



International applicants with foreign higher-education entrance qualification

Please note: This information does not apply to applicants who are (also) German citizens.

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 <https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en>.

A **Studienkolleg** helps students prepare for the **Feststellungsprüfung**. At the Studienkolleg of Heidelberg University students 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 universities 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/en.html>

Studienkolleg and Feststellungsprüfung at Heidelberg University

In the state of Baden-Württemberg, to which Heidelberg belongs, prospective students cannot apply for admission directly to a Studienkolleg. Instead they need to apply to the university where they wish to pursue the subsequent degree course. This means that international students must apply for a university degree course and, in this application, state that they wish to be admitted to Studienkolleg. 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. Please apply for the degree course that you wish to study. In the following you will be asked if you wish to be admitted to Studienkolleg. Please select that you do request it („wird beantragt“). The print-out of the online application, along with all required documents, must reach the university in due time via mail.

The application period depends on when the degree course starts. To courses that only start in the winter semester, the application period from **June until 15 July** applies.

To courses that start in the summer semester, the application period from **December until 15 January** applies.

Applicants without EU/EEA citizenship must apply online via the online portal for international students: http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/prospective/admission_int/application_non_eu.html.

Citizens of an EU/EEA member state, who wish to apply for **subjects without admission restriction or assessment procedure (Aufnahmeprüfung)**, must apply online via the online portal for international students: http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/courses/prospective/admission_int/application_eu.html.

Citizens of an EU/EEA member state, who wish to apply for **subjects with admission restriction or assessment procedure (Aufnahmeprüfung)**, must apply **only for the Studienkolleg** by using the form Application for Admission (Antrag auf Zulassung): http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/md/studium/download/zulassungsantrag_eng.pdf. The application for the study course is made at the end of the second semester spent in Studienkolleg.

Only students who possess good German language skills will be accepted to Studienkolleg. Students have to provide written proof of at least 800 hours of German language instruction when they apply (equivalent to the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Students who have been admitted to the Studienkolleg have to pass an entrance test (**Aufnahmeprüfung**) before they can attend classes. A sample of this test can be found at http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e_pruef_et.html.

The assessment test (Feststellungsprüfung) is usually taken after one year at 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/home.html> and http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e_index.html. If you have further questions, please contact Ms. Monzel at the International Relations Office: monzel@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 accepted to 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/e_propaedeutikum.html