



INFORMATION FOR
PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Thinking about studying at FHM in Germany?

Here are some insights!

Start your
professional
career in
Germany

All information about studying in Germany
at FHM – University of Applied Sciences

A portrait of Prof. Dr. Volker Wittberg, a middle-aged man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit, a light blue shirt, and a purple tie. He is smiling and has his arms crossed. The background is a blurred office or university setting. A purple gradient overlay is on the left side of the image, containing text.

»Why choose FHM-University?
Our Bachelor's and Master's
Programmes offer an exceptional
balance between academic
theory and real-world
business practice. We focus
on future-oriented topics
such as industrial and business
excellence, technological
and digital solutions, green
energy strategies and global
management initiatives.
Come and develop your
personal and professional
skills in Germany's Best
Business School (voted three-
times in a row since 2023).«

Prof. Dr. Volker Wittberg
FHM Vice Rector Research & International Affairs

STARTING YOUR CAREER

Dear prospective student, we are delighted that you are interested in studying in Germany.

FHM offers you a comprehensive and seamless educational pathway – from preparatory programmes to a successful career. With exceptional academic support and personalised guidance, we ensure that you are well equipped for your studies and your professional future in Germany.

FHM offers **Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes** in various subject areas. You will benefit from expert lecturers, practice-oriented learning and strong connections with industry – the ideal foundation for your successful future in Germany.

FHM offers Full Service to get German degree programme. Our **Pre-Studies Programmes** prepare international students for university entry and careers, including individual German language trainings. FHM is a recognized **telc examination center**.

Not only will you benefit from the excellent study conditions at FHM, but you will also broaden your personal and professional horizons. In addition to your studies at FHM, you will participate in a variety of **extracurricular activities**. Cultural events, excursions and internal workshops contribute to a varied student life. In addition, you can draw on the **FHM's excellent network**. This includes specialist lectures, company visits and interesting internship opportunities. **This means you will be optimally prepared for your professional future and have the opportunity to continue your studies in Germany.**

Your prospects after graduation

Career prospects in Germany

Own Business prospects

International career opportunities

Doctorate or further studies

Research and academic career

Personal and intercultural development

We look forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Volker Wittberg

FHM Vice Rector Research & International Affairs



FHM promotes globalization through international education and research initiatives

Internationalization is a central quality and development feature of Fachhochschule des Mittelstands (FHM). FHM has regional roots and at the same time pursues an international orientation as a partner of a globally expanding companies.

The main objective is to support companies in the internationalization process by qualifying and promoting the next generation of managers with international experience. FHM's internationalization strategy primarily encompasses topics and concepts in the field of GlobalSMEs, which are anchored in research and teaching, scientific projects, university cooperation and institutional networks in the SME sector.

Bridge to the world for students

With Campus.International, FHM offers a comprehensive international study program for foreign applicants. Students benefit from cultural and academic diversity, international lecturers and valuable experience abroad. FHM maintains numerous European and non-European university partnerships, which not only promote innovative degree programmes, but also enable the development of research structures and the support of forward-looking research topics.

Students who are interested in studying abroad have the opportunity to use these networks for internships or study visits abroad and thus expand their professional, linguistic and intercultural skills. Another component of the internationalization



strategy is international research projects with a focus on international research and country-specific initiatives.

Against the background of these activities, the International Office acts as the central organizational interface of FHM in the area of international affairs.

Find more information about our international offerings



»FHM combines excellent specialist training with entrepreneurial thinking and personal development.

Our goal: to enable students to act effectively in both professional and academic contexts – for a world that needs change makers and entrepreneurs. Through our competency model, we provide practice-oriented knowledge and genuine practical skills.

In short: we educate specialists and future leaders – for a complex and ever-changing world.«

THE ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING IN GERMANY

Why Germany is so attractive to students

Germany is attractive to foreign skilled workers due to its high demand for labour, good job and career opportunities, high quality of life and strong economy. It also offers security and freedom, as well as high-quality educational opportunities.

✓ High demand

Demographic change is leading to a shortage of skilled workers in many areas, meaning that foreign specialists are urgently needed. Small and medium-sized industrial companies in particular are looking for specialists in business, technology, digital business and cyber security.

✓ Good job and career opportunities

Germany offers good opportunities for professional development and career advancement.

✓ Strong economy

As an economically strong nation, Germany offers stability and growth.

✓ Innovation and diversity

International professionals bring new perspectives, creative impetus and innovative ideas.

»Germany is very clean, well organised. The people are very nice and friendly. Life here is more individualistic for me, less stressful and with a better work-life balance.«



Denmark

North Sea

Netherlands



Bielefeld



Düren



Cologne

Düsseldorf and
Cologne/Bonn

Frechen

Belgium

Luxembourg



Frankfurt



Waldshut

France

Switzerland

Italy





Baltic Sea



Rostock



FHM Online-University



Hamburg

Poland



Hannover



Berlin



Czechia



Bamberg



Munich

Austria



 FHM international teaching locations

 FHM teaching locations

 Major German airports

✓ Work-Life-Balance

Appropriate working conditions and a good work-life balance are often valued.

✓ High quality of life

Germany scores highly in terms of quality of life, which is complemented by good family support and a wide range of amenities.

✓ Diverse culture

There is a diverse culture and many opportunities to get involved and integrate.

✓ High-quality education

Germany has excellent universities and offers good educational opportunities, and FHM is one of these universities.

✓ Security and freedom

The country offers security through a stable legal system and the protection of individual freedoms.



✓ European Union

Thanks to Germany's membership in the European Union, students from third countries also benefit from uniform EU regulations for student residence permits, visa-free travel within the Schengen area, and easier transfers to other EU countries for study purposes. Furthermore, there are also improved prospects for work and careers in the EU.

✓ Germany compared to English-speaking countries

The situation in English-speaking countries such as the USA, Great Britain and England is changing. There is much more competition. Visa processes take longer. In Germany, for example, it is easier for Indian students. Agreements between Germany and India make entry easier.

YOUR CHECKLIST

Eight relevant factors for studying in Germany at FHM

Are you considering studying in Germany and interested in the FHM? We would like to help you find your way to Germany and your dream degree programme. Here are eight factors for your checklist you should consider when studying in Germany: **Academics, Location, Living, Food, Finances, Beyond the classroom, how to get around town, Career success**



1. Academics: Academic degree with future prospects

- Which topics interest you and which degree programmes are offered in this subject area?
- What qualifications (degrees) are available?
- What are the admission requirements, e.g. German university entrance qualification? How does the application process work? When should you apply (visa processes and entry formalities require advance notice)?
- In which language is the degree programme offered?
- Do you have the required language level? If not, you can also acquire this in a language course at the FHM.
- Which visa do you need to apply for and do you also need proof of financial support?
- Would you like to gain professional experience during your studies or is research possible?
- What services does the university offer to help you succeed?

2. Location: Choosing where to study

- Do you want to be far away from home? If you decide to study in Germany, it may be the first time in your life that you are far away from home, family and friends. You may only know Germany from the media and stories. Ask yourself whether you really want to take this step. If so, consider the following questions.
- In which city is your degree programme offered? Would you like to live there or nearby? Keep in mind that living costs can vary depending on the city.
- What is the city like overall (quality of life, safety, leisure activities)?
- Is there a student environment in the city? Do you already know people at the university or in the city?
- How well connected is the location? Would you be able to fly/drive home occasionally?

3. Living: Where to live



- Think about how you would like to live and how much money you can invest in it.
- Where and how would you like to live? What options are available to you locally? Would you prefer to live alone or in a shared flat?
- Will you receive assistance in finding a flat or room?
- How far is the room or flat from the campus?
- Housing costs are often the highest ongoing expense. In Germany, rent and living costs vary greatly depending on the city. How much money can you spend on housing?
- What infrastructure do you require? Are there grocery shops and laundry facilities nearby?
- How easy or difficult is it to find accommodation?
- Germany is centrally located in Europe. Would you like to take advantage of the opportunity to travel to other cities and countries?



4. Food: It's important for your private life!

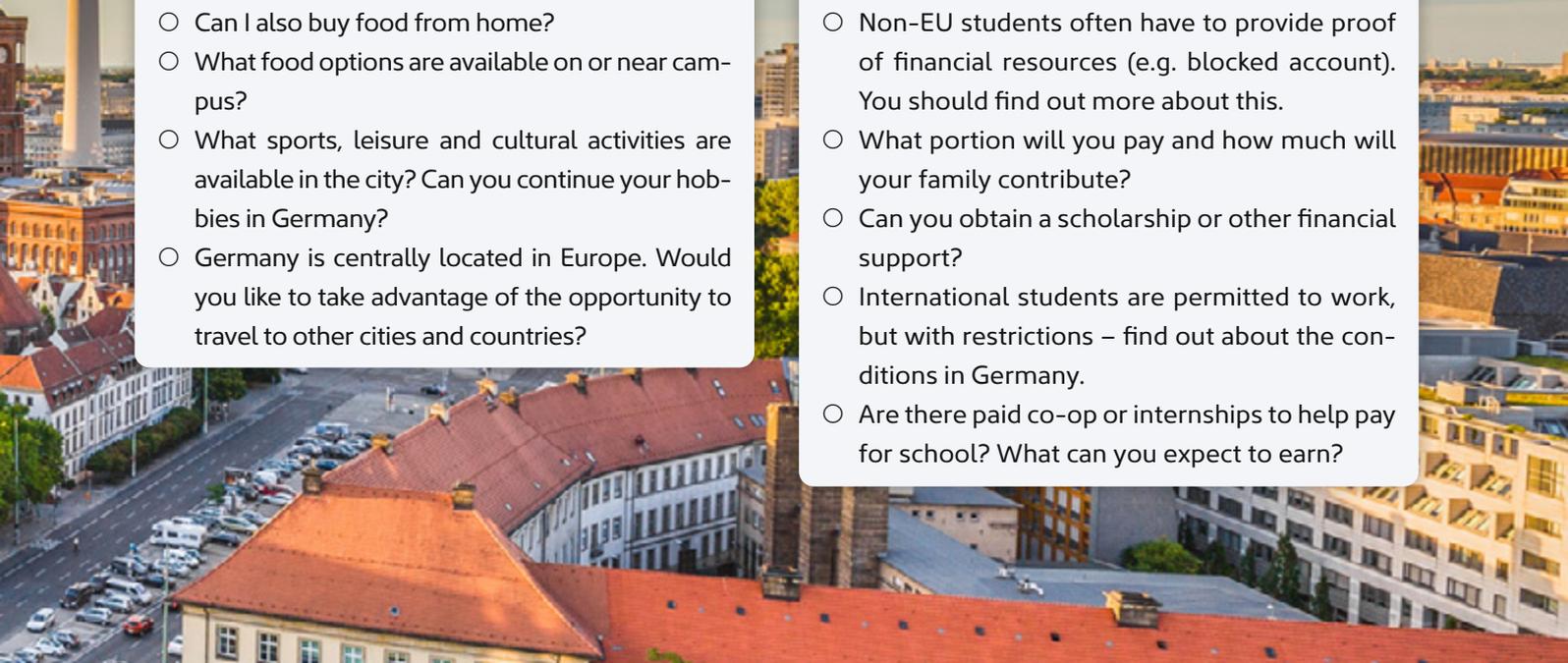


- When you move away from home, it means goodbye to home-cooked meals and hello to pizza! But seriously, you need to think about where and what you will eat during your studies, including meal plans and restaurants on or near campus. You may also want to consider the more budget-friendly option of preparing your own meals.
- What is the food like in Germany?
- How varied is the selection?
- Can I also buy food from home?
- What food options are available on or near campus?
- What sports, leisure and cultural activities are available in the city? Can you continue your hobbies in Germany?
- Germany is centrally located in Europe. Would you like to take advantage of the opportunity to travel to other cities and countries?

5. Finances: How to finance



- Do you have a budget to cover your costs? According to current data, the cost of living in Germany is often between 850,- € and 1.200,- € per month for international students, depending on the city.
- How much is tuition? As a private university of applied sciences, FHM has higher tuition fees than public universities in Germany, but also offers additional benefits. Can you finance the tuition fees, travel and living expenses, as well as any additional costs (insurance, books, etc.)?
- Non-EU students often have to provide proof of financial resources (e.g. blocked account). You should find out more about this.
- What portion will you pay and how much will your family contribute?
- Can you obtain a scholarship or other financial support?
- International students are permitted to work, but with restrictions – find out about the conditions in Germany.
- Are there paid co-op or internships to help pay for school? What can you expect to earn?



6. Leisure time: Beyond the classroom



- What do you like to do in your free time? Sports? Culture? Meeting friends? Find out if your leisure activities are also offered at your study location.
- What clubs, sports teams and gyms are there in the city?
- Where are some cool places to eat and hang out with friends?
- What events can you take part in on campus? Check out what workshops, excursions and company visits are on offer – these are particularly valuable for international students for networking.
- Can you get involved in your university's student council?
- Can you volunteer in the local community?
- Are there places on campus or in the surrounding area where you can practise your faith?



7. Career: Your success



- How does the university prepare you for your future? FHM specifically targets small and medium-sized businesses and imparts not only knowledge but also practical skills for managers. This is a clear advantage in professional life.
- How strong is the university's career network: Are there corporate partnerships, internships, alumni networks, and career services that help you improve your career opportunities?
- What are the prospects on the German job market? What support does the university offer in finding a job or in the recognition of foreign qualifications?
- Consider language and cultural skills: Studying in Germany can not only provide you with specialist knowledge, but also intercultural skills – a plus for global companies or medium-sized businesses with an international focus.

8. How to get around town



- Student life does not only take place on campus. To go out for meals, shopping and entertainment in the city, you need to know how to get from A to B.
- How well connected is the university or your place of residence to the rest of the city?
- Are there many shops and restaurants within walking distance?
- Check the transport links in the city and to the campus. How much does it cost to use public transport? Are there any subsidies available?

These are some of the most important questions you should ask yourself and facts you should research in advance for studying at FHM and living in Germany. On the following pages, you will find all the important information about FHM. If you have any questions, your **Consultancy** or our **FHM Welcome Centre** in the **FHM International Office** will be happy to help.

Are you ready for your studies, your future and your adventure in Germany?

The best pathway to your success

FHM is one of the leading private universities in Germany and has a clear focus on industrial (Hidden) Champions. Since our beginnings, our history has been characterized by innovation, quality, academic excellence, transfer and the constant will to develop further. We offers a comprehensive and seamless educational pathway for international students – from preparatory programmes to a successful career. With exceptional academic support and personalized guidance, we ensure that students are well-equipped for their studies and professional future in Germany

As a private university, FHM has the same quality standards and reputation as public, state universities. German students often choose to study at a private university because of the quality and good support in small cohorts and the better corporate contacts. More than 90% of our students are local students (German), less than 10% are international. This means that international students also study alongside German students. Our

Pre-Studies Programme prepare international students for university entry and careers, including individual German language trainings. FHM is a recognized **telc examination center**. Beyond preparatory programmes, FHM offers **Bachelor's and Master's Degrees** in various fields. Students benefit from expert faculty, practical learning, and strong industry connections – providing the ideal foundation for a successful future in Germany.

✓ Long-term track record of international study programmes

✓ Study Programs at Bachelor and Master Level

✓ Pre-Studies Programs

✓ Vivid Campus Life

✓ Huge Corporate Network

✓ Germany's best ranked Business School

✓ Individual academic advice

✓ Excellent Academic and Student Experience

✓ 90% German- and 10% international students

✓ Practice oriented studies

✓ 99% Employment Success Rate after studies

✓ Safety & Security

✓ German & international students together on campus

✓ Safe & enjoyable lifestyle in FHM Campus Cities

✓ Personal student support services



Teaching Sites in Germany plus the venue-independent FHM Online-University. Five of these are our **international teaching locations: Berlin Bielefeld, Düren, Frechen, Waldshut**

8 accredited **Bachelor Programmes**
8 accredited **Master Programmes**

99%

Employment success rate!

99% of our students are in employment (Xiaomi, Baidu Bank of China, ...) or further studies one year after graduation at FHM



YOUR BENEFITS AT FHM

Together we shape the future

Learning together – growing together: this applies to the entire FHM. At FHM, the focus is on people. Together, we create a particularly personal teaching and learning atmosphere and the future of SMEs. We are strong as a team – in dialogue with all our departments, with our students and alumni and not least with our cooperation partners at eye level. An open, diverse society is a matter of course for us.



- ✓ Small study groups & individual support
- ✓ Individual promotion of personality
- ✓ Excellent technical equipment
- ✓ Participation in the alumni network
- ✓ Language Training
- ✓ Start-up modules in all study programmes
- ✓ We combine theory and practice
- ✓ Residence permit for 18 months after graduation
- ✓ Corporate Contacts: Training on the Job

OUR SEALS OF QUALITY

Certified quality at FHM

We plan, teach and assess according to certified quality processes and at the same time promote didactic exchange, open debate and academic freedom of expression in our degree programmes and throughout FHM. It goes without saying that, thanks to these achievements, we are state-

approved, institutionally accredited and system-accredited for an unlimited period of time. This guarantees the flexible development and rapid implementation of new degree programmes and for our students the state recognition of all degrees.



»With its competency model and teaching concept, FHM has prepared me perfectly for my professional future.«

THE COMPETENCE MODEL – FHM.SKILLS.BOX

Becoming professionally capable

Choosing FHM means opting for a highly practice-oriented course of study that provides ideal preparation for management roles, particularly in medium-sized institutions and companies. The study concept focuses on fostering entrepreneurial thinking and action while also supporting personal development.

Professional.Skills

FHM teaches specialist knowledge that is relevant and up-to-date for each field of study and industry—using practical, engaging methods that can be applied directly in professional life. This includes subject-related seminars, projects, and expert lectures for targeted, efficient learning.

Management.Skills

Management is integrated into every degree programme, providing fundamental knowledge for professional success or entrepreneurship. Business skills are essential, whether managing a daycare center, working as a journalist, or running a private practice.

Smart.Skills

Personal development is key at FHM. Training in team management, presentation, and self-marketing equips students for leadership in a complex, evolving professional world.



Where personal learning meets digital excellence

FHM combines a personal learning atmosphere with state-of-the-art digital innovation. The campus offers modern teaching and learning spaces designed to foster interaction and accommodate individual needs. This is complemented by a fully virtualized study ex-

perience: a digital campus and e-exams enable flexible learning, independent of location. By merging the best of both worlds—personal interaction and digital support—FHM ensures optimal preparation for the challenges of the modern working world.



Microsoft Teams:
virtual classrooms



Moodle: Learning management system including multimedia teaching and learning content (videos, podcasts, quizzes)



TraiNex/Fuxam:
Campusmanagement-System



Proctorio:
Online examination system



E-Library: 24/7 access to the latest specialist literature



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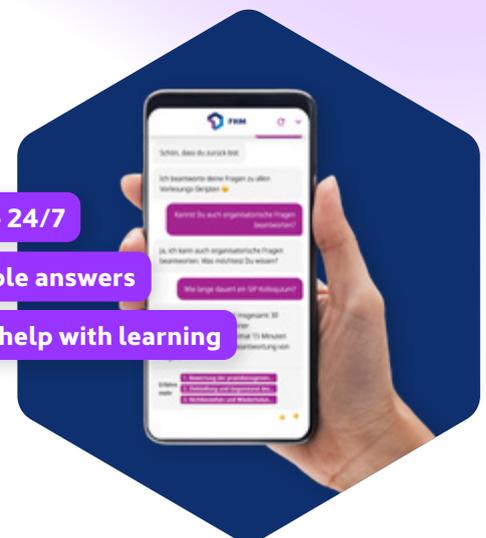
Your digital learning buddy for all questions

With our new chatbot 'Lerntutoring via AI Chat Advisory' (LAICA for short), we are improving the learning process in distance learning and supporting distance learners in a playful way. LAICA enables interactive exploration of the learning material through questions, discussions and tailor-made exercises. This enriches the digital learning experience in an innovative way and promotes optimal learning outcomes. Discover a new way to shape your distance learning experience now!

✓ available 24/7

✓ Reliable answers

✓ Optimal help with learning



Our strong partners in practice

FHM has strong partners in business, science and the world of work. Our close networking with the international offices of the most sought-after universities, the very good cooperation with partners from authorities and politics create barrier-free careers for our students. Since our students can try out their work skills during their studies, they gain practical experience at an early stage and benefit from our company contacts FHM assists students in securing accommodation, obtaining residence permits, navigating recognition procedures, and exploring job opportunities.



»FHM works with around 4,000 partners and companies and offers students a practical start to their professional lives.«

Prof. Dr. Michael Negri
Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs



Where can you study and the colourful campus life

FHM has main locations in Germany where international students can study and live. Here we briefly introduce our four locations and the cities.

Not only will you benefit from the excellent study conditions at FHM, but you will also broaden your personal and professional horizons. In addition to your studies at FHM, you will participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. Cultural events, excursions and internal workshops contribute to a varied student life. In addition, you can draw on the FHM's excellent network. This includes specialist lectures, company visits and interesting internship opportunities.

Bielefeld – The biggest FHM Campus

The Bielefeld campus is located in the heart of Germany's SME region. Major German companies such as Bertelsmann, the Claas Group, the Benteler Group and many others are based here. It is the ideal place to study for students at FHM University of Applied Sciences for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses. Our campus is not just a building, but a place to learn, live and relax. The modern design creates the perfect atmosphere, not only for lectures, but also for relaxing together.

Workshops Sporting events Christmas Party

Company Visits Excursions

Summer Party International Cooking Events

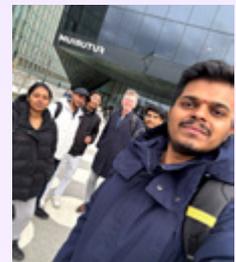
Business Exhibition Cultural Events



New students have begun their studies at the FHM International Preparatory College. In addition to academic qualifications, the college also focuses on intercultural exchange. Learning together, mutual support and establishing international contacts characterise the time spent at the college.



Christmas party with German Christmas traditions and international celebrations.



Visit to Futurium in Berlin.



Intensive project work in small groups.



Weekly language café on topics including CVs.



Specialist events and lectures on topics such as AI and innovation.

Frechen – The technical hotspot of the FHM

Our campus in Frechen is your home – modern, equipped with state-of-the-art technology and the perfect breeding ground for the exchange of ideas among creative minds like you. Here, your projects are not just tasks, but real innovations in the making. We build bridges to practical experience with excursions, expert lectures and cool networking events – here, you don't just learn, you live. And to our international students: you are the ones who really make the campus shine.

Berlin – Our campus in the German capital

Our Berlin campus is the hotspot for international degree programmes. Here, innovative study programmes combine with the exciting pulse of the capital city. Immerse yourself in projects and stories from everyday student life and experience the inspiring learning environment in a city known for its openness and creativity. You can expect practical relevance, global perspectives and a lively campus life. Your Berlin campus – where international diversity meets innovative education!



International students enrolled in the MBA General Technology Management programme were given the opportunity to present their research paper on the economic feasibility of the Hyperloop at the Technical University of Munich.

We celebrate you!
We celebrate your graduation with a big party and wish you every success and happiness for your future!



Enrolment in the Master's programme in Digital Transformation Management.



Sports activities on campus or on public grounds, such as football and table tennis.



Mid-term celebration in the park with a picnic, music, sports and cultural exchange.



Students visit the VW plant (Volkswagen) in Wolfsburg and the Giga Factory of electric vehicle manufacturer TESLA in Berlin-Brandenburg.

Düren – Ready for the future?

Our campus is located right in the heart of the innovative district of Düren! Here, it's not just about lectures, but about the world of tomorrow. We focus entirely on digitalisation and innovation so that businesses in the district can really take off. Our international orientation is not just a slogan. Together with the University of Gloucestershire, we have established the Institute for Cyber Security and Digital Innovation.



Visits to trade fairs, for example the ITB Berlin international tourism fair.

Your point of contact on the international campus



The International Office is the organisational interface of the FHM for international affairs and manages processes in the core areas of international mobility, university cooperation and internationalisation strategy.

As a **central service** and information point for students, teachers and external interested parties, it offers comprehensive support with regard to the international affairs of the FHM. Formal examinations are also conducted at the International Office, and the FHM Studienkolleg stands next to the International Office.

The International Office team will help you find the right degree programme for you and support you in all matters relating to your studies at the FHM. They will provide you with expert advice on your individual situation, help you plan your studies and take your previous academic and professional experience into account when studying at the FHM in order to find the ideal path to graduation.



Applicants with German university entrance qualifications

International applicants (Campus.International - Incomings) can study various **Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes** in the fields of business management and engineering at FHM. Students not only benefit from the excellent study conditions at FHM, but also broaden their personal and professional horizons.

For applicants without German university entrance qualifications and graduates

For applicants from abroad without German university entrance qualifications and graduates who wish to prepare for a degree at the FHM, the **Studienkolleg** offers a wide range of preparatory courses in the fields of technology, economics and medicine.



»Since the FHM preparatory college was founded, we have helped around 2,000 students obtain their university entrance qualifications for Germany.«

Dr. phil Susanne Göller

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Here you can find answers to the most frequently asked questions:



OUR WELCOME CENTRE

Welcome to Germany. We will help you settle in.

The Welcome Centre offers all prospective international students the ideal conditions for a successful degree at FHM University of Applied Sciences. We help you find the right degree programme for you and support you in all matters relating to your studies at the FHM.

Whether you would like advice on choosing a degree programme, want to apply for a degree programme, would like to change your current degree programme, or are experiencing difficulties of any kind in your studies. We will find the right FHM degree programme for you and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the content of your studies. We provide expert advice tailored to your individual situation, help you plan your studies and incorporate your previous academic and professional experience into your studies at FHM in order to find the ideal path to graduation. We offer individual consultations in Chinese, English or German.

FHM has three welcome centres of its own. One is in Chandigarh, India, from where all Indian partners are managed, and the other is in Wuhan, China. FHM is accredited by the Chinese Ministry of Education. The third is located in Korea.

More about our
Welcome Centre:



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Do you have questions? We help you:



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DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

International Student Advisory Service

Fachhochschule des Mittelstands (FHM) offers targeted study counselling specifically for international students who wish to study in Germany.

Our focus is on helping you navigate the German education system and assisting you in choosing the right study programme for your academic goals and professional ambitions. We understand the challenges associated with studying in a new country and therefore of-

fer tailor-made advisory services, detailed information about our study programmes and practical support in preparing for your studies in Germany. Our goal is to enable you to make a smooth transition and get off to a successful start in your academic career at the FHM.

✓ Individual counselling services

Our experienced counsellors offer tailored support for international students who wish to study at FHM in Germany. We take your personal, academic and professional goals into account in order to present you with the most suitable study programmes and specialisations.

✓ Information about studying in Germany

We provide you with detailed information about our wide range of Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes as well as Doctoral Programmes. We place particular emphasis on the special features of studying in Germany, including language requirements and cultural aspects.

✓ Support with your application

Our team will assist you every step on the way through the application process – from compiling the necessary application documents and writing your letter of motivation to preparing for the required language tests and interviews.

✓ Preparing for your studies in Germany

To help you get off to a successful start, we offer orientation events, language courses and seminars on cultural and academic adaptation. We also provide detailed information on visa matters, accommodation options and life in Germany.

✓ Network and exchange of experiences

Benefit from our extensive network of alumni and current students who share their experiences and offer valuable insights into studying and living in Germany.

Do you have questions? We help you:



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»At FHM, I found a suitable degree programme that perfectly suits me and my plans for the future.«

✓ Bachelor

✓ Master

✓ Pre-Studies-Programm

✓ language courses

✓ Business

✓ Technology



OUR RANGE OF COURSES

You can study this with us

With Campus.International, FHM University of Applied Sciences offers a comprehensive range of international courses for applicants from abroad. Students benefit from cultural and academic diversity, international lecturers and university teachers, and valuable experience abroad.

The programme ranges from **Pre-Studies-Programm** to **Bachelor's** and **Master's Programmes** and even doctorates. Students not only benefit from the excellent study conditions at the FHM, but also broaden their personal and professional horizons. In addition to their studies at the FHM, international students participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities. Cultural events, subject-specific excursions and in-house workshops contribute to a varied

everyday student life. In addition, students in Bachelor's and Master's Programmes can draw on the excellent FHM network. This includes, above all, expert lectures, company visits and interesting internship opportunities.

The current range of courses
can be found on our website:



FHM online

Technology

Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) Management & Technology

Full-time study Frechen 3 years

The B.Eng. Management and Technology prepares specialists to navigate complex business and technical challenges. Graduates gain a strong foundation in engineering and business, enabling flexible problem-solving, lifelong learning, and international career prospects.

Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) Mechatronics

Full-time study Frechen 3 years

Mechatronics combines mechanics, electrical engineering, and computer science. It is an innovative industry that is geared toward changing technical standards and the needs of tomorrow. Upon successful completion of our Bachelor's Programme, you will have excellent opportunities to start your career, both in international manufacturing companies and in the rapidly growing market of German companies.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) General Technology Management

Full-time study Berlin 18 months

The MBA in General Technology Management combines General Management skills with a specialization in Automotive & Mobility. Key areas include strategy, leadership, process optimization, multimodal mobility platforms, performance management, and AI-driven infrastructure transformation.

Master of Arts (M.A.) International Technology Transfer Management (ITTM)

Full-time study Berlin 2 years

The M.Sc. International Technology Transfer Management (ITTM) is designed for those pursuing an internationally focused management career, especially in multinational companies. It's ideal for graduates in engineering and business administration, but others seeking a career in this field are also welcome to apply.



Business

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Digital Business Management

Full-time study **Düren** 3 years

Self-driving cars, AI, smart warehouses, and web-based building management will reshape our world. Digitalization revolutionizes the economy, creating new jobs and businesses need experts fluent in digital change. The B.A. Digital Business Management prepares you for this future.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

International Business Administration

Full-time study **Berlin** 3 years

Teams across Europe, customers in the USA, partners in Asia – business today knows no borders! Companies need experts with business and intercultural skills in management, marketing, sales, and HR.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Logistics Management

Full-time study **Frechen** 3 years

The planning, organization, and control of material and information flows along the value chain is an irreplaceable cog in the wheel of trade in our globalized world. With our Bachelor's Degree Programme, you will be qualified to perform specialist and leadership tasks as well as management activities after graduation.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Marketing Management

Full-time study **Düren** 3 years

Are you passionate about marketing and full of creative ideas? The Marketing Management Programme prepares you for careers in market research, product management, sales, and more. Learn to understand markets, meet customer needs, and drive brand success.



Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Sports Management

Full-time study **Berlin** **Düren** 3 years

Sport is becoming increasingly important economically and socially. The B.A. Sports Management programme prepares students for specialist and leadership roles at the intersection of sport, media, and business.

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Digital Transformation Management

Full-time study **Düren** 18 month

Our degree programme is perfectly tailored to the needs of specialists and managers in digital transformation. Companies must remain drivers of innovation and adapt to rapid developments. With this degree programme, we prepare you to actively manage transformation and act as a pioneer in digital change.

Master of Arts (M.A.) International Management

Full-time study Berlin Cologne 2 years

The growing interdependence of global economies requires companies to manage businesses internationally and collaborate across borders. This trend creates a high demand for international managers and professionals with strong business education, intercultural competence, and language skills.

Master of Arts (M.A.) Global SMEs

Full-time study Berlin 2 years

The SME sector is the backbone of Germany's economy, driving innovation, growth, and job creation. Skilled managers are needed to lead medium-sized companies in areas like personnel development, marketing, sales, and customer management. The Master's degree in Global SME Management offers excellent career opportunities for those aiming for leadership roles or entrepreneurship.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) Innovation & Leadership

Full-time study Berlin 2 years

In a globally networked economy, innovation drives competition and company success. Internationalization and globalization pressure SMEs to innovate as well. Future managers must ensure competitiveness through market-creating innovations and efficiency strategies to sustain Germany's "Mittelstand" and its global success.

Master of Science (M.A.) Sustainability & Climate Management

Full-time study Düren 2 years

The Master's programme Sustainability & Climate Management prepares you optimally for the challenges in this exciting field of work. Our Master's programme offers you a combination of sustainability, climate and management that is unique in the German-speaking education market. In addition, the topics of the CRSD (Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive) and the ESRS (European Sustainability Reporting Standards) or, alternatively, the VSME (Voluntary ESRS for non-listed Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) are also covered in order to sensitise you to the extended requirements in sustainability reporting.

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) Doctor of Business Administration

Part-time studies Bielefeld

Want to do a doctorate while working? You can with our DBA programme in cooperation with the University of Worcester (UoW)! With this part-time, English-language doctoral programme, we offer the best support and optimal compatibility between work and doctoral studies.





FHM STUDIENKOLLEG

Studying in Germany: We'll help you get there!

The FHM.Studienkolleg is aimed at international applicants with or without a university entrance qualification who wish to study at a university in Germany. The FHM.Studienkolleg offers applicants not only preparatory courses for university entrance, but also Bachelor's and Master's preparatory courses.

The aim of the FHM.Studienkolleg is to prepare applicants so that they have the necessary language and academic skills by the time they start studying in Germany. In addition, the aim is to develop their

knowledge and academic methodological skills in relation to the respective major field of study so that their qualifications and skills are comparable to those of German first-year students.

PSP – the bridge to your career



The bridge to your career

Are you looking for the best provider of preparatory programmes in Germany? If so, then the FHM Pre-Studies Programme is for you. FHM University is one of the most renowned educational institutions in Germany. We offer support for both types of courses: PSP Classic (for high school students) and PSP Professionals (for graduates).

Pre-Studies Programme CLASSIC

The Pre-Studies Programme CLASSIC is a **one-year preparatory programme** at the FHM. It is aimed at **qualified international high school graduates who do not have direct access** to a German university.

The programme provides PSP students with a solid academic foundation in the individual disciplines of engineering, business administration or medicine. Specialised German courses bring the language skills of PSP students up to an appropriate level. Qualified lecturers and excellent learning conditions prepare PSP students for studying at a German university. PSP graduates are eligible to take the Feststellungsprüfung (FSP) at the end of the programme. The FSP certificate entitles them to apply for a direct place at a German university. If you have an 'S-Verfahren' (special admission procedure), the FSP qualifies you to apply to a university in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Start: March & October

Duration: 12 months

Courses:

- › T-Course (for technical degree programmes)
- › W-Course (for economics degree programmes)
- › M-Course (for medical degree programmes)

Registration Deadline: Without specific deadlines



Benefits CLASSIC

- ✓ Optimal preparation for university studies
- ✓ Eligibility for the assessment test (FSP)
- ✓ Opportunity to apply to a German university.

You can find the current pre-study programmes on our website. Simply scan the code and find out more.



FHM online



Benefits UniPrep:

- ✓ Optimal preparation for university studies
- ✓ Eligibility for the German C1 language exam (telc)
- ✓ Tailor-made university preparation training such as intercultural training, simulation and application training.

Pre-Studies Programme Professional

PSP Professional is a **one-year academic preparatory programme** at FHM. It is aimed at **qualified non-German university graduates who are seeking a career in Germany in the fields of medicine, business or technology.**

The programme includes basic and specialist language courses in German, intercultural competence training, and application and simulation training. PSP Professional graduates are eligible to take the German language examination (telc) at the end of the programme.

Start: March & October

Duration: 12 months

Courses:

- › Tech-Course for engineers
- › Eco-Course for economics and management
- › Med-Course for the medical sector

Registration Deadline: Without deadline

Pre-Studies Programme UniPrep

PSP UniPrep is a **one-year preparatory programme** at FHM. It is aimed at **qualified international high school graduates with direct access** to a German university.

The programme offers PSP students a specialised German course that brings their language skills up to an advanced academic level. Qualified lecturers and excellent learning conditions prepare PSP students for studying at a German university. At the end of the programme, PSP graduates are eligible to take the telc German C1 language exam. In addition, the programme includes tailor-made university preparation training such as intercultural training, simulation and application training.

Start: March & October

Duration: 12 months

Registration Deadline: Without deadline



Benefits Professional

- ✓ Optimal preparation for a career in Germany in medicine, technology or business
- ✓ Eligibility for German language examination (telc)
- ✓ Basic and specialised language courses in German, training in intercultural competence, application and simulation training

telc Language certificate for study and work



The term telc stands for The European Language Certificates. telc gGmbH is one of the leading providers of standardised language examinations. The development, implementation and distribution of over 80 examinations in ten languages is at the core of its work.

The Fachhochschule des Mittelstands (FHM) is a licensed telc partner and currently offers examination centres at the FHM locations in Berlin, Bielefeld, Frechen (near Cologne) and Hanover. Here, the FHM.Studienkolleg not only offers preparatory courses for university admission, but also Bachelor's and Master's preparation courses. The FHM.Studienkolleg has the task of preparing applicants for university so that they have the necessary language skills when they start their studies in Ger-

many. In addition, their level of knowledge and scientific methodological skills with regard to their respective field of study are to be developed so that their qualifications and skills are comparable to those of German first-year students.



! Important: If you really want to settle in Germany and plan to stay here, then it is important to learn German.

German courses for university admission for international prospective students (Up to level C1)

Would you like to study in Germany or work in an academic profession? A telc certificate is often required for admission to university and entry into a profession. The Fachhochschule des Mittelstands (FHM) offers German courses in Bielefeld that specifically prepare you for a telc exam at language levels B1 - C1.

In our German courses in Bielefeld, trained teachers will prepare you for the telc exam. At a high language level, you will learn to write texts, respond appropriately in exam-relevant situations and deal with complex listening and reading texts from science and society. In addition, we familiarise you with the assessment criteria of the telc exam in our German courses. All the skills you need to pass the telc exam are practised: reading comprehension, listening comprehension, written expression and oral expression.

The number of participants in the telc German courses in Bielefeld is limited.

Participation requirements:

A basic knowledge of German at B1 level is required to participate in our telc German course. The following levels can be achieved by taking a German course:

- › telc German B2
- › telc German C1 University

Level: B1 - C1 University with final examination C1 University (late registrations possible)

Duration: 3 month



Don't waste time while you wait for your visa: You can already study language courses and individual modules online before you start your studies in Germany.

Preparatory course German language and methodological skills for university studies

The preparatory courses 'UniPrep University Preparation Academic Work in German' are aimed at international applicants with university entrance qualifications who wish to study at a university in Germany. In this preparatory course, you will learn German at university level and acquire methodological skills in academic work related to your chosen field of study. All the necessary qualifications and skills for studying in Germany are integrated into this preparatory course.

Duration: 12 months with a total of 780 teaching hours

Course details: German Language (telc A2-C1 Uni), German for University (624 teaching units in total, 16 teaching units per week) with language qualification: Telc Certificate C1 German University Entrance Qualification.

Supplementary modules:

Can be supplemented with the following modules, which also allow credit points to be earned:

- › University simulation training: Academic work, methodological skills, e.g. preparation and presentation of student research projects, exams, exhibition projects or presentations, application portfolios in print and online format, telephone training (52 teaching units)
- › Intercultural training (78 teaching units)
- › University application training: Self-management & self-marketing (26 teaching units)

Further information about our language courses can be found online on our website.



FHM online

Finished your studies – what now?

Once you have successfully completed your studies in Germany, there are many paths open to you – from starting your career straight away to pursuing a doctorate, becoming self-employed or undertaking alternative training. Find out here what options you have after completing your studies, how you can organise your stay in Germany and what legal requirements apply.



Residence & Job Search

If you come from a third country, you have the option of obtaining a **residence permit valid for up to 18 months to search for qualified employment in Germany**. During these 18 months, you may take up any type of employment. Please note that this type of residence permit cannot be extended. The following requirements must be met in order to obtain an 18-month residence permit:

- › Proof of successful completion of studies
- › Proof of health insurance coverage
- › Proof of sufficient funds to cover your living expenses

Before submitting your application, check with your local immigration office to find out which documents you need to bring with you. To ensure a successful job search, you should put together attractive application documents to present yourself to potential employers in the best possible light.

Through the **FHM network**, you have the opportunity to get to know **potential employers** while you are still studying, to work there and to **optimise your application documents through extracurricular events**.

Self-employment after graduation: paths to starting a business

There are many reasons to become **self-employed in Germany**. If you are interested in doing so, you can contact a **start-up advisory service**. If you come from a third country, you will need a **residence permit depending** on your business plans. Read more about this in the section 'Visa for self-employment'.

When studying at the FHM, starting a business is an important part of the curriculum. Start-up modules are included in every degree programme. This ensures that you are well prepared to take the step into self-employment.

Six students from the General Technology Management programme founded the Catalyser Strategies project. Their goal is to make high-quality market research accessible to companies of all sizes, from innovative start-ups to established local businesses.



From India to a career in Germany

Mohammed Juned Pathan came to Germany from India to study for a BSc in Industrial Engineering at FHM Frechen. Today, he works as an IoT solutions expert at ENERVIE Service GmbH in Hagen, a long-standing partner of FHM. We spoke to him about his experiences.

[Mr Pathan, why did you decide to pursue this degree?](#)

I was specifically looking for a degree programme that offered a good mix of engineering and economics, and FHM stood out in this regard. The curriculum is practical, industry-based and offers strong links to businesses. Fortunately, some friends of mine had already studied there and told me how much the lecturers care for each student individually. That made my decision easier.

[How did FHM help you get your internship at ENERVIE?](#)

The FHM's corporate network was a tremendous help both in finding an internship and in starting my career. My lecturers not only advised me, but also put me in touch with industry professionals. In fact, my professor, Prof. Dr. Kornelia Drees, recommended me for the internship at ENERVIE. She even accompanied me to the interview and organised everything. This opened the door to my career, for which I am very grateful.

[What professional and personal experiences did you gain during your internship?](#)

Professionally, I was able to gain practical experience in many exciting projects and learn how to use industry-standard tools. Personally, I greatly improved my teamwork and communication skills and learned a lot about German work culture – especially how important coffee breaks and punctuality are!

[You have made the transition to a permanent position. What are your current responsibilities?](#)

I supervise projects on site to identify opportunities for optimisation. A large part of my work involves

managing our IoT platform, monitoring data flow and ensuring the reliability of the systems. I am also responsible for the implementation and commissioning of IoT projects and hardware. In the future, I would like to develop further within the company and see myself in a role with even more responsibility.

[What cultural differences have you experienced compared to your home country?](#)

One major challenge was the direct and structured communication style in Germany. Here, people say exactly what they mean – which felt unusually direct to me at first. In addition, the work culture in Germany is very organised and places great emphasis on planning and punctuality. In my home country, things are often a little more flexible, so it took me some time to adjust. But now I really appreciate this efficiency and the clear expectations.

[What specific tips would you give to international students?](#)

I recommend that students use the practical phase to gain in-depth professional experience. This gives them valuable insights into the job market. They can attend seminars, events and job fairs, network with industry professionals on LinkedIn and use the FHM network. I also advise them to actively integrate themselves into German culture.



Let's get started! 😁

Do you require any further information?

We would be happy to show you various options and provide you with the best possible advice regarding your study choices. Your study and career aspirations are our focus! Simply get in touch with us:

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Further information can be found on our website or from our cooperation partners in your country.

