










Heidelberg University Information Sheet for Student Exchange Program 2024-25	
Name of University	Universität Heidelberg (Heidelberg University) 
Official websites	www.uni-heidelberg.de/en www.uni-heidelberg.de/university/
Exchange-related information	https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg
Academic Calendar	Winter semester: October 1st to March 31st Summer semester: April 1st to September 30st Preparatory Language Course: September or March, 4 weeks 80+ hours of instruction all levels Lecture Period: http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/date/dates.html
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Application	
Nomination deadline	Fall / Winter: May 15 Spring / Summer: November 15
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Application procedure	After nomination of the exchange students by their home university (by Email), the International Relations Office of Heidelberg University will send out the information on the Online Application for exchange students . Students will have to fill out the application form for admission online, print it, sign it and upload it again.

Application documents	<p>A signed copy of the online application form for admission has to be uploaded. Students need to indicate on the online form that they wish to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • register for the German preparatory language course • apply for student housing. <p>In addition to the online application form, exchange students need to upload the following items for formal admission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University transcripts • Passport-size photograph <p>After the application has been processed, a letter of admission will be issued around June/July for Fall and January/February for Spring.</p>
Suggested length of study for exchange	<p>For a successful exchange experience, we recommend a study stay of one to two semester.</p> <p>Furthermore, we strongly recommend the participation in the preparatory German language course before lecture start (September or March see information below).</p> 
Procedure of applying for student visa	<p>Information on visa procedure for Germany can be found here www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service</p> <p>Generally, citizens of the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Israel and EFTA countries do not need a VISA to travel to Germany but need to apply for their residence permit after their arrival in Germany.</p> <p>Citizens of other countries have to apply well in advance for their VISA before travelling to Germany!</p> <p>Documents needed from home to apply for a residence permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of sufficient funding from bank; notarized parental letter • Proof of health insurance (German state Health insurance or sufficient health insurance coverage if provided from home country)
Academics	
Programs and courses offered to exchange students	<p>A list of study fields offered at Heidelberg University can be found at www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/all-subjects</p> <p><u>Programs not available</u> to exchange students are courses offered at the school of medicine and dentistry.</p> <p><u>Restrictions</u> may apply for some courses in biosciences or biotechnology, and for some courses in law. Exceptions can be made with the permission from the coordinator in Heidelberg.</p> <p>Please note that Heidelberg University does not offer programs in Business, Agriculture, or at a college of Music/ Arts and only partly programs in Engineering.</p>
Course Catalog 	<p>Most information on the course offerings for the coming semester will be available online only a few months before the lecture periods starts.</p> <p>However, course catalogs from previous semesters give a general overview of the courses offered at Heidelberg University and commented course list, on the institutes web pages</p> <p>You can find the online curriculum (current and past terms) here: https://heico.uni-heidelberg.de</p> <p>Please go directly to 'courses' ⇒ Picture with students (no need to Login). You can find the different departments under "Organisation - Heidelberg University"; the current and previous semester programs under 'Term'. The language of instruction can be chosen via the filter function.</p>

<p>Language of Instruction</p> 	<p>Typically, the language of instruction is German. Therefore, a (good) knowledge of German is helpful and students may choose the exchange stay to get or improve their knowledge of German.</p> <p>However, there are several fields of study with a (large) variety of courses taught in English: i.e. English Studies, American Studies, Economics, South Asian Studies, and Transcultural Studies. There are also a few courses offered in English in Sociology, Political Science and Psychology. https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/all-subjects</p> <p>Many Masters programs are taught (fully or partly) in English. Some of these courses may also be available for advanced Bachelor students.</p> <p>Information on all Master Courses Master fully taught in English</p> <p>To search for courses taught in English please go to heiCo Campus Online https://heico.uni-heidelberg.de</p> <p>You do not need to login, you can go directly to 'courses' => click on 'Picture with students'. The language of instruction can be chosen via the filter function.</p> <p>Under "Organisation - Heidelberg University" you can find the different departments. If you are looking for a specific departments, you may need to use the German title of the department. To get an overview of previous course offers you can choose different semester under 'Term'.</p>
<p>German Language Instruction</p>	
<p>Preparatory German Language course</p>	<p>We strongly encourage exchange students to register for the 4-week intensive German language course at the International Study Center (ISZ). The course is offered before the start of the semester, in September for fall semester students and in March for spring semester students. Attending the course will not only improve the language skills, but also help to become familiar with Heidelberg University and build a new circle of friends before the lecture period starts.</p> <p>The program includes 80 hours of language instruction at all levels (basic, intermediate and advanced). All courses contain exercises dealing with German grammar, conversation, reading and writing, listening comprehension, lexis, phonetics, regional and cultural studies, and information about studying in Heidelberg. www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e_courses_vdk.html</p> <p>The fee for the preparatory language course is covered by the International Relations Office for exchange students!</p>
<p>German Language Instruction</p> 	<p>Students who want further training for their German language proficiency during the lecture period are offered a large variety of different language programs at the University's International Study Center (ISZ). They may choose between a 4- and an 8-hour per week general German language course or/ and can select subject-related German courses. These courses complement the regular courses of all study subjects offered at Heidelberg University.</p> <p>Students without or with limited German language experience have the opportunity to attend a full time intensive (20 hour per week) language course in which 24 ECTS can be earned per semester. Please consult the exchange coordinator for further information prior to the exchange stay.</p> <p>https://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/en/sbk</p> <p>Exchange students with focus on the German Language or Intercultural German Studies are also offered a variety of courses at the Institute for German as a Foreign Language Philology (IDF).</p>

<p>Intercultural German Studies</p> <p><i>Germanistik in Kulturvergleich</i></p>	<p>The Institute for German as a Foreign Language Philology (IDF) offers degree programs for non-native German speakers as well as a wide variety of courses especially developed for exchange students, e.g. courses geared to improve both language competencies as well a large variety of German studies courses (Literature, Art, Cultural Studies, Linguistics, History, etc.).</p> <p>Please see: www.idf.uni-heidelberg.de/index.html</p> 
<p>Student Life</p>	
<p>Accommodation</p> 	<p>Exchange students from overseas are privileged to receive guaranteed student housing. Living in student residences is the <u>most affordable and most convenient</u> way of living in Heidelberg as an exchange student. The private housing market in Heidelberg is very tight. Therefore all exchange students are encouraged to consider living in student residences by the Studierendenwerk Heidelberg.</p> <p>Types of accommodation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single room sharing kitchen and bathrooms in groups of 2 – 4 • single room in dormitories with kitchens and bathrooms on each floor • small number of single apartments <p>More information: www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/wohnheime</p>
<p>Fees of student housing</p>	<p>Range of rent: approx. 250 – 490 EURO per Month; plus 450 EURO refundable deposit per stay</p>
<p>Special housing needs</p>	<p>Students who have special housing needs due to a disability, allergy or other health problems are kindly asked to inform the exchange coordinator and indicate this on their application.</p>
<p>Cost of Living / Financial Planning</p>	<p>Approx. 900 - 1.000 EURO per month. Please refer to the information for financial planning given on this website: www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/preparing-your-stay</p>
<p>Insurances</p> 	<p>Health insurance with unlimited coverage is compulsory for all Heidelberg University students. Exchange Students are advised to take out health insurance in Germany (a highly comprehensive coverage), or to ensure to bring full and unlimited health insurance coverage from their country of residence.</p> <p><u>Please note:</u> Students who plan to stay longer than one semester in Heidelberg need to take out German Health insurance coverage!</p> <p>Price of comprehensive State Health Insurance per month: approx. 110 EURO*</p> <p>* Students aged 30 and above do not qualify for state health insurance and have to purchase private insurance. Further important information:</p> <p>https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/health-and-insurance</p> <p>Students are also strongly recommended to take out personal liability insurance (<i>Haftpflichtversicherung</i>) and accident insurance for their stay in Germany, as well as extra (health) insurance coverage at home for the period between arrival and enrolment at Heidelberg University.</p>
<p>Detailed Information for Exchange students</p>	<p>Further detailed information for Incoming Exchange Students on how to prepare for the exchange stay at Heidelberg University can be found on our web page</p> <p>https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg</p>