to ISGS is advisable.

Optional: To help international students get started in Kaiserslautern, the "Studierendenwerk" offers a starter package for the apartment. This package can be purchased for 95 EUR: <https://www.studierendenwerk-kaiserslautern.de/en/housing/international>.

More information: [www.uni-kl.de/international/master/prospective-students/travel-accommodation/accommodation/](http://www.uni-kl.de/international/master/prospective-students/travel-accommodation/accommodation/)

RPTU Landau:

Accommodation is available in student residences or on the private housing market. A certain number of rooms in student residences are reserved for incoming international Master's students who enrol at RPTU Landau. Students can contact the Welcome Center for further information on the application process or regarding the search for private housing. E-mail: [international@uni-landau.de](mailto:international@uni-landau.de)

More information: <https://www.uni-koblenz-landau.de/en/international-en/support-contact/welcome-center/accommodation-folder>

## Career advisory service

International Affairs RPTU supports international students in finding (student) jobs and in deepening their professional networks, e.g. by organising networking dialogues with executives from science and industry as informal career meetings.

Furthermore, we set up interdisciplinary workshops, seminars and info sessions focusing on skills and competences needed to integrate in the German (business) culture.

More information: <https://rptu.de/international/master/current-students/enhance-your-degree>

## Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Pick-up service

## General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

International Affairs RPTU supports international students in every phase of their stay.

Before your arrival: Effective pre-arrival communication helps you to manage application, visa,

residence permit, and housing affairs.

Once you are here: As a warm-up to your studies, we offer an orientation course that combines German language training with administrative support (finding accommodation, registration process, visa, health insurance, rental contracts, etc.) and a cultural and social component including individual guidance in the first days, a campus & city tour, excursions, info sessions, social events, e.g. a welcome party, and more.

During your studies: We provide you with continuing support and accompany you on your way until graduation and entry to the German job market.

More information: <https://rptu.de/international>

## - RPTU University of Kaiserslautern-Landau -



RPTU campus in Kaiserslautern

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RPTU University of Kaiserslautern-Landau is a top-ranked German research-oriented university (first place among 146 international universities in nine categories, such as Learning, Living, Support Services, Cost in the International Student Barometer 2022). Our university offers high-quality graduate education and (post-) doctoral research training in innovative fields of the high-tech world, many of them English-taught. Our features:

- International study environment highly affiliated to industry & research
- “Science & Innovation Alliance” of high-profile research institutes nearby campus, offering (student assistant) job opportunities
- Zero tuition fees & low cost of living
- “University of Teaching Excellence” award for outstanding student-teacher ratio & efficient support structure for international students, including visa support
- Safe, modern, and healthy study environment surrounded by beautiful nature
- 21 international graduate programmes (with more than 40 specialisations)

RPTU University of Kaiserslautern-Landau offers over 140 study programmes in the following 16 departments:

- Architecture
- Biology
- Business Studies & Economics
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Cultural & Social Sciences (Landau)
- Educational Sciences (Landau)
- Electrical & Computer Engineering

- Mathematics
- Mechanical & Process Engineering
- Natural & Environmental Sciences (Landau)
- Physics
- Psychology (Landau)
- Spatial & Environmental Planning
- Social Sciences

By virtue of its internationally renowned faculties and their top-ranked international study programmes, RPTU attracts students from all over the world. Our extraordinarily high ratio of postgraduate and doctoral students underlines the university's focus on research, Master's studies, and doctoral research training.

With a current enrolment of approx. 20,000 students, amongst them 17.4% international students (and 26% international students at RPTU in Kaiserslautern), the university has a manageable size and therefore ensures excellent guidance and close contact with professors. Thus, the university offers an outstanding support ratio of students per lecturer, e.g. three students per lecturer in the Department of Physics (national average: 12).

International Affairs RPTU has profound experience with international students and supports them in every phase of their studies or research. Besides effective pre-arrival communication, administrative support, and social services, International Affairs RPTU offers professional training for PhD students and postgraduates as well as qualified career counselling. Helping international students "feel at home" in a new (academic) culture at RPTU is of major importance within our service portfolio for incoming international students.

More information on why to choose RPTU: <https://rptu.de/en/international/master/prospective-students>

## RPTU

### University location

Kaiserslautern - proud history and bright future

Already Emperor Friedrich Barbarossa was convinced of the advantages of the Kaiserslautern region when he chose to build his imperial palace in the 12th century. Based on those historical roots, the city has developed into a cosmopolitan cluster of science and technology. K-town is considered a prime location by many national and international companies (including Accenture, John Deere, etc.). The Science & Innovation Alliance Kaiserslautern, a network of high-profile research institutes (including German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Fraunhofer Institute for Experimental Software Engineering, Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Mathematics, and Max Planck Institute for Software Systems), provides innovative solutions based on the latest technologies to students, scientists, and partners from industry. The topographic convergence of technology and nature makes the city both a vibrant urban centre and a natural oasis. Getting in touch with nature is particularly easy in Kaiserslautern, where Germany's largest interlinked woodlands are right at your doorstep. The forest of Rhineland-Palatinate is criss-crossed by a network of about 7,500 miles of well-marked hiking trails and a mountain bike park. UNESCO has recognised the exceptional value of the nature reserve as one of the 15 German biosphere reserves.

Kaiserslautern is home to people from over 140 nations who contribute to a diverse and vibrant city life. Most of the 100,000 inhabitants speak English, making it easy to quickly feel at ease. "K-Town" has a very good public transport service including high speed intercity trains that offer quick and comfortable connections to Europe's biggest cities (Brussels, Paris, Berlin etc), airports (FFM), and business centres. Last but not least, "K-Town" is home to "1. FCK" (FC Kaiserslautern) and loves to cheer for its soccer team in its well-known Betzenberg-Stadium.

Landau – Mediterranean flair

More than 46,000 people plus around 9,000 students live in the southern Palatine city between the Rhine River plains and the Palatinate Forest. The region, shaped by viticulture, is also called the "German Tuscany" because of its mild climate with 1,800 hours of sunshine per year.

The Palatinate Forest, the largest forest in Central Europe and part of a transborder biosphere reserve with France, provides excellent possibilities for outdoor activities such as hiking, rock climbing or mountain biking. It is a paradise for nature lovers. Larger cities like Heidelberg or Frankfurt are within easy reach, and France is only 20 km away.

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