











<b>Heidelberg University</b> <b>Information Sheet for Student Exchange Program 2026-27</b>	
<b>Name of University</b>	<b>Universität Heidelberg</b> (Heidelberg University) 
<b>Official websites</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en">www.uni-heidelberg.de/en</a> <a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/university/">www.uni-heidelberg.de/university/</a>
<b>Exchange-related information</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/international-exchange">www.uni-heidelberg.de/international-exchange</a>
<b>Academic Calendar</b>	<p> <b>Winter semester:</b> October 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>  <b>Summer semester:</b> April 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>st</sup>                      Preparatory Language Course: September or March, 4 weeks                      80+ hours of instruction all levels                 </p> <p>Note: The semester is not identical to the lecture period!</p> <p> <b>Lecture Period:</b> <a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/date/dates.html">http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/date/dates.html</a> </p>
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<b>Application</b>	
<b>Nomination deadline</b>	Fall / Winter: May 15      Spring / Summer: November 15
<b>Application deadline</b>	Fall / Winter: June 15      Spring / Summer: December 15
<b>Application procedure</b>	<p><b>Online Application:</b> After nomination of the exchange students by their home university, the International Relations Office of Heidelberg University will send out the information on online application. Students will have to fill out the application form for admission online, print it, sign it and upload it again.</p>

<b>Application documents</b>	<p>A signed copy of the online application form for admission has to be uploaded. If applicable, students need to indicate on the online form that they wish to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• register for the German preparatory language course; and/or</li> <li>• apply for student housing</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• University transcripts</li> <li>• Masters certificate for PhD Students</li> <li>• Passport-size photograph</li> </ul> <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>
<b>Suggested length of study for exchange</b>	<p>For a successful exchange experience, we recommend a study stay of one to two semester. Furthermore, we strongly recommend participating in the preparatory German language course before the lecture periods (September or March, see information below).</p> 
<b>Procedure of applying for student visa</b>	<p>We recommend clarifying the information on visa procedure well in advance here <a href="http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service">www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service</a> or check with the embassy/consulate in your home country. As visa application takes quite a long time we highly recommend to start with application as soon as possible.</p> <p>For students from Mainland China: The Chinese coordinator should apply for the group number at APS (<a href="mailto:leitung@aps.org.cn">leitung@aps.org.cn</a>) as soon as possible after nomination. The coordinator needs to attach the bilateral exchange agreement when applying for the group number!</p>
<b>Academics</b>	
<b>Programs and courses offered to exchange students</b>	<p>A list of study fields offered at Heidelberg University can be found at <a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/all-subjects">www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/all-subjects</a></p> <p>Courses at the School of Medicine and Dentistry are <u>not available</u> for exchange students. Those by the Faculty of Engineering Sciences are only <u>partially available</u>.</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>Note: Heidelberg University does not offer subjects in business, agriculture and music (performing arts).</p>
<b>Course Catalogue</b> 	<p>Most information on the course offerings for the coming semester at individual faculties / institutes / departments will be available online only a few months before the lecture periods starts. They can be seen in and registered (mostly) via the course catalogue:</p> <p><a href="#">course offers</a></p> <p>Students may also take reference from previous course offerings by browsing the course catalogue.</p>

<p><b>Language of Instruction</b></p> 	<p><b>There is no minimum German language requirement for exchange students. However, as the majority of courses offered are taught in German, we strongly recommend (at least) CEFR Level B2.</b></p> <p>Typically, the language of instruction is German. However, there are several <b>fields of study</b> with a (large) variety of courses taught in English: i.e. English studies, American studies, economics, South Asian studies, and transcultural studies. A few courses in sociology, political science and psychology are also offered in English.</p> <p>Some masters programs are (fully or partly) taught in English. This may also apply to advanced courses at the bachelor's level.</p> <p><b>Information on all Master Courses</b>  <b>Master fully taught in English</b></p> <p>To search for <b>courses taught in English</b> you can use the following instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access the online portal <a href="#">HeiCo</a>.</li> <li>2. Click on the 'Courses' title to view the course catalogue without logging in.</li> <li>3. Customise your search by applying the 'filter' function. Click to see the pull-down menu and select 'English' for the section 'Language of Instruction'. Other criteria include, e.g., course type, registration period, offering period ...etc.;        *'Tags' are the modules to which a particular course belongs. A module is a building block of a curriculum.        **Don't forget to click 'Apply' to execute the filtering function.</li> <li>4. You may also limit your search by setting the 'Curriculum' (of the major subject into which you are enrolled) and 'Organisation' (your faculty / institute / department / school)</li> <li>5. To find a particular course, you may also input the course number, course title and/or the name of the teaching staff member.</li> </ol> <p>Note: To search for courses offered by a specific department, you may need to use the German title of the department.</p>
<p><b>German Language Instruction</b></p>	
<p><b>Preparatory German Language course</b></p>	<p>Exchange students whose major is not German/Germanistik are strongly encouraged to register for the 4-week intensive preparatory German language course at the International Study Center (ISZ). The course is offered <b>before the start of the semester</b>, in September for fall semester students and in March for spring semester students. Attending the course will not only improve your language skills, but also help you familiarise with Heidelberg University and build a new circle friends before the lecture period starts.</p> <p>The program includes 80 hours of language instruction at all levels (basic, intermediate and advanced). Placement tests are to be taken in order to determine your proficiency in advance. All courses cover German grammar, vocabulary, phonetics, conversation, reading comprehension, listening comprehension, writing, regional and cultural studies, as well as information on practical advice for studying at Heidelberg University. Link: <a href="https://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/en/vdk">https://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/en/vdk</a></p> <p><b>The fee for the preparatory German language course is covered by the International Relations Office for exchange students!</b></p>

<p><b>German Language Instruction</b></p> 	<p>Students who would like to further raise their German language proficiency <b>during the lecture period</b> 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 and/or select subject-related German courses. These courses complement the regular courses of all study subjects offered at Heidelberg University.</p> <p><a href="https://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/en/sbk">https://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/en/sbk</a></p> <p>Students without or with limited German language experience have the opportunity to attend a full time intensive (20 hours 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><a href="https://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/en/ksk">https://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/en/ksk</a></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><b>Intercultural German Studies</b></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 designed 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: <a href="http://www.idf.uni-heidelberg.de/index.html">www.idf.uni-heidelberg.de/index.html</a></p> 
<p><b>Student Life</b></p>	
<p><b>Accommodation</b></p> 	<p>Exchange students in faculty wide programs from overseas receive guaranteed student accommodation. The private housing market in Heidelberg is very tight and living in residence halls run by the Studierendenwerk is the most affordable and most convenient way of staying in Heidelberg as an exchange student. Types of accommodation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• single room sharing kitchen and bathrooms in groups of 2-4</li> <li>• single room in dormitories with kitchens and bathrooms on each floor</li> <li>• small number of single apartments</li> </ul> <p>More information: <a href="https://www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/wohnheime">https://www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/wohnheime</a></p> <p>Please note, that application for student residences in <b>faculty</b> exchange programs is not possible! These students may contact our staff at <a href="mailto:aaazimmer@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de">aaazimmer@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de</a> for assistance in finding accommodation in the private housing market.</p>
<p><b>Fees for residence halls</b></p>	<p>Approx. 250 – 570 € / Month; 450 € refundable deposit</p>
<p><b>Special housing needs</b></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><b>Cost of Living / Financial Planning</b></p>	<p>Approx. 900 -1.000 € / month. Please refer to the information for financial planning given on this website: <a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/preparing-your-stay">http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/preparing-your-stay</a></p>

<p><b>Insurances</b></p> 	<p><b>Health insurance</b> 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>Note: <b>Students who plan to stay longer than one semester in Heidelberg MUST take out <u>German</u> Health insurance coverage!</b></p> <p>Price of <b>comprehensive State Health Insurance</b> per month: approx. 120 €*          *Students aged 30 or above do not qualify for statutory health insurance and have to purchase private insurance. Further important information:</p> <p><a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/preparing-your-stay">http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/preparing-your-stay</a></p> <p>Students are also strongly recommended to take out <b>personal liability insurance</b> (<i>Haftpflichtversicherung</i>) and <b>accident insurance</b> for their stay in Germany, as well as <b>extra (health) insurance coverage</b> at home for the period between their arrival and enrolment at Heidelberg University (the 'transition' period).</p>
<p><b>Detailed Information for Exchange students</b></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 <a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/international-exchange">www.uni-heidelberg.de/international-exchange</a></p>
<p><b>Buddy Program</b></p>	<p>The International Relations Office offers a buddy program for new arriving students. Please contact <a href="mailto:buddy-programm@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de">buddy-programm@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de</a> or visit the site <a href="https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/advisory-services/buddy-programme-for-international-students">https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/advisory-services/buddy-programme-for-international-students</a></p>