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Profile HHU

The University

Over 33,222 students are currently enrolled in our 5 faculties, more than 4,167 of which come from abroad (figures December 2019). Thanks to outstanding teaching and a variety of collaborative research centres, HHU’s future-oriented programmes and institutions enjoy a top-class reputation.

The 5 Faculties

Faculty of Medicine
- www.medizin.hhu.de

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
- www.philo.hhu.de

Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- www.math-nat-fak.hhu.de

Faculty of Business Administration and Economics
- www.wiwi.hhu.de

Faculty of Law
- www.jura.hhu.de
Study courses at the HHU

You can find an overview of all study programmes at Heinrich Heine University here:

- [www.hhu.de/programmes](http://www.hhu.de/programmes)

Course offer (German and English)

Search for “HHU University Calendar”

- [lsf.uni-duesseldorf.de](http://lsf.uni-duesseldorf.de)
  - klick on “LSF Startseite” on the left side

Select the semester in the upper right corner and then click on “Search for Lectures” on the left side. In the bottom middle, click on “Language of instruction” and select a language. Press “Start Search” and you will get an overview of all lectures and courses in this language.

Library

The University and State Library offers many different environments for studying and working. A total of around 2,400 individual workspaces and a large number of group study areas are available as well as 198 PC workstations for accessing electronic services. You can also login to the internet via LAN or WLAN with your own notebook and use scanners to make and save digital copies. The library is open from 08:00 to midnight on workdays and from 09:00 to midnight at weekends.

University sports

All university sports are free of charge with the exception of special courses such as riding, sailing and tennis, etc. The following are on offer:

- Team sports (e.g. (American) football, volleyball)
- Water sports (e.g. swimming, sailing)
- Martial arts (e.g. aikido, fencing, karate)
- Dance (e.g. breakdancing, pole dance, salsa)
- Individual sports (e.g. acrobatics, freeletics, running groups, back therapy classes, yoga, zumba)

Further information under

- [www.hss-d.de](http://www.hss-d.de)

Location

All buildings, including University Hospital, specialist libraries and student halls of residence are located on one campus, which is not far from the city centre and easy to reach by public transport.

Buddies for exchange students

ESN (Erasmus Student Network) Düsseldorf offers the opportunity to take part in the buddy programme so that exchange students have their own contact person on hand to help them. Nominated exchange students will be automatically notified by email.
Research Areas

The research profile of HHU is currently shaped by four core research areas. They are based on large, extramurally funded cooperative research projects and a number of high potential areas:

**Faculty of Medicine (MED)**

Core research areas
- Molecular and Clinical Hepatology  
  *with Faculty of MNS*
- Cardiovascular Sciences  
  *with Faculty of MNS*

**Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS)**

Core research areas
- Plant Sciences
- Membrane Biology  
  *with Faculty of MED*

Areas with high potential
- Internet and Democracy  
  *with Faculties of AHU, BAE, LAW*
- Infection Research  
  *with Faculty of MED*
- Drug Discovery  
  *with Faculty of MED*
- Algebra and Geometry
- Neurosciences  
  *with Faculty of MED*
- Light and complex molecular systems

**Faculty of Arts and Humanities (AHU)**

Areas with high potential
- Language – Knowledge – Cognition  
  *with Faculty of MED*

**Faculty of Business Administration and Economics (BAE)**

Areas with high potential
- Competition Research

Housing

Exchange students from partner universities will receive an offer for housing. Degree-seeking students contact the “Studierendenwerk”, which offers reasonably priced residential space in currently 25 residential complexes with over 4,000 rooms.

> www.stw-d.de/en

Living costs

A student in Düsseldorf needs approx. € 900 per month, but of course it depends on where he/she lives as well as on individual lifestyle choices.

Tuition fees

At HHU, there is no tuition fee for study programmes. However, the so-called “semester fee” (approx. € 320) is a compulsory charge all students pay each semester, which allows them to use the public transportation all over North Rhine-Westphalia and gives them access to the University’s restaurant facilities.
Study programmes

In order to be able to participate in a German study programme, a language level of at least C1 is required.

In various study programmes several lectures are held in English, mainly at the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics.

All general information on application and admission procedures at HHU can be found on the HHU home-page under “Student Services Centre”. Any specific information of the study programmes is available under www.hhu.de/programmes.

As primary and central point of contact, the Student Services Centre (SSC) offers a wide range of services for degree-seeking students whereas exchange students contact the International Office.

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General information for partners

Academic year

**Summer semester**
1 April – 30 September

**Lecture period**
April – mid-July

**Winter semester**
1 October – 31 March

**Lecture period**
October – mid-February

Faculties/departments open for exchange students

*Undergraduate and Graduate*
Dependent on specific cooperation agreements.

Any GPA (Grade Point Average) requirements?

*Undergraduate and Graduate*
The home institution selects its outbound students and therefore specifies the requirements. Students must have completed at least one year of university study and demonstrated an outstanding academic performance as well as fluency in the language of instruction at HHU.

Language proficiency requirements

*Undergraduate and Graduate*
The home institution’s guidelines for language requirements apply for exchange students.

How to nominate?

Twice a year, at the beginning of March and the beginning of November, we invite you to nominate online for the following semester. Any questions? Please contact:
exchange-students@hhu.de

Fees and attendance (required/optional)

All common and special courses for exchange students are free of charge. For more information on German courses please consult:
https://www.studierendenakademie.hhu.de/sprachen

For more information on English courses please consult:
https://www.studierendenakademie.hhu.de/en/

Attendance is optional but recommended.
How to become a partner

*only for partners outside the Erasmus area

New partnerships

Decisions regarding new partnerships are made at faculty or department level. The International Office assists them at administrative level. Please contact the appropriate faculty or department you would like to cooperate with.

A list of contact persons in charge can be found under:

🌐 www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/en/international/faculties

Model contract

The International Office provides model contracts approved by the Rectorate and by the Faculties which can be used for concluding a mutual cooperation. These model contracts can be adapted to the partner’s requirements in adding clauses.

For further information on Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Cooperation Agreement please send an E-Mail to:

international-partners@hhu.de

For further information on Joint PhD Agreement have a look at:

🌐 https://www.juno.hhu.de/en/
Language programmes for exchange students

German language courses during the semester

The HHU offers a free ‘German as a Foreign Language’ course (10 hours per week) for beginners with no (Level A1) or little previous knowledge of German (Level A2) for students of HHU’s partner universities. Please note: This also applies for Erasmus partners. If extra courses for specific groups are organized, nominated exchange students will be notified automatically by email.

A range of German courses is open to all international students:

www.deutschkurse.de/en/

Pre-sessional language courses (March and September)

Exchange students from partner universities are most welcome to participate in the free pre-sessional language courses. This also applies for Erasmus students and DAAD scholars. Nominated exchange students will be notified automatically by email.

Scholarships for the International Summer Courses in August

Twenty students nominated by official partner universities are offered a free place on the ‘German as a Foreign Language’ International Summer Course (a 2- or 4-week period in August). Each partner may nominate one student.

The scholarship includes

€ 150 for 2 weeks
€ 300 for 4 weeks
for rent and living expenses.

For more information please contact:
exchange-students@hhu.de
Nomination deadline: 20 February

www.deutschkurse.de/en/course-overview/international-summer-courses (fee-based)
Scholarships

HHU scholarships for exchange students

Students from partner universities can be nominated for stays of 1 to 5 months.

Nomination deadlines:
for Winter semester: 20 March
for Summer semester: 20 September

www.hhu.de/stipendien

Monthly rates:
Bachelor students (B.A./B.Sc.) = max. € 750
Masters students (M.A./M.Sc.) = max. € 850

HHU scholarships for PhD students from partner universities

www.juno.hhu.de/en/contact-scholarships

Visiting professorships (applications by the faculties of Heinrich Heine University)

Through this highly competitive programme, Heinrich Heine University has the possibility to appoint visiting professors from abroad for a short-term or long-term professorship at HHU. Applications must be made by faculty staff members at HHU; the selection is made by the DAAD.

www.daad.de
Informationen für deutsche Hochschulen > Weltweite Programme Mobilität und Austausch > Förderung ausländischer Gastdozenten zu Lehrtätigkeiten an deutschen Hochschulen (in German only)

Additional funding possibilities

Scholarships of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

www.daad.de
Study and research in Germany > Scholarships > Scholarship Database


Information for senior researchers

www.daad.de/deutschland/promotion/forschen/en/

Become an Humboldtian – Sponsorship Programmes for Postdoctoral Scientists and Scholars

www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/sponsorship.html

Germany for Researchers – Information and Assistance for Mobile Researchers

www.euraxess.de/funding/search

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Fellowships

ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions

Website for international researchers (PhD students, Postdocs, visiting scholars)

www.juno.hhu.de/en/international
Why Düsseldorf is an excellent place to study

Düsseldorf and the North Rhine-Westphalia region

Düsseldorf is the state capital of North Rhine-Westphalia. With a population of 635,000, it is one of Europe’s leading economic centres. Other cities in North Rhine-Westphalia like Köln, Bochum, Aachen etc. are easily accessible by public transport. The student ID card enables you to use all public means of transport – except for intercity and europolis trains – in the whole State of North Rhine-Westphalia and thus connects you with 18 million people. It is valid for one term at a time (April to September and October to March) and is being issued to all registered students and doctoral researchers of HHU.
Safety and recreation

North Rhine-Westphalia’s capital city is a lively and modern thus safe city with a lot to offer in terms of culture. Whatever you fancy – a drink in the Old Town, a barbecue down by the Rhine, a dinner in one of the exquisite Japanese restaurants or a visit to the theatre, opera or a concert – Düsseldorf has it. There is something for everyone: From offbeat to mainstream or sophisticated. If you want to get away from all the hustle and bustle, there are lots of open spaces, such as the “Volksgarten” park or Paradise Beach (“Paradiesstrand”) for picnics and barbecues with your friends or simply to relax and unwind.

Easy to reach

Düsseldorf Airport is one of the most modern airports in the world and easily reached in just 15 minutes from the city centre.

Fashion, shopping and restaurants

This can be seen above all on the Königsallee, fondly known as the “Kö”. The historical Old Town is a particularly popular meeting point for people from all over the world. Above all students like to hang out in the “world’s longest bar” – the 260 restaurants etc. have produced a very colourful cultural scene and there is always something going on in the winding alleyways. The Rhine Embankment Promenade nearby leads to Media Harbour with an ensemble of buildings by famous international architects. Media Harbour is a hip place to go. Inviting bars, bistros and restaurants are open well into the night for coffee, ice-cold beer, cocktails and culinary delights.

Museums, exhibitions and concerts

The Art Academy as well as over two dozen museums and exhibition venues, Benrath Palace, “Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus” theatre, “Deutsche Oper am Rhein” opera house, “Tonhalle” concert hall, over a hundred galleries, countless stages, revues and variety theatres make Düsseldorf an acknowledged cultural metropolis. Major events each year, including Japan Day Düsseldorf/NRW, the Rhine’s largest funfair, the Christmas Market, the Jazz Rally and many international trade exhibitions, attract hundreds of thousands of visitors.
Nomination path for exchange students

1. 15 March / 15 November
   Your home university nominates you for a stay at HHU.

2. End of March / End of November
   You will receive information about health insurance and proof of language proficiency and be requested to apply online. Deadline: 5 April (WS) / 5 December (SS)

3. End of March / End of November
   Please take care of your Learning Agreement. Exception: Your home university does not require a Learning Agreement.

4. 5 April / 5 December
   Deadline for your online application to HHU.

5. End of April / End of January
   You will be requested to register for a German language course. This is voluntary and not compulsory!

6. From mid April / mid January
   You will receive your notification of admission.

7. From mid April / mid January
   The International Office will ask you to apply for a dorm room immediately.

8. 1 July / 1 February
   You will receive a request to transfer the semester fee (€ 304.28 as of June 2019). The semester fee must be on the HHU account by 15 July / 15 February at the latest.

9. Beginning of July / Beginning of March
   You will be invited to apply for a mentor.

10. July – August / February – March
    You will receive your student ID card by post to the address you specified in your online application (see step 2). The documents contain your matriculation number and your initial password.

11. End of September / End of March
    Immediately after you receive your student ID card please activate your university identifier: All students

12. April / October
    You pick up your arrival certificate at the International Office.
Contact information for partners

Visiting address

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