INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

UNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG
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STUDENT EXCHANGE FACT SHEET (2026/27)

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Website of Institution	https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en

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Student Exchange Information

Beginning and end of lectures (examination dates *not* included!)	Semester 1 (winter semester) October 12, 2026 till February 6, 2027	Semester 2 (summer semester) April 12, 2027 till July 24, 2027
Expected arrival dates for exchange students	Semester 1: Early October (early September for language course)	Semester 2: Early April (early March for language course)
Orientation programme	Semester 1: The week before the term starts	Semester 2: The week before the term starts
Buddy programme	The International Relations Office offers a buddy programme for new students: https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/advisory-services/buddy-programme-for-international-students Please register online: https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/imstudium/ankunft/buddy_anmeldung.html	
Application deadlines	Application for winter semester (WS): June 15 Application for summer semester (SS): December 15	
Application procedures	1) Please nominate selected students before May 15 (WS) or November 15 (SS) (by using the nomination sheet attached) 2) Online application open from May 15 to June 15 (WS) or November 15 to December 15 (SS). 3) Further information: https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/preparing-your-stay	
Application materials	1) Online application for admission as exchange student (details in a separate e-mail for exchange students) 2) Transcript 3) Copy of Passport 4) Photo 5) Invitation letter of academic supervisor at Heidelberg University (PhD candidates only) 6) Certificate of exmatriculation (if they studied at a German university before)	
Supporting documents required for enrolment	For academic enrolment: 1) Passport 2) Proof of health insurance 3) Admission letter	
Visa requirements	Student visa Students from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea or the United States, Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco or San Marino can enter Germany without a visa. However, they are required to apply for a residence permit within three months of arriving in an EU country.	
Courses available to exchange students	Course list (no log-in necessary): https://heico.uni-heidelberg.de/heiCO/ee/ui/ca2/app/desktop/#/login Instructions on course search: https://backend.uni-heidelberg.de/en/documents/manual-for-course-search/download	
Restricted disciplines for exchange students	The Medical Faculty is *not* open to exchange students. Limited access to English taught MA Courses (admission needs to be negotiated with the relevant department on individual basis)	
Maximum number of units/credits that a full-time exchange student can study each semester	30 ECTS maximum	
Academic requirements and compulsory language requirements for exchange students	A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale Minimum language requirements: CEFR English level B1 or German level B2, or equivalent	

Housing

Accommodation	Student residences at Heidelberg University are administered by the *Studierendenwerk*, an independent organisation providing various services to the student population. Although the number of available rooms is quite limited (only ~15 per cent of all Heidelberg students can be housed in student residences), the *International Relations Office* cooperates with the *Studierendenwerk* to secure rooms in student residences for international exchange students coming to Heidelberg. Students usually stay in single rooms sharing kitchens and bathrooms in groups of 2 – 4, or in dormitories with kitchens and bathrooms on each floor. There is also a small number of single apartments available. The residences are located in different parts of the city and very close to public transport. Shopping areas are usually nearby. More detailed information about student residences (including pictures of each residence) is available online at https://www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/wohnheime
Application procedure for housing	**No** separate housing application for exchange students except in subject-related programs: Students in the bilateral exchange program apply by ticking the relevant box in the online application. Students in other programs should apply via the link blow as early as possible (admission letters and other information can be submitted at a later date). https://www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/node/99? Scroll down for information, application and private housing
Other facilities for students	Sports centre, swimming pool, library, computer centre, cafeteria

Fees and Others

Expenses at the beginning of your stay	(1) Refundable deposit for your room € 650 (2) Semester fee for student services: € 81.10
Monthly costs (for reference only)	(3) Housing: from € 270 to € 400 (4) Meals: ~ € 3.80 for a warm meal in the canteen/"Mensa" (5) Expenses for public transportation: JugendticketBW (for students under 27; subscription for at least one year) € 39.42 or Deutschlandticket (for all means of local transportation in the whole Germany; subscription with the option to cancel monthly) € 58 (6) Others: living expenses ~ € 300-400

Insurance

Health insurance requirements	Sufficient health insurance required, e.g. student state health insurance, costs ~ € 140 per month

Admission Letter and Transcripts

When will students receive the acceptance letter?	July (WS) resp. January (SS)
When will transcript be released?	After students present their records (Scheine) to the Coordinator at IRO

Financial Statement

Residence permit requirements	A statement of financial support with the required amount 992 Euro per month in the form of a bank statement, a notarized letter stating the support of your parents/guardian, a blocked bank account etc. https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/studying-in-heidelberg/destination-heidelberg/financial-matters