UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM



# DO YOU WANT TO STUDY ABROAD AT A PALACE?
# **COME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM!**

*INFORMATION FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS*





# WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the University of Mannheim. As one of the best universities in Germany, we are dedicated to providing our students with an excellent academic education, paving the way for them to become future leaders.

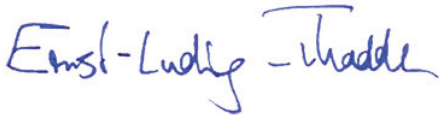
Due to our strong commitment to internationalization, the University of Mannheim was the first German state university to adopt the international academic calendar. Therefore, exchange students have no difficulties spending either the fall and/or spring semester in Mannheim. With a diverse community of around 1,100 exchange students per year, our university would be happy to welcome you during one of the upcoming semesters.

The latest ***QS World University Ranking by Subject 2017*** ranked the University of Mannheim number one in Germany and number 65 worldwide for Social Sciences, including Business and Economics. At the University of Mannheim, you will learn from scholars who are at the forefront of their disciplines. Through our interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning, we want to help you to develop your own ideas and put them into action, cross academic boundaries, and challenge conventional thinking.

I am an active scholar and academic lecturer myself and, for me and my colleagues, it is a privilege to be part of the devoted and vibrant community that cares about this university like no other. I am honored to teach such talented and inspiring students, and always enjoy sharing ideas and thoughts with them.

As an exchange student at our university, you will get to know students and researchers from all over the world whose enthusiasm is truly inspiring. I am sure that this can fuel your ideas, and open up new horizons.

Yours sincerely,



**Prof. Dr. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden**
*President*

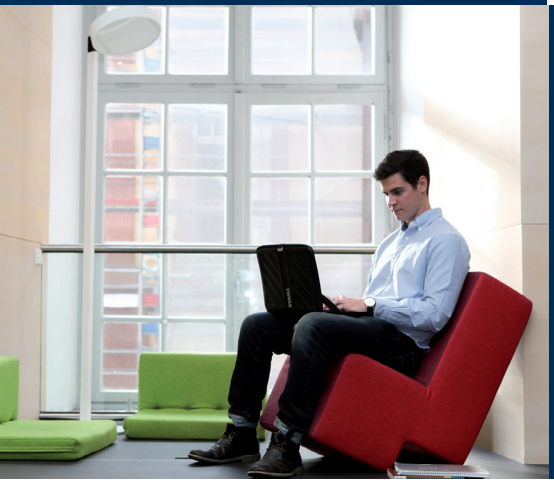


# AT A GLANCE

**12,000**
**STUDENTS**
IN 5 SCHOOLS

**MORE THAN 2,000 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 100 COUNTRIES**





**450**
**PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**
AROUND THE
**GLOBE**

**1,100**
**INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS**
PER YEAR

*QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING BY SUBJECT 2017:*

**#1 IN GERMANY**

**#65 WORLDWIDE**

*IN SOCIAL SCIENCES*
*(INCL.: BUSINESS & ECONOMICS)*




Jahrhundertwende






For a complete list of courses, please visit: **www.uni-mannheim.de/aaa/courses**

# SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

The University of Mannheim offers excellent academic programs for undergraduate and graduate students at its five schools:

- Business School
- School of Humanities
- School of Social Sciences
- School of Law and Economics
- School of Business Informatics and Mathematics

As an exchange student, you can choose from a wide range of courses taught in English – you can even study some degree programs entirely in English.



*"At the University of Mannheim you can meet a lot of international students. It is a well-known university and you can be proud to study here."*

*Sophia Schreiber Heilborn from Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil*




# STUDENT SUPPORT AND CAMPUS LIFE

## A Smooth Start

We know that the first few weeks in a foreign country can be challenging. The staff and student assistants in the International Office are here to support you while you settle into your new surroundings. Don't worry; you will get to know the campus sooner than you think.

## Personal Support

While filling in your application, you can ask to be matched with a local student through the Buddy Program. Usually, your buddy will have already been abroad or is planning to go abroad and can relate to your experiences. Being familiar with the city and the university, your buddy can answer your questions on student life in Mannheim. Depending on your schedule, you can attend the numerous "Buddy Events" together, or just meet for coffee in the city. The Buddy Program is also an excellent opportunity to get to know Germany's diverse culture.

## Immerse Yourself

Our orientation sessions and campus tours during the Welcome Week give you a general idea of what student life in Mannheim is like. Additionally, we provide practical information on organizing your stay and arrange activities, such as an international dinner, and cultural trips throughout the semester. International student organizations organize many fun events, from city visits or weekend trips away to running dinners. You can show your talent at the "Mannheim's Got Talent" show, enjoy "Breakfast & Movie", or meet local families to learn more about the German way of life.

# **LEARNING** GERMAN

## Pre-semester Courses

Four-week, intensive German language courses for all levels of proficiency are offered before the semester starts, either during the International Summer Academy, which takes place in August, or the International Winter Academy, which takes place in January. In addition to the language courses, you can also sign up for excursions and seminars on German life and culture. Attending the academy is also a great way to make friends and settle in before the semester starts.

## German Language and Culture Courses

During the semester, the University of Mannheim provides German courses for all levels of proficiency as well as specialized language courses on topics relating to b usiness, culture, or politics, such as the German financial market, German art through the ages, or the political or sociocultural system of Germany.

## Tandem Language Partner

Of course, you can also learn German outside of the classroom, and by using our Tandem Partner Search Portal, you can find a conversation partner to practice with.



*"I would recommend meeting as many new people as possible here and immersing yourself in the German culture every day. I think it is important for you to do things that are new to you. Whether it is learning the German language or going to the Schneckenhof parties."*

*Evelynne Xia from the*
*University of New South Wales, Australia*

# **UNIVERSITY** SPORTS

Many students participate in the sports activities offered by the university's Institute of Sports. The facilities include gyms where you can workout and improve your fitness, and several courts and fields for team sports. Join one of our successful sports teams or participate in one of over 80 courses, most of which are free of charge. From **A**roha, **B**ouldering, and **C**hess, to **R**owing, **S**alsa, and **T**RX Cross – we guarantee there is something for everyone.







*"My best experience so far was probably playing volleyball with the locals. It's a great way to meet new people and combine your passion for sports with speaking a new language."*

*Sofia Toche from the University of Florida, USA*

*"I really enjoy going to sports, especially gymnastics, which I tried for the first time here. Back home, the facilities were so far away, but here, they are just a short train ride away. The sports program is great because there is so much on offer."*

*Andrew Majcen from the University of Adelaide, Australia*



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*"It is easy to get around in Mannheim – everything you need is close by."*

*Chandler Norman from the University of South Carolina, USA*





# THE CITY OF MANNHEIM

Mannheim is a multicultural city in the state of Baden-Württemberg, and is about 70 km/43 miles south of Frankfurt am Main with its international airport. With a population of approximately 320,000 people, Mannheim has a city center which is small enough to explore on foot, but big enough to offer a vibrant urban culture with lots of cafés, movie theaters, cultural events, concerts, theaters and museums. The university campus is located right in the city center.

Additionally, Mannheim's central location makes it a perfect starting point for discovering the rest of Germany and Europe, be it hiking in the beautiful Palatinate or taking a weekend trip to the Black Forest or even to France. There are many destinations nearby where you can take a break from the hustle and bustle of city life.

***Did you know?***

The **bicycle** was invented in Mannheim.

The inventor Karl Drais started his famous **first ride** in front of the **castle**.



# WHY THE UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM?

## International Academic Calendar

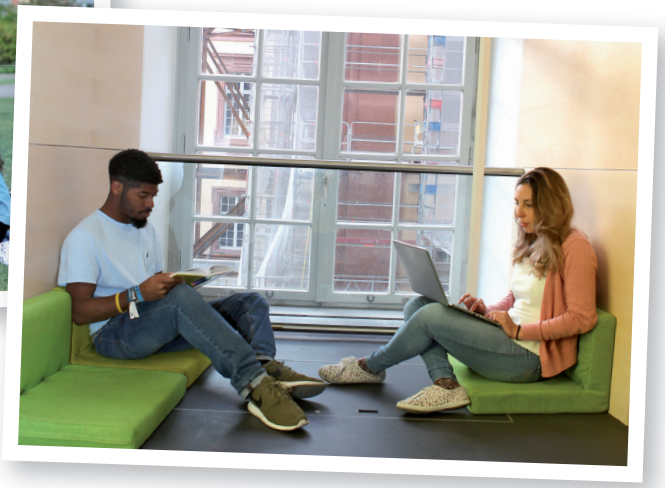
We are the first German university to adopt the more commonly used international academic calendar. The fall semester runs from September to December, and the spring semester from February to June, making it easier for you to fit your exchange semester into the curriculum at your home university.

## Excellence in Teaching and Research

The University of Mannheim is recognized as one of the leading academic institutions in Germany and Europe. Its Business School is the first institution in Germany to be accredited by the three most important international accreditation organizations: AMBA, AACSB, and EQUIS.


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# CAMPUS FACILITIES

Most lecture halls are inside the Schloss, one of the largest baroque palaces in the world. Enjoy the unique atmosphere, where history meets a modern learning environment.

### Multicultural Study Environment

The campus has a truly international and diverse student population with over 2,000 international students.

### Social Activities

With over 40 student organizations, there is a club for nearly every interest, ranging from business to theater – ensuring your life on campus is vibrant and active.

# APPLICATION

The University of Mannheim welcomes over 1,100 exchange students each year and you can be one of them. If you are interested in spending one or two semesters at our university, please contact the International Office at your home university to find out the application requirements and deadlines.

Free movers (students who apply individually and not on the basis of an existing agreement between their home university and the University of Mannheim) can find further information here: **www.uni-mannheim.de/aaa/freemover.**



*"It was very easy to connect with people. Everyone was open and looking to meet new people. I would recommend going to the VISUM buddy events and excursions organized by the International Office. My first event was a trip to the Black Forest – we went hiking and then a tour guide showed us around Baden-Baden. I'm still in contact with a lot of the people I met on the trip."*

*Donavon Smith from the*
*University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA*

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Want to find out more?
Please contact us – we are happy to help.

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