
Hessen: Wisconsin Exchange Program

Wisconsin Student Manual

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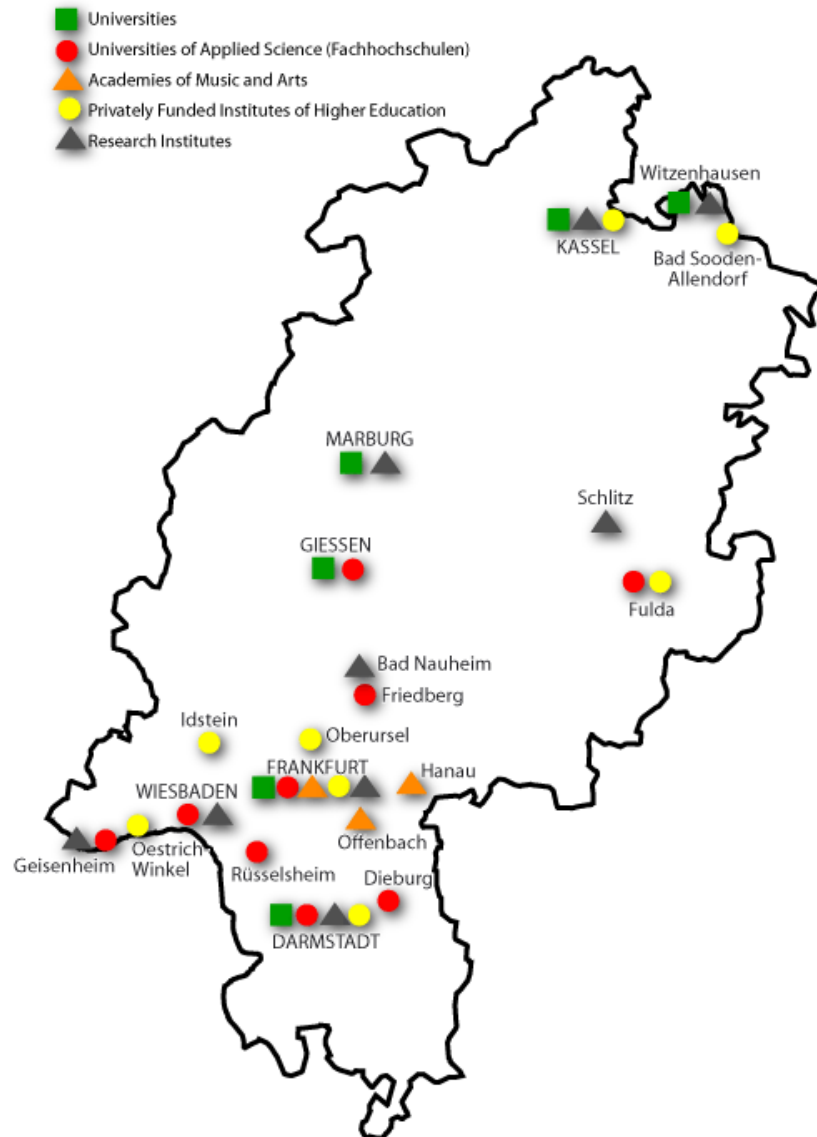
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Welcome to the Hessen-Wisconsin Exchange!

Study for a semester or year or take a summer or January short course at one of twelve Higher Education institutions in the State of Hessen, Germany.

Choose from a wide spectrum of courses depending on language competence and academic preparation, including international and English-language programs.



Experience culture and history while in the heart of modern Germany.

Live among half-timbered houses, medieval churches and fairy tale castles – or in a cosmopolitan city like Frankfurt, Hessen's major international financial hub.



The German Education System

Universitäten (Universities)

Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level education with a focus on research

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

Philipps-Universität Marburg
Universität Kassel

Fachhochschulen or Hochschulen (Universities of Applied Sciences)

Bachelor and Master level education with a focus on specialized professional skills (e.g. business or engineering).

Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main
Hochschule Darmstadt
Hochschule Fulda

Hochschule für Gestaltung Offenbach am Main
Hochschule RheinMain (Wiesbaden Rüsselsheim
Geisenheim)

Musikhochschulen (Universities of Music and Performing Arts)

Teach musical skills, music theory and music education

Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt

Technische Universitäten (Technical Universities)

Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level education with a focus on technology, science, research and practical experience in an interdisciplinary environment

Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen

Technische Universität Darmstadt

Academic Calendars

Semester dates vary by institution type. There are also January and summer course offerings.

Universities (Universitäten)

- Wintersemester (WS): Mid October through mid February
- Sommersemester (SS): Beginning of April through end of July

Universities of Applied Science (Fachhochschulen/Hochschulen)

- Wintersemester (WS): Beginning of October through mid February
- Sommersemester (SS): End of March through mid July

International Undergraduate Study Program (IUSP at Philipps-Universität Marburg):

- Wintersemester (WS): Early September through mid-December
- Sommersemester (SS): Early March through early June

Terminology

Faculty vs. Department

In Germany, what you might think of as a “department” or “college” is referred to as a “faculty.” For example, in Germany the “Engineering Faculty” is the U.S. equivalent of a “Department of Engineering”. Likewise, in Germany, “Faculty” doesn’t refer collectively to the people teaching your courses.

Module

“Module” is another word for “course”.

Titles for Professor

Address your professor as “Prof. Dr. (last name)”. (Yes, use both titles together!)

Counseling vs. Advising

“Counseling” in Germany is “Advising” in Wisconsin. Depending on services offered through your German host, advising may be offered in relation to available programs of study, navigating German institutions, course selection, withdrawing from your program, study skills and more.

Campus

In the U.S., a university campus typically has buildings, facilities and outdoor areas all centralized in one place. While some campuses are large and others quite small, there almost always exists a “perimeter” and a university structure within which all “campus life” takes place.

German universities are not typically centralized on a campus; classrooms, libraries, cafeterias, administrative buildings, offices and student accommodation may be found in various locations throughout the city. Students can expect to walk longer distances than they are accustomed to between campus facilities or between student accommodation and campus facilities; in many cases students may need to rely on public transportation as well.

Students are therefore members of a much larger community than they may be accustomed to on a U.S. campus. Extracurricular activities, intramural sports, gym memberships, and even student accommodation are through city or student organizations which are not part of the university.

ERASMUS & SOCRATES

ERASMUS is a European mobility (exchange) program and SOCRATES is an associated program. You are NOT an Erasmus or a Socrates student. However, some institutions may have information for both Erasmus/Socrates and other exchange students in the same place on their web site (the information may apply to both groups of students). Other institutions may have information for Erasmus/Socrates students and other exchange students in two separate places on their web site; the information for Erasmus/Socrates may be different than for other exchange students.

Freemover

A Freemover is a student who applies directly to an institution for a semester or year, but does not apply through a formal exchange. You are NOT a freemover.

German Terms Related to Higher Education and Student Life

Philipps-Universität Marburg offers [a list of helpful terms](#) for first-time university students in Germany.

Intensive German Language Study Options

Intensive German for exchange students may be offered over one or more of the following time periods, depending on the campus you intend to attend: before one or both semesters, during one or both semesters, in January or over summer.

January and summer options are part of the “International Winter University” or “International Summer Universities” and are listed under a separate title in this guide.

References to German language courses which help students prepare for the “Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang” (DSH) are for students who seek a full degree on a German campus.

Semester & Year Study Options in German

Of course, there are too many options to list them all here! It’s best to use the [searchable course database](#) to identify which institutions offer coursework in your major field of interest.

Semester & Year Study Options in English

Hessen institutions offer

- [full degree programs in English](#) and
- courses within degree programs in English.

See “Practical Information for Semester & Year Exchange” for detailed information on coursework and full programs taught in English.

Contact your prospective host institution to find out which courses exchange students are eligible to take and under what circumstances.

Semester & Year Study Options and Practical Information by Institution

Course selection, academic calendars, orientations and other practical information can be quite different at each institution in Hessen. Each Hessen institution has its own website, just as each UW System institution has its own website, where this type of information can be found. In addition, there is a [website dedicated specifically to study in Hessen in general](#).

Hochschule Darmstadt

[Exchange-specific Web](#)
[Academic Calendar](#)
[Orientation Schedule](#)

Learning Agreement (not available on web)

[Orientation Guide](#)
[Excursions](#)
[Accommodation](#)

Buddy Program (not available on web)

[Costs](#)

[Contact](#)

[Courses held in German](#)

Courses held in English (not available on web)

Intensive German Language:

[Free three-week course offered during orientation week.](#)

[Free semester course offered 4.5 hours per week.](#)

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

Media Arts & Sciences

Full Programs Taught in English:

Digital Media (Bachelor's)

Electrical Engineering (Master's)

Joint International Master's Computer Science (Master's)

Media Direction (Master's)

Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main

[Exchange-specific Web](#)

[Academic Calendar](#)

[Orientation Schedule](#)

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Excursions (not available on web)

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[Courses held in German](#)

[Courses held in English](#)

Intensive German Language:

September pre-fall semester intensive German (4 weeks; 4 hours/day; 4 days/week)

March pre-spring semester intensive German (2.5 weeks; 5 hours/day; 4 days/week)

[Multiple intensive German courses offered over each semester.](#)

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

Architecture

Bioprocess Engineering

Business Information Systems

Computer Science

Electrical & Information Engineering

International Finance

International Business Administration

Social Work

Full Programs Taught in English:

High Integrity Systems (Master's)

Information Technology (Master's)

Urban Agglomerations (Master's)

Hochschule Fulda

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Key Campus Services:

Center to assist students with presentations & writing

Intensive German Language:

[Semester course, beginner's level](#)

[7-weeks intensive course throughout the summer break, intermediate level B 1](#)

[2-weeks intensive course throughout the summer break, DSH training, advanced level](#)

[DSH Course, semester course, advanced level](#)

[Multiple study-accompanying courses](#)

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

International Business Administration

Nursing Science

Social Work

Graduate Programs Partly or Completely Taught in English:

Electronic Business (Master's), 75 % taught in English

Intercultural Communication and European Studies (Master's), 50 % taught in English

International Management (Master's), 40 % taught in English

International Food Business and Consumer Studies (Master's), 100 % taught in English

Special program for exchange students of Social Work:

International Course in "Social Work in an Intercultural Context in Theory and Practice"

Hochschule RheinMain (Three campuses: Wiesbaden, Rüsselsheim, Geisenheim)

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Orientation Schedule (not available on web)

Learning Agreement (not available on web)

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[Courses held in German](#)

Courses held in English (not available on web)

Intensive German Language:

[2-week intensive language course for visiting students in March & September.](#)

[German as a Foreign Language](#) semester course.

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

[Wiesbaden Business School](#) (including Insurance & Internship Opportunities)

Communication Design (Bachelor's)

Media and Design Management (Master's)

NOTE: many departments offer the possibility to do projects, exams or papers in English

Full Programs Taught in English:

International Business Administration (Master's)

Hochschule für Gestaltung Offenbach am Main

Information pertaining to the below is not available on the web. Contact this school directly for up-to-date exchange-related information.

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Intensive German Language:
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Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:
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Full Programs Taught in English:
(not available on web)

Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt

Information pertaining to most of the below is not available on the web. Contact this school directly for up-to-date exchange-related information.

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Intensive German Language:
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Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:
(not available on web)

Full Programs Taught in English:
[Stage Dance](#)

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt

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Intensive German Language:

[Free German intensive language course \(DIA\) for visiting students in March and September.](#)

Semester-long [studienbegleitende Deutschkurse](#) offered through the Internationales Studienzentrum

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

Biochemistry, Chemistry, and Pharmacy
 Biosciences
 Computer Sciences
 Economics and Business Administration
 Law
 Linguistics, Cultural Studies, and Art
 Medical Science
 Modern Languages
 Philosophy and History
 Psychology and Sports
 Social Sciences

Full Programs Taught in English:

Computational Science (Master's)
 Interdisciplinary Neuroscience (Master's)
 International Economics and Economic Policy (Master's)
 Modern East Asian Studies (Master's)
 Money and Finance (Master's)
 Quantitative Economics (Master's)

Bilingual Master Courses (English and German skills required)

Cell Biology and Neuroscience
 Curatorial and Critical Studies
 Geographies of Globalization
 Management (Finance and Accounting)
 Management (Finance and Information Management)
 Management (Accounting and Information Management)
 Molecular Bioscience
 Molecular Biotechnologies
 Performing Arts
 Sports Medical Training/Clinical Exercise Physiology

PhD Programs

Biophysics (PhD)
 Economics (PhD)
 Law and Economics of Money and Finance (PhD)
 Natural Sciences (PhD)
 Religion in Dialogue (PhD)
 Social Sciences (PhD)

Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

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Intensive German Language:

[Free evening courses 4 hours/week throughout each semester.](#)

[3-week/60 hour German intensive course in March/April.](#)

[German Conversation Partners](#) (page content is in German only).

4-week/96 hour [International University](#) Summer Course.

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

Agricultural Sciences

Biology

Business Administration

Chemistry

Computing Science and Information Technology

Economics

Environmental Management

Geography

Language, Literature & Cultural Studies

Law

Mathematics

Nutritional Sciences

Physics

Psychology & Sport Science

Social Sciences & Cultural Studies

Transition Studies

Full Programs Taught in English:

Agrobiotechnology (Master's)

Deutsch als Fremdsprache (Master's)

Language Technology and Foreign Language Learning and Teaching (Master's)

Transition Studies (Master's)

Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe (Master's)

Comparative Child Law (LL.M.)

Agricultural Economics and Related Sciences (PhD)

Faculties of Veterinary Medicine and Medicine (PhD)

International Giessen Graduate School for the Life Sciences (PhD)

International Graduate Center for the Study of Culture (PhD)

Literary and Cultural Studies (PhD)

Molecular Biology and Medicine of the Lung (PhD)

Biochemistry of Nucleic Acids (PhD)

Transcriptional Control in Developmental Processes (PhD)

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Intensive German Language:

[Summer semester intensive language course.](#)

[Fall pre-semester intensive language course.](#)

[International Undergraduate Study Program](#) (full semester).

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

[If programs in this list have an English description it means they are taught in English. If description is German, then courses are taught in German.](#)

Full Programs Taught in English:

[International Undergraduate Study Program](#) (see next entry below)

This unique program follows the U.S. academic calendar and offers six weeks of intensive German at multiple levels, followed by study in a broad selection of university courses offered in English or German. The program is supplemented by cultural excursions designed for international students.

German-taught courses are open to students at all proficiency levels and include a tutorial in English. This program is open both to students interested in improving their German skills and to students pursuing English-taught study in Germany

Economics and Institutions (Master's)

International Business Management (Master's)

International Development Studies (Master's)

International Executive MBA General Management (MBA)

Linguistics and Web Technology (Master's)

North American Studies (Master's)

Environmental, Cellular, and Molecular Microbiology (PhD)

European Graduate College Electron-Electron Interactions in Solids (PhD)

Philipps-Universität Marburg IUSP Program

The IUSP is designed for North American students who want to take most or all of their coursework in English alongside German students while studying German and following the North American Academic Calendar. Marburg's IUSP program is a good bridge for students that wish to study for a semester in Germany, but may not have a high enough German language skill level.

IUSP students begin six weeks prior to the normal German university start date by taking German language (offered at beginner through advanced levels) and culture. Following the introductory period, IUSP students take courses from the university's regular course catalogue; most courses available through this program are taught in English for two hours per week.

All lectures offered through the IUSP, whether taught in English or in German, are supplemented by an additional four hours per week which are specifically designed for IUSP students (no German students will be in class during these hours). These additional hours allow IUSP students to complete their courses within an eight week period and to have a program end date that is much earlier than the normal German university course end date.

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Intensive German Language:

[6-week intensive German language just prior to the start of the German semester.](#)

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

Anthropology
 Archeology
 Economics
 Education
 English Studies
 Geography
 Law
 Linguistics and Language Technologies
 Media Studies
 Peace and Conflict Studies
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Sociology
 Theology
 Web Technologies and the New Media

Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen

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 Courses held in English (not available on web)

Intensive German Language:

[4-week fall pre-semester intensive language course.](#)

[Free evening courses](#) at multiple levels during semester; 4 hours/week.

One-day [Project Days](#) focusing on cultural studies, academic writing, conversation; small fee.

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

[Business](#)

Full Programs Taught in English:

International Business Administration (Bachelor's)
 Business Administration (Part-Time Master's)
 Information and Communications Engineering (Master's)
 International Marketing (Master's)

Technische Universität Darmstadt

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Excursions (not available on web)

[Accommodation](#) (first come, first served)

Buddy Program (not available on web)

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Intensive German Language:

[Fall or spring pre-semester intensive German language course.](#)

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

Architecture

Biology

Business Administration, Economics & Law

Chemistry

Civil Engineering & Geodesy

Computer Science

Electrical Engineering

Information Technology

Material & Geoscience

Mathematics

Mechanical Engineering

Physics

Social Sciences & History

Full Programs Taught in English:

Mathematics with Computer Science (Bachelor's)

Mathematics with Economics (Bachelor's)

Electrical Power Engineering (Master's)

Functionalized Advanced Materials and Engineering (Master's)

Information and Communication Engineering (Master's)

International Cooperation & Urban Dev (Master's and PhD)

Tropical Hydrogeology, Engineering Geology and Environmental Management (Master's)

Universität Kassel

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Intensive German Language:

[Fall pre-semester intensive German language course.](#)

[Semester German language courses.](#)

Undergraduate Academic Fields with Courses Taught in English:

(not available on web)

Full Programs Taught in English:[Certificate of International Management](#)

Computer Science (Bachelor's or Master's)
 Electrical Communication Engineering (Master's)
 English and American Culture and Business Studies (Master's)
 English and American Studies (Bachelor's or Master's)
 European Master in Business Studies (Master's)
 Global Political Economy (Master's)
 Labor Policies and Globalization (Master's)
 Media, Communication and Cultural Studies (Master's)
 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for the MENA Region (Master's)
 Sustainable International Agriculture (Master's)
 Global Social Policies and Governance (PhD)

Short-term Study Options and Practical Information by Institution

During the summer and in January Hessen Institutions offer short-term study programs through “International Universities”. These month-long (or less) intensive programs focus on the hosting German University’s academic specialization and provide German language courses at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. The International Summer and Winter Universities, ISU or IWU for short, also incorporate regional and cultural programming and excursions to introduce students to Germany. What’s more is that these programs provide the opportunity to study with peers from all over the world, offering a global perspective.

Seminars may be in English, German or both and are open to both undergraduate and graduate level students.

Language courses allow for some flexibility PROVIDED YOUR HOME CAMPUS PRE-APPROVES ANY COURSE LEVEL CHANGES YOU MAKE. If, within the first weeks, you feel your course is too demanding, or not challenging enough, WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE NEW COURSE they may change to a level lower or higher than they were placed. Without prior approval, however, the new course may not transfer to your home institution.

All enrolled students pay tuition for six credits to their home university regardless of the number of credits earned through the experience. In exchange, UW System students do not pay the program fee to the host university but receive everything covered by the program fee as announced by the individual host universities!

Be on the lookout for Facebook Groups and Pages for specific ISUs!

International Winter University[Universität Kassel](#) - JanuarySeminar Options

Environmental Engineering – Renewable Energy Sources
 German Cultural Studies - Reflections on German History

Dates

late Dec/early Jan – about Jan 20

Seminar Contact Hours

45 hours for seminar
 30 hours for German language

Homestay

[Program fee inclusions](#)

[Contact](#)

Maximum: 14 students from Wisconsin

International Summer Universities

Goethe-Universität and [Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main](#)

Seminar Options

European Studies
Finance

Dates

mid-July – mid-August

Seminar Contact Hours

56 hours for seminar
35 hours for German language

Hotel

[Program fee inclusions](#)
[Contact](#)

Maximum: 14 students from Wisconsin

[Hochschule Fulda](#)

Seminar Options

Environmental, Social and Economic Aspects of Sustainability in a Global World
Intercultural Aspects of Migration
Culture & Society
Health
Social Work

Dates

mid-July – mid-August

Seminar Contact Hours

42 hours for seminar
42 hours for German language

Res hall, apartment, homestay

[Program fee inclusions](#)
[Contact](#)

Maximum: 14 students from Wisconsin

[Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen](#)

Seminar Option

Intellectual Property and Biotechnology & Linking Law, Business and Science

Dates

mid-July – mid-August

Seminar Contact Hours

51 hours for seminar
33 hours for German language

Residence Hall

[Program fee inclusions](#)
[Contact](#)

Maximum: 7 students from Wisconsin

[Philipps-Universität Marburg](#)

Seminar Option

Peace and Conflict: Near and Middle East – A European Perspective

Dates

3rd week of July – 3rd week of Aug

Seminar Contact Hours

20 hours for seminar
36 hours for German language

Residence Hall

[Program fee inclusions](#)
[Contact](#)

Maximum: 14 students from Wisconsin

Universität Kassel - Summer

Theme:

New Perspectives for a Globalized World: Environmental and Cultural Dimensions

Seminar Options

Culture

Engineering

Dates

mid-June – mid-July

Seminar Contact Hours

40 hours for seminar

40 hours for German language

Homestay

[Program fee inclusions](#)

[Contact](#)

Maximum: 14 students from Wisconsin

Study in Hessen – Additional Opportunities

Study options in Hessen go far beyond the scope of the state-to-state Hessen/Wisconsin Exchange.

With advance permission from your home campus only, students may participate on the following programs by applying directly through the cooperating UW institution:

- International Winter University at Hochschule Fulda (Business; apply through [UW Oshkosh](#))
- [Frankfurt Summer University on Logistics, Mobility and Sustainability](#)
- Semester German Language Program in Marburg (apply through [UW-Stevens Point](#))

With advance permission from your home campus only, students may participate on the following programs by applying directly to the institution in Hessen:

- [University of Applied Sciences Frankfurt International Summer School GeKo](#) (Land Mgmt & Geo-processing in an urban environment)
- [University of Applied Sciences Frankfurt European Summer University on Logistics, Mobility and Sustainability](#) (Logistics, Computer Science, Engineering, German language, site and company visits)

While some of the links to Hessen web pages provided in this guide may be helpful, please remember that the contents of this guide pertain only to the state-to-state Hessen/Wisconsin exchange. For information on programs offered outside of this exchange, you must contact the institution offering the program.

Academics

Course Design

When choosing courses, keep course design and level in mind:

Vorlesungen

Like our “pit” classes, these are large group lectures. These courses do not require previous knowledge of the

subject. Normally there are no exams or papers, so you must be sure to ask your professor how he or she would like you to earn your *Schein* (explained elsewhere in this document) when you begin the semester.

Tutorien

These are tutorials that compliment the *vorlesungen*. In them you can discuss the material covered. Some focus particularly on cultural studies, and others focus on grammar, translation, etc.

Proseminare

These are based on the more general *vorlesungen* and are more in-depth.

Hauptseminare

These are advanced courses geared towards third- and fourth-year students.

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

ECTS, or the European Credit Transfer System, is used across Europe to calculate course credit. This system is quite different from the U.S. system and takes into account classroom hours, study hours, project hours and potentially other hours which may be spent on the course outside of class.

Your home institution will determine the number of transfer credits awarded for each course you take in Germany. Be aware that the number of transfer credits you receive for courses taken in Germany will be substantially lower than the number of ECTS credits you receive for the same course in Germany.

Course Load

The Hessen-Wisconsin Exchange requires full-time enrollment while studying abroad.

Proposed Study Program & Learning Agreement

When you first apply to study in Hessen, you will be asked to complete and submit a **Proposed Study Program**. Hessen administrators use this information only to be sure that you are choosing a reasonable set of courses which *may potentially* be offered over your study period.

Upon arrival in Hessen, you must choose courses and may be asked to complete a **Learning Agreement**. Because German institutions don't have a centralized course enrollment system, this Learning Agreement is your guarantee to both your host institution and your home institution that you plan to attend, complete and take exams for the courses as indicated on the form.

If required by your host institution, the agreement must be signed by your home institution study abroad advisor and the designated person at your host institution. You should keep a copy of this Learning Agreement for yourself and may be required to submit a copy to your home institution International Office of Transfer Student Coordinator as well.

Course Selection

As in the U.S., students may only choose courses for which they are academically and linguistically prepared. This means that, as in the U.S., you may not register for courses if you do not meet the course pre-requisites.

When reviewing course lists, pay special attention to any prerequisites based on prior learning requirements or on number of completed years of university.

While the German system is set up to allow for course registration just prior to the first day of classes, in order for you to ensure proper transfer of credit to your home institution and to remain on track for graduation, you will need to know what courses you may be able to take abroad much earlier.

The best course selection strategy is as follows:

1. Prior to selecting a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice host institution, use past course schedules as posted on the web to determine whether or not the course array you need is, in general, offered. It's best to ultimately choose an institution which could potentially offer many more course options than you need so that if specific courses aren't offered over your term abroad you don't find yourself without backup options. It's never a good idea to rely on the offering of one or more *particular* courses.
2. Depending on your home campus policies, at this point you may need to complete a process to secure prior approval for transfer of courses you plan to take abroad. You may be asked to secure prior approval for many more courses than you actually plan to take to provide flexibility when you are abroad.
3. A few weeks prior to leaving for Germany, begin checking for the semester course schedule. If the course schedule is available, begin researching course options. Check to be sure that pre-approved courses are being offered. Know the course descriptions and which courses are your first, second, and third choices. If you find additional courses of interest, you may be able to get these pre-approved for transfer before leaving for abroad (depending on the timing!).
4. If the course schedule isn't available prior to your departure for Germany (it's very likely that it won't be), plan to use your time during orientation (*Einführungswoche*) in Germany to do this research. During this time a peer advisor or an advisor from the international office at your host institution may also help you design your schedule (timetable) and find courses appropriate for exchange students.

Course Enrollment

Germany has very strict laws related to students and the sharing of data, which leads to significant differences in the administration of education from the U.S. system. For example, registering for courses is very different in Germany. This process will call for a bit of flexibility on your part as you simultaneously manage both course enrollment and course transfer between two very different systems.

1. You will not be "registered" for any classes prior to arriving in Germany. Bring a list of all pre-approved courses with you to Germany so that you remember what to take!
2. At the beginning of each semester, you may be able to begin taking many more courses than you plan to complete (and perhaps may be required to sign in or register directly with each professor, depending on the institution). This is a great opportunity to get to know your professor, to work out your course schedule, and to really know whether a course will interest you. Use this time to communicate with your home campus in relation to courses which were not pre-approved for transfer earlier.

3. Then, after a specified period of time (check with your host campus international office on this), you may be able to narrow down your course selection.
4. Once you have decided which courses you will attend for the rest of the semester (or by your host campus's specified deadline), **submit your Learning Agreement** to the International Office at your host institution (or follow alternative procedures if no Learning Agreement is required). You should also ask about the procedure for obtaining transcripts and dropping courses at this time.
5. At some point during the semester, you will need to enroll or register to take your final exams – you will enroll for each exam individually. This step isn't optional! If you don't enroll to take the exams, you won't be allowed to sit for the exams and you won't receive credit for your courses.

There typically is no online registration system, although some schools have begun to move in that direction. If you find a course that requires registration directly with the professor, email the professor or speak to him or her **by the first day of classes** and introduce yourself as an exchange student. If you experience difficulties getting the courses you need, visit the advisors in the International Office at your host institution for help.

Although this system is different than what you are used to, remember to stay flexible. In the end you may appreciate the fact that this registration system allows you to find a schedule that best fits your needs and helps you to find professors with styles of teaching and accents that work for you.

Exams

Exams given in Germany may be written exams or may be oral exams. If a professor offers an oral exam and you would prefer a written exam, you *may* be able to negotiate a written exam with the professor. "May", however, is the operative word here! Final decisions on how an exam is given are always made by the professor.

Course Transfer

In order to transfer courses from Germany to your home institution, you will need to collect and submit a *Schein* to your *HOST* institution international office for each completed course. Courses for which you don't collect and submit a *Schein* to your host international office ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE.

Schein & Transcripts

Just as in the U.S., courses can be taken for credit or not for credit. Unlike in the U.S., however, it is the student's responsibility to understand what must be completed, both in terms of workload and in terms of testing, to receive credit for a particular course.

To ensure that you receive credit for the courses you take, introduce yourself as an exchange student (*Austauschstudent*) to your professors on the first day of classes or, if not possible on day one, within the next few days. Discuss the work you will need to complete in order to receive credit for the course. Make it clear that what you are working toward is receipt of a *Schein* for the course.

A *Schein* is documentation that shows that you have both completed the coursework and taken the final exam for a *specific course*. *Scheine* are then collected from each professor by the student, submitted to the International Office by the student, and transcribed onto an official transcript.

Remember – if the host institution you attend doesn't have a central course registration system, then there is no automated system for recording coursework on a transcript. Collecting your *Scheine* and submitting them to the International Office is ultimately your responsibility; and, your ability to transfer courses to your home institution depends on this. **If you leave Germany without having completed this very important step, it may be impossible to receive a transcript.**

The International Winter and International Summer Universities don't use the Schein system; transcripts are available to students at program end without going through the process described above.

You may not be able to earn a *Schein* for your pre-semester German language courses. If this is the case, these courses also cannot be entered onto your official transcript. In cases where a *Schein* is not given, you will either receive **a certificate with a grade () or a certificate of attendance with no grade ()**. Your home institution will determine whether or how courses which cannot appear on the German transcript may be transferred back to your home institution.

Please note that some institutions are moving away from the *Schein* system during other study periods as well. If this is the case at your host university, be sure that you understand at the beginning of the study period how to obtain a record of your courses, grades, and credits at the end of your study period.

Beginning-of-Semester Process

1. Be aware of procedures on your home campus for transfer of courses. For example, you may be required to provide supporting documentation such as course descriptions or a syllabus. Whether you think you'll need this or not, **ALWAYS KEEP THE SYLLABUS YOU RECEIVE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS AND BRING THIS BACK TO THE U.S. WITH YOU.** You don't want to find out too late that this is the only place where information that may be required upon your return is located.

End-of-Semester Process

1. If you take a pre-semester German language course, and IF a *Schein* can be earned in this course, collect your *Schein* from your German language instructor at the end of this course. Don't wait until the end of the full semester!
2. At the end of the full semester, visit each individual instructor to collect your *Schein*; you may need to collect quite a number of these depending on the number of courses you're in.
3. Take all of your *Schein* to the International Student Coordinator/ Advisor at your host institution and request that a transcript be mailed to your home campus. You should provide the CORRECT mailing address for the CORRECT office; don't just guess! If you aren't sure who receives transcripts for transfer credit on your home campus, ask your home campus international office!

In general, *Schien* will include:

- Student name
- Course title
- Type of course, lecture or seminar (Vorlesung/Seminar)
- Professor's name

- Year and semester
- Number of hours per week
- How the Schein was earned, exam, homework, presentation (Klausur, Hausarbeit, mündliche Prüfung)
- Grade

Application

Program Eligibility & German Language Requirements

Each UW System institution is responsible for screening and recommending applicants. All applicants must:

- be a degree-seeking student at the undergraduate or graduate level at a University of Wisconsin System college or university;
- have completed one year of full-time study (or 24 credits) at the time of participation;
- be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0 GPA;
- for applicants taking all courses in German, have sufficient knowledge of German, per guidelines established on the applicant's home campus, to successfully follow and complete German-taught classes;
- for applicants taking all courses in English, have sufficient knowledge of German, as determined by the applicant, to feel comfortable in a German-speaking environment;
- be at least 18 years old at the time of exchange;
- be a U.S. citizen;
- meet all other requirements as determined by the applicant's home institution.

For International Summer University (ISU) & International Winter University (IWU) applicants, no German language proficiency is required.

Application Process

- 1 Submit all of the "Application Materials" to your home institution international office by your home institution's specified deadline. Hessen considers all applicants simultaneously and makes placements all at once. Therefore, late applications are not accepted.
- 2 Once you are placed, you will receive an acceptance email and instructions on further application requirements directly from your hosts. Acceptance emails are typically not sent earlier than the dates listed below. Some institutions may send emails later than this. To find out when acceptance emails are sent from your particular host institution, contact your host institution.

July	For Winter (fall) Semester
October	For International Winter University (IWU; January)
January	For Summer (spring) Semester
April	For International Summer University (ISU)

- 3 Complete all additional requirements by the deadlines stated in your host institution acceptance email. These documents/responses will be due either directly to your host institution or to your home institution international office; as each UW System institution handles this differently, be sure to check with your international office well in advance.
- 4 All correspondence related to further program detail will come directly from your host institution.

Application Materials

- ☐ Completed Application
Make a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice on your host institution selection. If you cannot make a 2nd or 3rd choice, leave these blank. Not choosing a 2nd or 3rd institution does not increase your chance of placement at your first choice institution.
- ☐ Typed Statement of Purpose
This must be in German if you plan to study in German or plan to study intensive German beyond the beginner level. This may be in English if you plan to study in English and your intensive German course is at the beginning level. You may use the form provided on the final page of the Hessen Wisconsin Exchange Application or you may attach a separate document.
- ☐ Resume
This must be in German if you plan to study in German or plan to study intensive German beyond the beginner level. This may be in English if you plan to study in English and your intensive German course is at the beginning level. [Use this resume template](#) regardless of the language you use to complete your resume.
- ☐ Unofficial transcript from your current institution (your host institution may ask for official transcripts later).

Timing the Student Exchange

Be sure to indicate the correct term on your application, or you may be enrolled for the wrong time period AND delay the application process!

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Germany</u>
Fall Semester →	Winter Semester/Wintersemester (WS)
Spring Semester →	Summer Semester/Sommersemester (SS)
Fall Interim; J-term →	International Winter University (IWU)
Summer →	International Summer University (ISU)

For example, if you intend to study over summer but enroll in Sommersemester, your application will be forwarded to the office that accepts semester-long exchange students rather than to the International Summer University office. Your application will be delayed because of this – and you may be processed for the incorrect time period.

Before choosing a term, CONSIDER THE TERM START AND END DATES FOR YOUR PARTICULAR INSTITUTION! Except for the IUSP, the German WS runs late into the Wisconsin spring semester; therefore, it is often not possible to begin a one-semester-only exchange (except IUSP) in fall. Students exchanging in fall must plan to graduate at the end of fall semester, must exchange for a full year, or must take spring semester off.

Connect with Returning Peers

[Young Ambassadors](#) are undergraduate students from North America who have recently studied in Germany. These students are dedicated to promoting study in Germany and have been selected to answer your questions. Find someone who studied where you want to go or who specializes in your field and ask them whatever you want to know about study or research in Germany!

Scholarships

The [Christianson Grant](#) is specific to work, intern, or volunteer abroad programs.

Internships

[RISE](#) (Research Internships in Science and Engineering) gives North American Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology and Physics students the chance to spend a summer working with German doctoral students on serious research projects. The doctoral students help integrate the undergraduate directly into the lab work and serve as personal and professional mentors. The application deadline is in early February.

Working in Germany

Work permits for paid positions are normally issued only to people with completed degrees, making the prospect of obtaining a work permit by people without degrees extremely unlikely. You should not plan to work while you are studying in Germany.

Tuition, Fees and Program-related Expenses

Tuition and Fees

Hessen-Wisconsin Exchange students pay tuition to their home institution and do not pay tuition to their host institution.

- The minimum number of credits on which tuition is paid for a semester program is 12.
- The minimum number of credits on which tuition is paid for a January or summer program is 6.
- Wisconsin students do not pay segregated fees, differential tuition, municipal fees, United Council fees or other similar fees to their home campus. Instead, Wisconsin students pay the equivalent of these types of fees directly to their German host institution.

Program-related Expenses

Use your host institution's web pages and the cost sheets below to estimate your expenses.

- Keep in mind that costs differ from institution to institution. The cost estimates given below are not accurate estimates for YOUR program; these are simply GENERALLY what the costs are for many institutions. **You may need to spend significant time on your host institution's web pages in order to get an accurate estimate.**
- Keep in mind that exchange rate calculations can and often do vary radically over time (even over short periods of time). Complete your initial cost estimate using an exchange rate that is 10%-13% higher than the interbank rate available from xe.com.
- If you plan to study abroad for one month or less, update your estimates just prior to travel using the exchange rates in effect at your time of travel.
- If you plan to study abroad for a semester, update your estimates just prior to travel using an exchange rate that is 5%-8% higher than the interbank rate in effect at your time of departure.
- If studying abroad for longer than a semester, update using an exchange rate that is again 10%-13% higher than the interbank rate in effect at your time of departure.

The following has been generalized to cover study at any institution in Hessen. **Fees at the institution you choose may be higher or lower than the fees listed below. These worksheets are designed to get you an approximated cost; these will not be exact.** Estimated costs as shared by Hessen institutions may change without notice.

Estimated Expenses in U.S. Dollars for _____ months

\$	100	UWO Application Fee (payable to home university, who will initiate an IUJ to UWO)
\$		Home Campus Application Fee
\$		Home Campus Program Fee
\$		Home Campus Tuition
\$	()	Reduction for segregated fees and other similar fees
\$		CISI Insurance (\$35/month)
\$		Immunizations
\$	150	Passport & Pictures
\$		Airfare (add excess baggage fees if necessary)
\$	0	Visa (U.S. citizen rate)

\$ Subtotal of Estimated Expenses in U.S. Dollars

Estimated Expenses in Foreign Currency (European Euro = €) for _____ month

€	50	Transportation to/from the airport in Hessen (approx.)
€	110	Residence Permit (U.S. Citizen rate)
€		Refundable housing deposit; approx €500 depending on the university; may be payable to the Studentenwerk in advance or on arrival.
€		Accommodation (approx €250/month on average; 1st month rent payable on arrival)
€		Meals (approximately €250/month on average)
€		Pre-semester German language course (optional)
€		Local Transportation and/or bike rental (if available)
		NOTE: student fees at SOME institutions include a local - not high speed - bus and train pass which covers most of the state of Hessen.
€		Cell phone deposit and rental (if available)
€		German Sozialbeitrag Student Fees (vary depending on the university; averages €200; not required for summer/January-only programs)
€		German Health Insurance (required for semester study; averages € 78/month)
€		If attending IUSP Marburg: There is an additional fee which is payable in advance directly to Marburg. Part of this fee includes some of the above line items. See the IUSP web site for details.
€		Personal Expenses, including cell phone (€225/month on average; add to this if you plan to travel outside of your host city often)

€ Subtotal of Estimated Expenses in Foreign Currency

\$ Subtotal of Estimated Expenses in Foreign Currency converted to U.S. Dollars

\$ Total Estimated Expenses in U.S. Dollars (add the two sections in yellow above)

Getting to Hessen

Visa

A visa is an endorsement or stamp placed by officials of a foreign country on a U.S. passport that makes it possible for the bearer to visit that foreign country. U.S. citizens in possession of a valid passport do not need to apply for a visa to enter Germany. U.S. citizens planning to study in Germany for a semester or year need to apply for a Residence Permit, in person, either before or after entering Germany.

Residence Permit (semester & year)

All students who plan to study for a semester or longer must apply for a Residence Permit to study in Germany. There are two ways to apply:

- Students may enter Germany on the visa waiver program, without applying for a visa in advance of travel, and then **apply for a Residence Permit just after arrival**. However, students who arrive in Germany without the proper documents in hand will find this to be a very difficult process. Read through the list of required documents below very carefully!
- Students who have a *specific* housing assignment, substantiated by a housing contract sent by the German host institution, well in advance of travel may **apply to the German Consulate in Chicago for a Residence Permit before leaving the U.S.** However, you will need a minimum of 3-5 months to complete the process and you will be required to appear at the German Consulate in Chicago IN PERSON. To apply prior to travel, see the [German Missions in the United States](#) for application and process details.

Residence Permit Application Checklist

With the exception of one document listed below, you need these same items whether applying PRIOR to travel or applying AFTER arrival in Germany.

- ☐ Original [Application for a Residence Permit](#), including the declaration
- ☐ 1 photocopy of the Residence Permit Application, including the declaration
- ☐ 3 copies of your acceptance letter from your German host institution (this is not the same as an acceptance letter you may have received from your home institution)
- ☐ A copy of your Housing Contract showing your German Address
- ☐ 2 passport photos (strict requirements, see details on the [German Missions in the U.S.](#) website)
- ☐ Your original, signed passport
 - your passport expiration date must be at least three months AFTER your intended DEPARTURE DATE from Germany
 - your passport MUST contain at least TWO blank VISA pages (please note that the NOTES pages at the end of your passport CANNOT substitute for the two blank VISA pages).

- ☐ 2 copies of the passport data page (the page with your picture)
- ☐ If you are NOT a U.S. citizen, you must also submit your original, unexpired US alien registration card or valid US resident visa (type A, E, F, G, H, I, J, L, O, R) PLUS two copies
- ☐ Evidence that you have sufficient funds to support yourself while living in Germany. Documentation will include one or more of the following:
 - A *notarized* bank statement dated just prior to your application for a Residence Permit. Your bank and your university should both have notaries. If using a campus notary, contact the notary first to ask whether you should print the statement first and then bring it in for signature, or whether you must log in to your account and print the statement in front of the notary.
 - If the name on the bank account is not your name, you must also submit a notarized letter from the bank account holder stating the specific dollar amount that is dedicated to your study in Germany.
 - Documentation from your Financial Aid Office which clearly shows the amount of funding you have specifically for your stay in Germany. It is recommended that you also get this notarized.
 - Copies of any grant or scholarship awards you have received which are specifically for your study in Germany or which you can show may be used toward your study in Germany.
- ☐ 2 additional photocopies, after notarization, of EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL financial document.
- ☐ ONLY IF APPLYING PRIOR TO TRAVEL: Your driver's license and/or very recent utility bill in your name and clearly showing that you live in the state of Wisconsin. If you don't live in Wisconsin, check the [German Missions in the United States](#) website to see whether you can apply through the Consulate in Chicago or whether you must apply through a Consulate which serves your region of the U.S.
- ☐ Verification of Valid Health Insurance. Hessen institutions require purchase of German health insurance, which is normally facilitated after arrival in Germany. Alternatively, students may purchase health insurance in advance of arrival in Germany through one of the following public health providers in Frankfurt (Hessen):
 - Allgemeine Ortskrankenkasse (AOK)
Wildunger Str. 1, 60487 Frankfurt
Phone: 069/714 496 810
www.unilife.de/hess/rd/index.htm
 - Barmer Ersatzkasse (BEK)
Kurt-Schumacher-Str. 30-32, 60313 Frankfurt
Phone: 069/216 714 70 Email: frankfurt@barmerd.de
 - Deutsche Angestelltenkrankenkasse (DAK)
Zeil 53, 60313 Frankfurt
Phone: 069/739 147 50
Email: service753000@dak.de.
- ☐ Residence Permit fee (approximately €110 as of May 2014)

Booking Your Flight

Program dates listed on Hessen web sites may be the dates you should plan on arriving at and departing from your university OR the dates on which your classes begin and end. You may not know your official arrival date until just a few months or, in some cases, just a few weeks prior to travel. Hang in there and don't jump the gun!

- Don't book your flight until you have received official acceptance directly from your host in Germany (this is in addition to the official acceptance you may receive from your home campus) AND until after your host has sent your official arrival and departure dates to you.
- Don't plan to arrive in Hessen prior to your program start date or depart from Hessen after your program end date, unless you are prepared to find and pay for housing on your own.
- If your hosts haven't yet confirmed the official arrival date and you're feeling a bit panicky about booking your ticket (the American in you may feel that the institution is taking you to the wire on this!), contact staff at your host institution to ask about arriving on the first day of your housing contract (but not on a weekend as there won't be anyone to get you a key). You may have housing contract dates before you have the official program start date.
- If you have housing available to you prior to your program start date or are prepared to find and pay for your own housing, arriving in Germany a day or two ahead of the beginning of your program could be immensely helpful. It is challenging to fight jet-lag while trying to keep up with the information offered in orientation. Many of the Europeans attending do not have problems, but for those coming from across the pond, an adjustment period is advised. If you are participating on an IWU or ISU, it is also a great way to get some pre-program travel in, as the rigorous academic schedule does not allow for much time on weekends for independent travel.

Still waiting on your program start and end dates? Your best course of action is to remind yourself that while in Germany you'll be doing as the Germans do and you may as well get a head start on this before you travel. Your official program start date will arrive in plenty of time for you to book your airline ticket, even if it feels to you as though you're receiving this at the 11th hour.

Getting from the Airport to Your Host Institution

Students must travel from the airport to their host institution on their own.

If a Buddy Program is offered, students who request a buddy AND make arrangements with their buddies well in advance can be met at the train or bus station in their HOST CITY (not at the airport). The buddy can often (if arrangements are made well in advance) also help you get from the train or bus station to your accommodation and then get checked in.

Public transportation in Hessen is mainly by bus or high-speed rail; the type of transportation available to you will vary based on your destination and the time of day of travel. Do your research well in advance so that you know how you will get from the airport to your host city. Know where to buy a ticket; how and when to validate your ticket; how, when and where to board your train or bus; and during what hours the transportation you are relying on runs. Plan to arrive in Germany on the earliest flight possible just in case there is a flight delay or you

find that it isn't as easy (or efficient if you haven't tried this before) to use the public transportation as you had anticipated. Arriving early keeps you from having to solve transportation issues in the dark and gives you time to make mistakes, miss trains & busses and still get to your destination on time.

Have a back-up plan in place before you travel! Your back-up plan should include knowing what hotels are available near the airport or train station (probably in Frankfurt), how much they cost, what the phone number is (as dialed from within Germany) and how to hail a taxi (have the address written down and handy just in case you need to show this to the driver. Be aware that the hotels directly across the street from the main train station in Frankfurt, while cheap, are also in a condition (and in a neighborhood) which may be intimidating to most travelers. Have enough EURO on you to take (and pay for) a taxi a bit further away from the station and to stay in (and pay for) a decent hotel.

What to Bring to Hessen

- Your passport, with an expiration date of a minimum of three months PAST your intended RETURN DATE from Germany.
- Your official Letter of Acceptance from your HOST institution (you may be asked to present this to border officials when entering Germany).
- Your official Letter of Acceptance from your HOME institution (this may be useful documentation at the border when entering Germany).
- A document showing that you have a minimum of EUR 500 per month for the number of months you plan to spend in Germany. Acceptable documentation includes one or more of the following: scholarship or grant letter, a financial aid statement, or a bank statement (you are almost certain to be asked to present this to border officials when entering Germany).
- ALL documentation required to apply for your Residence Permit (if you didn't apply for this prior to travel). See the section on "Residence Permit" in this guide for details.
- Copies of all correspondence, including rooming information, resource guides and receipts, you receive from your host institution.
- Contact information for both your HOST and your HOME campus. Have this on your person when you travel; you may need to include contact information on your customs declaration form, which you complete while on your international flight to Germany.
- At least four passport photos; you'll use these for your Residence Permit application (if you haven't already applied for and received your Residence Permit) and potentially for various other documents and IDs when you arrive in Germany.
- Your student ID card from your HOME institution.
- Cash

- Enough money *in cash* to pay the first and last months' rent as well as your housing deposit. Refer to your cost estimate worksheet for totals.
- Additional cash for transportation and other needs from the airport to your destination in Hessen and your first few days' expenses. Again, refer to your cost estimate worksheet for totals and carry extra just in case you need to cover an extra hotel night due to flight delays or missed trains/busses upon arrival.

You do not need a visa if you are a U.S. citizen, but you will obtain a residence permit when you arrive in Germany. The International Student Office at your host institution will assist you with this process.

Student Life in Hessen

Buddy Program

Many Hessen institutions have a peer advisor program called a "Buddy Program" which pairs students from Wisconsin with Hessen students, some of whom have studied in Wisconsin. This program is free for any Wisconsin student who is interested.

Your Buddy can correspond with you prior to travel, potentially pick you up from the airport (if you are studying in Frankfurt) or train station (in your host city), help you check-in to your accommodations, and help you through your first week at your host university.

If you hope to be met at the airport or train/bus station, you must clearly communicate your travel itinerary to your Buddy WELL IN ADVANCE OF TRAVEL so that s/he can discuss a location and specific date/time to meet in advance. Your Buddy will need a copy of your flight itinerary so that if a flight is delayed or cancelled, s/he is aware. Bring contact information for your Buddy with you when you travel so that if you miss a flight, you can let him/her know.

Registering in Person at Your Host Institution

When you arrive at your host institution, you must go to the International Office to announce your arrival. There will be some forms you will need to fill out, and you will need to bring with you:

- An official passport-size photo
- Your passport
- Your official Letter of Acceptance from your HOST institution (*Zulassungsbescheid*)
- Your proof of UW System insurance (your card, printed from the CISI portal, and a copy of the full policy)
- Receipts for any fees you pre-paid to your Host Institution or for your housing
- Your official Letter of Acceptance from your HOME institution

Once you register you will receive your student ID card (*Studienausweis*) and coupons that prove your student status at the host institution (*Studienbescheinigungen*). The *Studienausweis* and your passport will be your "ticket" (*Semesterticket*) for free public transportation and discounts at many stores, restaurants, and bars.

You will need to re-register at the beginning of each semester you stay at your host institution, and you may have to pay additional fees if you forget to re-register.

Insurance

If participating on a semester- or year-long program...

You will have both Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) insurance through UW System and German health insurance through Hessen. Both are mandatory and both policies offer a unique set of insurance coverage; the CISI policy extends well beyond standard health insurance.

You should familiarize yourself with the details of your CISI insurance coverage prior to traveling.

Staff or students in the International Office at your host institution will help you obtain the appropriate German Health insurance during orientation week; however, it is ultimately your responsibility to enroll in a German health insurance program and to cover the monthly premiums while you are in Germany. You will receive more information about obtaining German insurance from your host institution.

If participating on a January or summer program...

You should familiarize yourself with the details of your CISI insurance coverage, available through your home institution international office, prior to traveling.

Housing (semester & year)

Student accommodation is available in student residences run by the Association of Student Affairs, or *Studentenwerk*. Typically, your host institution will have *Studentenwerk* contact information on their web site.

The student residences are quite different than the residence halls and apartments you are used to and they vary greatly from campus to campus. Typically you can expect to have a single or shared bedroom with a shared bathroom, shower, TV area, and kitchen. Student residences tend to be similar to apartments, but with many more (potentially as many as eight) bedrooms. There is no need to gather a number of roommates in order to rent; residents rent a bedroom directly from the landlord and have access to the shared areas of the apartment.

On some of the Hessen campuses, *Studentenwerk* cannot arrange for housing for students older than 30 years of age. Please check with the local International Office if you are older than 30.

Following formal acceptance into your program, you may receive a *Studentenwerk* accommodation request form the International Office at your host institution or you may need to contact the *Studentenwerk* directly. In either case, **you must reserve a room in advance by the specified deadlines.**

Host Family Stays (semester & year)

A few programs offer homestays, where you live in the home of a “host family” for the duration of your program. Homestays are coordinated by the International Office at your host institution.

Meals (semester & year)

The *Studentenwerk* also coordinates the cafeteria (called the *mensa*) on campus, where you can purchase inexpensive meals at government-subsidized prices.

You will not be required to purchase a meal plan or eat in the mensa; the mensa offers only pay-as-you-go meals and you may eat there as often or as little as you like.

When the mensa isn't open, or if you prefer to eat elsewhere, there will of course be small shops, grocery stores, and vending machines where you can purchase food or groceries. Most accommodations will include a small kitchen; however, pots, pans, and kitchen utensils may or may not be provided.

Entertainment

Many Hessen institutions offer extra-curricular learning opportunities like field excursions and cultural experiences. Take advantage of these opportunities!

On your own, there will plenty to keep you busy outside of your classes. Watch or even participate in sporting leagues (long-term study programs only) and events, visit museums, festivals, gardens, parks, restaurants and cafes, and become involved in campus activities.

Excellent public transportation makes exploration around your community, Germany and other European countries easy. Take advantage of the many opportunities available and enjoy your time in Hessen!

Facebook

Talk to German and American students who have already participated! Log in or set up an account to use this to get connected to current and past Hessen-Wisconsin participants from both sides! Search for and request being added to: Alumni Hessen-Wisconsin Academic State Program

www.facebook.com

Hessen Partner Institutions

(Information from http://www.study-in-hessen.de/front_content.php?idcat=23)



Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main

http://www.fh-frankfurt.de/en/the_university.html

About the University

The University of Applied Sciences Fachhochschule Frankfurt offers a wide range of subjects covering architecture, engineering, computer science, business and law studies, health studies and social work. The great facilities of the interdisciplinary project and research units, including the fields of quality assurance, integrated production and automation, urban and regional development, assistive technology, nursing research centre, women studies research centre, are complemented by an extensive faculty network, comprised of local and regional organization and industry representatives. Many incentives are given to the students due to the links with companies, associations and leaders of industry, politics and science. Due to the intensive interdisciplinary teaching and research nature of the university programs, a special focus on substantial professional experience in the private or public sector is required from academics. The university provides a wide range of support services to the students, the outstanding sports program is offered mostly free of charge. The university offers several international programs.

Founded: 1971

Students: 9,577

Foreign Students: 2,172

Professors: 224

About the City

Frankfurt is the financial hub of Europe and headquarters of the European Central Bank. International trade fairs have been held in Frankfurt since 1240, including the popular annual book, automobile, and computer fairs. The stock exchange was first established in 1585 and Frankfurt was home to the Rothschild family, who started the international banking empire. Frankfurt has long been a key destination for river, rail, and road traffic. It is still the chief traffic hub for western Germany and also been an important inland shipping port. The Frankfurt Airport, one of Europe's busiest, is the largest airport in Germany. The city manufactures automobiles, machinery, chemical and pharmaceutical products, and printing materials.

Departments

- Architecture, Civil Engineering, Surveying
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Business and Law
- Health and Social Work



Hochschule Fulda

<http://www.hs-fulda.de/index.php?id=682&L=1>

About the University

The University of Applied Sciences Hochschule Fulda is a modern, practice-oriented institution with an international focus. The university offers a broad spectrum of academic and professional education, grounded in social and ecological responsibility. It is actively engaged in applied research. There are departments of applied computer sciences, business administration, electrical engineering and information technology, food technology, nutritional, food and consumer sciences, nursing and health sciences, social and cultural studies and social studies. A large number of international students study at the Hochschule Fulda and that number is rapidly increasing, especially in international Master's programs such as International Management, Electronic Business, International Food Business and Consumer Studies, Intercultural Communication and European Studies. The university offers short-time programs for international students especially from the US, such as the International Course in "Social Work in an Intercultural Context in Theory and Practice".

Founded: 1974

Students: 6,000

Foreign Students: 950

Professors: 133

About the City

A historic city founded in the year 744, Fulda has a population today of 65,000. Fulda's Baroque Quarter is one of the most beautiful in Germany and attracts visitors from all over the world. The picturesque Old Town has many cafés, taverns and inns, with interesting shops and boutiques. The city's cultural life has something for everyone. The high quality of life makes Fulda a great place to live and an ideal place to study. Fulda enjoys ideal transport connections. One of Europe's principal international airports, Frankfurt Rhine-Main, is just an hour away by car or train. Other major cities in Germany, like Berlin, Munich, Cologne or Hamburg, are within easy reach and not more than three hours away by train.

Departments

Applied Computer Science

Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

Nutritional, Food and Consumer Sciences

Food Technology

Nursing and Health Sciences

Social and Cultural Sciences

Social Work

Business

Hochschule Darmstadt

<http://www.h-da.de/>



About the University

Founded in 1971, the Hochschule Darmstadt is a young and innovative university, where students can choose between numerous undergraduate programs, all with a strong practical orientation. The courses include engineering, architecture, design, computer science, information and knowledge management, and social education. Many unique diploma- (FH) granting study programs, bachelor- and master's degrees are offered. The Hochschule Darmstadt maintains partnership agreements with more than 100 international universities. Important features of the Hochschule Darmstadt are short periods of study, effective organization of courses, a clear practical orientation from the beginning of studies, internationally oriented education and success-oriented commitment to the field of research and development in cooperation with partners in economy and society.

Founded: 1971

Students: 11, 140

Foreign Students: 1,895

Professors: 320

About the City

Darmstadt was chartered in 1330 and became the residence of the Hessen-Darmstadt line (a grand duchy from 1806). Notable landmarks include the statue of Ludwig X, the ducal castle (1568–95), the Kranichstein hunting lodge, now a museum and game park; and the Russian Church (1898–99), commissioned by Tsar Nicholas II in honor of Tsarina Alexandra, a native of Darmstadt.

At the Mathildenhöhe, east of the city, is the artists' colony, established 1899. The Darmstädter Gespräche, a seminar devoted to intellectual issues and combined with art exhibits, is an annual event. Darmstadt is a highly diversified industrial centre. Its principal manufactures are chemicals, machinery, radios, and kitchen ranges. The city is surrounded by the densely wooded recreational areas of Odenwald and Bergstrasse, Taunus and Spessart and is located 20 miles south of Frankfurt and 40 miles north of Heidelberg.

All Departments:

Architecture

Chemical and Biotechnology

Civil Engineering

Computer Science

Design

Economics

Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

Mathematics and Science (Mathematics, Optical Technology & Image Processing)

Mechanical & Plastics Engineering

Media (Journalism, Media Arts & Sciences, Information Science and Engineering)

Social and Cultural Studies (Information Law, Social Work)

Hochschule für Gestaltung Offenbach am Main

<http://www.hfg-offenbach.de/w3.php?lang=1>

About the University

The Academy of Art & Design has been a college of art and design with university status since 1970, though it goes back as far as the year 1832. What makes our college different from other colleges of art and design in its highly open approach: the fine arts, media studies and applied design are accorded the same degree of importance in terms of teaching and integrative development. An important factor in this is the interaction of theory and design, experiment and product as well as new and old techniques in image production. The promotion of communicative intelligence is just as much one of our aims as is acquiring an emotional, sensuous level of maturity.

The concept of reality in art, design and the media has been highly influenced by development in cross-medial and cross-cultural convergences. This is reflected in our course structures. We aim to train artists and designers to enable them to master professional demands that are constantly changing. The degree course offers a choice of five different final examination topics: art, communication design, media studies, stage design (dept. of Visual Communication) and product design (ibid.). Additionally, the college offers a one year (2-semester), project-oriented postgraduate course.

Founded: 1970

Students: 633

Foreign Students: 105

Professors: 22

About the City

First mentioned in 977, Offenbach was part of the imperial forest of Dreieich, and a mint was established there in 1407. Acquired by Count (later Prince) von Isenburg-Birstein in 1486, it began its prosperity with an influx of Huguenot craftsmen in 1698-1703. Annex to Hessen in 1816, Offenbach grew steadily until the proximity (downstream to the west) of metropolitan Frankfurt am Main.

Today Offenbach enjoys easy accessibility. The city lies 15 kilometers from Frankfurt Airport. Various subway and bus lines link Offenbach with Frankfurt am Main and the Offenbach railway station connects the city to national and international destinations.

The multicultural mix of residents influences the atmosphere and daily life of the city. Throughout the year there is an enormous offering of cultural activities. Additionally Offenbach is home to the famous "Ledermuseum" and the "Klingspormuseum". The night life is influenced by the students and graduates of the Hochschule für Gestaltung: the "HfG-Rundgang" and the "Crossmedianight" are some special events.

Departments

Visual Communications

Product Design



Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt/Main

www.hfmdk-frankfurt.info/info-pool/studienbewerber/auslaendische-bewerber-international-candidates.html

About the University

Founded in 1878, the University of Music and Performing Arts in Frankfurt is the only of its kind in the state of Hessen. Its origins lie in “Dr. Hoch’s Conservatory”, an endowment made by the Frankfurt citizen Joseph Paul Johann Hoch. The university rapidly developed into an internationally acclaimed educational centre for composers, soloists, conductors, orchestral musicians and music teachers. After the end of the World War II—teaching commenced again in April 1947—the university was expanded to include the fields of opera, drama, theatre direction and ballet. The students are trained and taught by approximately 400 professors and instructors, all internationally renowned. The university profits from and cooperates with the large variety of theatres, opera houses, and museums that are located in Frankfurt and its proximity.

Founded: 1937

Students: 821

Foreign students: 263

Professors: 55

About the City

The University of Music and Performing Arts is situated in the cosmopolitan city of Frankfurt, the financial hub of Europe and headquarters of the European Central Bank. International trade fairs have been held in Frankfurt since 1240, including the popular annual book, automobile, and computer fairs. The stock exchange was first established in 1585 and Frankfurt was home to the Rothschild family, who started the international banking empire. Frankfurt has long been a key destination for river, rail, and road traffic from Switzerland and southern Germany northward along the Rhine River to the Ruhr region and across the Main River to north-central Germany. It is still the chief traffic hub for western Germany and also been an important inland shipping port since the canalization of the Main River in the 1880s. The Frankfurt Airport, one of Europe’s busiest, is the largest airport in Germany.

The city manufactures automobiles, machinery, chemical and pharmaceutical products, and printing materials. Historically, Frankfurt is known for its production of high-quality sausages (frankfurters). The name Frankfurt, or “Ford [Passage or Crossing] of the Franks”, can be traced to around AD 500, when the Franks drove the Alemanni south. The first written mention of “Franconofurt” comes from Charlemagne’s biographer, Einhard, in the late 8th century.

Department I

Artistic Training (orchestra, solo classes) & Conducting
Teaching of Instruments and Singing
Church Music

Department II

Composition
Music Teacher Training for Secondary Schools

Department III

Opera
Ballet
Drama
Stage Direction

Hochschule RheinMain



<http://www.hs-rm.de/en/hochschule/international/index.html>

About the University

RheinMain University of Applied Sciences / Wiesbaden Rüsselsheim Geisenheim, with profile and perspective, is situated in the cosmopolitan Rhine-Main area, one of the most significant economic and cultural centres in Germany. Founded in 1971, the Hochschule RheinMain excels in practice-oriented training, which prepares students for numerous contemporary professions. With 6 departments and more than 50 different degree courses, the University of Applied Sciences ranks among the top 15 in Germany. During the past decade the spectrum of subjects has widened in the direction of international and profession-linked programs of study. The courses offered are various and diverse, and include among others: business administration, business law, insurance, communication design, media and design management, viticulture & beverage engineering and interior architecture. The university is housed in three major locations: the state capital of Hessen, Wiesbaden, the industrial town Rüsselsheim, and the Rheingau town of Geisenheim.

Founded: 1971
Students: 9,901

Foreign Students: 1,486
Professors: 220

About the City

Wiesbaden is located on the east bank of the Rhine River, at the southern foot of the Taunus Mountains. During Roman times the settlement was a spa (Aquae Mattiacae). The settlement subsequently became the site of a Franconian palace, and the name Wisibada ("Meadow Spring") first appeared in 829. It was made an imperial city in 1241, passed to the counts of Nassau in 1255 and was capital of the duchy of Nassau from 1806 until 1866, when it passed to Prussia; Wiesbaden then became capital of the district of Wiesbaden in Hessen-Nassau province. In 1946 the city became the capital of the newly created Land of Hessen. As a spa, Wiesbaden was especially famous in the 18th and 19th centuries, when J. W. von Goethe, Johannes Brahms, and Fyodor Dostoyevsky, as well as various royal families frequented it.

Wiesbaden's 27 hot, saline springs and its mild climate, park like setting, and other amenities continue to make it a popular resort and conference centre. Annually, the city holds an International Festival of Music, Ballet, and Drama in May. The state theatre opened as an opera house and playhouse in 1894. Wiesbaden has various medical facilities, including a special rheumatism clinic and the German Diagnostic Clinic. Wiesbaden is a rail junction, with varied industries, including iron foundries, metal and concrete works, printing firms, publishing houses, and film studios. It is also a wine centre, famous for its Sekt (German champagne).

Departments

Applied Social Media
Architecture and Civil Engineering
Design - Computer Science - Media
Engineering

Viticulture, Oenology, Horticulture, Beverage
Technology and Landscape Architecture
Wiesbaden Business School

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt



<http://www.uni-frankfurt.de/english/international/>

About the University

Frankfurt's Goethe University, the largest in the state of Hessen and one of the top ten nationwide, was Germany's first university entirely funded from private sources. In the late 19th century patronage from foundations related to the arts and sciences, which were established by Frankfurt citizens, primarily funded the school and its opening in 1914. Today, Goethe-University offers over 180 degrees programs in 16 different departments, including: business administration, cultural studies, dentistry, economics, language, law, life sciences, medicine, and physical sciences. The diversity of the curriculum, interdisciplinary research centers and an umbrella graduate school provide students with the opportunity to study a variety of fields in an interdisciplinary and urban environment.

The university is home to 10 PhD research groups and six selected research areas, such as life sciences, physics, and economics, funded by the German Research Foundation. Additionally, the university hosts 45 Alexander von Humboldt Scholarship recipients and Fulbright Senior Lecturers. The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is applied in order to facilitate the international mobility of the students until the end of 2006 (bachelor's degree) or 2008 (master's degree).

Founded: 1914

Students: 36,684

Foreign Students: 4,294

Professors: 516

Departments

- Law
- Economics and Business Administration
- Social Sciences
- Educational Sciences
- Psychology and Sports Sciences
- Protestant Theology
- Roman Catholic Theology
- Philosophy and History
- Linguistics, Cultural and Civilization Studies, Art Studies
- Modern Languages
- Geosciences and Geography
- Computer Science and Mathematics
- Physics
- Biochemistry, Chemical and Pharmaceutical Studies
- Life Sciences
- Medical Science

http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/international-pages/view?set_language=en

About the University

Justus Liebig University (JLU) offers an excellent setting for students and researchers from all over the world. It proudly bears the name of one of its most renowned scientists, Justus von Liebig, who is regarded as the founder of modern agricultural chemistry. Through 11 faculties and five research centers, JLU secures high-level interdisciplinary research and teaching. The combination of the fields of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Nutritional Sciences and Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is unique among the universities in Germany. Moreover, disciplines like Biosciences, Material Science, Humanities and Cultural Sciences, Law, Business and Economics, Psychology, Teacher Training and Educational Sciences round up the research and teaching profile of JLU Giessen. Graduate Schools of the Humanities and of the Life Sciences welcome international doctoral students in its programs. JLU is the second largest university in the state of Hessen. With a strong tradition of over 400 years, JLU enjoys now formalized co-operation with over 160 universities in Europe and worldwide and is a member of international university networks like the SANTANDER-group (SG).

Founded: 1607

Students: 23,893

Foreign Students: 1,829

Professors: 303

About the City

Giessen was chartered in 1248 and sold to the landgraves of Hessen in 1267. It was part of independent Hessen-Marburg from 1567 until 1604, when it passed to Hessen-Darmstadt. Historic landmarks include the “new castle” (1533–37), the ruins of the old castle (14th century), and the Schiffenberg Monastery. At Justus Liebig University, founded in 1607, the laboratory of the famous chemist Justus von Liebig may still be seen. Socialist Wilhelm Liebknecht, born in Giessen, attended the university. The Upper Hessian Museum and the botanical gardens are also noteworthy. Giessen is a busy traffic centre; its industries include the manufacture of machinery, textiles, pottery, rubber, and tobacco products. It is the city with the highest student density in Germany.

Departments

Law

Economics and Business Administration

Social and Cultural Sciences

History and Cultural Sciences

Language, Literature, Culture

Psychology and Sports

Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, Geography

Biology, Chemistry and Earth Sciences

Agricultural and Nutritional Sciences, Home Economics and Environmental Management

Veterinary Medicine

Medicine

Philipps-Universität Marburg

http://www.uni-marburg.de/index_html-en?set_language=en

About the University

The University of Marburg was founded in 1527 as the first protestant university in the world. Situated in one of the most scenic medieval towns of Germany, with about 80,000 inhabitants, an old saying but one which still applies is: other towns have a university, Marburg is a university.

The University of Marburg has traditionally a strong international commitment. This is demonstrated by the numerous bilateral exchange agreements within Europe and throughout the world and by the high number of international students. The University of Marburg offers 85 subjects in almost all fields of the liberal arts and sciences including economics, business, law, medicine and dentistry. There is a strong commitment to international students. To encourage more students from abroad to study in the federal state of Hessen, in 1999 the University of Marburg started the first Hessen International Summer University (ISU).

Founded: 1527

Students: 20,361

Foreign Students: 2,170

Professors: 294

Departments

Law

Business Administration and Economics

Social Science and Philosophy

Psychology

Theology

History and Cultural Studies

German Studies and History of the Arts

Foreign Languages and Cultures

Mathematics and Computer Science

Physics

Chemistry

Pharmacy

Biology

Geography

Medicine

Education

<http://www.th-mittelhessen.de>

About the University

The University of Applied Sciences Fachhochschule Giessen-Friedberg, established in 1971, offers programs that closely connect science and practical applications. Ten percent of the students enrolled come from abroad. Classical engineering disciplines, such as civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering, are offered as well as future-oriented programs, including energy systems, biotechnology, media engineering, business administration, and computer science. Whereas programs in computer, information sciences, and bio-sciences have become our strength, business administration, as the largest department, offers a variety of specializations. In addition, interdisciplinary engineering programs are being developed. Teaching takes place in small groups and is uncompromisingly focused on the future professional life. Internships have become a standard procedure in all degree programs. Fachhochschule Giessen-Friedberg enjoys contact with more than 40 international institutions of higher education, where our students do exchange semesters.

Founded: 1971

Students: 11,406

Foreign Students: 1,498

Professors: 201

Departments at Location Giessen

Civil Engineering

Electrical and Information Engineering

Mechanical Engineering, Microtechnology, Energy Technology and Thermodynamics

Hospital and Clinical Engineering, Environmental and Biotechnology

Computer Science, Mathematics, and Natural Sciences

Business Administration

Departments at Location Friedberg

Information Technology, Electrical Engineering, and Mechatronics

Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Material Sciences

Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Applied Computer Science

Business Administration and Engineering and Production Technology

Giessen and Friedberg Campus

Social and Cultural Sciences



Technische Universität Darmstadt

<http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/index.en.jsp>

About the University

In 2005, the Technische Universität Darmstadt became the first university in Germany to receive complete administrative autonomy. This was the direct result of the dynamic and future-oriented path the university has taken in the past years and its innovative approach to combining excellent education with excellent research. The university, founded in 1877, offers a wide range of subjects, not only in the traditional fields of natural and engineering sciences, but also in those of social sciences and the humanities. It is a leading German research university in engineering, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and economics as well as a member of the TU9 Group (top nine Universities of Technology).

Centers of research excellence include: biotechnical engineering, computational engineering, integrated product design and process development, nuclear and radiation physics, integrated traffic and transport systems, urban research, nuclear structure and nuclear astrophysics at the superconducting electron accelerator S-DALINAC, communication in biological systems, physics and technology of accelerators, modeling, simulation, and optimization of engineering applications, among others. The combination of engineering and economics, including foreign languages and internship abroad programs, offers graduates outstanding opportunities, as does the university's exceptional international network, with partners in the Americas, Asia, and the Middle East.

Founded: 1877

Students: 20, 252

Foreign Students: 2,850

Professors: 270

Departments

Business Administration, Economics and Law

Social Sciences and History

Human Sciences

Mathematics

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

Material- and Geo-Sciences

Civil Engineering and Geodesy

Architecture

Mechanical Engineering

Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

Computer Science

<http://cms.uni-kassel.de/unicms/index.php?id=grp-international>

About the University

Founded in 1971 as a model university, the University Kassel updates the thoughts that the philosopher Karl Jaspers has formulated as the "concept of the university" in 1946, just after World War II: "The university requires three things: training for particular jobs, education, and research.

The university is technical college, educational entity, and research institution.

An Either-Or has been imposed between these three possibilities. Within the 'concept of the university', however, these purposes constitute an inseparable unity. These purposes may not be separated from each other without both destroying the spiritual substance of the university and becoming stunted themselves. All three purposes are elements of a living whole. "The University Kassel, with its 17,000 students, 2,200 employees, its 18 departments, its institutes and its academic centers, offers academic programs with various admission and degree opportunities like Bachelor and Masters. The Hessen International Summer University (ISU) has become an internationally oriented academic institution.

Founded: 1971

Students: 19,291

Foreign Students: 2,160

Professors: 291

Departments

Educational Science, Humanities, Music

Language and Literature: English, Romance and German

Social Services

Social Sciences, Geography, Sports Science

Architecture, City Planning, Landscape Planning

Business and Economics, Psychology

Ecological Agriculture

Civil Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Electrical Engineering / Information Science

Mathematics / Information Science

Natural Science - Physics, Biology, Chemistry

School of Art