



# Studying in Hannover

Hannover is a student city with over 40,000 students.

There are various universities and universities of applied sciences in Hannover with a comprehensive range of degree programmes.

## FIRST STEPS:

- 1 Check the programmes offered at the university: does the university offer my desired study programme?
- 2 Contact the contact person at the university and get information about the application process.
- 3 Initial check of university entrance qualifications:  
[www.uni-assist.de/tools/check-hochschulzugang](http://www.uni-assist.de/tools/check-hochschulzugang)
- 4 Check financing and housing options

# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A UNIVERSITY (UNIVERSITÄT) AND A UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES (FACHHOCHSCHULE)?

Universities offer teaching with a strong theoretical and academic focus, while universities of applied sciences offer academic studies with a greater focus on practical application. Bachelor's and Master's degrees can be earned at both types of universities. Thus, the difference lies solely in the focus of teaching.

When it comes to the names of the individual institutions, it can sometimes get confusing because "Hochschule" is the general term for higher education institution, including both "Universitäten" as well as "Fachhochschulen", and universities of either type might call themselves "Hochschule" in their German name. For example, the MHH, the TiHo and the HMTMH are "Universitäten", the Hochschule Hannover is a "Fachhochschule".

The start of the semester also differs per university. For example, semesters at "Hochschulen" often start as early as March and September, while semesters at "Universitäten" start in April and October.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES AT HANNOVER UNIVERSITIES

The application procedures are not identical. At some universities a direct application is possible, at others the application procedure runs through the central office uni-assist. The application deadlines are also different. Application deadlines sometimes end several months before the start of the semester (e.g. in May for the winter semester). Therefore, be sure to find out about the deadlines at your university of choice in good time so that you do not miss a deadline.





## REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDYING: BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND STATE EXAMINATION

In order to study a bachelor's or state examination programme, you must have a university entrance qualification (Hochschulzugangsberechtigung, HZB). The HZB is usually a school graduation certificate, sometimes in combination with semesters from previous studies, with which you would also be allowed to study in your home country. You can check for yourself how your qualifications are assessed in Germany without any obligation at



[www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/studium-planen/zulassungsdatenbank/](http://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/studium-planen/zulassungsdatenbank/)

or



[www.uni-assist.de/tools/check-hochschulzugang/](http://www.uni-assist.de/tools/check-hochschulzugang/)

There, school and university degrees are evaluated and the possible study opportunities are listed. There are three possible results:

- direct general admission.: the degree is accepted for direct study in all disciplines.
- preparatory course (Studienkolleg)\*: a university qualification exam (Feststellungsprüfung)/ you must attend a course for subject-specific preparation for the degree program before you can study.
- Subject-oriented: Those who have a subject-restricted HZB are only allowed to study certain subjects (e.g. business, technology, natural sciences). The subject area is determined, for example, by the subject area in which one has a school degree or study experience.

\*Studienkolleg: The Studienkolleg offers one-year preparatory courses in the fields of technology, economics, natural sciences/medicine, social sciences/languages. With the successful completion of the Studienkolleg (via a final exam, the Feststellungsprüfung), you are allowed to apply for a study programme in the chosen field throughout Germany.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDYING: MASTER'S STUDIES

To study a master's degree programme, you must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent in a similar field.

## LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES

Bachelor's: For enrollment in any bachelor's degree programme, you must be able to speak German at a C1 level C1; lower language levels are sufficient for application – depending on the university. There are no entirely English-language Bachelor's degree programmes in Hannover.

Master's: Master's programmes are offered in German or English, e.g. at Leibniz University. Language certificates at level B2 or C1 are required for this.

For enrollment in a purely German-language degree programme, the language level C1 is usually required, which can be proven by various language certificates. At the time of application, lower language certificates can be submitted at some universities. Therefore, it is advisable to seek advice directly at the university of your choice. Experience shows that the language learning process from A1 to C1 takes 1.5-2 years.

## COSTS, FINANCING, HEALTH INSURANCE

Each university charges semester fees, which at Hanover's universities amount to 380-440 € per semester. In addition, cost of living can amount to 800-900 € per month.

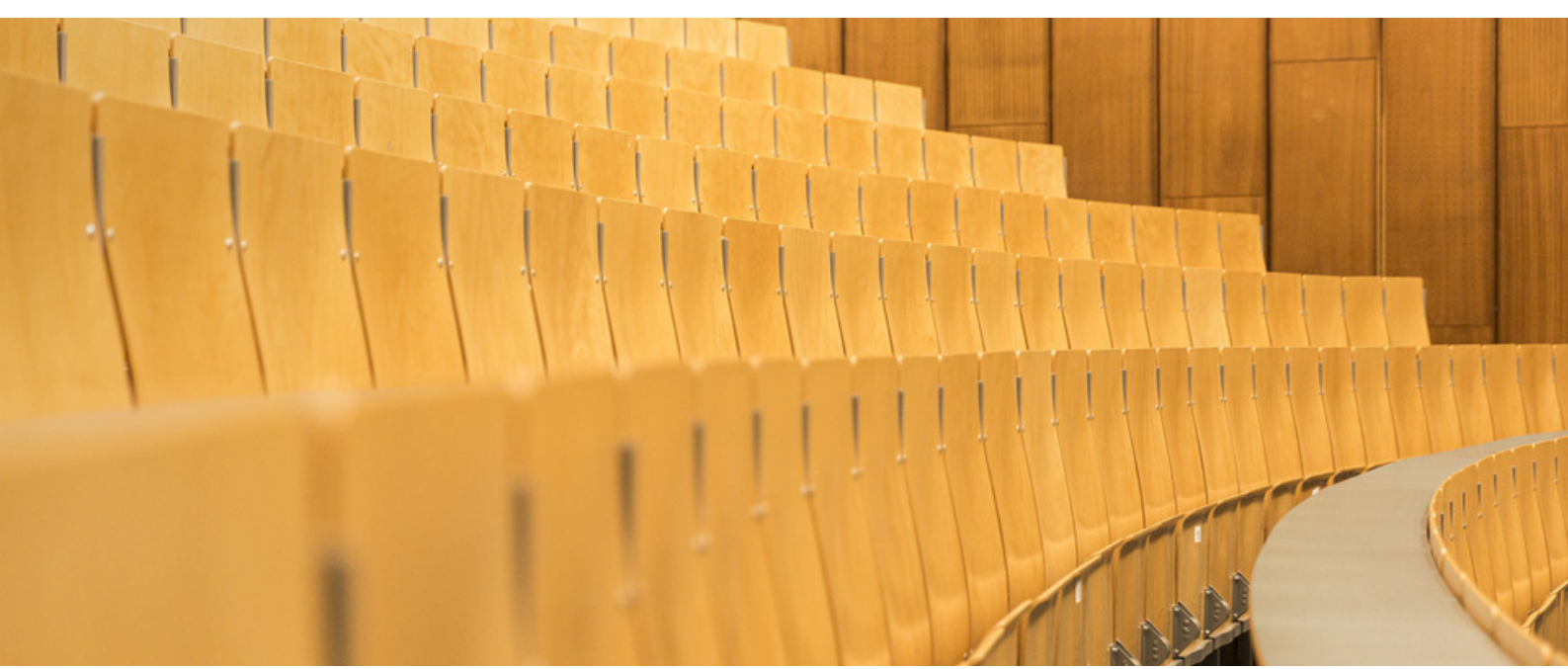
➔ [www.studentenwerk-hannover.de/studienkosten](http://www.studentenwerk-hannover.de/studienkosten)

The financing options are varied and depend, among other things, on your residence permit. Federal Training Assistance Act student loans (known as BAföG), scholarships and jobs are possible options.

For enrollment, proof of health insurance is usually required. If you have any questions, please contact the university of your choice.

Important information for students from Ukraine is provided by the kfsn:

➔ [www.studieren-in-niedersachsen.de/welcome-ukraine](http://www.studieren-in-niedersachsen.de/welcome-ukraine)



## CONTACT

Hannover University of Applied Sciences and Arts/ Hochschule Hannover (HsH) - Degree programmes in the fields of technology, design, social affairs, business, communications: [www.hs-hannover.de/studium](http://www.hs-hannover.de/studium)  
Contact: Study advice - Service center advice  
Tel: +49 511 9296 -7622, -8054 and -7972  
E-mail: [beratung@hs-hannover.de](mailto:beratung@hs-hannover.de)

Hannover University of Music, Drama and Media/ Hochschule für Musik, Theater und Medien Hannover (HMTMH), Degree programmes in acting, music, media [www.hmtm-hannover.de/de/start](http://www.hmtm-hannover.de/de/start)  
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### LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Refugee Law Clinic - pro bono legal service on asylum and residence law: <https://rlc-hannover.de>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Central Student Advisory Service at Leibniz University is also available to answer any questions you may have about studying in Hannover, and can provide information about to help you find your way around studying in Lower Saxony:

Leibniz University Hannover  
Central Student Advisory Service  
Phone: +49 511 762 5580  
E-mail: [studienberatung@uni-hannover.de](mailto:studienberatung@uni-hannover.de)

You can find the range of studies offered throughout Lower Saxony at



[www.studieren-in-niedersachsen.de](http://www.studieren-in-niedersachsen.de)

the range of studies offered throughout Germany at



[www.hochschulkompass.de](http://www.hochschulkompass.de)

Hannover Medical School / Medizinische Hochschule Hannover (MHH), study of medicine and dentistry:  
[www.mhh.de/studierendensekretariat/studienintressierte](http://www.mhh.de/studierendensekretariat/studienintressierte)  
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University of Veterinary Medicine / Stiftung Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover (TiHo), study of veterinary medicine:  
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