

## Hochschule Heilbronn (HHN) – Information for Refugees

As of 12/2018, changes possible.

### Which fields of study are offered at HHN?

HHN offers study programmes in Engineering, Business Studies and Information Technology at four campuses: Heilbronn – Sontheim, Heilbronn – Bildungscampus, Künzelsau and Schwäbisch Hall. Universities of applied sciences – such as HHN – focus on a more practical scientific approach. Theoretical foundation building is combined with integrated vocational elements e.g. work placement. In most cases, it takes 6-7 semesters to complete a Bachelor's and 3-4 semesters to complete a Master's degree.

### Where can I find more information about studying at HHN?

A list of all study programmes is available here: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/programmes>

The Central Student Advisory Office provides support with questions concerning university access for refugees: [zentralestudienberatung@hs-heilbronn.de](mailto:zentralestudienberatung@hs-heilbronn.de)

If you have questions regarding your application and the admission requirements, please contact the Registration Office: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/332040/ansprechpartner>

### What do I need to have before applying to HHN?

The university entrance qualification from your home country (Bachelor, GCE-A-level, Baccalaureat, Matura, High School Diploma, etc.) needs to be accredited by Studienkolleg Konstanz:

<https://www.htwg-konstanz.de/en/studying/center-for-international-students/start-page/>

All copies of the required documents must be officially certified in Germany. If your certificates have not been issued in French, English or German, they need to be translated. To enroll in a study programme taught in German, you have to take a language test (usually DSH or TestDaF). Please prepare for this test carefully. You will need a B2/C1 level of German in order to pass the test.

If you are interested in applying for one of the Master's programmes taught in English, proof of your German language skills is not required but you will need to take a language test for English (IELTS or TOEFL). Please check the entry requirements of each Master's course.

### How can I apply to HHN?

1. Starting with the application period for the winter term 18/19, you will need to register at <https://int.hochschulstart.de/> first when applying for one of HHN's Bachelor's programmes.
2. Additionally, you will need to apply online at the HHN website, print out the application and send the paper version via regular mail to HHN: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/application>
3. If you receive an offer of admission, you will need to accept the offer at <https://int.hochschulstart.de/>. After the offer has been accepted, you will receive a notification of admission.

The application deadline for the summer term is January 15<sup>th</sup> and courses will begin mid-March. The application deadline for the winter term is July 15<sup>th</sup> and courses will begin September/beginning of October.

Please attach officially certified copies of the following documents to your application:

- University entrance qualification from your home country
- Validation of your certificate (issued by Studienkolleg Konstanz)
- Proof of German language proficiency / English language proficiency
- For Master's programmes: certificate of your Bachelor's degree and an authorized translation of the certificate in German. Be aware that for some Master's programmes you will need translated documentation of your work experience in the relative field. Please make sure that you meet the exact requirements of the programme you have chosen. You can find

the statutes of all study programmes here: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/330347/Auswahlverfahren>

In addition, you will need to hand in the following documents:

- For Bachelor's programmes:
  - Certificate of the study orientation test <http://www.was-studiere-ich.de/>
  - curriculum vitae

Please check the HHN website which additional documents must be submitted along with your application.

In order to enroll at a German university you need adequate health insurance.

### **Will enrollment in a university affect my residence permit?**

There is no connection between your request for asylum/permit of residence and your studies. However, it is absolutely necessary to contact the Foreign Affairs Office (Ausländerbehörde) and in many cases the social security department (Sozialamt) as well, before enrollment.

### **How much does it cost to study at Heilbronn University?**

Currently, the semester fee is 154,00€ per semester for all students. In addition to that, international students from Non-EU/EEA countries are generally charged a tuition fee of 1.500€/semester. Refugees are usually exempt from this latter fee. We advise checking beforehand if this exemption applies in your case: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/13674939/tuition-fees>

### **How can I afford to pay my cost of living?**

- **BAföG:** BAföG is a state-funded financial aid programme. Refugees may apply depending on their residence status. Further information can be found here: <http://www.bafoeg-aktuell.de/bafoeg/bafoeg-fuer-auslaender.html>
- **Scholarships:** <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/funding>
- **Work:** If you plan to work during your studies, it is important to check the regulations in your residence permit.

### **Where can I live during my studies?**

- HHN offers a data base for accommodation for all students: <https://kleinanzeigen.vs.hs-heilbronn.de/>
- Students can apply for a room in one of the dormitories of the "Studierendenwerk Heidelberg": [http://www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/living\\_online\\_application](http://www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/living_online_application)
- Additionally, there are several private dormitories that offer student housing in Heilbronn. You can find further information here: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/accommodation>

### **Further information**

The DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst / German Academic Exchange Service) provides information for refugees at the following website: [www.study-in.de/information-for-refugees/](http://www.study-in.de/information-for-refugees/)

You can find additional information and current events on the HHN website: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/info-refugees>