

FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Name of the Institution	Hochschule Fresenius	AMD Akademie Mode & Design
Erasmus+ code	D IDSTEIN01	
Quick Facts	- Established in 1971 as a private and state-accredited university - Faculties of Economics & Media, Chemistry & Biology, Design, Health & Social Sciences, and onlineplus - Approx. 20,000 students - About 100 Bachelor's and Master's study programs as full or part time studies - Small class sizes with max. 42 students 8 campus sites: Berlin, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Idstein, Munich & Wiesbaden	- Established in 1989 as a private and state-accredited university - Faculty of Design – Hochschule Fresenius (since 2013) - Approx. 2,200 students 15 study programs - Small class sizes with max. 42 students 6 campus sites: Berlin, Cologne (ecosign campus), Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Munich, Wiesbaden
Website	German: www.hs-fresenius.de English: www.hs-fresenius.com	German: www.amdnet.de English: www.amdnet.com
Overview of English-taught courses	Course Catalogue Economics & Media	Course Catalogue Faculty of Design
Contact Details International Office	international@hs-fresenius.de	

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Summer Semester 2026	Orientation for exchange students: one week prior to lecture start Lecture Start: March 9, 2026 Exam Period: June 29 - July 11, 2026 Semester Break: July 20 - September 6, 2026
Winter Semester 2026 /2027	Orientation for exchange students: one week prior to lecture start Lecture Start: September 7, 2026 Christmas holidays: December 21, 2026 – January 3, 2027 Exam Period: January 11 – January 22, 2027 Semester Break: February 2 – March 7, 2027
Current information including public holidays: www.hs-fresenius.com/information/academic-calendar	

ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Application documents required:

- ☐ Application form for incoming students
- ☐ Transcript of records (translated into German or English)
- ☐ Proof of enrollment from home institution for the entire exchange period
- ☐ Learning agreement (list of courses to be taken)
- ☐ European Curriculum vitae (résumé)
- ☐ Photo (for your student ID card)
- ☐ Copy of passport or ID
- ☐ Copy of health insurance
- ☐ Proof of English/German language proficiency (level B2)

Additional documents for AMD students only:

- ☐ digital portfolio presenting 5 – 10 samples of your creative work (pdf-file, max. 5MB)
- ☐ Motivation letter (stating your motivation to study at AMD, your personal and academic goals)

Application deadlines:

Summer semester: December 1st (Nominations by home university 2 weeks prior to application deadline)

Winter semester: May 1st (Nominations by home university 2 weeks prior to application deadline)

The Application assessment may take up to 5 weeks, before students are notified about the outcome.

GRADING SYSTEM

Hochschule Fresenius uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Bachelor's programs at Hochschule Fresenius consist of 180 (or 210) ECTS, divided into six (or seven) semesters with 30 ECTS credits each.

Master's programs end with 120 ECTS after four semesters with 30 ECTS credits each.

Assessments are graded according to the following system:

GRADE	PERCENTAGE POINTS	DESIGNATION	EXPLANATION
1.0 1.3	95 -100 90 - <95	Very good	Outstanding performance
1.7 2.0 2.3	85 - <90 80 - <85 75 - <80	Good	Performance that significantly exceeds the average
2.7 3.0 3.3	70 - <75 65 - <70 60 - <65	Satisfactory	performance that meets the average requirements
3.7 4.0	55 - <60 50 - <55	Pass	performance that satisfies requirements despite its deficiencies
5.0	<50	Fail	performance that does not fulfill requirements due to significant deficiencies

ACADEMIC INFORMATION / TUITION FEES

When applying for admission, exchange students need to submit a study plan in form of a learning agreement with the course selection and the number of credits, signed by the student, the home institution and us. Information on the course offer available to exchange students will be provided by the International Office. Most courses are taught in German, however a number of courses and seminars are offered in English to accommodate exchange students. **Carefully check the language of instruction when making your choice. Exchange students may register for courses up to 30 ECTS.**

All study programs are measured in terms of ECTS credits. Bachelor's programs count 180 up to 210 credits, Master's programs 90 up to 120 credits depending on the field of study. A full-time workload amounts to 60 credits per academic year or 30 credits per semester.

All accepted exchange students from partner institutions are exempt from paying tuition. All other incoming students must pay a tuition of 5,000 Euro per semester. Extra costs for the semester ticket (~200€), books, course materials or field trips may arise.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

At Hochschule Fresenius and AMD, the language of instruction is German or English, depending on the study program. To ensure students can follow the course, a proof of language competency of at least level B2 (in accordance with the 'Common European Framework of Reference for Languages') in German respectively in English is required.

Accepted are official language certificates e.g. DAAD-Test, TOEFL, IELTS or a qualified confirmation from your home university (e.g. by an English language teacher, International Office Staff). Alternatively, Hochschule Fresenius and AMD accept a proof of enrolment in an academic program taught entirely in English at the home institution or the fact that a student is a native speaker.

VISA

Most citizens of non-EU countries need a visa for their semester abroad in Germany. Please visit the website of [Germany's Federal Foreign Office](#) to find out about the regulations for your home country. After successful application at AMD, you will receive your admission letter, with which you can apply for your visa at the German embassy or consulate in your home country.

Information and assistance can be found in the Incoming Guide, on www.hs-fresenius.com/information/visa. The International Office is also happy to assist you here.

HEALTH INSURANCE

In order to enroll at a German university, all students must provide proof of sufficient health insurance coverage (either statutory or private health insurance). This is required by law. Travel health insurance does not qualify as sufficient health insurance for enrolment.

The health insurance of students from countries with which the Federal Republic of Germany has a social security agreement (EU /EFTA countries) is also valid in Germany. Please make sure you bring your valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with you to Germany and forward us a copy with your application.

Students' private health insurance from EU and non-EU countries can **in some cases** also be recognized in Germany. Please confirm with your insurance company whether your coverage is sufficient for a semester abroad in Germany and bring your insurance policy. This policy must be in German and/or English and must state the validity period, the geographical coverage as well as the financial limits of the insurance cover.

All students also have the option of taking out insurance with a German statutory health insurance company. This costs about 100€ per month.

Please note: Without sufficient insurance coverage, you cannot be enrolled, receive a semester ticket, etc.

ACCOMMODATION

Hochschule Fresenius & AMD do not own student residence halls of their own but are gladly supporting international students with their search for accommodation. The range of accommodation options varies depending on the city and preference of housing (e.g. shared flat, student residence).

Information and assistance can be found in our Accommodation Guides, on www.hs-fresenius.com/information/accommodation/ or provided by the International Office.