

Central Exchange Program: Incoming Exchange Student Information

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Incoming Exchange Information	Exchange info: www.uni-hamburg.de/en-central-exchanges-incoming Brochure "To-Dos": www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/welcome.pdf Events/seminars/advising: www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta_e.html Buddy programs: www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/welcome-buddy_e.html
Language Requirements	For courses in German, German level B1 CEFR (B2 recommended). For courses in English, English B2 CEFR / IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL 4.5.
Course Catalog/Courses in English	A detailed course catalog for each subject is available online in the study information net "STiNE." www.stine.uni-hamburg.de → Vorlesungsverzeichnis English taught courses are mostly offered at graduate level . Undergraduate students planning on taking courses in English: contact us before nomination unless you can find enough courses in the previous year's list corresponding to the semester the student wishes to attend (summer/winter): www.uni-hamburg.de/en-central-exchanges-incoming → Useful links for planning your courses. Undergraduates from all faculties can register for courses from the hub for crossdisciplinary learning .
Language Courses	Incoming exchange students can take German or other language courses free of charge if space is available. Pre-semester intensive language courses (usually A1–B2) start approx. two weeks prior to the start of the semester.

Program and Course Restrictions	All faculties of the University of Hamburg are open for exchange students. The final decision on acceptance is taken by the faculties. Closed for exchange students: dentistry, pharmacy and, starting in Winter 2027/28, psychology until further notice. The Faculties of Business Administration and Business, Economics and Social Sciences only accept students enrolled in matching programs and able to show completion of introductory classes in that field on their transcripts. The Faculty of Medicine accepts applications only once per year. Please make sure to nominate students interested in studying at the Faculty of Medicine in the following academic year before the nomination deadline of 1 April. Students need to have completed at least three years of studies prior to exchange and provide proof of German language proficiency level B1 CEFR.
Semester Fees	All students of Universität Hamburg, including exchange students, pay a mandatory contribution fee per semester (reduced fee for exchange students in Summer Semester 2026: EUR 334), which includes a public transport pass for the Hamburg Public Transport Area.
Academic Calendar	Winter semester: 1 October–31 March; summer semester: 1 April–30 September. For the lecture periods, see the website of the University of Hamburg.
Nomination Deadlines	Winter semester: 1 April (email to inbound-centralexchange@uni-hamburg.de, including statement of: name, field of study, study level, language of study and language level)
	Summer semester: 1 October (email to inbound-centralexchange@uni-hamburg.de, including statement of: name, field of study, study level, language of study and language level)
Application Process	Application deadlines: Winter semester: 15 April; summer semester: 15 October
	Application documents (German or English) must be submitted by the students by E-Mail to inbound-centralexchange@uni-hamburg.de: 1. Statement of motivation 2. Tab. CV 3. Proof of German language proficiency (Level B1 CEFR); for courses in English: Proof of English language proficiency (Level B2 CEFR) 4. Official transcripts 5. Two academic references 6. Preliminary course plan 7. Passport copy 8. Universität Hamburg application form Applications are reviewed by the faculties. In case of acceptance, the exchange coordinator sends an invitation letter to the student (winter semester: end of May; summer semester: end of November). The students will be guided through the registration process at the University of Hamburg and provided with information on housing, course selection etc.

Welcome Week and Welcome Days	Welcome Days with a special program for international students take place shortly before the official start of the semester.
Orientation Sessions	Most departments offer orientation sessions at the beginning of the winter semester, some at the beginning of the summer semester.
Accessible education	The University of Hamburg offers academic support for students with disabilities and chronic diseases (e.g., adapting course and examination conditions and guidelines for study pursuant to compensation for disadvantages measures).
Accommodation in Student Residence Halls	A limited number of rooms in student residences are available for incoming exchange students; rents vary (EUR 370–520). The housing application form provided by the exchange coordinator must be submitted by 15 June for the winter semester, by 15 December for the summer semester. If students have special needs concerning housing (disabilities and chronic diseases), please inform us well before the deadline.
Private Accommodation	We recommend to apply for a student residence hall, but incoming exchange students are free to search for accommodation on their own. Rents vary according to size and location, but are usually much higher than in residence halls. Finding accommodation in Hamburg : Studies : University of Hamburg (uni-hamburg.de)
Health Insurance Requirements	Incoming exchange students without European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are required to take out German statutory health insurance (approx. 110 EUR/month for students). A list of all statutory health insurance providers in Germany can be found at https://www.gkv-spitzenverband.de/english/english.jsp .
Living Expenses	Living expenses (excluding rent) amount to approx. EUR 500–700/month.