



## International applicants with foreign higher-education entrance qualification

### Recognition of school-leaving certificates

For admission to the university, all applicants are required to have obtained a **higher-education entrance qualification** (e.g. Baccalauréat, GCE - A & O Levels, school-leaving certificate, university entrance examination etc.). If the qualification enabling the candidate to embark on a course of higher education in their home country is found to be **equivalent to the German higher-education entrance qualification** (Abitur), the applicant can be directly admitted to the university. International candidates whose higher-education entrance qualification is **not fully equivalent** to the German Abitur can also be admitted to the university but will be required to pass an assessment test (Prüfung zur Feststellung der Eignung ausländischer Studienbewerber/innen für die Aufnahme eines Studiums an Hochschulen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland; so-called **Feststellungsprüfung**).

For more detailed information on recognition of school-leaving certificates, see <http://anabin.kmk.org> or <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/de/>.

A **Studienkolleg** helps students prepare for the **Feststellungsprüfung**. At the Studienkolleg of Heidelberg University international applicants whose higher-education entrance qualification is not fully equivalent to the German Abitur are provided with a one-year preparation course for the assessment test (Feststellungsprüfung). Studienkollegs that belong to higher-education institutions of applied sciences (Fachhochschule) prepare students for studying at colleges of applied sciences (Fachhochschule). Students who pass the assessment test at such a Studienkolleg can usually **not be permitted** to study at a university. More information on universities and other higher-education institutions and their study programmes can be found online at <http://www.hochschulkompass.de>.

### Studienkolleg and Feststellungsprüfung at Heidelberg University

In the state of Baden-Württemberg, to which Heidelberg belongs, prospective students cannot apply for admission directly to the Studienkolleg. Instead they need to apply to the university where they wish to pursue the subsequent degree course. This means that applications from international students must explicitly state that they wish to be admitted to the Studienkolleg and to pursue a standard university degree course. In case of admission, the university automatically assigns the student to a Studienkolleg.

If you wish to apply to Heidelberg University, you will find further information on the application procedure as well as access to the online application for international students at

[http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/prospective/admission\\_int/application\\_international.html](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/prospective/admission_int/application_international.html).

The application form for a written application is also available online, at

[http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/md/studium/download/zulassungsantrag\\_eng.pdf](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/md/studium/download/zulassungsantrag_eng.pdf).

**Applicants from non-EU/EAA countries** must apply to the International Relations Office for a place at the Studienkolleg and a reservation (Vormerkung) for a study programme (online application).

**Applicants from EU/EAA member states** who want to apply for **free-admission** subjects must apply to the International Relations Office for a place at the Studienkolleg and a reservation (Vormerkung) for a study programme (online application).

**Applicants from EU/EEA member states** who want to apply for subjects **with an admission-restriction** must apply to the International Relations Office using the form Application for Admission for a place at the Studienkolleg **without** a reservation (Vormerkung) for a study program.

Application period for the winter semester: 1 June to 15 July  
Application period for the summer semester: 1 December to 15 January of the following year

There are specific regulations for applications for a place at the Studienkolleg and a reservation (Vormerkung) for the study programmes **Medicine, Pharmacology and Dentistry**. For more information please consult: "Information for the application for Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacology" (<http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/download/download.html>).

Places at the Studienkolleg and at the university are allocated in the scope of the admission procedure. Only students who possess very good German language skills will be accepted to the Studienkolleg. Students have to provide written proof of at least 800 hours of German language instruction when they apply. Students who have been admitted to the Studienkolleg have to pass an entrance test (**Aufnahmeprüfung**) before attending classes. A sample of this test can be found at [http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e\\_pruef\\_et.html](http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e_pruef_et.html). Exemption from this test is **not possible**.

The assessment test (Feststellungsprüfung) is usually taken after one year at the Studienkolleg. Should a student fail the test, studies at the Studienkolleg can be extended for one semester. It is usually not possible to attend a different Studienkolleg. The assessment test can only be repeated once and the second test must be taken at the same Studienkolleg.

For further information see <http://www.studienkollegs.de> and <http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de>.  
If you have further questions please contact Ms. Ekiz at the International Relations Office: [ayse.ekiz@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:ayse.ekiz@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de).

**Please note:** Students whose higher-education entrance qualification is equivalent to the German Abitur and who thus do not have to take the assessment test (Feststellungsprüfung) cannot be attend the Studienkolleg. International students who would like to prepare voluntarily for their course of study, Heidelberg University offers preliminary introductory courses (see below).

### **Preliminary introductory courses (Propädeutische Vorkurse)**

Prospective international students whose higher-education entrance qualification is found to be **equivalent** to the German Abitur and who would like to improve their subject knowledge and specific language skills in the subject they are interested in studying at Heidelberg University can apply for the relevant introductory courses (restricted to certain subjects) at the *Internationales Studienzentrum*. These courses are offered either for one month or for one semester. More information on these courses can be found at [http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/d\\_propaedeutikum.html](http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/d_propaedeutikum.html).