



## Study Programmes offered by Goethe University and other Higher Education Institutions in the Region

### 1) Goethe University Frankfurt (GU)

- Over 47,000 students are enrolled at Goethe University, which makes it the biggest university in the state of Hesse and in the Rhein-Main region. The university's 16 faculties offer close to 150 undergraduate and more than 70 postgraduate programmes, from American Studies and Chemistry to Economics and Dentistry – you can study almost anything here, engineering courses being the only exception.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to [www.uni-frankfurt.de/55026563/0-datenbanksuche-en?show\\_all=true](http://www.uni-frankfurt.de/55026563/0-datenbanksuche-en?show_all=true)

### 2) Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (FRA-UAS)

- FRA-UAS offers study programmes in four faculties: Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geomatic Engineering; Computer Sciences and Engineering; Business and Law; and Health and Social Work.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to [www.frankfurt-university.de/fachbereiche/alle-studiengaenge.html](http://www.frankfurt-university.de/fachbereiche/alle-studiengaenge.html)

### 3) Technische Universität Darmstadt (TUD)

- TUD focuses on Engineering, but its 13 faculties also offer Natural Sciences as well as Humanities, Social Sciences and Business programmes.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to [www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/abschluesse/alle\\_studiengaenge\\_a\\_z/index.en.jsp](http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/abschluesse/alle_studiengaenge_a_z/index.en.jsp)

### 4) Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences (h\_da)

- The Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences offers numerous study programmes spread across the areas of Engineering, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Information Technology and Computer Science, Business and Social Sciences as well as Architecture, Media and Design.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to [www.h-da.com/academics/how-to-apply/undergraduate-degree-programmes/](http://www.h-da.com/academics/how-to-apply/undergraduate-degree-programmes/)

### 5) Justus Liebig University Gießen (JLU)

- There are 11 faculties offering approximately 150 study programmes across all fields. JLU puts special focus on life sciences such as Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management, and Food Chemistry. There are no programmes in the field of Engineering.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to [www.uni-giessen.de/study/courses/a-z](http://www.uni-giessen.de/study/courses/a-z)

### 6) Phillips-Universität Marburg

- Phillips-Universität Marburg offers over 100 study programmes, of which over 50 are Master's programmes. The areas covered are: Business and Social Sciences; Mathematics and Natural Sciences; Linguistics, Cultural Studies, Humanities, History and Art; Sports and Educational Sciences; and state examination courses for Law and for Medicine.
- Besides the Bachelor's and Master's programmes, particular focus is placed on teacher training. At Marburg, you can study to become a teacher for over 20 subjects.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to [www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/degree-programs](http://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/degree-programs)

### 7) Mittelhessen University of Applied Sciences (Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen, THM)

- THM is a university of applied sciences with campuses in Friedberg, Gießen and Wetzlar.
- 12 faculties offer study programmes such as Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Health and Business Courses
- For an overview of the courses on offer go to <https://www.thm.de/site/en/studies/our-degree-courses.html>

### 8) University of Kassel

- The University of Kassel offers 81 undergraduate and 59 postgraduate programmes across the areas of Business (including Business Law) and Social Sciences; Mathematics and Natural Sciences; Linguistics and Cultural Studies; Art and Design; Agricultural Sciences and Engineering; and Educational Sciences.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to <http://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/en/internationales/international-services/studieren-an-der-uni-kassel/studying-with-foreign-university-qualifications/undergraduate-courses.html>



#### 9) Fulda University of Applied Sciences

- The Fulda University of Applied Sciences offers numerous study programmes in the areas of Applied Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Information Technology; Food Technology; Nutritional, Food and Consumer Sciences; Nursing and Health Sciences; Social Sciences and Cultural Studies; Social Work; and Business.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to [www2005.hs-fulda.de/index.php?id=6118&L=1](http://www2005.hs-fulda.de/index.php?id=6118&L=1)

#### 10) Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU)

- JGU is a classical full university with ten faculties, offering over 260 study programmes, including; Law and Economics, Social Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Medicine and Dentistry. The university also comprises a School of Music and a School of Art.
- For an overview of the programmes on offer go to [www.studying.uni-mainz.de/range-of-courses-2/](http://www.studying.uni-mainz.de/range-of-courses-2/)

### Dual Study Programmes

- A combination of studies and training in a company (theory & practice).
- Advantages: students receive remuneration for their practical training and provided they do well, there is a good chance they will be offered a job with the company after they finish their training. It is also possible to continue with Master studies after graduating.
- Please note that many Germans apply for places in dual study programmes – competition is hard. Therefore we advise to apply in several places at the same time.
- Examples: Management, Business, Computer Studies, Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Tourism, Electrical Engineering, Social Studies / Social Work.
- For more information go to [www.dualesstudium-hessen.de](http://www.dualesstudium-hessen.de) or [www.duales-studium.de](http://www.duales-studium.de)

This link takes you to an overview of **all higher education institutions in the state of Hesse**:

<https://wissenschaft.hessen.de/wissenschaft/hochschulen-hessen>

If you want to research study courses offered Germany-wide, go here:

<https://www.hochschulkompass.de/en/degree-programmes/study-in-germany-search.html>

**General requirements for studying in Germany** (these apply to the majority of higher education institutions; however, there are some exceptions – so make sure to get detailed information from the institution of your choice)

- “Direkte Hochschulzugangsberechtigung“, i.e. a university entrance qualification that permits taking up studies “directly“ (some qualifications do not give this direct access but only “indirect HZB (= Hochschulzugangsberechtigung)“, which means students have to study at a preparatory college first)
- For Master’s programmes: a Bachelor’s degree that is recognised in Germany.
- Depending on the study course, specific language skills (as a rule, German and/or English).
- Sometimes universities will request additional certificates, certain tests, or practical work experience.

### General information about the “Hochschulzugangsberechtigung (HZB)“

- Direct HZB: This means that the school-leaving diploma from the home country is considered equivalent with the German secondary education diploma, and you can take up your studies in Germany immediately.
- Indirect HZB: Your university entrance qualification may not be considered as fully equivalent to the German one (often this is due to fewer years at school or significant differences in contents taught at school). In this event, you must complete a preparatory study college and take a specific entrance exam. If you pass this, you are qualified to study at a German university but only for specific courses (so-called “direkt fachgebundene HZB“). The course at a preparatory college runs for one year and serves to prepare students regarding both language skills and content. For further information go to [www.studienkollegs.de/](http://www.studienkollegs.de/) or [www.uni-frankfurt.de/43662351/studienkolleg](http://www.uni-frankfurt.de/43662351/studienkolleg) .



### Required language skills

- For *programmes taught in German*: To apply and enrol, as a rule it is necessary to show language skills at C1 level and the DSH exam at level 2 ("Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang", an obligatory proficiency examination) or equivalent proof such as "TestDaF", the Test for Germany as a Foreign Language (minimum requirements: 4 points each in reading, writing, speaking and listening).
- For *programmes taught in English*: To apply and enrol, you need to show English certificates (details vary between the different higher education institutions); the majority of English-language study programmes are offered for Master's studies. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has a data base with all foreign language study programmes on offer in Germany: [www.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/international-programs/en/](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/international-programs/en/)
- To apply for the preparatory college, as a rule you only need to show proof of language skills at B1 level.
- You can have your German and/or English skills assessed, free of charge, at on-DaF + OnSET English (A2-C1) – all you need is a computer with Internet access: [www.refugees.onset.de](http://www.refugees.onset.de)

### Application deadlines and procedures

- *Application deadlines vary* between study programmes with and without access restrictions, between Bachelor's and Master's programmes, sometimes there are special deadlines for individual courses and on top of that, there are special deadlines for applicants from outside the EU etc.
- As a rule of thumb, deadlines are 15th July for a winter semester and 15th January for a summer semester for those study programmes that are subject to access restrictions. Deadlines for programmes without access restrictions may sometimes be later.
- Application procedure: Many higher education institutions employ the *service provider uni-assist* for their application process, some accept applications directly. Here [www.uni-assist.de/uni-assist-mitglieder.html](http://www.uni-assist.de/uni-assist-mitglieder.html) is a list of all higher education institutions that use uni-assist.

### Admission procedure: what are my chances of being accepted?

- In the case of *study programmes without access restrictions*, anyone who has a valid HZB (university entrance qualification) and fulfils the language and, if applicable, content-specific requirements is guaranteed to be admitted to a university.
- In the case of *study programmes with restricted access*, the application procedure for non-EU application is, as a rule, as follows: all higher education institutions have special quota amounting to 5-10% of all available places per study programme (depending on the state, higher education institution and course). If you want to assess your chances, you should enquire about the places and number of applicants in the previous winter / summer semester and ask about the allocation criteria (these often differ from those of Germans or EU nationals). Please note that refugees share the quota allotment with all other non-EU applicants from all over the world. This means that not all refugees – who often would like to study medicine or something similar – will be accepted in a programme of their choice. Therefore it is advisable to consider an alternative study programme.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that the information given above is complete and correct.