

Academic Bulletin for Germany

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Introduction

The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in Germany.

CSU IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the *Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants* (also known as the “*Academic Guide*”). The *Academic Guide* contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants while abroad. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option, Course Withdrawals, and other policies. The *Academic Guide* also contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your year abroad.

To access the *Academic Guide*, go to our [website](#). For general information about the Germany Program, refer to the CSU IP website under “[Programs](#)”.

General Information

The program in Germany is based on an agreement between the German Federal State of Baden-Wuerttemberg and the CSU IP Office on behalf of the California State University System. The program is coordinated on the German side by the University of Tuebingen, where the CSU IP maintains its office. This arrangement allows students from a wide range of academic backgrounds and disciplines to pursue courses in their major area of study at one of the many and varied institutions of higher education included in the agreement.

CSU students are designated Austauschstudierende (short-term students), indicating that they are studying at the institution for one academic year or one semester (spring semester only) and thus not occupying a *Studienplatz* for the purpose of completing a degree program. Certain fields of study are not open to short-term students: medicine, dentistry, and allied fields such as pharmacy. Science courses with laboratories are not likely available either. All other fields of study are open to short-term students, provided that they meet the prescribed standards for acceptance.

Types of Institutions of Higher Education in Germany

Through the CSU IP program in Germany students have the opportunity to study at several types of institutions of higher education. In addition to the traditional university, there are other types where, in some cases, students will find more appropriate parallels to their work at the home campus. This program is unique in allowing students to take courses at one of these institutions:

UNIVERSITÄTEN (Universities): The German university is built on a tradition reaching back hundreds of years. The oldest, Heidelberg University, was established in 1385. The German university focuses on traditional areas such as the humanities, the natural and social sciences, along with law and medicine. They tend toward theoretical approaches and tend not to be involved in applied subjects.

HOCHSCHULEN (Universities of Applied Sciences): *Hochschulen* were established in 1970 merging former engineering, business, social work, agriculture and design schools. This type of institution prepares students for work in particular professions through courses with an emphasis on application and practice.

HOCHSCHULE FÜR MUSIK (University of Music): This specialized institution offers education and training in musical skills, qualifying graduates for careers as professional musicians.

PÄDAGOGISCHE HOCHSCHULEN (Universities of Education): This type of institution trains teachers for primary and secondary education (with the exception of the *Gymnasium*) and in special education. *Pädagogische Hochschule* is usually translated as “University of Education.”

AKADEMIE DER BILDENDEN KÜNSTE: This institution offers education to students in fine and applied arts.

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar will depend on the language preparation of the student, as dates vary by institution as well as by type of institution. All students begin their year with the Intensive Language Program (ILP), which is considered part of the semester following the ILP.

The traditional academic year is made up of two semesters: Semester 1 is known as the *Wintersemester*, which begins in September/October and ends in February/March; and Semester 2 is referred to as the *Sommersemester*, which begins in February/March/April and ends in May/June/July. The semesters are separated by the intersession, which in Germany is considered a time for study and the writing of papers, as well as for relaxation.

Year-long students with up to three semesters of previous study arrive at the beginning of August and begin the ILP, while students with four or more semesters of German arrive at the beginning of September (except for students studying at the University of Mannheim).

Students who elect to study for one semester may do so in the spring semester only. Students with up to three semesters of previous study arrive at the beginning of February and begin the ILP, while students with four or more semesters of German arrive at the beginning of March (with the exception of the University of Mannheim and Reutlingen University).

Grading and Grade Reporting

Some German universities do not issue transcripts or semester grade reports. Instead, the work that students do is recorded on an individual *Schein* (grade certificate), which is signed by the instructor and stamped by the department. While German students assemble their *Scheine* throughout their university years, IP students are required to deliver their *Scheine* to the IP Office in Tuebingen as soon as they receive them. Grades are translated and submitted to the CSU IP. When all *Scheine* for the year have been received, CSU IP will prepare and send the student's academic report to the student's home campus.

Since CSU students must receive a grade in each regular university course that they enroll in for credit, it is important that students approach each instructor early in the semester to request that a graded certificate (*benoteter Schein*) be given to them at the end of the semester, and find out what the requirements are for obtaining a graded *Schein*.

Students should keep in mind that receiving a grade for a *Vorlesung* (lecture) is by no means the standard operating procedure at German universities. For attending a *Vorlesung* (lecture), German students also receive ungraded *Scheine*, which simply document their regular attendance in the course. International students, including those from other European countries, however, require graded *Scheine*. Therefore, German professors are accustomed to giving graded *Scheine* for a lecture, even though their students may request an ungraded *Schein*. If students plan to take a *Vorlesung* for credit, they must make individual arrangements with the professor to obtain a *benoteter Schein* at the end of the semester.

CSU IP does not grant course credit at all for an ungraded *Teilnahmeschein* with some exceptions, e.g., German language course in Biberach. A *Teilnahmeschein* is only sufficient for a course taken as an "audit" with zero credit. Students must receive a *benoteter Schein* for each university course for which they register and expect to receive credit. Receiving an ungraded *Teilnahmeschein* or not receiving any *Schein* at all in a course is equivalent to receiving a failing grade.

Though some professors do not take attendance, class participation does have some influence on course grades, and professors may refuse to give a student any *Schein* at all if attendance has been irregular. When this happens, students will receive a failing grade (typically a "WU," which is equivalent to an F grade for purposes of grade point average computation). Therefore, students will need to make some adjustments in their study habits to be successful and become more self-motivated. Students should also expect to receive less regular feedback from professors than they are accustomed to in the US.

End of semester deadlines:

Final assignments, e.g., exams and final assignments must be turned in to professors no later than:

- February 28 for the fall semester; and
- July 31 for spring semester.

The above dates are subject to change depending on the deadline dates for final course assignments. Note that typically, research papers that are due after July 31 may result in significant delays in finalizing academic reports. This can impact campus registration for subsequent terms and distribution of financial aid.

At the end of the academic year, students must complete all coursework before leaving their host institution. Failure to do so may result in the assignment of a failing grade of "WU." Any extensions beyond this date must be requested in writing, and sent to the CSU IP representatives in Tuebingen, which will be forwarded to the CSU IP for consideration.

Intensive Language Program (ILP)

On arrival in Germany, all CSU IP students are placed in an Intensive Language Program (ILP) before their semester begins. The ILP is designed to provide rapid acquisition of German language skills. After the ILP, they move to their university placement. ILP units are counted as part of the unit total of the following semester.

Students who continue their studies in Germany in the second semester are strongly encouraged to take at least one German language course and/or a German culture/civilization course at their respective host university.

German Language Requirement

Single Semester Students	Academic Year Students
Six units of German language: ILP (6 units) or ILP (3 units) + German language course during the semester (3-4 units)	First semester: ILP (3-6 units) + German language course during the semester (3-4 units) Second Semester: German course optional

Depending on the program, most students with up to three semesters of German language preparation or equivalent will attend the *Hermann-Hesse Kolleg* (HHK) in Horb when they arrive to Germany. The first three weeks are oriented primarily toward conversation and the following three weeks more toward composition and grammar. Students are placed in elementary or intermediate courses based on the result of a placement exam as described in the course descriptions below.

The following tables explain which ILP courses students take depending on the academic program, the German language level of the student prior to arriving in Germany and which German institution they will attend.

Note that ILPs are subject to change depending on course offerings at the various host institutions. ILP units may also vary those listed in the tables below and will depend on the weeks and hours of instruction and course load.

1. Year-long students who begin in the fall and have one to three semesters of language preparation prior to arrival:

Academic Program	Pre-Semester Language Program	Program in Semester 1	Institution in Semester 2
International Business	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Language and Culture Program at the University of Tuebingen	Reutlingen University
Engineering	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Language and Culture Program at the University of Tuebingen	Reutlingen University or Ulm University of Applied Sciences
Social Work	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Language and Culture Program at the University of Tuebingen	Ravensburg-Weingarten University
Natural Science and Computer Science	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Language and Culture Program at the University of Tuebingen	University of Ulm or Ulm University of Applied Sciences
Other areas of study	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Language and Culture Program at the University of Tuebingen	One of the following universities: University of Freiburg Heidelberg University Karlsruhe Institute of Technology University of Hohenheim University of Konstanz University of Mannheim University of Stuttgart University of Tuebingen University of Ulm

2. Year-long students with any German language level (beginning to advanced):

Students participating in the programs before are required to take one German language course in the fall. Enrollment in a German language and/or culture course in the second semester is optional if not required by the host university but strongly encouraged, if available.

Academic Program	Pre-Semester Intensive Language Program	Institution in Semesters 1 and 2
Architecture	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Biberach University of Applied Sciences
Business	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Nuertingen-Geislingen University
Business Honors	University of Mannheim (3 units)	University of Mannheim
Business	HHK in Horb (3 units); Reutlingen University	Reutlingen University
Electrical Engineering	HHK in Horb (3 units); Reutlingen University	Reutlingen University
Media, Communication	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Stuttgart Media University
Music	HHK in Horb (6 units)	Trossingen University of Music
Computer Science	HHK in Horb (3 units); Ulm University of Applied Sciences	Ulm University of Applied Sciences
Study in English	HHK in Horb (3 units); Heidelberg University (3 units)	Heidelberg University
Study in English	HHK in Horb (3 units); University of Konstanz (3 units)	University of Konstanz

3. Students who begin in the spring with one to three semesters of language preparation prior to arrival.

Students participating in the spring semester only are required to take a minimum of six units of German language. The six units can be a combination of three units in Horb and three units at the host university or six units at Horb depending on the program.

Academic Program	Pre-Semester Intensive Language Program	Institution
Business	HHK in Horb (3 units)	Nuertingen-Geislingen University
Business, Electrical Engineering	HHK in Horb (3 units)	Reutlingen University
Media, Communication	HHK in Horb (3 units)	Stuttgart Media University
Study in English	HHK in Horb (3 units); Heidelberg University (3 units)	Heidelberg University
Study in English	HHK in Horb (3 units); University of Konstanz (3 units)	University of Konstanz
Study in English	HHK in Horb (3 units); University of Tuebingen (3 units)	University of Tuebingen

4. Students with four or more semesters of language preparation or equivalent:

Students with four or more semesters of language preparation (equivalent to B1 level or higher) will attend an ILP at the institution where they are placed. If the institution does not offer an ILP to accommodate their language level, then the student will be placed at another institution for the ILP only. After the ILP, students continue their studies at their host institution. In addition, students are required to enroll in at least one German language course during the regular semester, if offered at the level appropriate for their language level.

Hermann-Hesse Kollege in Horb: Course Descriptions

GER 102A/B Elementary German A/B (3, 3)

Instruction in the basic skills of grammar, writing, listening comprehension and speaking. Emphasizes the rapid development of vocabulary and use of communication skills in a variety of situations. Includes practical coping behavior in the German environment. GER 102A and GER 102B are A1 level.

GER 201A/B Intermediate German A/B (3, 3)

Students with two to three semesters (or three to four quarters) of previous language instruction should expect to place in these courses. Emphasizes increasingly complex grammatical structures, stylistics, and vocabulary

development. Exercises in reading and writing. Differences between oral and written expression are explored. GER 201A is A1/A2 level; GER 201B is A2 level.

GER 301A/B Advanced German A/B (3, 3)

Students with three or more semesters (or three or more quarters) of previous language instruction should expect to place in these courses. Emphasizes increasingly complex grammatical structures, stylistics, and vocabulary development. Exercises in reading and writing. Differences between oral and written expression are explored. GER 301A is A2/B1 level; GER 301B is B1 level or higher.

Course levels of German Language Courses

For German language courses, A0 to A2 level are given lower division credit. B1 and above are given upper division credit.

German Language and Culture Program at the University of Tuebingen

Students with less than two years of German language either participate in one of the direct enrollment programs (at Stuttgart Media University, Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Trossingen University of Music, University of Mannheim, Biberach University, Reutlingen University) or attend the German Language and Culture Program at the University of Tuebingen (*Universität Tübingen*) in Semester 1 (described below). Year-long students in the Language and Culture Program have the opportunity to transfer to another institution for their second semester.

Before the start of the semester after taking the Intensive Language Program in Horb, students take a German language placement exam given by the University of Tuebingen. Depending on the language placement, students are placed in one of the following programs at the University of Tuebingen:

1. Language and Culture Program. Students who place at the A2 language level or below will be placed in the Language and Culture Program. Students take a block of courses described below. GER 225, GER 350, GER 375, and COM 390 are specifically designed for CSU students.
2. German as a Foreign Language Program. Students who place at the B1 language level and above enroll in this program and take courses especially designed for high intermediate German language learners. Students take courses alongside other international students and have over 30 courses to choose from. To view possible course offerings for exchange students, click on this [link](#).

1. Language and Culture Program

Department Code

COM Communications

GER German Language, Literature or Culture

GER 201 Intermediate German (*Aufbaukurs*) (4)

Continuation of GER 102A/B. Emphasizes increasingly complex grammatical structures, stylistics, and vocabulary development. Exercises in reading, writing and conversation. Projects have to be prepared and presented. GER 201 is A2 level. Course starts in October and ends in mid-February. (16 weeks at 4 to 6 hours per week)

GER 225 German Literature (3)

Course includes reading modern German literary texts, discussions and writing short essays at the intermediate level. The course focuses on speech, touches on grammar in text production and also engages the students in the historical background of literature production. Authors include Hesse, Rilke, Brecht, Kästner, Storm, von Goethe, Kafka and Borchert. Active participation, writing assignments and a final presentation are required.

GER 301 Advanced German (*Aufbaukurs*) (4)

Continuation of GER 201A/B. Emphasizes increasingly complex grammatical structures, stylistics, and vocabulary development. Exercises in reading, writing and conversation. Projects have to be prepared and presented. GER 301 is A2/B1 level. Course starts in October and ends in mid-February.

GER 350 Contemporary German Civilization (3)

A survey of the political, social, economic, and cultural aspects of contemporary Germany in a European context. Historical considerations are added when relevant to the understanding of the dynamics of contemporary society. Though conducted primarily in German, essential vocabulary and concepts may be explained in English. Students present short papers for discussion in class.

GER 375 German Film (1)

This course introduces students to contemporary German films. Students actively approach German films by learning special film vocabulary as well as idioms and expressions used for writing about films. Weekly writing assignments are part of this class and are the basis for the grade.

COM 390 Intercultural Communication (3)

This course examines the theories, concepts and practices of intercultural communication and cultural adjustment. Students will explore the relationship between communication, and culture, factors which influence intercultural interactions and learn to respond to cultural misunderstandings and conflicts. The class offers the opportunity to visit a German school class and engage in a dialogue about heritage, history, and culture. Taught in English.

Below is the academic schedule for the year in Germany for beginning and intermediate German language students at the University of Tuebingen.

Semester 1: Fall (Wintersemester)	Units
Intensive German Language (ILP) in Horb	6
University of Tuebingen:	
GER 201 or GER 301 (German language)	4
GER 225 (German Literature)	3
GER 350 (Contemporary German Civilization)	3
GER 375 (German Film)	1
COM 390 (Intercultural Communication)	3
Total number of units required:	20

2. German as a Foreign Language Program

Students who are placed at the B1 level enroll in this program with other international students. Courses are taught in German and especially designed for high intermediate to advanced German language learners.

In addition to courses offered by the German as a Foreign Language Program, students may also choose **one** pre-approved community engaged course offered through the "Transdisciplinary Course Program." Lectures may be online, but the course includes an in-person community engagement or service-learning component. **Only one course is permitted for CSU credit per semester.** Courses are subject to availability and are two units each. Below is a list of course offerings for Fall 2023 but pre-approved course offerings are subject to change each semester. To enroll, interested students must discuss this with our on-site staff during their advising session prior to the semester.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Description
1PGE212	Solidarity in Tübingen? Make urban initiatives visible through multimedia!	This semester we are working with the Tübingen Initiative Women helping women e. V., the sponsor of the autonomous women's shelter in Tübingen.
1PGE220	Global migration on the ground (CIVIS BIP)	Migration as a global phenomenon is both connected to mobility and displacement, incorporation, and exclusion, carrying both benefits and challenges. We will discuss migration from a transdisciplinary and transnational perspective. Students will be challenged to reflect on the way the topic is discussed in academia, the media, and politics.
1PGE221	Democratic Memories in Global Perspective	Democracy as an ideal form of government was interpreted and realized differently across time in various parts of the world. The topic of democratic collective memories will be discussed from an international and transdisciplinary perspective, including psychology, law, political science, history, sociology, education, archeology, and cultural studies. This course aims to make students aware that global democratic issues do not have simple solutions and demand cooperation between different academic specializations and multiple stakeholders.
1PGE605	University meets school – study ambassadors for the MINT subjects Part I	Committed students of mathematics and natural sciences courses visit pupils at high schools in the Tübingen area. The aim is to give young people in grade 9 an authentic impression of the content, requirements, and opportunities of studying in the MINT area. Using an online learning module, you will develop the foundations for reflective ambassadorship and discuss these with students from other countries.
1PGE606	Study ambassadors for the MINT subjects Part II	Do you have one great idea on how students can be introduced to their field of study in an even better and more interesting way? Develop your own hands-on activity from start to finish. This contains an idea and close coordination with the seminar leader and the mentors, the preparation of materials, the written documentation of the activity and the test on school visits from mid-April to the end of July at high schools in and around Tübingen.

2KA105	Theater and Discourse	Regular participation in the meetings, joint visits to the theater and individual seminar units.
1PGE601a or 1PGE601b	EngagemenTransfer – Workshop	This course is for students planning to volunteer in the community during the semester and have found a placement. This format recognizes your commitment to civil society for your studies. Based on the concept of “learning through experience” by J. Dewey, your practical experience is reflected in the workshop and tied back to the experiential and teaching-learning space of your studies at the university through a written science-based practical report.

When attending other institutions in the first semester (Stuttgart Media University, Trossingen University of Music, Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Biberach University, etc.) students choose from a range of courses offered to exchange students.

Academic Year Courses

Course offerings for a given semester are often not decided upon until a few weeks before the semester actually starts, but many are repeated each year while others may fall into the same overall classifications. This is more typical of the universities than of the *Hochschulen*, where the degree programs are structured similar to American programs. Home campus advisors should not feel compelled to select specific courses the IP student is to take, but rather should indicate the basic categories of study the student should follow.

In the university, courses are offered on two different levels: *Bachelor* and *Master*. Courses in a *Bachelor* program usually correspond to upper-division work at an American university with some exceptions (e.g., introductory courses), and *Master* is the equivalent of graduate level study. *Vorlesungen* (lectures), *Übungen* (exercise class), and *Seminare* (seminars) are offered at both levels, though *Proseminare* are intended for undergraduates and *Haupt-* or *Oberseminare* for graduates.

Semester 1: Fall Courses (*Wintersemester*)

Students with two or more years of language preparation and/or B1 German language level may enroll in courses in an appropriate institution in Baden-Wuerttemberg directly after an Intensive German Language course if they meet the entrance requirements. CSU IP student service requires the completion of a Language Placement Exam. CSU IP currently cooperates with 23 institutions of higher education (universities and *Hochschulen*) which advanced German language students can choose from according to their major. These institutions are listed on the following pages.

Semester 2: Spring Courses (*Sommersemester*)

Participants who meet the entrance requirements will enroll in courses in one of the participating institutions for the equivalent of at least 15 semester units.

Baden-Wuerttemberg Institutions

The institutions in which CSU IP students can be placed are shown below. The disciplines which are listed for each institution are the ones that the institution focuses on. Additional subjects are available at all institutions. Students are encouraged to acquire information through the web addresses provided.

At the universities, Bachelor programs tend to be more science-based, focusing on theoretical approaches, whereas at the *Hochschulen* they have an emphasis on application and practice.

For questions about the institutions or course offerings at the institutions listed below, contact Anita Binder at calsta.bwu@uni-tuebingen.de.

Universities

Students can be placed at one of the nine universities in Baden-Wuerttemberg, which are listed below:

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (*Karlsruhe Institut für Technologie - KIT*)

For information: www.kit.edu

KIT offers 40 different degree programs with a strong focus on technical fields. Recommended areas of study are:

Civil Engineering
Computer Science

Construction Engineering
Mathematics

Mechanical Engineering
Physics

University of Freiburg (*Universität Freiburg*)

For information: www.uni-freiburg.de

The University of Freiburg was founded in 1457 and is located close to the border triangle of Germany, France, and Switzerland. Recommended areas of study are:

English	History	Political Science
German	Linguistics and Cultural Studies	Forest, Environmental and Earth Sciences

Heidelberg University (*Universität Heidelberg*)

For information: www.uni-heidelberg.de

The Heidelberg University, founded in 1386, is an Elite University and the oldest university in Germany. Traditional fields of study to be found in the classical universities are offered. Each semester, the University offers hundreds of courses taught in English in different departments. You could search for lectures in English in the different departments with the [search mask](#) (Search for lectures). Recommended areas of study at this institution are:

Anthropology	German	Psychology
American Studies	History	Religious Studies
Asian Studies	Liberal Arts	Sociology
Archaeology	Jewish Studies	Natural Science
Art History	Philosophy	
Economics	Physical Education	

The *Institut für Deutsch als Fremdsprachenphilologie* (IDF), the Institute for German as a Foreign Language, offers a wide range of courses in German language and culture. For information: <https://www.idf.uni-heidelberg.de>.

In addition, students who need extensive preparation in the German language may enroll in the *Internationales Studienzentrum* (ISZ) for intensive coursework in the fall semester. Courses are offered at several levels and can be credited with as many as 12 units. For information: <http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/>

University of Hohenheim (*Universität Hohenheim*)

For information: www.uni-hohenheim.de

The University of Hohenheim is unique in its strong specialization. Founded in 1818, the University of Hohenheim is not only engaged in foundational research but traditionally also in developing innovative solutions for urgent social matters. Today, the University of Hohenheim has around 10.000 students and is the leading University in agricultural research and food sciences, as well as strong and unparalleled in natural, social, and communication sciences. Recommended areas of study are:

Bioeconomy	Biology	Food Science
Agricultural Science	Nutritional Science	Biotechnology

University of Konstanz (*Universität Konstanz*)

For information: www.uni-konstanz.de

The university has around 12,000 students from more than 80 countries. As one of the Elite Universities in Baden-Wuerttemberg, it offers high standard academic courses in humanities and social sciences. A wide range of classes are taught in English. Recommended areas of study are:

Information Engineering	Psychology
Literature	Public Administration
Philosophy	Sport Sciences
Politics	Life Science

University of Mannheim (*Universität Mannheim*)

For information: www.uni-mannheim.de

The University of Mannheim has one of Germany's leading business schools, the [Mannheim Business School](#). It consistently holds top ranking positions, which means that the requirements that students have to meet are extremely high. Students can study a number of business classes in English, among others. Refer to additional information on their [website](#).

Corporate Finance & Risk Management

Designing the Marketing Mix and Managing Customer Relations
International Accounting

Organization Design
Production and Operations Management
Strategic and International Management

University of Stuttgart (*Universität Stuttgart*)

For information: www.uni-stuttgart.de

The university has two campuses, with humanities and architecture located in the city center and the natural sciences and technical areas located in the suburb of Vaihingen. Areas of study at this institution are:

Architecture and Urban Planning	Engineering	Manufacturing and Mechanical
Biology	Aviation and Aerospace Engineering	Construction
Chemistry/Biochemistry	Civil Engineering and Surveying	Water Research Engineering and
Computer Science	Electrical Engineering	Management
Geosciences	Energy Techniques	
Physics		

University of Tuebingen (*Universität Tübingen*)

For information: www.uni-tuebingen.de

The university was founded in 1477 and has a substantial percentage of international students from around the world. As one of the Elite Universities in Baden-Wuerttemberg, it offers various academic subjects unique to Germany as well as those of the traditional classical university.

Students with intermediate or advanced German language skills at the end of their first semester can continue their study of German language, either solely or in combination with courses in another subject. These students usually attend courses at the *Abteilung Deutsch als Fremdsprache und Interkulturelle Programme* (the department for German as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Programs). Each semester, the department offers more than 40 classes for international students. Refer to course descriptions on their [website](#).

Course offerings include German language classes, which focus on the improvement of speaking, writing, reading, and listening skills as well as other courses such as phonetics, literature, German civilization, history, and culture.

Other academic areas of study at this institution are:

Anthropology	Economics	Musicology
Archaeology	Geography and Geoscience	Philosophy
Art History	German Language and Literature	Political Science
Biology	History	Religious Studies
Computer Science	Mathematics	Social and Behavioral Studies
Cultural Studies	Modern Languages	Sociology

University of Ulm (*Universität Ulm*)

For information: www.uni-ulm.de

The university was founded in 1967 and is the youngest and smallest university in Baden-Wuerttemberg. As a major industrial location, focusing on vehicle and electrical engineering, the town has strong ties to the university. Natural sciences are emphasized. Recommended areas of study are:

Biology	Computer Science	Mathematics & Economics
Chemistry	Electrical Engineering	Molecular Medicine

Universities of Applied Sciences (*Hochschulen*)

CSU IP cooperates with the following nine *Hochschulen* in Baden-Wuerttemberg which offer certain subjects that have been of interest to CSU students in the past.

Biberach University of Applied Sciences (*Hochschule Biberach*)

For information: www.hochschule-biberach.de

The Hochschule Biberach is situated between Ulm and Lake Constance. It is a small institution with around 1,800 students which has a small student-to-teacher ratio. This institution offers very practice-oriented courses and is especially strong in the areas of architecture and urban planning. For more information click [here](#). Recommended courses are:

Design and Structures	Climate Design	CAD
Internal Space	Interior Design	Drawing
Urban Planning	Lighting Design	Building Theory
Typology of Buildings and Construction	Urban Design	Workplace
History	Landscape Design	Structural Design
Bachelor Design Project and Seminar	Architectural Theory	

Furtwangen University of Applied Sciences (*Hochschule Furtwangen University*)

For information: www.hs-furtwangen.de

The Department of International Business Studies is located in Villingen-Schwenningen, a traditional old Black Forest city of about 90,000 inhabitants. *Hochschule* Furtwangen began as a school for clock making in 1850. Today, it focuses primarily on business and digital media. Recommended areas of study are:

Economics and Business	International Business (Finance, Marketing, Management)
Digital Media	International Management
Information Systems	

Konstanz University of Applied Sciences (*Hochschule Konstanz*)

For information: www.htwg-konstanz.de

The Hochschule Konstanz enrolls around 4,000 students. It offers a very good design department. Recommended area of study is:

Communications Design

Mannheim University of Applied Sciences (*Hochschule Mannheim*)

For information: www.hs-mannheim.de

The Hochschule Mannheim is one of the largest universities of applied sciences in the Federal state of Baden-Württemberg. This institution offers a range of programs with a practical orientation. After the integration of the College of Design the Hochschule Mannheim offers particularly good courses in Graphic Design with courses in photography, the internet, 3D animation, film technology, advertising, typography, illustration, and drawing. Recommended areas of study are:

Communication Design	Graphic Design	Mechanical Engineering (Design)
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Nuertingen-Geislingen University (aka Nuertingen-Geislingen University of Applied Science) (*Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Umwelt Nürtingen-Geislingen*)

For information: www.hfwu.de

The institution focuses on business studies, which include courses in Accounting, Finance, Economics, Management and Marketing, with a special interest in international business and sustainability. Students attend the Nuertingen campus, where over 40 courses are taught in English. The following study areas are also available but courses in these areas are taught in German:

Agriculture/Agribusiness	Landscape Architecture	Urban Planning
Environmental Studies	Real Estate Management	Environmental Protection (graduate)
Equine Management		

Students can start their studies here in the first semester, or in the second semester after they have been attending the Language and Culture Program in Tuebingen. Nuertingen, just like most European universities, uses the so-called ECTS (*European Credit Transfer System*) unit system. ECTS awarded from Nuertingen translate to CSU units as follows: 1 ECTS = 1 CSU unit, 2 ECTS = 2 CSU units, 3 ECTS = 3 CSU units, 4 ECTS = 3 CSU units, 6 ECTS = 5 CSU units. Nuertingen students are required to take at least 20 ECTS per semester.

Ravensburg-Weingarten University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule Ravensburg-Weingarten RWU)

For information: www.rwu.de

The RWU is a small institution with approximately 3,700 students of which ten percent are international students. Weingarten is a rural town situated in the southwest of Germany embedded in a beautiful countryside. The neighboring town of Ravensburg has a lovely medieval town center and rich cultural life. The institution offers a particularly good Social Work Program. The institution has relationships with many welfare institutions located in the area. Only 55 students are admitted to Social Work program every year. Due to the small number of students enrolled in the program, students study in small groups where project work is common. The language of instruction is German. Classes offered include:

Artistic and Creative Competencies of Language Skills	Integration-Cultural Identity
Community Work	Intercultural Competence
Development	Introduction to Methodological Work
Foundation and Forms of Mental Disorders	Personality
Foundation of Business Administration	Psychological Foundation
Foundation of Interculturality	Social Casework
Foundation of Social Medicine	Social Group Work
History, Theory and Perspective of Social Work	Social Planning
Human Resources Management in Non-Profit Organizations	

Reutlingen University (aka Reutlingen University of Applied Sciences) (Hochschule Reutlingen)

For information: www.reutlingen-university.de

Originally based on the textile industry, the engineering school founded there in 1855 added departments of business and economics. The university offers a degree in International Business that combines rigorous academic standards with extensive exposure to the practical business world. Most business courses are available in English. Click [here](#) for information. The Electrical Engineering Program is taught in English. Engineering courses taught in English can be found: <http://www.tec.reutlingen-university.de/internationales/international-students/>

The department of Textile and Fashion Design is interested in international students. Other areas of study at this institution are:

Chemistry (Textile, Plastics)	International Business	Electrical Engineering
Textile Technology	Textile and Fashion Design	

Ulm University of Applied Sciences (Technische Hochschule Ulm)

For information: www.hs-ulm.de

This Hochschule provides study in engineering, computer science and documentation. It offers excellent labs and machines on campus thanks to its well-established links to the local industry and connected sponsoring. For students from technical fields this is a particularly good choice. In Computer Science, the complete Bachelor Program is offered in English. For International students, the institution offers programs in English in the majors International Mechanical Engineering (IMEP) (Fall semester) and International Electrical Engineering (IEEP) (Spring semester). For more information, see [here](#). Recommended areas of study are:

Computer Science	Electrical Engineering	Mechatronics
Industrial Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	

University of Applied Forest Sciences Rottenburg (Hochschule für Forstwirtschaft Rottenburg)

For information: www.hs-rottenburg.de

The university offers studies exclusively in forestry with an international focus in four specialized areas:

General Forestry
GIS and Landscape Management
Tropical Forestry
Wood Industries and International Marketing

Specialized Institutions

Students can also choose to study at one of the six specialized institutions in Baden-Wuerttemberg that focus, for example, on education, music, arts, or media.

Freiburg University of Education (*Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg*)

For information: www.ph-freiburg.de

Teaching in Freiburg (TIF) Program

TIF provides students who are preparing for careers in teaching an opportunity to add an international component to their degree. During Semester 1, students participate in the Language and Culture Program in Tuebingen. In Semester 2, students take classes at the University of Education in Freiburg. Learning about education in Germany and observing students and teachers in schools at various levels, students gain valuable experience with children in school settings while enhancing their understanding of German language and culture. The objective of this track is to provide an opportunity for students to improve their facility in the German language, enroll directly in a German university, and develop an understanding of education in Germany.

In their first semester, students enroll in the Language and Culture program in Tuebingen. In their second semester of study, students take the following courses:

Semester 2	Units
German Language	4
Introduction to German Education	3
Observation and Participation Seminar in German Public Schools	4
Multi-Cultural Education Course (several options)	3
Elective	3
Total number of units:	17

Introduction to German Education (3): The course presents the German educational system from pre-school to continuing education for seniors. The focus is two-fold: university education, and primary and secondary schools where students will observe and participate. Federal systems will be compared and contrasted, reform needs and possibilities will be analyzed. Taught in German.

Observation and Participation Seminar (4): During the semester, each participant will be an observer in a classroom (primary or secondary). Participants will engage in an associated seminar where participants will link theory and practice in the school setting and engage in a series of assignments designed to provide a framework for gaining a more complete understanding of the German School system. Taught in German.

Ludwigsburg University of Education (*Pädagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg*)

For information: www.ph-ludwigsburg.de

In addition to training teachers, the pedagogical school also offers a wide range of subjects which can be studied on their own or combined with education courses or classes on teaching methods. Students can, for example, study music or art with a special focus on music education or art education. Some classes are offered in English. Recommended areas of study are:

Art	Education for Special Needs	Psychology of Education
Domestic Sciences	German	Teaching English
Early Learning	Music	Sport

State University of Music Trossingen (*Staatliche Hochschule für Musik Trossingen*)

For information: www.mh-trossingen.de

This university is dedicated to educating, preparing, and training professional musicians and music teachers. Students must enroll in a German language course each semester and take a minimum of 15 units and a maximum of 18 units without exception. Based on an audition and resume, students get nominated from the school.

Students take courses from following areas:

- Instruments (piano, organ, accordion, guitar, harp, violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion)
- Music and Movement (Eurythmics)
- Vocal/Singing

- Early Music which includes courses in baroque orchestra, composition, singing and instruments (e.g., cembalo, organ, fortepiano, lute and guitar instruments, baroque violin, baroque viola, baroque cello, viola da gamba, recorder, cornet, traverse flute, historical clarinet, historical oboe, historical bassoon, historical trumpet, historical trombone, and natural horn)
- Composition
- Music Design

At the beginning of every semester, students can also select special electives and projects from a “Semester Workbook” which supplements their studies. The Semester Workbook is available upon arrival at the University.

Stuttgart Media University (*Hochschule der Medien, Stuttgart*)

For information: www.hdm-stuttgart.de

This *Hochschule* educates media specialists. It offers a full range of academic courses for the media and printing industries as well as practical projects. It has state of the art technology, fully equipped professional studios (e.g., for film, sound, computer animation, interactive media) and other production facilities. The institution offers a program with no language pre-requisites with the subjects: Advertising and Publishing, App Design & Development, Audiovisual Media, Business Analytics, Games Technology, Integrated Product Design, International Publishing, Journalism & Communication Management, Media Arts, Media Creation and Management, Moving Images, Online Media Management Print Media Technologies, Technicals Sales & Consulting, Visual Communication. Students can start their studies here in the first semester, or in the second semester after they have been attending the Language and Culture Program in Tuebingen.

Stuttgart State Academy of Art and Design (*Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Künste Stuttgart*)

For information: <http://www.abk-stuttgart.de>

The academy is the largest institution of its kind in the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg and is prominent in Germany. It was founded in 1761 and enrolls around 800 students in fine art and applied arts taught in small groups and with well-equipped facilities.