Welcome to FHWS

Your son or daughter is about to embark on an important phase of his or her life. There are many reasons to study in Germany and, above all, at our university – the FHWS.

After the USA and Great Britain, Germany is the most important guest country for international students. Our university boasts collaborations with partner universities in more than 40 countries worldwide. We have been able to welcome international students to the FHWS for 30 years now. Our experience speaks for itself.

Caring is very important to us. A complete team is responsible for looking after your child from the moment of application until the end of the studies. Your child’s independence is supported by practice-oriented study with us. Students quickly learn to work independently and to master project tasks. Integrated internships during their studies help our students to establish contacts with industry. Theses realised in collaboration with the companies facilitates entry into future employment.

I can assure you that your son or daughter will receive a first-class education at our university at affordable prices. Opt for a study at the FHWS and your child’s future will be secured.

President
Prof. Dr. Robert Grebner
At FHWS, we guarantee an excellent, globally recognized academic education. As a public institution, we offer more than 40 practice- and future-oriented degree programmes at ten different faculties. At our two locations in the heart of Europe, Würzburg and Schweinfurt, there are 9,100 students.

Internationality
Our University cooperates with over 170 partner institutions worldwide. We welcome over 150 exchange students each academic year. As FHWS has introduced English-taught Bachelor’s programmes, students from over 70 nations are enrolled at FHWS.

Good professor-student ratio
Studying at FHWS is characterized by small study groups and a very good professor-student ratio. Participating in a high number of seminars teaches you to work independently, and working on projects will enhance your team working skills.

Practical relevance
Approximately 200 professors with profound working experience from industry and business provide an academic education with a particular practical relevance. In more than 90 laboratories, students deepen their theoretical knowledge acquired during lectures.

Rankings
The German CHE has been ranking FHWS amongst the best universities for years. In 2015, the Bachelor’s degree programme Computer Science was ranked the best programme in Germany. In 2016, the Bachelor’s degree programme Architecture was ranked 5th, and in 2017, the degree programme Business and Engineering had a leading position in the field of internationality. Each year, FHWS has outstanding valuations in the international U-Multirank.
Financing

In Germany, state universities do not charge tuition fees, as these are assumed by the federal states. Students only have to pay a small semester fee.

At the University of Würzburg-Schweinfurt, the semester fee is about 95 euros at the Schweinfurt site, and around 138 euros at the site in Würzburg. In addition, a monthly contribution to the cost of statutory health insurance of about 90 euros has to be paid. On average, students should expect to pay between 600 to 800 euros living expenses per month, of which a large part is the rent.

It is often necessary to apply for a visa to enter Germany. Amongst other things, a proof of financing is required which ensures that students can secure their livelihood for a year in Germany. The German embassy in your country can give you more information on this. Students from non-EU countries may only work part-time for a limited time (equivalent of 120 days full-time) in Germany. There are no restrictions for citizens of EU countries. However, German language skills are very important for a part-time job.

It is generally possible to apply for scholarships. You can get advice about this from the DAAD (the German Academic Exchange Service) information centres or branch offices in your home country.

We have also summarised information about this on our website: www.international.fhws.de

Quality of the Education

Germany has a long tradition in science and research, it is well known as Centre of Knowledge. Several notable Nobel Prize winners from the most varied of disciplines come from here, such as Thomas Mann, Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen or Max Planck. Numerous inventions and innovations have been developed here, too. Mention should be made of, for example, the telephone by Philipp Reis, the automobile by Carl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler, or, to name a recent example, the Airbus A380, the largest airliner in the world which features a great deal of German technology. For a long time now, Germany has been very strong in science and technology.

In Germany, you can study at three types of university: universities, universities of applied sciences, as well as art, film and music colleges. Universities offer scientific study which is theory-orientated. Study at a university of applied sciences is more practical and specifically directed to the demands of working life – here, work experience and practical semesters are a fixed and integral part of the study programme. Artistic subjects, such as drama, dance or fashion design are studied at art, film and music colleges.

All the universities place great emphasis on quality assurance. Degree courses and study programmes are accredited by an external organisation and therefore offer the highest quality and excellence in teaching and learning.

Safety

Germany is regarded as a safe country. Even as a woman, it is possible to move around freely during the day and night. The police are always accessible via an emergency number, they provide reliable help and are absolutely trustworthy. Should there be any problems, they can also contact the relevant people from your home country’s embassy or consulate in Germany.
Career Opportunities

Germany needs skilled personnel staff. Demographic change means that more and more older workers are retiring and ever fewer young people are taking their place. In the fields of mathematics, computer science, science and technology alone, it is calculated that there will be an annual replacement demand of 57,500 academics between 2018 and 2022. In a European comparison, Germany has the lowest youth unemployment rate, which means that virtually every young person can get a job quickly and efficiently after completion of their training or studies. Your son or daughter, too, can count on finding a career quickly.

Right-of-Abode

Foreign students have 18 months, after the completion of their study programme, to find a job. During this time, a residence permit is available. Depending on the employment relationship, this can then be converted into a permanent right-of-abode. Thus, the pre-conditions for being awarded a long-term residence in Germany in order to build up a career, are very good indeed.

Medical Provision

The German healthcare system is considered as one of the best in the world. Every student is obliged to take out health insurance. By doing so, he or she will have access to a dense network of highly-qualified doctors. Should there be an emergency, 24-hour medical provision is guaranteed by on-call practices and hospitals.

Location

Geographically, Germany is at the heart of Europe. From here, and often within a few hours, metropolises like Stockholm, Paris, London or Prague can be reached. Germany as a travel destination also has a great deal to offer. Scenically, there are the geographical differences from the coasts and plains of the north, to the Alps in the south. Accordingly diverse are the cultures, dialects, architecture and cuisine throughout Germany. The year-round climate is moderate although, in the winter months of November to February, the temperatures can drop below freezing. Summer temperatures are often a very pleasant 20-25°C.
Franconia

Both FHWS locations Würzburg and Schweinfurt are situated in one of the most beautiful regions of Germany. Franconia, in the northern part of the federal state of Bavaria, offers excellent recreational possibilities for culture and dining; it is one of the sunniest spots in Germany, thus it is renowned for its wine-growing.

Due to their geographic situation, the two locations offer ideal starting points to explore Germany and Europe. The nearest international airports in Frankfurt and Munich are easy to reach – Frankfurt can be reached in about one and a half hours and Munich in about three hours.

Würzburg: Sports, Studying, and Leisure

With a population of almost 130,000, Würzburg is among the biggest cities in Bavaria. The city is characterised by its many students and a mild climate. You can enjoy life in one of city’s countless bars and cafés or at one of the cultural events at theatres or museums. The Würzburg Residence is one of the most significant palaces in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Würzburg is also famous for top-class sport: Würzburger Kickers are playing in the second Bundesliga, Füchse Rimpar are top at handball and Würzburg S.Oliver Baskets, home of the German Dallas Mavericks player Dirk Nowitzki, are high in the national basketball league (BBL).


Schweinfurt: Connection of Art and Industry

With approximately 53,000 inhabitants, Schweinfurt is one of the fastest-growing cities in Germany and an important business hub in the region. Countless regional and international companies, such as Schaeffler, Bosch Rexroth, SKF, and ZF, are based here. The city has the highest density of jobs in Germany, hence it also offers students the very best career prospects. Schweinfurt is a city perfect for outdoor and cultural activities like visiting one of the museums housing important collections and exhibitions.

FHWS Faculties of Applied Natural Sciences and Humanities, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Business and Engineering.
FHWS International

FHWS cooperates with 170 partner universities worldwide. No matter whether it is about Asia, Oceania, Europe, North or South America – FHWS Team International provides advice and support on all questions related to a semester or internship abroad.

FHWS i-Campus and TWIN-Programmes

FHWS aims to develop a big international Campus (FHWS i-Campus) where German and international students can learn together and also from each other. Within the so called X-Model of the FHWS i-Campus, students can start their studies in the English taught programme and change to the German taught TWIN-Programme in later semesters and as soon as they have sufficient knowledge of the German language.

The English taught programmes are accompanied by cultural and language training so students are able to integrate themselves in the best possible way.

English TWIN-Programmes

> Business and Engineering (B.Eng.)
> International Management (B.A.)
> Logistics (B.Eng.)
> Mechatronics (B.Eng.)
> Robotics (B.Eng.)

Studies start every year in October; more English programmes in planning.

Application Procedure

Applicants with international university entrance qualification apply to uni-assist e.V., the university application service for international students, for preliminary review documentation (Vorprüfungsdokumentation, VPD) and afterwards for a degree programme at FHWS directly via the FHWS application portal. Details of the application procedure and necessary documents are available from our website: www.international.fhws.de

Admission Requirements

Students need a university entrance qualification or equivalent. For some programmes they need confirmation of previous study periods and additional qualification. For more information on the recognition of international educational degrees please visit www.daad.de/en or www.anabin.kmk.org

For German degree programmes:

> Attested German language skills:
  Certificate of DSH examination; minimum DSH 1, Certificate of TestDaF; minimum TestDaF at level 3 (TDN 3) in all examined parts, Certificate of the passed "Special University Admissions Procedures for Foreign Students" (Feststellungsprüfung), second level (DSII) of the German language diploma of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder, German language certificate from the Goethe Institute, minimum level B2, Certificate of German language examination II (Deutsche Sprachprüfung, DSP II) at the Sprachen & Dolmetscher Institut München (SDI), Telc certificate at minimum level B2, UNICert® Certificate, minimum level II, UniCert® II)

For English degree programmes:

> Attested English language skills:
  TOEFL IBT® test result of at least 83 points (internet-based), IELTS test with at least 6.0 points, Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) or Cambridge B2 First, minimum grade C, Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) or Cambridge C1 Advanced, minimum level B2, UNICert® Certificate, minimum level II, UniCert® II)

> Attested German language skills:
  Level A2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (GER)

Please see the description of your respective degree programme on www.international.fhws.de for details about further requirements, for example a pre-study internship, that must be met in addition to the admission requirements detailed here.
Bachelor’s Programmes

**SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS**
- Business Information Systems (B.Sc.)
- Civil Engineering (B.Eng.)
- Computer Science (B.Eng.)
- E-Commerce (B.Sc.)
- Electrical Engineering (B.Eng.)
- Geovisualisation (B.Eng.)
- Industrial Mathematics (B.Sc.)
- Mechanical Engineering (B.Eng.)
- Plastics and Rubber Engineering (B.Eng.)
- Surveying and Geoinformatics (B.Eng.)

**TWIN-Programmes**
- Business and Engineering (B.Eng.) (in English)
- Business and Engineering (B.Eng.)
- Logistics (B.Eng.) (in English)
- Logistics (B.Eng.)
- Mechatronics (B.Eng.) (in English)
- Mechatronics (B.Eng.)
- Robotics (B.Eng.) (in English)
- Robotics (B.Eng.)

**DESIGN**
- Architecture (B.Eng.)
- Communication Design (B.A.)

**SOCIAL SECTOR**
- Nursing and Health Management (B.A.)
- Social Work (B.A.)

**LANGUAGE**
- Specialized Translation (Business or Technical) (B.A.)

**ECONOMY**
- Media Management (B.A.)

**TWIN-Programmes**
- Business Administration (B.A.) (in English)
- International Management (B.A.) (in English)

Within the TWIN-Programme you have the opportunity to attend seminars in German as well as in English.

Master’s Programmes

**SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS**
- Applied Mathematics and Physics (M.Sc.)
- Business and Engineering (M.Eng.)
- Electrical Engineering (M.Eng.)
- Integrated Design and Construction (M.Eng.)
- Information Systems (M.Sc.)
- Product Development and Systems Design (M.Eng.)

**DESIGN**
- Information Design (M.A.)

**LANGUAGE**
- Specialized Translation with Media Translation (M.A.)
- Trade Journalism and Corporate Communications (Technology or Business) (M.A.)

**SOCIAL SECTOR**
- Behavioral Counseling (M.A.)
- Developmental Music Therapy and Music Therapy with Dementia Patients (M.A.)
- Healthcare Management (MBA)
- International Social Work with Refugees and Migrants (M.A.) (in English)
- Social Work (M.A.)

**ECONOMY**
- Brand and Media Management (M.A.)
- Business with Europe (MBA) (in English)
- Compliance and Data Privacy & Security (MBA)
- Innovation for Small and Medium Enterprises (M.A.)
- International Business with Regional Focus (MBA) (in English)
German Language Courses

Our university offers the opportunity to learn German or improve already existing German language skills. There are special courses that cover language levels A1-C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Groups are just the right size so teachers can respond to individual differences in learning. For more information about registration and costs please visit: www.fhws.de/clp

Care and Support

A feature of the FHWS i-Campus is that a great deal of emphasis is placed on intensive supervision and support. A complete team is responsible for looking after the international students. The services start even when the candidates begin to take an interest in the university. Email enquiries are generally answered within 24 hours. The staff are, of course, happy to make arrangements for parents and/or students to visit in person to enable them to receive any advice they need.

Following receipt of acceptance, the team will send further information on the next steps required, such as a visa application or the search for accommodation. Two weeks before the semester starts in October, there will be orientation programme in which the new first semester students are welcomed and given assistance with administrative procedures, as well as tips for studying at our university and in Germany. During their studies, students have the opportunity to attend workshops on intercultural training, participate in tours to business clients and also to attend excursions.

A specially-equipped information booth, the “i-point”, ensures that employees are available to offer consultations on issues specific to international students.

Your son or daughter is in good and safe hands at the FHWS.
Living and Residences

Student residences are offered by the student union at the sites in Würzburg and Schweinfurt. They are located in the immediate vicinity of the university and offer fully-furnished and equipped rooms as single apartments or as rooms in shared apartments. The separation of genders is thereby ensured. The cost of a room averages between 250-350 euros per month. Students can apply for a room online via the homepage of the student union. We advise reserving a room as quickly as possible: www.studentenwerk-wuerzburg.de

Further Information

The FHWS Team International is always pleased to answer any questions you may have. Please make an appointment if you would like to visit in person. Personal meetings can be conducted in English, German, Russian, Spanish, or Turkish. Please feel free to email: i-campus@fhws.de

Information in Your Home Country

The following agencies and organisations in your home country can advise you and your son or daughter on the planning of his or her studies in Germany:

> DAAD (The German Academic Exchange Service) Information centres and branch offices: www.daad.de
> Goethe Institutes: www.goethe.de
> German agencies abroad – Embassies and Consulates: www.auswaertiges-amt.de