

## Information for international applicants (Bachelor's degrees)

Thank you for your interest in studying at Universität Hamburg! If you would like to apply but did not receive your higher education entrance eligibility in Germany (German secondary school leaving degree), the following will help you prepare and send off your application.

### Application deadlines at Universität Hamburg

#### Application deadlines for the following degree programs

- **Bachelor's degree**
- **Staatsexamen (state examination)**
- **Diplom/Magister or Baccalaureate**

Application period for the winter semester:  
from **1 June to 15 July** of the year in question.

Application period for the summer semester:

from **1 December to 15 January** of the year in question.

You may only apply **during these periods**.

**Please note:** For the **Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry** degree programs you may, **under certain conditions**, have to apply via the **Foundation for Higher Education Admissions**. In these cases, **other application deadlines** may apply. You can find more information at: [www.uni-hamburg.de/hochschulstart-admission-procedure](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/hochschulstart-admission-procedure)

### International Guide

[www.uni-hamburg.de/stepbystep](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/stepbystep)

You can start to prepare your application prior to the application period. Our online portal **International Guide** takes you through the application process at Universität Hamburg step by step: [www.uni-hamburg.de/stepbystep](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/stepbystep)



### The application process in 5 steps

Regardless of your nationality, the following information is important if:

- you did not obtain your higher education entrance eligibility (German secondary school leaving certificate) in Germany **or**
- you obtained an International Baccalaureate (IB) in Germany **or**
- you wish to apply for a pre-semester preparatory course.

#### The application process in 5 steps:

1. Inform yourself about the subject you would like to study.
2. Have *uni-assist* e.V. review your foreign higher education entrance eligibility (secondary school leaving certificate) in advance.
3. Attend German language courses so that you can provide proof of German language proficiency by the time you begin your program.
4. Read the information on online applications, complete the online application and submit it electronically.
5. Send the printed out online application together with all the necessary documentation to Universität Hamburg within the application period.

### Step 1:

#### Information on the subject

[www.uni-hamburg.de/degree-programs](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/degree-programs)

#### 1. Information about your subject of choice

Universität Hamburg currently offers more than 170 degree programs in eight schools: [www.uni-hamburg.de/degree-programs](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/degree-programs)

The Center for Academic Advising can advise you on the individual degree programs: [www.uni-hamburg.de/academicadvising](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/academicadvising)

Every summer semester, in cooperation with the *Studienkolleg* Hamburg, Universität Hamburg offers international first-year students a preparatory course which prepares them for their chosen academic program:

[www.uni-hamburg.de/iaprop](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/iaprop)

**Step 2:****Review by *uni-assist***

[www.uni-hamburg.de/assist](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/assist)

**2. Having your higher education entrance eligibility reviewed by *uni-assist***

In step two, your foreign secondary school leaving certificate and, if applicable, any documentation from higher education institutions, need to be reviewed in advance by *uni-assist* (University Application Service for International Students). In a so-called preliminary documentation procedure, *uni-assist* checks whether your educational credentials make you eligible to study in Germany or for the program of your choice and allocates a grade for your chosen degree program.

**Information for *Studienkolleg* graduates (assessment test):**

The **average overall grade** from your foreign higher education entrance eligibility and your assessment test will be considered in the selection procedure. If your assessment certificate does **not** contain the average overall grade, you must provide:

- written confirmation from your *Studienkolleg* of the converted grade for your foreign higher education entrance eligibility
- or
- preliminary documentation (VPD) from *uni-assist*.

If you have a converted grade from your higher education entrance eligibility **with confirmation of approval from a German authority**, you do not need to obtain any preliminary documentation (VPD) from *uni-assist*.

**Applying for an *uni-assist* check**

You apply for a preliminary documentation via *uni-assist*'s online portal:

<https://ww2.uni-assist.de/online/?lang=en> Please use our instructions to complete the online application form: [www.uni-hamburg.de/uni-assist](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/uni-assist).

To have your application reviewed, please send translated and certified school leaving and higher education certificates as well as any other relevant certificates of educational qualifications together with your application form to *uni-assist*. The list of documents to be submitted and *uni-assist* contact data can be found at:

[www.uni-hamburg.de/assist](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/assist)

Please find certification information at: [www.uni-assist.de/standards\\_en.html](http://www.uni-assist.de/standards_en.html)

**Costs**

At present, the fee is EUR 75. Once you have submitted the documentation to *uni-assist*, please transfer the fee to *uni-assist*:

[www.uni-assist.de/bank-account.html](http://www.uni-assist.de/bank-account.html)

You may find more detailed information at: [www.uni-assist.de/regulation-fees.html](http://www.uni-assist.de/regulation-fees.html)

**Processing time**

After approx. four weeks you will receive your preliminary documentation from *uni-assist* as proof of your higher education entrance eligibility. You can only apply to Universität Hamburg with this preliminary documentation. Please allow sufficient time for your certificates to be checked by *uni-assist* so that you can submit your application for the subject of your choice within the application period. Universität Hamburg recommends that you submit your documentation to *uni-assist* **at the latest four weeks prior to the start of the application period**.

Please note that the preliminary documentation from *uni-assist* must be up-to-date and is only valid for one year from the date of issue.

If your preliminary documentation results are older, please ensure that a preliminary documentation which has expired will be accepted for the purposes of the application procedure at Universität Hamburg. Please send your preliminary documentation to the **InfoService for international prospective students**: [www.uni-hamburg.de/int\\_e](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/int_e)

Further information on access to higher education with foreign secondary school leaving certificates and degrees from foreign higher education institutions can be found at: <http://anabin.kmk.org> (available in German only)

**Step 3:****Proof of German language proficiency for a degree program**

[www.uni-hamburg.de/german-language](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/german-language)

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**3. Proof of German language proficiency**

Although you don't need a language certificate to apply, you must be able to provide proof of German proficiency **by the time your studies commence**. Make sure you allocate **enough time** to prepare for the necessary German tests. Universität Hamburg does not offer preparatory German language courses for prospective students.

For German courses offered by other institutions in Hamburg, please visit the Hamburg course platform WISY: <http://deutsch.kursportal.info> (in German only)

The following certificates are accepted as proof of German language proficiency **for a degree program**:

- *Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz* (German language certificate from the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs, KMK) – Level II.
- *Zeugnis der Deutschen Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer Studienbewerber* (certificate of the German language examination for foreign University applicants): level DSH-2 or DSH-3.
- *Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache für ausländische Studienbewerber, TestDaF* (test of German as a foreign language) with a total result of TDN 15 from at least three partial exams passed at level 4 and one partial test passed at least at level 3.
- *Das Zeugnis der Prüfung zur Feststellung der Eignung ausländischer Studienbewerber für die Aufnahme eines Studiums an Hochschulen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland* (*Studienkolleg* academic aptitude certificate for foreign applicants to German universities).
- Successful participation in the pre-semester preparatory course at *Studienkolleg* in Hamburg with a grade "gut" ("good") or better in the subject German.
- German language proficiency as recognized by bilateral agreements or other agreements made by the KMK (Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany) or HRK (German Rectors' Conference)
- *Goethe-Zertifikat C1* or *Goethe-Zertifikat C2* (advanced German language skills certificate).
- *Deutsche Sprachprüfung II* (German language exam II) at the Munich Institute of Languages and Interpreting (*SDI*).
- telc language certificates "*telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule*" or "*telc Deutsch C1*" or "*telc Deutsch C2*"
- *Österreichisches Sprachdiplom ÖSD* (Austrian German Language Diploma): "*ÖSD C1 Oberstufe Deutsch*" or "*ÖSD C2 Wirtschaftssprache*"
- A degree of a German-language degree program completed in a country with the official language German
- A certificate of a **German** higher education institution stating that the applicant was officially registered as a degree-seeking student at this institution and that the applicant studied successfully **for at least one year** (this does not apply to international guest students)
- *UNIcert* German language certificates: level "*UNIcert III*" or level "*UNIcert IV*"

Please note that your certificate must **not be more than three years old** and that a certified copy must be submitted prior to starting your academic program.

The list of recognized language certificates can be found at:

[www.uni-hamburg.de/german-language](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/german-language)

**Proof of German language proficiency for the pre-semester preparatory course**

[www.uni-hamburg.de/iaprop](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/iaprop)

In order to be admitted to the pre-semester preparatory course you must provide proof of sufficient German skills. You must therefore take part in an entrance examination at the Studienkolleg Hamburg before starting the pre-semester preparatory course. The examination usually takes place in the middle of February.

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| <p><b>Step 4:</b></p> <p><b>Online application</b><br/> <a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application">www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application</a></p> | <p><b>4. Completing the online application</b></p> <p>Once the application period has begun, complete the online application via the application portal of Universität Hamburg:<br/> <a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application">www.uni-hamburg.de/online-application</a><br/>         You can set up an applicant account here, enter your data and submit your application electronically. When you have finished, please print out your online application.</p>   |
| <p><b>Step 5:</b></p> <p><b>Submitting application documents</b></p>   | <p><b>5. Submitting application documents</b></p> <p>Send the following documents to the Application and Admissions Team at Universität Hamburg by 15 January at the latest for the subsequent summer semester or 15 July at the latest for the subsequent winter semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Printed out and signed online application</li> <li>▪ Proof of your higher education entrance eligibility (non-certified copy) in the form of the preliminary documentation <b>or</b> certification <b>or</b> your <i>Studienkolleg</i> certificate, if applicable with further documentation</li> <li>▪ if required, additional documents related to the respective program</li> </ul> <p><b>Address for submitting your application:</b><br/>         Universität Hamburg<br/>         Services for Students<br/>         Application and Admissions Team<br/>         Alsterterrasse 1<br/>         20354 Hamburg, Germany</p> <p><b>Non-EU applicants</b> can send additional documents in order to receive <b>bonus points</b> in the selection procedure for a bachelor's program (not mandatory).<br/>         Further information on the selection procedure for bachelor's degree programs for prospective students from non-EU countries and on the required documents to receive bonus points: <a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/bonus-points">www.uni-hamburg.de/bonus-points</a><br/>         Information on the TestAS academic aptitude test: <a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/aat">www.uni-hamburg.de/aat</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Contact information</b></p>  | <p><b>Questions about choosing a subject and the application process</b></p> <p>Should you have any questions about choosing a subject or the application process, please contact the <b>InfoService for international prospective students</b>:<br/> <a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/int_e">www.uni-hamburg.de/int_e</a></p> <p><b>Questions during the application process</b></p> <p>Should you have any questions on the online application or the documents to be submitted, you can contact the Application and Admissions Team:<br/> <a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/zul">www.uni-hamburg.de/zul</a></p> <p>Alternatively you can come to their office hours: Mon – Wed 9 – 10 am, Thur 5 – 6 pm<br/>         For further office hours, please see: <a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/zulassung-sprechzeit">www.uni-hamburg.de/zulassung-sprechzeit</a><br/>         CampusCenter, Services for Students, Application and Admissions Team<br/>         Alsterterrasse 1, 3rd floor, 20354 Hamburg</p> <p><b>Questions about choosing a subject and general application questions</b></p> <p>Should you have any questions about choosing a subject or the application process in general, please contact the Center for Academic Advising:<br/> <a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/academicadvising">www.uni-hamburg.de/academicadvising</a></p> <p>Alternatively you can come to their office hours:<br/>         Mon – Wed 10 am – 1 pm, Thur 2 – 6 pm<br/>         Campus Center - Center for Academic Advising<br/>         Alsterterrasse 1, 3rd floor, 20354 Hamburg</p> <p><b>General application questions</b></p> <p>Should you have any general questions regarding the online application or submission documents, please contact the <b>service hotline of the Campus Center</b>:<br/>         +49-040-42838-7000, hours: Mon - Wed 9 am - 3 pm, Thur 1 - 6 pm and Fri 9 am - 1 pm</p> |

**Additional information**[www.uni-hamburg.de/visa](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/visa)[www.uni-hamburg.de/semesterdates](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/semesterdates)[www.uni-hamburg.de/scholarships](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/scholarships)[www.uni-hamburg.de/firststeps](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/firststeps)[www.uni-hamburg.de/careercenter](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/careercenter)**Additional important information when planning to study****▪ Visa**

Should you require a visa to enter Germany, Universität Hamburg recommends that you apply for a **prospective student visa** in good time given the long processing periods. You can do this even if you have not yet been accepted. This will ensure that you will be able to enter Germany in time to begin your degree program. Please note that a three-month Schengen visa (tourist visa) **cannot be extended** to allow you to continue your studies. Further information at: [www.uni-hamburg.de/visa](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/visa)

**▪ Semester dates**

Please find information on semester dates and lecture periods at: [www.uni-hamburg.de/semesterdates](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/semesterdates)

Orientation activities and the International Welcome Week for first-year students take place **prior to the start of the lecture period**:

Orientation activities: [www.uni-hamburg.de/oe](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/oe)

International Welcome Week: [www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome)

**▪ Scholarships**

Universität Hamburg does not offer full scholarships to cover all the costs of studying. The University does, however, offer partial scholarships (for a maximum of one year): [www.uni-hamburg.de/scholarships](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/scholarships)

Information on possible scholarships to finance your studies in Germany is provided by the German Academic Exchange Service:

[www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148)

**▪ Living in Hamburg**

At the start of each semester, many first-year students look for accommodation. Yet there is only a very limited number of rooms available to students in Hamburg. We therefore recommend that you start looking for suitable accommodation as soon as possible. The brochure "Welcome to Universität Hamburg - first steps for new students" issued by the PIASTA team in the Department of International Affairs contains lots of helpful tips on finding accommodation in Hamburg: [www.uni-hamburg.de/firststeps](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/firststeps)

The brochure also includes information on registration in Hamburg, residence permits, bank accounts, health insurance, enrollment and starting your studies.

**▪ Costs of studying**

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| Semester contribution      | EUR 313 per semester (1 semester = 6 months)   |
| Health insurance           | for students under 30: € 75.04 plus additional contribution<br>for students over 30: € 154.51 plus additional contribution |
| Accommodation              | approx. EUR 300 – 500 per month  |
| Additional costs of living | approx. EUR 300 – 500 per month  |

Students at Universität Hamburg **do not have to pay tuition fees**.

You will find further information on living costs in Germany at:

[www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198)

**▪ Job hunting after completing your program**

Would you like to know how to find a job after completing your degree program? The Career Center offers application and career planning seminars:

[www.uni-hamburg.de/careercenter](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/careercenter)

## Selection criteria for applicants from non-EU countries at Universität Hamburg

- applies to first-year students in Bachelor, *Diplom/Magister*, Baccalaureate and *Staatsexamen* (state examination) programs (maximum number of points: 58 points) –

| Higher education Entrance eligibility grade up to 30 standard points   | Degree program preparation up to a maximum of 10 bonus points  | TestAS (Test for Academic Studies) up to 10 bonus points   |           | Scholarship 4 bonus points | Other social criteria up to a maximum of 4 bonus points |                |           |                |           |                |   |           |                |          |                |           |                |           |                |   |  |
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| 1.0 30 points<br>1.1 29 points<br>1.2 28 points<br>1.3 27 points<br>1.4 26 points<br>1.5 25 points<br>1.6 24 points<br>1.7 23 points<br>1.8 22 points<br>1.9 21 points<br>2.0 20 points<br>2.1 19 points<br>2.2 18 points<br>2.3 17 points<br>2.4 16 points<br>2.5 15 points<br>2.6 14 points<br>2.7 13 points<br>2.8 12 points<br>2.9 11 points<br>3.0 10 points<br>3.1 9 points<br>3.2 8 points<br>3.3 7 points<br>3.4 6 points<br>3.5 5 points<br>3.6 4 points<br>3.7 3 points<br>3.8 2 points<br>3.9 1 point | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Assessment test at a <b>state-accredited Studienkolleg</b> in Germany<br/><b>10 bonus points</b></li> <li style="text-align: center;">or</li> <li>■ successful participation in a <b>preparatory course</b> at Universität Hamburg<br/><b>10 bonus points</b></li> <li style="text-align: center;">or</li> <li>■ proof of <b>particularly good German language skills</b><br/><b>10 bonus points</b></li> <li>▪ <b>DSH</b> with the result DSH-3 or</li> <li>▪ <b>TestDaF</b> with the overall score of TDN 18 to 20 or</li> <li>▪ <b>Goethe-Zertifikat C1</b> with a grade of „sehr gut“ (very good) or</li> <li>▪ <b>Goethe-Zertifikat C2</b> with a grade of „sehr gut“ (very good) or “gut” (good) or</li> <li>▪ <b>telc-Sprachzertifikat Deutsch C1 Hochschule</b> with a grade of „sehr gut“ (very good) or</li> <li>▪ <b>telc-Sprachzertifikat Deutsch C1</b> with a grade of „sehr gut“ (very good) or</li> <li>▪ <b>telc-Sprachzertifikat Deutsch C2</b> with a grade of „sehr gut“ (very good) or “gut” (good)</li> <li>▪ <b>ÖSD C1 Oberstufe Deutsch</b> with a grade of „sehr gut“ (very good) or</li> <li>▪ <b>ÖSD C2 Wirtschaftssprache</b> with a grade of „sehr gut“ (very good) or „gut“ (good)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Core test</b></p> <p>Below a standard score of 100 or 50 percentile rank<br/><b>= 1 bonus point</b></p> <p>As of a standard score of 100:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 15%;">100 – 105</td><td style="width: 15%;">2 bonus points</td></tr> <tr><td>106- 111</td><td>3 bonus points</td></tr> <tr><td>112 – 117</td><td>4 bonus points</td></tr> <tr><td>118 – 130</td><td>5 bonus points</td></tr> </table> <p>Applies to all courses.</p> <p>Calculation is based on the standard score (not percentile rank!).</p> | 100 – 105 | 2 bonus points             | 106- 111  | 3 bonus points | 112 – 117 | 4 bonus points | 118 – 130 | 5 bonus points | <p><b>Subject-specific module</b></p> <p>Below a standard score of 100 or 50 percentile rank<br/><b>= 1 bonus point</b></p> <p>As of a standard score of 100:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 15%;">100 – 105</td><td style="width: 15%;">2 bonus points</td></tr> <tr><td>106- 111</td><td>3 bonus points</td></tr> <tr><td>112 – 117</td><td>4 bonus points</td></tr> <tr><td>118 – 130</td><td>5 bonus points</td></tr> </table> <p>The module must correspond with the chosen subject area.</p> | 100 – 105 | 2 bonus points | 106- 111 | 3 bonus points | 112 – 117 | 4 bonus points | 118 – 130 | 5 bonus points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ scholarship from a German institution to fund talented students<br/><b>4 bonus points</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ entitlement to asylum or subsidiary protection or recognition of refugee status<br/><b>4 bonus points</b></li> <li style="text-align: center;">or</li> <li>■ Participation in #UHHhilft<br/><b>4 bonus points</b></li> <li style="text-align: center;">or</li> <li>■ native of a country with no educational institutions offering your chosen degree program or with no or only very limited tertiary education offers due to the general state of development<br/><b>4 bonus points</b></li> <li style="text-align: center;">or</li> <li>■ Member of a German-speaking minority abroad</li> </ul> |
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