### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE



Heidelberg University Information Sheet for Student Exchange Program 2023		
Name of University	Universität Heidelberg (Heidelberg University)	THE ROOM GOLD AND THE PARTY OF
Official websites	www.uni-heidelberg.de/en www.uni-heidelberg.de/university	ul
Exchange- related information	www.uni-heidelberg.de/international-exchange	
Academic Calendar	Winter semester: Summer semester: Preparatory Language Course: Lecture Period: http://ww	October 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 31 <sup>st</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> to September 30 <sup>st</sup> September or March, 4 weeks 80+ hours of instruction all levels  ww.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/date/dates.html
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Application		
Nomination deadline	Fall / Winter: May 15	Spring / Summer: November 15
Application deadline	Fall / Winter: June 15	Spring / Summer: December 15
Application procedure	Online Application: After nomination of the exchange students by their home university, the International Relations Office of Heidelberg University will send out the information on the Online Application. Students will have to fill out the application form for admission online, print it, sign it and upload it again.	

### Application documents

In addition to the online application form, exchange students need to upload the following items for formal admission:

- University transcripts
- Passport-size photograph

Optional parts of the online application:

- registration for the preparatory language course
- · application for student housing

After the application has been processed, a letter of admission will be issued and uploaded into the student's personal HeiBox (Heidelberg University's cloud system) around June/ July for Fall and January/ February for Spring.

# Suggested length of study for exchange

For a successful exchange experience, we recommend a study stay of at least one semester.

A participation in the preparatory language course before lecture start is strongly recommended (in September or March see information below).



## Procedure of applying for student visa

Due to the current situation we recommend clarifying the information on visa procedure well in advance here <a href="https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service">www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service</a>

Generally, citizens of the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, and EFTA countries usually do not need a VISA to travel to Germany but need to apply for their residence permit after their arrival in Germany.

Citizens of other countries have to apply well in advance for their VISA before travelling to Germany!

Documents needed from home to apply for a residence permit:

- 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

A list of study fields offered at Heidelberg University can be found at www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/all-subjects

<u>Programs not available</u> to exchange students are courses offered at the school of medicine and dentistry.

<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.

Please note that Heidelberg University does not offer programs in Business and only partly programs in Engineering.

### **Course Catalog**



Most information on the course offerings for the coming semester will be available online only a few months before the lecture periods starts.

However, course catalogs from previous semesters give a general overview of the courses offered at Heidelberg University. Courses can be found at:

www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/imstudium/vorlesungen/ or http://lsf.uni-heidelberg.de/

#### Language of Instruction

Typically, the language of instruction is German. 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.

Many Masters programs are taught (fully or partly) in English. Some of these courses may also be available for advanced Bachelor students. Information on Master Courses can be found here:

www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/interesse/faecher/master en.html

To search for courses taught in English you can use the following instructions:

1. Please go to the website: https://lsf.uni-heidelberg.de 2. Click on the British flag symbol in the right upper corner. 3. Click on "courses" in the left upper corner. 4. Click on "Search for Lectures" (Change term if you want to view past semesters as an orientation) 5. Please choose "English" in the drop down menu behind "Language of instruction" 6. Click "Start Search" to begin searching for courses 7. Now you should be able to see all the results.

Please note: To search for courses offered by a specific department, you may need to use the German title of the department.

There is no minimum German language requirement for exchange students from partner institutions from Canada, Australia or New Zealand!

### **German Language Instruction**

### **Preparatory** Language course

Exchange students may take part in a 4-week intensive language course at the International Study Center (ISZ) before the start of the semester (offered in September for fall semester students and in March for spring semester students).

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

The fee for the preparatory language course is covered by the International Relations Office for exchange students.

### German Language Instruction

Students who need additional support regarding 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).

Students may choose between a 4- and an 8-hour per week general German language course. In addition, the ISZ offers a large variety of subject-related courses to exchange students.

These courses complement the regular courses offered at Heidelberg University. All students are allowed to attend both the German language courses as well as the subject-related courses offered by the ISZ.

www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e\_courses\_sbk.html

### Intensive German

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 coordinator for further information.



#### Intercultural German Studies

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.

### Germanistik in Kulturvergleich

Exchange students will find courses geared to improve both language competencies as well a large variety of German studies courses (Literature, Art, Cultural Studies, Linguistics, History, etc.).

Please see: https://www.idf.uni-heidelberg.de/kurzzeitstudium.html

#### Student Life

#### Accommodation

Exchange students from overseas are privileged to receive guaranteed student housing. Living in student residences is the most affordable and most convenient way of living in Heidelberg as an exchange student. Therefore all exchange students are encouraged to consider this option.



Types of accommodation:

- 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

For more information please see: www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/wohnheime

### Fees of student housing

Approx. 250 – 350 EURO / Month; 450 EURO refundable deposit

### Special housing needs

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.

# Cost of Living / Financial Planning

Approx. 860 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

#### Insurances

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.

Students who plan to stay longer than one semester in Heidelberg need to take out German Health insurance coverage!



Price of **comprehensive State Health Insurance** per month: approx.100 EURO\* \* Students aged 30 and above do not qualify for state health insurance and have to purchase private insurance. Further important information:

www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/preparing-your-stay

Students are also strongly recommended to take out **personal liability insurance** (*Haftpflichtversicherung*) 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.

### Detailed Information for Exchange students

Further detailed information for Incoming Exchange Students will be sent to the exchange students in a little booklet with the *Letter of Admission*.

Information for exchange students can also be found on the following web page:

www.uni-heidelberg.de/international-exchange