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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS | STUDENT MOBILITY

University of Hohenheim Fact Sheet for Partner Universities

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2 ACADEMIC CALENDAR



	Winter semester	Summer semester
Preparatory intensive German course	September	March
Orientation week	<p>Shortly before and after the start of the semester, we are organizing an orientation program for all new international students. Our Welcome Week is a hybrid 2-tier orientation program that consists of online and face-to-face events. Students will be introduced to a variety of practical and academic information about studies and life in Stuttgart but we will also arrange a number of social events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The online pre-departure sessions at the end of September/March comprise tutorials for all our digital platforms and equip students with the necessary knowledge for the pre-arrival tasks. • The on-site in person component in October/April is mandatory and focuses on getting our new students integrated in Hohenheim but are also sorting out relevant registration and administration processes. 	
Semester period (administrative)	October 1 - March 31	April 1 - September 30
Lecture period	Mid-October - beginning of February	Beginning of April - mid-July
Exam period	Beginning - end of February	Mid-July - beginning of August
	The Faculties of Agricultural and Natural Sciences also offer some blocked modules. These blocks last 4 weeks, are taught half-day and the exam takes place on the last day of the block, not in the exam periods.	
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3 NOMINATION DEADLINES AND PROCEDURE

	Winter semester	Summer semester
Nomination	<p>All exchange students must be nominated by e-mail to incoming@ua.uni-hohenheim.de. The e-mail should include: Family and first name, e-mail address, date of birth, study area and study period at Hohenheim.</p> <p>Students will then receive the relevant information for their application by e-mail.</p> <p>The application has to be submitted online via our Mobility-Online portal. Hard copies are not required.</p>	
Nomination deadline	April 30	October 31
Application deadline	June 1	December 1

4 ACADEMIC INFORMATION

KEY FACTS

Faculties of the University of Hohenheim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Natural Sciences • Faculty of Agricultural Sciences • Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences
Main Areas of Study	Agricultural Biology, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Sciences, Bioeconomy, Bioenergy, Biology, Business Administration, Communication Science, Digital Business Management, Earth System Science, Economics, Food Chemistry, Food Science, Management, Nutrition.
Level of study programs	Bachelor and Master
Research/lab project	Possible in individual cases. Acceptance by a Hohenheim professor to act as supervisor is needed. The contact to the professor has to be established by the student on his/her own initiative.
Languages of instruction	German and English
Language requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum level of B2 (according to the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages") is required in the desired language(s) of instruction. • Exchange students do not have to submit any official language test to us. By nominating a student, the partner confirms that the language skills were approved during the nomination process and allow the student to successfully follow modules and complete exams.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •  Main teaching language on Bachelor level is German with a certain number of English taught modules. On Master level, we offer both German and English taught programs. Bachelor students are allowed into the English taught Master modules provided that they meet the individual module requirements stated in the module catalog and that their grades are above average.
German courses / Language Center	<p>The Language Center of our university is offering a preparatory intensive German course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September and March • Improvement of language skills by one level • 5 ECTS after successfully finishing the course. • Language classes plus introduction to Stuttgart and the region. exam. • Reduced fee (230 €, as of September 2024) for exchange students. <p>During the semester, the Language Center is offering weekly courses in 10 languages, including German:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All courses are awarded with ECTS if the exam is successfully passed. • For a semester course, the fee is between 25 and 50 €, depending on the weekly hours. <p> www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/language-center</p>

Workload

A lecture period lasts 14 weeks of classes.

The workload is expressed in ECTS. Full-time study is equivalent to 30 ECTS per semester (1 ECTS-Credit = 25 – 30 h workload).

The minimum number of ECTS an exchange student should take is set by the home university. The maximum number should not exceed 35 ECTS per semester, i.e. 30 credits for the semester plus 5 ECTS for the intensive German course in September or March (voluntary).

Exams

Exchange students must take their exams during the official exam sessions under the same conditions as regular students.

Each semester is followed by two exam periods. Exchange students are welcome to register for all their exams in the first session.



www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/semester-dates

Transcript of Records

Students can directly access and download their Transcript. Due to data protection laws, we cannot send Transcripts automatically to partner institutions. If you need them to be sent directly, students are welcome to authorize us online to do so.

Grading system

Hohenheim is using the traditional German grading system with 1 as highest and 4 as last passing grade.

STUDY OPTIONS

Exchange students can decide whether to choose a semester package or draw up a free and individual schedule.

SEMESTER PACKAGES

Semester packages are offered by all three faculties both on Bachelor and Master level:

- The teaching language is English.
- A package can be followed partially or by adding/exchanging modules, provided that times do not clash.
- It is possible to add language courses, e.g. German as a foreign language, Business English etc.



[Semester packages at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences](#)



[Semester packages at the Faculty of Natural Sciences](#)



[Semester packages at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences](#)

INDIVIDUAL SCHEDULE

The second option for students is to create an individual schedule from the whole range of our modules - or to add freely chosen modules to a semester package:

- There are no general module restrictions on Bachelor and Master level.
- Modules can be chosen from different programs, different semester levels and, if places are free, even from different faculties.
- Students have to ensure that they meet all individual prerequisites for the modules they wish to attend. Bachelor students who opt to choose some of our Master modules should be above average in their current study program.
- Exchange students are allowed to apply for modules with a limited number of participants but places cannot be guaranteed in advance.

MODULE SELECTION



Course catalog | Modules for Incomings

- Shows all semester-dependent information in a hierarchical structure. The first level is the semester, followed by the faculties. The next subdivisions are language of instruction for the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, Bachelor or Master level | language of instruction for the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.
- Useful for getting an impression on what kind of modules are taught in a winter or a summer semester at a certain faculty or related to a certain subject area.
- The course catalogue is available approx. 6 weeks before the start of a semester. For a pre-planning, the course catalogue of the respective semester of the previous academic year can be consulted.



Module search (=module descriptions)

- Shows the semester-independent information, e.g. contents, ECTS, teaching language, prerequisites.
- The search is possible by the module code from the course catalog ("main" code, i.e. last digit is "0") or by keyword for a free search.

5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



University fees for exchange students

Student Services Fee of € 79.00 per semester (as of summer semester 2025).

Tuition fees, administrative fee and fee for Student Parliament are waived for exchange students.



Insurance

As health insurance is mandatory in Germany, students have to take out a statutory German health insurance. The costs amount to approx. 125 €/month (as of Aug. 2023).

In addition, students are highly recommended to take out a private liability insurance.

European students might benefit from the minimum coverage required by German law if they have a European Health Insurance Card. The coverage has to be approved by a German statutory insurance company.

Students who already have health insurance via the home university, have to have this checked by a German statutory health insurance. If the coverage is approved, students are exempted from another insurance, in most cases, however, students **MUST** take out an additional health insurance Germany with a statutory insurance.



Accommodation

Students have the option of living in a student dormitory or can search for a room on the private market. Since it is very difficult to find private accommodation in Stuttgart, we strongly advise exchange students to apply for a dormitory room.

- Rent (per month): € 250 - 350, deposit: € 600 (as of Sept. 24)
- Meal plan, telephone, use of washing machines, are not included
- Rooms can only be rented for a complete semester



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In Germany, the dormitories belong to separate public bodies, not to the universities. Thus, we cannot formally guarantee a place in advance, however, an adequate contingent of rooms is blocked especially for exchange students.



Living expenses

International students must prove that they have € 992 per month at their disposal in order to obtain a visa or residence permit and this is the minimum budget students need to live in Stuttgart. The amount includes housing, food, personal effects, health insurance, public transport, books, phone, internet, radio and television license fee (obligatory) etc.



ISO and ISO Buddy Program

ISO (International Students Organisation) is a group of students who are helping new international students to settle into Germany by organizing a lot of trips and cultural events to get to know the country and to make contacts with other students.

Starting point is the Buddy Program. ISO matches exchange students with a Hohenheim student for guidance and support in the first days after arrival.

6 UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Today, the University of Hohenheim engages in a combination of scientific disciplines that is unique among German universities and is the leading University in agricultural research and food sciences, as well as strong and unparalleled in natural, social, business, economic, and communication sciences.

Around 9.000 students attend courses of study in the fields of Natural Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Business, Economics and Social Sciences. Excellent research and teaching is only possible in an international context. Hohenheim prides itself on strong international ties. Approximately 13% of our students are from abroad, coming from nearly 100 different countries and we are part of global networks in research and teaching, each with around 100 international partners



Our very origins, however, date back to the 12th century. The University of Hohenheim is the oldest university in Stuttgart and the cornerstone for today's Hohenheim Palace was laid in 1785. In 1818 King William I of Württemberg founded the Hohenheim Agricultural Teaching, Experimental, and Model Institute and Hohenheim in order to radically counteract the devastating famines of the early 19th century.

From the very beginning, Hohenheim considered itself to be a place of innovation and ideas for society's needs and is thus traditionally committed to developing innovative solutions for some of society's pressing problems.



It is not only about content, but also about atmosphere: Hohenheim is one of the few campus universities in Germany and the university members value the personal atmosphere and the closeness to students and colleagues. Germany's students even crowned the Hohenheim campus - with the historical park and botanical gardens surrounding the baroque Hohenheim Palace - the most beautiful campus in Baden-Württemberg. In Germany, the University reached 6th place (beauty) and 10th place (architecture).

Do you want to see more about our campus? Hohenheim students are presenting their campus to possible and prospective exchange students on www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/exchange-students-and-free-movers.

