

ACCOMODATION

You can apply for student housing via MoveOn but we cannot guarantee a room in a dormitory. All housing contracts are for the duration of 6 months (March-August and September-February). A shorter renting period is NOT possible. A deposit is required with application for housing. Spaces are very limited so make sure to apply within the deadline (November 30th for the summer term, May 31st for the winter term). Please refer to our [accomodation guide](#) for more information on housing in Berlin.



HEALTH INSURANCE

Proof of health insurance is mandatory for enrollment. Students are eligible to obtain health insurance coverage from a German statutory health insurance provider at a special student rate (approx. 130€/month). Students can also apply for exemption/recognition of their foreign health insurance, if it meets the minimum criteria of a German statutory health insurance plan.

SEMESTER FEE

Payment of the semester fee (approx. 265€/semester) is mandatory for enrollment. The semester fee consists of the public transportation ticket for the duration of the semester (6 months), as well as a contribution to the student welfare organization, the student union, and a solidarity contribution. The matriculation fee is waived for exchange students. The semester fee is not a tuition fee.



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Guide for
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Information for Incoming Students

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TERM DATES

Winter Term: October 1 - end of February
Examinations: last two weeks of February

Summer Term: April 1 - end of July
Examinations: last two weeks of July

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Degree level: Undergraduate and graduate

Minimum GPA: No minimum GPA required

Available exchange period: One term and one year

Available disciplines for exchange students: All EXCEPT Medicine, M.A. Global History, M.A. Global Studies; further restrictions may apply to: Law, M.A. Mind and Brain

Note that you will be enrolled in the HU department which corresponds to your major at home university.

NOMINATION & APPLICATION

Nomination of students via e-mail to:
exchange-students@hu-berlin.de

Nomination deadline:

Winter term: May 15

Summer term: November 15

Online application period:

Winter (1st) term: April 15 – May 31

Summer (2nd) term: October 15 – November 30

Once students are officially nominated by their home university, they will receive a link to the application form & instructions and will have to submit an online application including the required documents.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. German language certificate (Goethe-Zertifikat B2 or C1, DSH, TestDaF, alternatively German online C-Test or English language certificate (TOEFL or IELTS) for non-native English speaking students taking lectures only in English (please clarify in advance in this case)
2. Letter of Motivation
3. Official Transcript of Records
3. CV
4. Study Plan
5. Letter of Recommendation

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The required level of German language skills is B2-C1 (CEFR) and can be proven by a certificate of Goethe-Zertifikat B2 or C1, DSH, TestDaF or you may take our online language placement test (C-Test) with min 60 points. If you achieve less than 60 points, you are required to attend a language intensive course (600€) before the semester starts. To apply for a German intensive course the result of the C-Test requires a score of minimum 45 points.

For exclusively attending English language courses and lectures as a non-native speaker, you are required to prove your language skills: TOEFL: minimum 80, IELTS: minimum 6.0.

COURSES

It is possible to take courses at max. two departments (in addition to the language center). Many departments offer courses in English. The online course catalogue AGNES (course and exam registration) offers a search engine to check for courses:

<https://agnes.hu-berlin.de>

GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Students may register for a 4-week Intensive German Language Course (March or September), for which a tuition fee is charged (600€). The Language Center also offers German courses through all levels throughout the semester, 2hr per week (€20) and 4hr per week (€40).

<https://www.sprachenzentrum.hu-berlin.de>

INTERNATIONAL STUDY MODULE

Berlin Perspectives is an international and interdisciplinary module for incoming students to complement their regular studies at HU. The Module is taught in English, German and bilingual formats:

<https://hic.hu-berlin.de/en/berlin-perspectives>

VISA

Students from Australia, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, South Korea and USA may apply for a residency permit once they have arrived in Berlin.

Our **Visa Service Team** is happy to assist you with this process: <https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/welcomecentre/visaservice>

Students from other countries in Middle and Latin America have to obtain visas before entering Germany. Please consult the German consulates in your home country.