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# YOUR BIG BREAK

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## Adventure is Waiting For You in Germany!

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work/study program now.

# STUDY

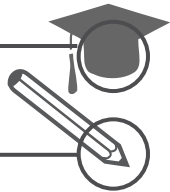
## ABOUT US

**We are the first  
higher education  
institution in  
Germany that  
combines practical  
workplace training  
and academic  
studies...**

...and, therefore, achieves a close integration of theory and practice, both being components of the dual education.

The key feature of the so-called dual study concept is that students regularly switch from their academic studies at the university to practical training by their workplace training provider, the so-called corporate partner. That means students are not only taught theoretical knowledge, but also learn to apply this knowledge in practice.

# WORK



**125,000 Graduates**

**34,000 Current Students**



**9,000 Partner Companies**

With around 34.000 enrolled students, 9.000 partner companies and more than 125.000 graduates, our university is the largest higher education institution in the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg and one of the largest in Germany. The headquarters of the university are in Stuttgart. The state university system oriented organization structure of the DHBW, comprising of both central and local levels is unique in Germany.

Across its nine campuses DHBW offers a broad range of graduate and undergraduate study programs in the fields of business, engineering, and social work. All degree programs are both nationally and internationally accredited, and are classified as intensive study programs. The undergraduate programs are worth 210 ECTS credit points, the programs at the Masters level 90 ECTS credit points.

## Mission and Vision

With its headquarters in Stuttgart and its nine academies across Baden-Württemberg, Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University (in German - Duale Hochschule Baden Württemberg - DHBW) is the first higher education institution in Germany to integrate academic-based theoretical knowledge and work experience.

We consistently and deliberately combine academic studies with applied learning in the professional world, cooperating with numerous workplace training providers, the so-called corporate partners.

Students completing their degrees at DHBW alternate between academic studies and on-the-job training, which gives them the opportunity to immediately apply concepts learnt in class to their workplace, and vice-versa bring in new ideas from their training companies into the classroom.

## *“alternate between academic studies and on-the-job training”*

With this strategy, DHBW provides a route to sought-after academic qualifications while enabling students to gain extensive practical experience. This allows DHBW graduates to take on challenging tasks early in their professional pathways, helping them to launch their successful careers.

DHBW welcomes participating companies and social institutions as equal partners to the university. All partners work together to continuously develop and improve the dual study concept and to achieve our mutual goals.

## Studying at DHBW Mannheim

The dual studies program combines academic learning with direct application and expansion of knowledge in professional practice. The two partners, the university and the companies, take on the task of training qualified new recruits. After three years of studies our graduates obtain a broad theoretical knowledge of their subject - as well as extensive practical business experience that cannot be acquired at any other university. The subsequent career opportunities of our graduates are excellent. On average, 90% of our graduates have employment contracts even before they finish their studies, taking on demanding jobs in industry and commerce immediately after graduation.

Alternating between theoretical and practical phases enriches the studies with diversity and variety, and graduates usually take on responsible, professional tasks when they are still young. Our students are employed by their respective companies and are paid a monthly salary for the entire time of their studies providing the first stage of becoming financially independent.

In addition to our full time professors, specialist areas are taught by guest lecturers from other universities, as well as by qualified professionals. This diversity of didactic and professional knowledge ensures that teaching is both practically and academically oriented.

Students are taught in small groups. Both active teaching and learning methods along with intensive personal instruction by professors and tutors foster motivation and decisively contribute to successful learning. With the establishment of internationally oriented degree programs, we have taken into account the growing globalization of the labour market. In

In addition to specialist and social skills, linguistic and intercultural skills are also taught with most degree courses providing the opportunity to participate in exchange and scholarship programs abroad.

## Theoretical Knowledge & Practical Competence

The core principle of the dual education at DHBW is the three-month rhythm, by which students switch between university and their workplace training provider, i.e. between gaining theoretical knowledge and applying this knowledge in practice.

Enrollment at the Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University presumes that the student is employed at a company or a social institution and receives a monthly salary, including social security benefits. The theory and practice contents are closely coordinated and incorporate current developments. Within this strategy, DHBW students already gain professional experience and social skills required in every-day working life during their studies.

The students receive projects and assignments according to their growing abilities and can benefit by acquiring hard and soft skills of more experienced coworkers. They develop under real conditions, being a part of live projects in industry. With the corporate-practical knowledge acquired during the training phases, DHBW students are also able to exercise qualified and responsible tasks particularly in the selected specialization function already immediately after completion of the studies and virtually without familiarization period. Due to the acquired theoretical and practical knowledge, our graduates are basically able to work in all industry companies and in all corporate fields of activity,

as well as on all hierarchy levels.

## Cutting-Edge Skills

In-depth expertise knowledge, understanding of interdisciplinary contents, the ability to solve problems methodologically and purposefully, along with effective team skills characterize the qualification of DHBW graduates. Upon graduation students are capable of meeting professional demands immediately, which is a major competitive advantage on the labor market.

## Salaries & Fees

Students receive a monthly salary during the theoretical as well as the practical periods. These salaries typically start with €700-900 in the first year and can go up to €1,200 in the last year. The salary is on average high enough to cover the living expenses. The Government of the State of Baden-Württemberg has abolished general tuition fees. Only a small administrative fee of 145€ per semester has to be paid.

## Financial Independence

Students at the Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University are financially independent from the very start. As employees of our cooperative partners that provide their workplace training, DHBW students receive a monthly remuneration for the duration of their studies at the university.



### Academic Benefits

The completions of a degree program at DHBW Mannheim takes three years. Alternating between theoretical and practical phases, enriches the studies with diversity and variety, earning thereby a total of 210 ECTS that are nationally and internationally accredited.

***“the degree takes three years...***

***alternating between theoretical and paractical phases”***

### Excellent Employment Opportunities

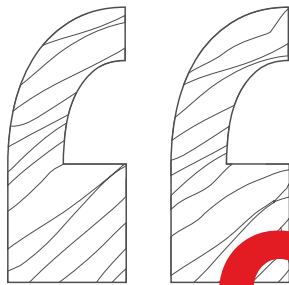
The practice-oriented education on the highest academic and technological level meets the steadily increasing demand for management skills. This ensures a smooth transition into profession with excellent career opportunities.




***“graduates are highly employable”***

In addition, the dual studies concept ensures that the graduates are highly employable, which is clearly demonstrated by the recruitment rate - more than 90 per cent of our graduates are taken on by their workplace training providers.





**90%**  
of our graduates  
**receive a job**  
**...Immediately**  
after completion of their studies 

### Outstanding Career Prospects

The world economy is intertwined as never before. Modern communications systems hardly allow any business to function solely on a national level. No matter in which sector one works, internationally-trained employees are in great demand.

Those who wish to be better prepared for the future and to assume positions of responsibility upon completion of their studies, study internationally and opt for the practice-oriented dual studies.

Our three faculties offer a broad range of both nationally and internationally accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The curriculum incorporates practical training in more than 9,000 cooperating companies and institutions.

The **dual education system** ensures that graduates acquire the ability to efficiently obtain and prepare information required for solving a problem and to use it in a decision-

supporting form. They develop the ability to learn and work independently, as well as to behave cooperatively and to make independent and appropriate contributions when working in a team.

DHBW graduates are able to cooperate with experts from other fields of expertise, at the same time they know their own possibilities and limits and actively obtain adequate support, if necessary. They keep their knowledge up to date and are ready to learn from experience. The practical nature of dual education is an advantage, as is the mutual screening between employers and employees during training.

### Testimonials From Our Partner Companies

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***“We are able to recruit highly qualified young professionals that meet our current and future staffing requirements.***

*During their practical training the students add value to the company and develop a commitment for Porsche. The excellent internal network and the profound know-how of business processes allows us to offer our students highly attractive positions when they graduate.”*

— Thomas Edig

Vice CEO of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG

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***“For STIHL, dual studies have been an essential part of the education of qualified experts and executives for many years.***

*During their study programme, the graduates familiarise themselves with the processes and structures at STIHL and can take over superior functions immediately after finishing their studies.”*

— Dr. Michael Prochaska

Member of the Executive Board of Andreas Stihl AG & Co. KG

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### Language Proficiency<sup>\*</sup>

In order to be admitted to the BI-SCI program at the DHBW, **you need language proficiency in English.** During the program, you will be taught the German language to a level so that you will be able to use it comfortably in your daily life as well as at workplace.

# PROGRAMS

## Earn a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Business Informatics (BI)<sup>\*\*</sup>

(Studiengang Wirtschaftsinformatik)

- **Sales & Consulting International (BI-SCI)**

The following programs are offered in German:

- **Application Management (BI-AM)**
- **Software Engineering (BI-SE)**



<sup>\*)</sup> Focus of this brochure is the Sales & Consulting (S.C.) Program, called "BI-SCI"

<sup>\*\*)</sup> Program Acronyms in German are WI-SCI, WI-AM and WI-SE respectively.

# Sales & Consulting International

## The Business Informatics work sphere continues to grow particularly in a wide range of consulting related tasks.

This growth results from both, growth in the core consulting industry, as well as in internal IT departments who shift their focus much more intensively on communication between and service delivery for the organisation that they are part of and themselves. For these demanding positions DHBW's industry partners are seeking more and more employees that combine knowledge and skills from the core Business Informatics curriculum in combination with specific skills for the consulting environment. DHBW's partner companies keep demonstrating the significance of this trend by continuously growing the number of students they send into the B.Sc. Business Informatics - Sales & Consulting program. Currently, more than one third of all Business Informatics students are enrolled in the Sales & Consulting (WI-SC) program.

An education in Business Informatics - Sales & Consulting (BI-SCI) emphasizes particularly the interface between Business and Information Technology, the point-of-contact between consultants and clients. The program is concerned with the development, management and use of information systems across different industries. Thus the core curriculum is identical with the other Business Informatics programs building on three pillars: Computer Sciences, Business Informatics and Business. On top of this core curriculum the training of soft skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, and conflict resolution constitute one of the priorities of the program. The command of the marketing and sales process, negotiation and closing deals on consulting contracts, as well as managing a consulting project to its successful closure is the second essential focus point.

### Profile of Requirements

- Above average grades in university prep level mathematics
- Students must have a passion for business and information technology, as well as excellent communication skills
- Finally the Sales & Consulting program requires commitment, resilience, flexibility, and the desire to meet new people in a variety of situations.

### Language Proficiency

Students are required to initially apply for the studies with an excellent command in the English language. During the three year program, they will be taught the German language up to the level of proficiency so that it is used after graduation in the day-to-day life as well as at work.

### Graduation Requirements

Studies end after successful completion of six semesters with a Bachelor of Science. Every major at the DHBW Mannheim meets the required 210 ECTS points required by the accreditation agency and are accredited as a full-scale and comprehensive study.

### Job Opportunities

Graduates can expect after the end of their studies to find themselves immediately with demanding tasks in Sales or Consulting in the IT industry, or in IT departments across all industries. Students are also frequently assigned to positions in project management.

Further career opportunities result essentially from personal dedication to the job during the initial years, from where promotion to top management positions is certainly possible. Given the high demand for qualified junior staff, the career opportunities look excellent.

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## S&C INTERNATIONAL

- **Germany Month:** German language courses, living and working in Germany
- **Welcome Month:** students get introduced to their companies
- **Academic prep weeks:** Just before the program starts German courses continue, Business Math and Academic English are offered
- **First Year:** taught in English
- **Second and Third Year:** Gradually the teaching language will shift to German in year two and year three
- **Complete Program:** German courses continue, key qualification courses are taught in German
- **Buddies:** A regular SC course is run in parallel, some classes common, joint projects, buddies assigned
- **International Office:** all services available: cultural events, excursions, support with administration, etc.

## Timeline of the B.Sc. program Business Informatics Sales & Consulting International

Program Start	August 1
Welcome to Germany	August
Welcome to your Company	September
Academic Preparation Phase / Term 1	First weeks of October
Start of Theory Phase 1	Third Week of October
End of Theory / Start of Practical Phase 1	End of Third / Beginning of Fourth Week of January
Term 2 Begins	First Week of May
End of Theory / Start of Practical Phase 2	End of July
Year 1 Ends	Second Week of November
Year 2 and Year 3 of the Program	
Start of Theory Phase 3 and 5	Second Week of November
End of Theory / Start of Practical Phase 3 a. 5	End of Second / Beginning of Third Week of February
End of Practical Phase 3 and 5	End of April
Start of Theory Phase 4 and 6	Beginning of May
End of Theory / Start of Practical Phase 4 a. 6	End of July / Beginning of August

## Program Content

### Business Administration

Marketing, Sales, Negotiations  
Managerial and Financial Accounting  
Finance  
Business Communications  
Human Resources Management and Leadership  
Strategic Management

### Information Technology

Computer Architecture,  
Communication Networks and IT Infrastructure  
Operating Systems  
Programming, Algorithms and Data Structures  
Software Development Life Cycle  
Databases  
Web Technologies and Distributed Systems  
IT Security  
Cloud Computing

### Business Informatics

Data Warehousing  
Business Intelligence  
Mobile Systems and Applications  
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)  
Customer Relationship Management Systems  
Enterprise Application Integration  
IT Management  
IT Project Management

### Foundational Concepts

Mathematics  
Economics  
Law  
Research Methods and Academic Writing  
Communication and Negotiation  
Leadership

# Application Management

**The Business Informatics major in Application Management provides students with fundamental knowledge of general and industry specific business administration topics and computer science. Students analyze business scenarios and processes from a business point of view and define appropriate IT concepts to implement in information systems.**

In addition to business knowledge students require fundamental knowledge in key subjects of applied computer science with a focus in the holistic reflection on application of:

- Programming
- Computer Architecture, Networks, IT Infrastructures
- IT Management and Project Management
- Data Bases and Data Warehouses
- Web Oriented Technology
- ERP Systems
- Service Architecture

For a comprehensive knowledge of business information systems, a good mathematics foundation of statistics and operations research is essential. The major is well-rounded with students taking classes in foundations of IT law, economics, and courses specific to the program.

## Profile of Requirements

The foundation of a successful education in Application Management is having the ability to use the two very different and specific fields of Business and Information Technology. A strong prior basis in mathematics or sciences are important to the program. The ideal candidate brings a passion for good communication skills and independent thinking. In addition this program requires engagement, creativity, perseverance, flexibility, and sociability.

## Study Profile Industry and Logistics

The Computer Science focus in industry and logistics is based primarily on the needs of manufacturing companies and other elements of the value chain, such as trade and transport. Moreover, software developers and suppliers for the above mentioned industries as well as industrial institutions, like parts of public service sector also function from programs created by Computer Science.

Consequently, the program contains the following subjects:

- Material Management
- Cost Analysis and Logistics
- Production Planning and Control as well as Supply Chain Management

As electives in the third year:

- Consulting
- IT Service Management

## Prospects in Banking and Insurance Industries

Financial institutions' transactions are all run by computer science programs, and with the always continuing development of computer science, new questions and challenges emerge. These are regularly conducted in cooperation with experts of various specialties. One of the main tasks of graduates of this Business Informatics program lies in the interdisciplinary nature of these challenges.

The relevance derives from the background of the market situation of recent years because many management devices as well as company and market regulations are depend on the control from IT systems. These IT systems can only function well if attentive, technical business models are built.

For students of banking or insurance agencies, specialized seminars will be offered.

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# Software Engineering

**Business informatics with a focus on software methodology. Business data processing in the professional environment brings a wide range of requirements. A key differentiation is the extent to which knowledge of software development processes are introduced to solve complex real life problems.**

For placements in development departments of our partner companies the study of classical business informatics often needs to be augmented by additional skills and knowledge in the software development domain, while at the same time retaining the business management skills taught in our Business Informatics programs. Here we focus on the development of business software, such as ERP systems, to a level typically not found in graduates from computer science programs.

## Profile of Requirements

We expect students to have an interest in asking questions about economical and information technology. Abstract thinking is important for multidisciplinary modeling along with strong skills in mathematics. Prior experience in programming is not required but it is helpful in order to be able to realistically assess the extent of a student's interest in learning program languages. Software Engineering majors can often find themselves in the area between a functional and development department or in the consulting sphere. Above average communication skills are of major importance for any of the employment fields.

## Content of Studies

Business Informatics will engage students in the development and application of information systems in the scope of business. Traditional Business Informatics focus on the core subjects Business and Information Technology. The interdisciplinary character of Business Informatics takes into account subjects like Methodology of Business Informatics, conveying predominantly methods and techniques for modeling complex business information systems.

In the major Software Engineering, a wide range of subjects will be discussed in depth, including: Formal Aspects of Computer Science, Design Processes, Design Interfaces, and Innovative Programming Techniques

With relation to a later professional career, students have the opportunity in their third year to choose one of three elective fields: Consulting, IT Service Management, or ERP Systems.

## Perspective

Graduates can expect after the end of their studies to find themselves immediately with demanding tasks in the conceptualizing and development of software systems as well as in project management or technical consulting. Further career opportunities result essentially from personal dedication to the job during the initial years, from where promotion to top management positions is certainly possible. Given the high demand for qualified junior staff, the career opportunities look excellent.

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# STUDENT SERVICES

## “Join us on DHBW Mannheim’s International Adventure!”

You will see things and meet people,  
learning things that only international  
experiences have to offer.”

— Mannheim International Office

### International Office

serves as the university’s center of contact for all of its international activities. Here is a list of some of the services we provide:

- Increase diversity of DHBW Mannheim’s faculty and student bodies
- Conduct an extensive student exchange and study abroad program
- Provide a professional student advising service
- Provide expert assistance to faculty in the design and administration of study abroad programs
- Recruit and offer programs for a growing population of international students
- Manage the University’s expanding program of international linkages
- Work in partnerships with foreign universities and study abroad organizations
- Support an active program of faculty exchange
- Provide coordination among relevant academic and administrative units on and off campus
- Provide funding for both student and faculty activities
- Support in the process of obtaining the Visa
- Assist in finding accommodation
- Heighten awareness on campus of global issues

While these are earnest goals, we try not to take ourselves too seriously. We are the friendliest office on campus and run the most enjoyable University programs.

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## Student Associations

There are some student associations at the University of Mannheim that specifically support international students. Here are some links to those associations.

- AEGEE: Association des Etats Generaux des Etudiants de l'Europe / Association of European Students
- AIESEC
- Bai Ganyo: Association of Bulgarian Students in Mannheim
- SMD: Student Mission Germany — Host-Family Programme
- VISUM e.V.

## Libraries

Students have access to the user-friendly OPAC System and can search the entire contents of the DHBW Mannheim library. The OPAC System indicates in which one of the two libraries the required book is contained. At the push of a button you can print out the shelf mark of a book in order to see whether it is available. The OPAC System also allows you the use of E-journals, Databases, etc.

Students can also use the university library network in Mannheim. That allows you to use the main library of the University of Mannheim, which is located at the castle of Mannheim. To use this library, you have to register at the information desk by showing your DHBW Mannheim student ID.

## Computer Support

We have several small computer labs for international students. However, it is much more convenient to use the WLAN (Wifi) network for students at the DHBW Mannheim. After registration, you will be provided with a student account and a password. International exchange students without a personal laptop have the possibility to borrow a laptop from the International Office free of charge. Please ask the International Office for more information.

Students can also use the WLAN network at the University of Mannheim. To use this service, you have to register at the information desk of the main library by showing your DHBW Mannheim student ID.

## Counselling

If you need any support with financial, personal, or social issues the Studentenwerk offers many services depending on your need.

## Mensa and Cafeteria

DHBW Mannheim students are offered helpful studying services by the Student Services Mannheim. There are two canteens and a cafeteria available for them: on Käfertaler Straße and Coblitzallee.

The cafeteria and canteens function both as a place to eat and as a place to meet up with friends.

## Other Student Services

DHBW students also have the option of living in student housing offered by Student Services. Other services offered include: financial aid, psychological counselling, social services, help for foreign students, etc.

## Wifi



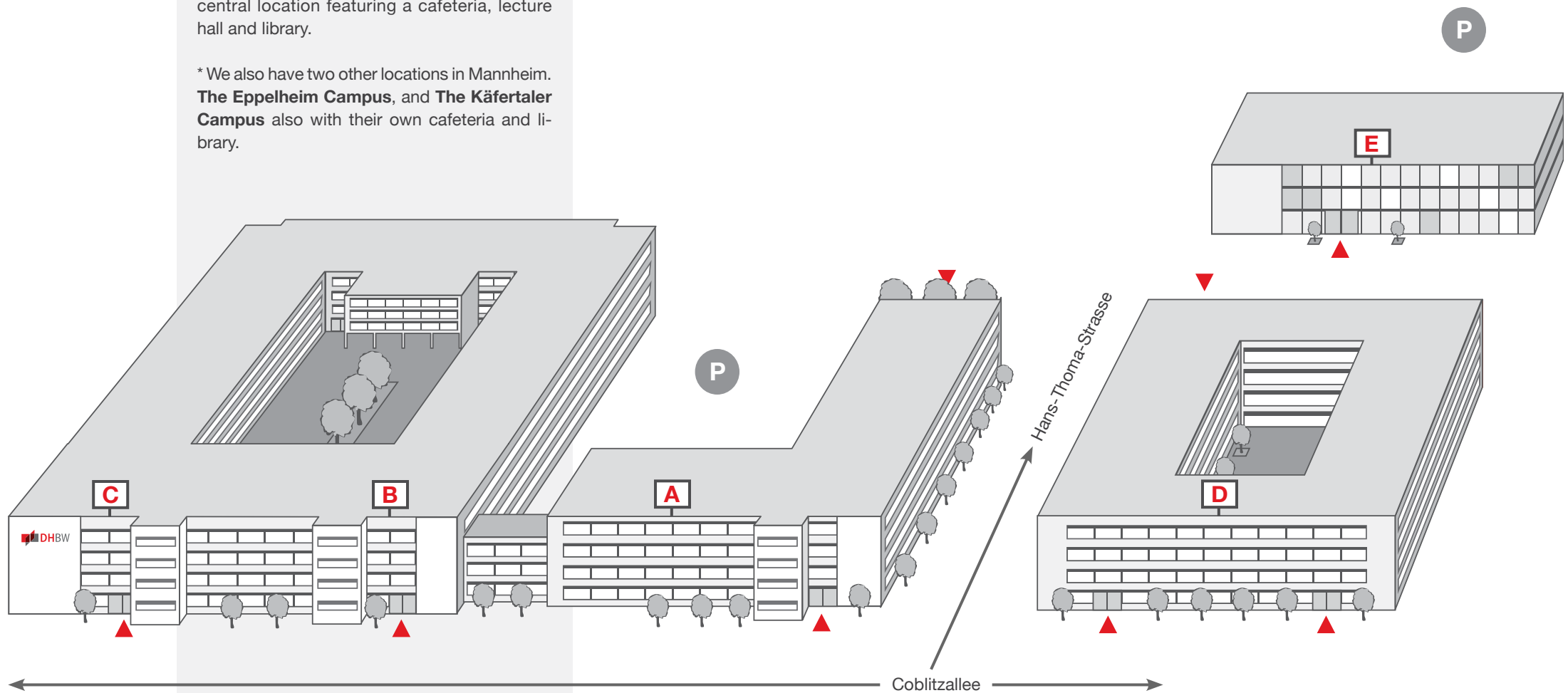
*Free for all students on eduroam*



### Coblitzallee Campus Map

The **Coblitzallee Campus** is DHBW Mannheim's central location featuring a cafeteria, lecture hall and library.

\* We also have two other locations in Mannheim. **The Eppelheim Campus**, and **The Käfertaler Campus** also with their own cafeteria and library.



A stylized, high-contrast map of Mannheim, Germany, featuring a grid of dark grey rectangular blocks representing buildings and white lines representing streets. The map is oriented diagonally, with the top-left corner of the image showing a more detailed view of the city's layout, including a river and a bridge. The rest of the image is a continuation of this grid pattern, filling the background.

# **LIVING IN MANNHEIM, GERMANY**

**Studying abroad  
is a fantastic  
opportunity to  
discover a new  
city and country!**

You might also like to get acquainted with the German culture and language as well as see what life in Mannheim looks like.

On the following pages, you will find hints and tips about practical questions, cultural and leisure activities and a lot of other worthwhile facts that will make your stay in Mannheim much more exciting!



## Leisure & Culture

General information concerning events in the city can be found in the daily local newspaper “Mannheimer Morgen” or in the monthly magazine “Meier”, which lists all cultural events and has tips for the whole region. Both can be purchased at all newspaper stands and book stores. There is also the free newspaper “Wochenblatt” which has news and events, which is distributed to all households.

You can find more information on activities on the following websites:

### **www.regioactive.de**

Information on concerts, festivals and parties in the Rhein-Neckar Region and everything you want to know about the music scene in the region.

### **www.meieronline.de**

The online version of the monthly magazine.

Mannheim is home to numerous museums, nationally and internationally acclaimed exhibitions and artistic treasures in countless galleries all around the city.

## Dining Out & Nightlife

You can feel at home in Mannheim. There is a wide variety of international cuisine including Indian food, Greek food, Turkish food, Thai as well as Sushi and many more.

Mannheim is known for its many pretzel stands and the Döner which is a kind of Turkish kebab. The Döner is found throughout Germany and is definitely worth trying! One of the most popular Döner stalls is located right across the main train station, called City Döner. It is very common to have a Döner there after a night of partying.

You can also eat inexpensively in the University dining hall (Mensa) which serve subsidized meals daily. Prices range from € 2.80 to € 3.50 for regular Mensa dishes.

Mannheim also boasts an exciting nightlife. Discover beer gardens, beach bars, cafes and bistros, pubs, scene bars and clubs.

***With its lively music, club, and bar scene, Mannheim is known as Germany’s capital for pop music.***



## Sports

All students in the Mannheim area have the opportunity to take part in the college sports program of the Mannheim University Area. The activities are organized by the Institute for Sport at the University of Mannheim and offer a wide-ranging sports program for all the universities in Mannheim throughout the year even during the holidays.

The International Office will provide you with the up to date program. There are courses free of charge and courses for which you have to pay a small amount and register at the beginning of the semester. You can also use the gym for free.

Apart from this there are a large number of sport clubs and many opportunities for walking and water sports. There are many sport activities in the residence halls.

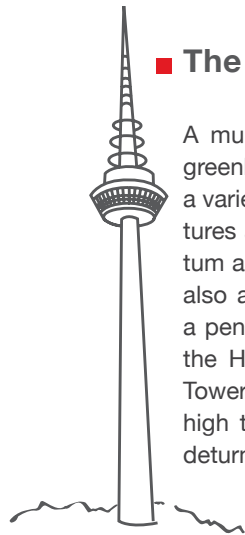


### ■ Mannheimer Schloss

The Mannheim Palace is one of the largest baroque palaces in all of Europe. It was once the main residence of the Prince-electors of Electoral Palatinate and is now primarily used by the University of Mannheim. The Palace is filled with original furnishings, china, clocks and other objects. There is a permanent exhibition 'Art and Culture' at the Mannheim Court which includes selected pieces from the historical collections of Elector Carl Theodor. On the ground floor you can admire the natural history collection and the gallery of paintings at the court library.

### ■ The Luisenpark

A municipal park with attractions such as a greenhouse, a lake with gondoletta boats and a variety of facilities for children. This park features a Chinese garden, rose garden, arboretum and greenhouses with tree ferns. There is also a large complex for 12 species of owls, a penguin enclosure, a water playground and the Heinrich-Vetter path with its art objects. Towering over The Luisenpark is a 205 meters high telecommunication tower (The Fernmeldeturm) featuring a rotating restaurant.

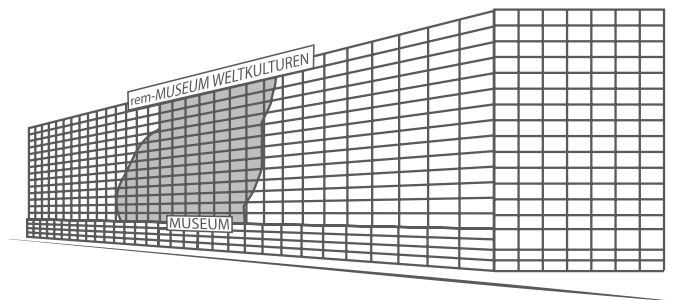


## Some Popular Points of Interest...



### ■ Wasserturm

The Wasserturm (Water Tower) is one of Mannheim's famous landmarks and it stands on the highest point of Friedrichsplatz square. The Wasserturm is surrounded by magnificent fountains and is considered one of Europe's finest Art Nouveau architectural ensembles. During the summer it is a popular meeting place to spend time with friends, enjoy festivals, and escape the city life. At Christmas, a market surrounds the tower.



### ■ Reiss-Engelhorn-Museums

A very large and internationally acclaimed museum complex, the Reiss Engelhorn Museums are one of the foremost museum complexes in Germany. There is over one million exhibits and the complex consists of the following museums: Museum of World Cultures, Armoury Museum, Schillerhaus Museum, ZEPHYR – Space for Photography, Centre of International History of Art and Culture, the Archaeometry Centre and special exhibitions on cultural history, past and present.

**Convenient Travelling**

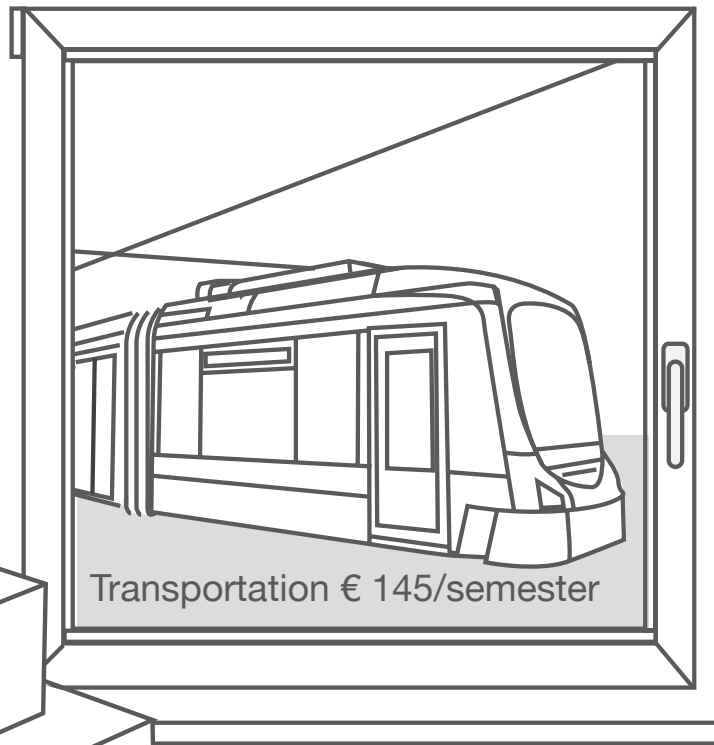
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Madrid		3.0h
Munich		3.5h
Paris		4.0h
Brussels		4.0h
Hamburg		4.5h
Berlin		5.5h
Prague		7.0h
Milan		8.0h
Vienna		8.5h

The main train station provides easy connections to Frankfurt, Berlin, and Munich just to name a few. Bordered by France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Poland and Switzerland,

***Germany is the prime location for European Travel.***

More information on Mannheim can be found at:  
[www.mannheim.de](http://www.mannheim.de)  
 & [www.gaeste-fuehrer-online.de](http://www.gaeste-fuehrer-online.de)





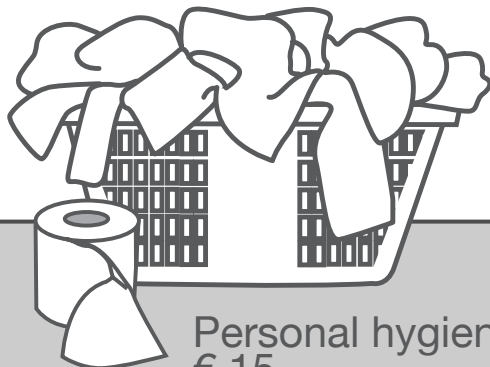
Transportation € 145/semester

### Housing

€ 280/month plus a refundable deposit of € 550

### Clothing

€ 40 this depends on your style



Personal hygiene  
€ 15

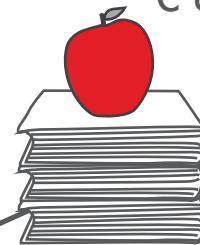
### Cost of Living

The Studentenwerk Mannheim estimates minimum student expenses to be about € 700 per month.

### Health Insurance

€ 80 covered by employer

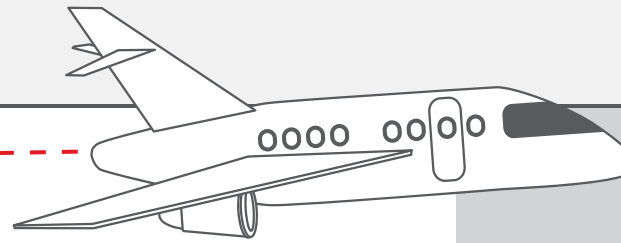
Books  
€ 35



Food € 250



Miscellaneous € 65



## Transportation

Local Transport is well developed with buses, trams and trains. Students can purchase a semester-ticket for about 145,00 EUR. This is valid for six months throughout the whole interconnected transport system, including trams, buses and local trains in the whole Rhein-Neckar Region.

- **VRN:** <http://www.rnv-online.de/>

• **Cycling:** Biking is a very common and practical way to get around Mannheim. You can find used bikes here:

<http://www.quoka.de>

- **Train:** Exploring Germany/Europe was never easier than by train!

<https://www.bahn.de/i/view/DEU/en/index.shtml>

- **Flying:** International Airports near Mannheim

<http://www.rome2rio.com/s/Nearby-Airports/Mannheim>

- **Car-Sharing:** Find someone who is travelling to your destination and pay to ride alone.

<http://www.stadtmobil.de/>



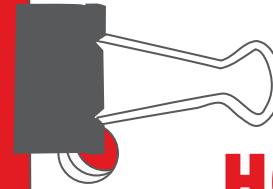
## Directions for Arriving in Mannheim

• **Arrival by plane:** The nearest airport is the International Airport in Frankfurt am Main. If you arrive at Frankfurt airport, you can reach Mannheim by train (approx. 30 minutes) or by shuttle bus (approx. one hour). Trains from Frankfurt-Airport will arrive in Mannheim at the main station. The Lufthansa Airport shuttle bus stops at the Dorint Hotel. It is right in the centre and close to the water tower (Wasserturm), which is Mannheim's city symbol. If you need assistance, please contact the Hapag-Lloyd Information Services Desk at Terminal 1 Hall A, Desk A 284-286.

If you are travelling through Frankfurt-Hahn Airport, you can take a shuttle bus to Mannheim. The trip will take about 2.5 hours, and you will arrive in Mannheim at the main station.

• **Arrival by train:** The main train station ("Mannheim Hauptbahnhof" or "Mannheim Hbf.") is right in the centre of the city and has an excellent access to the tram and bus system.

• **Arrival by bus:** The main bus terminal is located next to the main train station.



# HOW TO APPLY

*Information for Degree-Seeking Students*

**Our degree programs are work/study programs, meaning alternating three-month periods between work and study**



Between the two, with students getting their academic education at the university and receiving practical training from a partner enterprise or social institution.

Students do not have to pay any tuition fees because we are a publicly funded university. Students have **employment contracts** with one of our partner companies, and throughout the entire period, they receive a monthly salary and receive employee insurance (health, pension, unemployment) benefits.

**Applications are submitted** to our **partner companies** at their respective locations.

The University **does not take any applications.**



**Enrollment at the university** is only possible after a **training contract with a partner company** has been signed.





## 1) Qualify

**Meet the formal admission requirements for admission into DHBW.**

Please direct any queries regarding information on the study program, enrollment in the chosen degree program, curriculum or any other relevant academic information directly to DHBW Mannheim.

*Documents required: Eligibility certificate issued by the DHBW Central International Office. This is to verify that you are formally eligible for university studies in Germany and your program of choice.*

## 2) Find

**Research our partner companies database and apply.**

We cannot provide any assistance in finding a workplace training provider. The dual studies concept incorporates the idea that prospective students prove their ability to act independently by dealing with the admission procedures of workplace training providers on their own.

Database of available partner companies and job listings:

- <http://www.dhbw-mannheim.de/en/dual-partner/>

You can find a partner company by using the database or by contacting directly the department of your choice:

- <http://www.dhbw-mannheim.de/en/faculty-of-business>
- <http://www.dhbw-mannheim.de/en/faculty-of-engineering>

## 3) Sign a Contract

**Congratulations! You have found your perfect match.**

After your training contract is signed your employer will enroll you at the DHBW.

*Document required: Administration fee payment proof. The administration fee of EUR 80.00 is to be transferred to DHBW upon closing of the study and workplace training contract.*

**Any queries regarding detailed information on study programs, enrollment in the chosen degree program, curriculum or any other relevant academic information should be addressed directly to the university.**

**E-Mail: [sc.international@dhbw-mannheim.de](mailto:sc.international@dhbw-mannheim.de) | Telephone: +49 (0)621 4105 1217**

## Public Holidays & Academic Year

<b>Summer Semester Begins*</b>	<b>1 April</b>
Good Friday	Easter Sunday - 2 days
Easter Monday	Easter Sunday + 1 days
Labor Day	1 May
Ascension Day	Easter Sunday + 39 days
Whit Monday	Easter Sunday + 50 days
Corpus Christi	Easter Sunday + 60 days
<b>Summer Semester Ends</b>	<b>30 September</b>
<b>Winter Semester Begins</b>	<b>1 October</b>
German Unity Day	3 October
All Saints	1 November
Christmas Break Begins	24 December
Christmas Day	25 December
St. Stephen's Day / Boxing Day	26 December
New Year's Day/ End of Christmas Break	1 January
Epiphany	6 January
<b>Winter Semester Ends</b>	<b>31 March</b>

Christmas break that generally lasts from December 24th until January 1st.  
Please submit your applications by September 15th (Deadline from year 2014  
and is subject to change each year. Please contact us for up-to-date deadlines)

\*Note that semester dates don't match up with program term dates. These change according to the arrangements with our partner companies.

## Facts and Figures

Established	1974* / 2009
<b>Headquarters</b>	<b>Stuttgart</b>
Academies	Heidenheim, Heilbronn, Karlsruhe, Lörrach, Mannheim, Mosbach, Stuttgart, Ravensburg, Villingen-Schwenningen
Enrolled Students	34,000 in 2013-14
First-Year Students	12,300 in 2013-14
Graduates	8,000+ in 2013 132,000+ Total graduates
<b>Corporate Partners</b>	<b>more than 9,000</b>
Full-Time Professors	650
<b>Degree Programs</b>	<b>20+ undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs with over 100 specialization areas</b>

\* The "Berufsakademien" in state of Baden-Wuerttemberg were founded in 1974 and combined into the Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University in 2009

## USEFUL LINKS

More information can be found under the following links:

DHBW website

<http://www.dhbw-mannheim.de>

Sales and Consulting  
(WI-SCI) Program

<http://www.sc.dhbw-mannheim.de>

Basic Information of the Study  
(German Version)

<http://www.sc.dhbw-mannheim.de/downloads/>

Study plan

<http://www.sc.dhbw-mannheim.de/downloads/>

Module Catalog

<http://www.sc.dhbw-mannheim.de/downloads/>