Study Programs
at the University of Heidelberg

International Relations Office
Heidelberg is world-famous for its castle and picturesque old town, for the romantic environment of the Neckar valley and, of course, for its university.

Founded in 1386, the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität is Germany’s oldest university. In the course of its more than 600 years’ history the university has established itself as a center of excellent research and teaching, where many renowned scholars and scientists - among them ten Nobel laureates - worked and still work. Today 29,000 students study at its 12 faculties. 5,100 foreign students from 130 different countries as well as hundreds of visiting professors and researchers contribute to its international atmosphere.

The University of Heidelberg offers a wide range of high-quality study programs in the life sciences, the natural sciences, law, economics, the social sciences and the humanities. In addition to the regular courses of study the university has introduced a number of specific graduate programs for international students that are taught in English. Last but not least, each year the International Summer School of German Language and Culture attracts 600 international students to Heidelberg.

The university has 12 faculties as well as research centers for Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Neurosciences, Astronomy, Interdisciplinary Scientific Computing, South Asian Studies and American Studies. In addition, 12 Collaborative Research Centers have been established which are funded by the German Research Council. Independent institutions in Heidelberg like the German Cancer Research Center, the European Molecular Biology Laboratory and four Max-Planck-Institutes add to a research environment that is unique in Germany.
I. Study programs leading to the degree of State Examination (StEx) or Magister Theologiae

Duration of studies: 4-6 years
Language of instruction: German

*Please note:* “State Examination” programs are restricted to certain disciplines and teacher training programs.
“State Examination” and “Magister Theologiae” degrees are considered to be equivalent to a master’s degree.

Dentistry
Law
Medicine
Pharmacology
Protestant Theology (Magister Theologiae)

Teacher training programs in 28 disciplines
II. Undergraduate Programs leading to the degree Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)

Duration of studies: 3 years
Language of instruction: German

American Studies
Applied Computer Science
Archeology (Byzantine, Classical, Near Eastern)
Art History (East Asian, European)
Assyriology
Biochemistry
Biosciences
Chemistry
Chinese Studies
Christianity and Culture
Classical Philology (Greek, Latin)
Comparative German Studies
Computational Linguistics
Cultural and Religious History of South Asia (Indology I)
Earth Sciences
East Asian Studies
East European and East-Central European Studies
Economics (with political focus)
Education Studies
Egyptology
English
Ethnology
Geography
German
Historical Methodology
History (Ancient, Medieval and Modern, Pre- and Protohistory, South Asian)
Interprofessional Healthcare
Islamic Studies
Japanese Studies
Jewish Studies
Mathematics
Medical Informatics
Modern South Asian Languages and Literatures
Molecular Biotechnology
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Law
Religious Studies
Romance Studies (French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish)
Semitic Studies
Slavic Studies
Sociology
South Asian Studies
Sports and Sports Science (with focus on prevention and rehabilitation)
Translation (English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish)
Translation Studies for Information Technologies
III. Graduate Programs leading to the degree of Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.Sc.) or Magister Legum (LL.M.)

Duration of studies: 1-2 years
Language of instruction: German; English in some master's programs

Please note: Additional master's programs may be established.

Advanced Physical Methods in Radiotherapy
American Studies
Applied Computer Science
Archeology (Byzantine, Classical, Near Eastern)
Art History (East Asian, European)
Art History and Museology (German-French program with École du Louvre, Paris)
Assyriology
Biomedical Engineering
Chemistry
Chinese Studies
Christianity and Culture
Classical Philology (Greek, Latin)
Comparative German Studies
Computational Linguistics
Computer Engineering
Conference Interpretation (English, French, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish)
Cultural and Religious History of South Asia (Indology I)
Diaconia - Leadership in Christian Social Practice
Diaconial Studies
Earth Sciences
Economics
Editorial Theory and Textual Criticism
Education Studies (with focus on organisational development)
Egyptology
English Studies
Ethnology
Geography
German
German as a Second Language
Governance of Risk and Resources
Health and Society in South Asia
Health Economics
History (German-French program in cooperation with EHESS, Paris)
History (Ancient, Global, Mediaeval and Modern, Pre- and Protohistory)
International Health
International Law (Heidelberg Center Latin America, Santiago de Chile)
Japanese Studies
Jewish Studies
Law LL.M. (European Law)
Law LL.M. (corp. restruc.)
Management in Welfare Organisations
Mathematics
Medieval Studies
Medical Biometry / Biostatistics
Medical Education
Medical Informatics
Medical Physics (with distinction in radiotherapy and biomedical optics)
Modern South Asian Languages and Literature
Molecular Biosciences
Molecular Biotechnology
Music
Near and Middle Eastern Studies
Nonprofit Management and Governance
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Professional and Organisational Consulting
Psychology
Religious Studies
Romance Studies (French, Italian, Spanish)
Scientific Computing
Semitic Studies
Slavic Studies
Sociology
South Asian Studies
Sports and Exercise in Childhood and Adolescence
Transcultural Studies
Translational Medical Research
Translation (English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish)
IV. Doctoral Programs

Doctoral programs are offered in all subjects. Admission to a doctoral program depends on (1) acceptance by a graduate school / graduate program or by a professor who will act as supervisor and (2) approval of the faculty’s committee for doctoral programs.

Special Services for International Students

The University of Heidelberg offers various special services for its international students:

- Student Advisory Service
- Serviceportal
- InfoCafé International
- Accommodations Service
- Orientation Days
- Tutorials (soft skills)
- German Language Courses
- Language Tandem Program
- Excursions Program
- Cultural Events
- Theater Group, Film Club
Tuition Fees

Certain master’s programs have tuition fees. Further information can be found on the websites of the individual study programs.

Application Deadlines

Bachelor’s or State Examination programs:
For the winter semester: July 15
For the summer semester: January 15

Master’s programs:
Application deadlines for master's programs vary. Please consult the relative websites or contact the faculty.

Please note:
Most programs start in the winter semester, therefore applications for these programs are accepted for the winter semester only.
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