SET SAIL FOR
UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG
WHY GERMANY?

Germany is a safe, economically thriving country, and one of the most popular destinations in Europe for international students. Germans value education and research, so most universities are publicly funded and studying is affordable.

Employers all over the world highly respect German university degrees and associate German education with innovation and quality. Located in the heart of Europe and with ties around the globe, Germany is also a very cosmopolitan country.
WHY HAMBURG?

A SCIENTIFIC HUB
A visionary urban development project bringing together research, technology, start-ups, homes, and recreational spaces, Science City Bahrenfeld is set to become a vibrant parkside community with state-of-the-art facilities.

THRIVING ENTERPRISE
With over 35,000 international businesses from the traditional to the cutting-edge, Hamburg is a center of commercial enterprise. It boasts one of Europe’s largest ports and over 4,000 digital media companies have turned the city into the gaming capital of Germany. It is also home to the global headquarters of companies in logistics, aerospace, and personal care products.

CULTURAL ABUNDANCE
A city campus means culture close by. Use your student discounts to discover Hamburg’s concert halls, clubs, or the architecturally spectacular Elbphilharmonie. See a show at one of Germany’s renowned national theaters or explore the city’s countless museums and exhibitions. Or navigate the lakes and canals of this “Venice of the north” by canoe, kayak, sailboat, or ferry.

CLEAN AND GREEN
Hamburg is Germany’s greenest city, with lush parks covering 14% of the landscape. Its green network connects the city’s parks, playgrounds, and garden colonies with sidewalks and bike paths. Don’t have a bike? Borrow one! Hamburg has over 200 public bike stations. Pedal along the Elbe River and sun yourself on one of Hamburg’s many golden, sandy city beaches.

EASY TO NAVIGATE
If you would rather rest your legs, use your semester transport pass to take trains, buses, and ferries. Most public transport in Hamburg is wheelchair-friendly.

SAFE AND LIVABLE
The Economist’s Global Livability Report has twice ranked Hamburg among the world’s ten most livable cities.
WHY UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG?

WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER.
Whatever your subject, the chances are you can pursue it at Universität Hamburg. One of the largest universities in northern Germany, we boast an impressive range of academic disciplines, from German studies and the nano- and climate sciences to sinology and Tibetan studies.

WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE.
Our researchers pursue the pressing questions of our time. Our strengths in manuscript cultures, photon and nanosciences, climate prediction, and the quantum universe have earned us international renown. In 2019, Universität Hamburg was even granted the title “University of Excellence” in a national funding competition.

CURIOSITY IS OUR TRADITION.
For over a century, our researchers have chartered the unknown with bold ideas and pioneering technologies. Universität Hamburg has produced several Nobel Prize winners in physics, distinguished politicians, renowned artists and writers, and Germany’s first astronaut to command the International Space Station.

WE NETWORK.
Whether an early career researcher or a master’s student, you will profit not only from our faculty and degree programs. Universität Hamburg also nurtures a strong network of cooperation with outstanding universities abroad and world-class, Hamburg-based research institutes of the Helmholtz Association, the Max Planck Society, and the Leibniz Association.

WE ARE IN THE HEART OF HAMBURG.
Studying at Universität Hamburg means having this vibrant Hanseatic city on your doorstep. With the main campus in the heart of historic Hamburg, everything you need—libraries, sports facilities, student dining halls, bars, cafés, cinemas, and shops—is just a short walk away.
RESEARCH STRENGTHS

Excellent research comes from cooperation, connected thinking, and multidisciplinary approaches. To achieve this, Universität Hamburg has carved out core research areas, where researchers from many different fields work together on cutting-edge topics in science and scholarship. Each research area bundles numerous individual and collaborative projects, research centers, graduate training programs, and research alliances:

Climate, Earth and Environment
Photon and Nanosciences
Manuscript Cultures
Particle, Astro- and Mathematical Physics
Infection Research

Our core research areas have attracted prestigious national and EU funding. Four were granted “Cluster of Excellence” status in a national competition and awarded further funding for their large-scale, collaborative research. They also invite fruitful cooperation with partners beyond Universität Hamburg, such as DESY and CERN. The resulting synergies make world-class research possible. Students and doctoral and early career researchers in these core research areas work with some of the best scientists and scholars in their fields and benefit from first-rate research infrastructure.

Science and scholarship is always moving forward and so are we. To ensure excellence tomorrow, we have a long-term strategy for nurturing potential core research areas today.

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HAMBURG: HOME TO SCIENCE, SCHOLARSHIP, AND INNOVATION

1. Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY)
2. European XFEL
3. Max Planck Institute for the Structure and Dynamics of Matter
4. Max Planck Institute for Meteorology
5. Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law
6. Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht Centre for Materials and Coastal Research (HZG)
7. German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)
8. Heinrich Pette Institute Leibniz Institute for Experimental Virology
9. Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine
10. Leibniz Institute for Media Research | Hans-Bredow-Institut
INTERNATIONAL AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

BILINGUAL AND ENGLISH-ONLY MASTER’S PROGRAMS
Universität Hamburg offers several master’s programs taught in German and English, such as the LLM in European Legal Studies and International Economic Law, and programs taught exclusively in English, such as the MSc in Intelligent Adaptive Systems.

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DOCTORAL STUDIES
There are several ways to pursue a doctorate at Universität Hamburg. You can complete your degree in a program in a specific faculty or design your studies individually.

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LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
If you are studying at Universität Hamburg, you can also hone your German skills. In cooperation with the University, the Adult Education Center and the University Language Center offer language classes both prior to and during the semester. There are even free classes in German as Foreign Language for our students. Exchange students can take beginner courses, students in German-language degree programs can take advanced courses.

WWW.UNI-HAMBURG.DE/GERMAN-COURSES

If you would simply like to brush up your conversational skills and teach someone your language, you can find a conversation partner in our language tandem program.

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**EXCHANGES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS**

Not ready for a long-term commitment? Do a one- or two-semester exchange program or spend a few weeks at one of our summer school programs. We have exchange programs with partner universities in Australia, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, Taiwan, the USA, and several Eastern European countries.

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[UHH.DE/PARTNERSHIPS](UHH.DE/PARTNERSHIPS)

Students from Erasmus member countries can complete an Erasmus exchange.

[UNI-HAMBURG.DE/EN-ERASMUS](UNI-HAMBURG.DE/EN-ERASMUS)

Students from non-partner institutions can apply as free-movers or guest students for one or two semesters.

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FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS

FACULTY OF LAW

FACULTY OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Social Sciences
Economics
Socioeconomics

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
Protestant Theology
Languages, Literature and Media (SLM I and II)
History
Philosophy
Studies in Culture and Arts
Asia-Africa Studies
Catholic Theology

FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS, INFORMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES
Biology
Chemistry
Earth System Sciences
Informatics
Mathematics
Physics

FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN MOVEMENT

FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HAMBURG BUSINESS SCHOOL)

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FUNDING

FUNDING YOUR STUDIES
Many foundations, organizations, and governments in Germany offer funding to international students at all levels. Criteria for financial support vary, from outstanding academic performance, subject or research topic, to birthplace, study location, or financial need. The DAAD Scholarship Database can also help you find the right scholarship.

www.uni-hamburg.de/finances

Universität Hamburg also offers funding for academically outstanding international students. For example, students can apply for a one-year merit scholarship. Or, if you are in the final phase of your degree at Universität Hamburg, you can apply for a degree completion grant.

www.uni-hamburg.de/examinationgrant

FUNDING YOUR DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH
Be it a research associate position in a research group, a scholarship, or external funding, there are many ways to fund your doctoral or postdoc project in Germany. As these phases are designed to help you develop as an independent researcher and hone your academic profile, note that many funding schemes are short-term. Detailed information on how to apply for doctoral and postdoctoral funding at Universität Hamburg is available on the University’s research webpages.

www.uni-hamburg.de/researchers-funding
A FAMILY-FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY

Do you need to care for young children or disabled/elderly relatives while you study or research? No problem at Universität Hamburg! Employees of Universität Hamburg are entitled to paid maternity and/or parental leave. Currently, the Hanseatic City of Hamburg guarantees childcare in a crèche/kindergarten for every child over the age of one, and the city’s state school infrastructure is excellent. The University also offers employees caring for small children or elderly relatives flexible work options. Find out more about balancing your studies or career with family life at the University’s Family Office. UHH.DE/FAMILY-OFFICE

ACCOMMODATION

Many students and doctoral researchers in Germany choose to live in flat shares and the online accommodation portals are full of rooms for rent. Alternatively, you can apply for rooms in one of the student dormitories or rent your own apartment. Visit the Campus Center website at Universität Hamburg for more on looking for a place to live in Hamburg. UHH.DE/CAMPUSCENTER

Visiting researchers can apply for accommodation in the University’s guest house. UHH.DE/GUESTHOUSE

JOB PROSPECTS

Our Career Center offers guidance for up to two years after you graduate. Attend talks and workshops with experts, entrepreneurs, and practitioners on everything from starting a career or founding a business to honing personal skills and gaining further qualifications. We also offer individual advice and coaching, whether you are writing your first job application or signing that major contract.

Thinking about a career in academia? We offer programs at doctoral and postdoctoral level that equip you with the skills specific to jobs in higher education and research. UHH.DE/CAREERCENTER UHH.DE/COMPASS
SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

From the moment you set foot in Hamburg to the moment you leave with a degree, a foreign language, or new friends, you will find people happy to help you.

WELCOME BUDDY PROGRAM
Our Welcome Buddy Program matches you up with a student at Universität Hamburg—even before you get here! Your buddy can meet you when you arrive at the train station or airport and help you get settled in your new home.

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CAMPUS CENTER
Once you are at the University, the Campus Center is your first port of call. Staff can help you with everything from organizing your course schedule to handling academic and personal matters.

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PIASTA
Looking for other international students? Longing for home? Or just eager to share your customs or cuisine with your classmates from Germany and abroad? Join PIASTA, a group run by students for students dedicated to internationalization and intercultural exchange at Universität Hamburg. Take a cooking class or field trip, make music, or suggest your own ideas for a fun and informative get-together!

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