

Heilbronn University (HHN) – Information for Prospective Students with a Refugee Background

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What can I study at HHN?

HHN has four campuses offering degree programs in engineering, business, and computer science. Depending on the program, studies take place in Heilbronn, Heilbronn-Sontheim, Künzelsau, or Schwäbisch Hall. Programs at universities of applied sciences are generally more practice-oriented than those at traditional universities. A bachelor's degree typically takes 6–7 semesters to complete, including a mandatory internship semester. A master's degree usually takes 3–4 semesters.

Where can I find information about studying at HHN?

You can find a list of all degree programs here: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/study-programmes?q=> The Central Student Advisory Service (Zentrale Studienberatung) offers individual guidance to help you choose the right degree program: zentralestudienberatung@hs-heilbronn.de If you have questions regarding your application and admission requirements, please contact the Registration Office: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/contact-registration-office>

What do I need to be eligible to study at HHN?

You must have your university entrance qualification (e.g., high school diploma, Bachelor's certificate, etc.) recognized by the Studienkolleg Konstanz:

<https://www.htwg-konstanz.de/en/academics/center-for-international-students-konstanz/recognition-of-certificates/procedure>

All documents - except those in English or French - must be translated into German and submitted as officially certified copies valid in Germany. For a Bachelor's or Master's degree program, you must also pass a German and/or English language test (usually DSH or TestDaF).

For English-language degree programs, no German language test is required. However, an English language test is mandatory, in accordance with the respective admission regulations.

You will find an overview of all relevant language certificates according to your desired degree program here: Bachelor and Master.

How do I apply to HHN?

1. First, register at <https://www.hochschulstart.de/>
2. Then register and apply via Heilbronn University: <https://hnn.hispro.de/qisserver/pages/cs/sys/portal/hisinoneStartPage.faces>
You may apply for a maximum of three Bachelor's programs at HHN at the same time.
3. In this step, upload your application documents in the eCampus portal. HHN accepts documents only in digital form. Submission in person or by post is not possible. Any additional documents must be submitted via email to the responsible administrative staff member.
4. You can track the status of each of your applications via the application portal at hochschulstart.de. Please note that updates on hochschulstart.de may be displayed with a time delay. <https://www.hochschulstart.de>

The application deadline for restricted-admission degree programs is January 15 for the summer semester and July 15 for the winter semester. Lectures begin in mid-March for the summer semester and at the end of September/beginning of October for the winter semester.

For direct enrolment, the application deadline corresponds to the lecture start date. Here you will find more details regarding the application Process for Bachelor Programmes (<https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/bachelor-application>) or Master Programmes (<https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/master-application>)

The following documents must be submitted as officially certified copies:

- University entrance qualification (e.g., high school diploma)
- Certificate of recognition (issued by the Studienkolleg Konstanz)
- German / English language test results
- For Master's programs: Bachelor's degree certificate and officially certified translation in accordance with the respective admission regulations. Proof of practical experience, and if required, a certified translation of this document according to the relevant admission regulations.

You must also submit:

- For Bachelor's programs:
 - Certificate of the study orientation test: <http://www.was-studiere-ich.de/>
 - Curriculum vitae (CV)

Please consult the HHN website in advance to find out which other documents must be included in your application.

To enroll at HHN, you need sufficient health insurance coverage.

Will enrollment in a university affect my residence permit?

There is no connection between your request for asylum/permit of residence and your studies. However, it is absolutely necessary to contact the Immigration Office (Ausländerbehörde) and in many cases the social security department (Sozialamt) as well, before enrollment.

How much does it cost to study at Heilbronn University?

Currently, you must pay a semester fee of €188. Additionally, international students from non-EU/EEA countries must pay tuition fees (€1,500 per semester). Many people with refugee status are exempt from these tuition fees. Please check whether this applies to you: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/tuition-fees>

How can I finance my studies?

- **BAföG:** Individuals with recognized refugee status (recognized asylum seekers, persons granted refugee status or subsidiary protection) are eligible for BAföG regardless of how long they have lived in Germany. Asylum seekers whose application has not yet been decided are not eligible for BAföG. More information can be found here: <http://www.bafoeg-aktuell.de/bafoeg/bafoeg-fuer-auslaender.html>
- **Scholarships:** An overview of scholarships is available here: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/scholarships>
- **Work during studies:** Please observe the work permit regulations stated in your residence permit.
- Job postings for part-time work can be found via HHN's Career Service and Student Services Office.

Where can I live during my studies?

- The AStA room database of Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences offers various housing options. It is also possible to apply online for a place in the dormitories of the Studierendenwerk Heidelberg. Some private dormitory and shared housing providers can also be found here: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/accommodation>
- Students can apply for a room in one of the dormitories of the "Studierendenwerk Heidelberg": http://www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/living_online_application <https://www.stw.uni-heidelberg.de/en/wohnheime>
- For assistance with access, please contact the Student Services Office: [studentisches-](mailto:studentisches@hs-heilbronn.de)

servicebuero@hs-heilbronn.de or visit www.hs-heilbronn.de/de/studentisches-servicebuero

Further information

A helpful overview of university access for refugees is provided by the DAAD:

www.study-in.de/information-for-refugees/

Further information and current events can be found on our homepage: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/info-refugees>

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