Schedule for a semester abroad in the USA/CDN		
Departure fall term (Aug/Sept)	Departure spring/winter term (January)	
app. 10-12 months prior to application deadline		Inform yourself about exchange: IZ-Homepage, information session (<u>Gruppenberatung</u> – currently offered in German only), one-on-one advising with program coordinator
app. 6 months prior to application deadline		Inform yourself about <u>partner universities</u> ; experience reports (IZ websites); prepare for language test (if necessary); start your application
by October 15	by April 15	Take language test if necessary (TOEFL/Duolingo) TOEFL: send result to Dez. II – Institution Code 0460
October 15	April 15	Application deadline for the exchange program USA/Canada of the University of Stuttgart (pay attention to exceptions for some universities!!)
November	May	Selection meeting of the Senate Committee for Study Abroad and Grants
Nov/Dec	May/June	Notification of the outcome of the application
Is your current passport still valid until 6 months after your return? If not, renew it now!		
Nov-Feb	June-Sept	After receiving the checklist from the program coordinator: Prepare application documents for the host university (the deadlines for submission of application documents vary. Please pay attention to the instructions).
March 15		Application deadline for scholarship <u>Baden-Württemberg-Stipendium</u> (Attention: if you're leaving for the spring/winter term, the deadline for the BW scholarship is before the application deadline for the exchange program)
April-June	Oct-Nov	Letter of admission from the host university
Once the letter of admission has been received:		Make travel arrangements: Apply for a visa Book a flight Clarify health insurance coverage Apply for a <u>Leave of absence</u> Clarify the <u>transfer of credits</u>
June 1	December 1	Application deadline for scholarship DAAD-PROMOS-Stipendium
Aug/Sep	January	Departure