

# Study Abroad at HAW Hamburg



2024



## Why HAW Hamburg?

### Life-Enriching Experience

Can study abroad change your life? We think it can. We see it happen every semester. Come to Hamburg for an amazing international experience and lose your heart to this beautiful city.

### Employability Made in Germany

Employers are looking not just for academic knowledge, but also for interpersonal skills such as the ability to communicate across cultures in global markets and to work well in international teams and across international borders. With students from more than 100 countries - diversity is our particular strength.

### Practice-oriented Studies

Studying at a university of applied sciences adds a practical element to a study abroad experience. The professors have worked in industry before joining the university, so students are offered an insight into real-life problem-solving in engineering and business management.

### Summer Semester: April – September

Study period incl. exams: beginning of April until end of July 2024; preparatory German course starts mid-March (not obligatory)

Nomination deadline: 20th October

Application Deadline: 30th October

## Facts

**Full Name of The Institution:** Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften Hamburg (HAW Hamburg) - Hamburg University of Applied Sciences

**Erasmus+ Code:** D HAMBURG 06

**Language:** Depending on the programme and semester the language of instruction will be either English or German. We recommend having a level of B2 (according to CEFR).

**Semester Contribution:** There is an obligatory contribution which includes the ticket for the public transport and the contribution to the students' union. The amount may vary each semester (currently 281€).

**Housing:** We can provide only a limited number of students with accommodation.

**Website:** [www.haw-hamburg.de/studyabroad](http://www.haw-hamburg.de/studyabroad)

**Instagram:** #hawinternational

### Winter Semester: October – March

Study period incl. exams: beginning of October 2024 until end of February 2025; preparatory German course starts mid-September (not obligatory)

Nomination deadline: 20th April

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# How to apply for Winter Semester 2024\*

## Nomination

Partners need to nominate their students via our online application system "Mobility Online". The nomination link will be sent to all partner universities at the start of the application period (March and September). We kindly request to nominate students according to the partnership agreements and only one semester in advance. Students need to upload all documents by the application deadline.

## Application

To apply students need to upload their transcript of records, selection of courses, language certificate, health insurance confirmation, and for design student also a portfolio. When uploading each document in Mobility Online, students should check the guidelines marked with a blue question mark. To choose courses, check out the list on our website:

In English: <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/international/erasmus-study-abroad/>

In German: <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/international/erasmus-gaststudierende/>

After submitting the application the exchange coordinators at HAW Hamburg will review all applications. This might take up to four weeks so we kindly ask for patience. We will inform about our decision by email.

# Pre-Departure

## Visa and Residence Permit

Students need to check whether they need a visa or not. Generally, citizens of an EU country, EEA country or Switzerland you don't need a visa to enter Germany. Also, students from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, USA and UK do not need a visa but they need to apply for a residence permit within 90 days after entering the Schengen area.

All students will receive an official Letter of Acceptance for their visa and scholarship applications. We will also provide exchange students from China will an APS number for their visa application. Students with a non-EU nationality, studying in an EU country will be registered by HAW Hamburg for the simplified residence permit process (REST).

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## Budget

The German Ministry for Education and Science has estimated that a student needs about 934€ per month to cover their expenses. Here is an estimate of the monthly costs:

- Accommodation (incl. electricity and water) – 350 – 750€/Month
- Living costs (e.g. food, cloths, phone) – 300 – 400€/Month
- Health Insurance - up to 130 €/Month
- Residence permit – up to 100€/Semester
- Transportation – 295€/Semester (included in the semester contribution) + 17,50€ per month for a Germany Ticket upgrade

Deadline  
30 April

## To Do:

- Check emails and Spam
- Check visa/entry regulations
- Upload health insurance confirmation
- Pay semester contribution
- Sign an accommodation contract
- Buy a ticket and pack

## Health Insurance

The health insurance laws for students in Hamburg are very strict and we cannot enrol students without a proper health insurance. The rule is: Students who do not have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) have to register for a German public health insurance. Students from Turkey can bring an AT11 form from their home health insurance and UK students - their global health insurance card. We offer help in registering for a German health insurance. Students just need to fill out, sign and upload the health insurance form provided in Mobility Online. The student health insurance tariff is about 130€ per month so please plan it in your budget.

\*The nomination for Summer Semester 2025 will start in September 2024.



## Housing

The main dormitory provider is Studierendenwerk. They provide us with a limited number of rooms for our exchange students. Our International Office distributes the rooms so students **should not apply to Studierendenwerk directly**. Choosing a specific house or room is unfortunately not possible. You will have better chances of getting a room if you move-in in September.

During the application students need to decide if they want to apply for a dormitory room and fill out the housing form in Mobility Online.

If we cannot provide students with a room they need to search for accommodation on their own as soon as possible. We will provide some useful information.

## Semester Contribution

The semester contribution is not a tuition fee and must be paid by all students. It includes contributions to the Students' Union and the Students' Welfare Fund. Most importantly exchange students will get a semester ticket for unlimited travel on Hamburg's public transport system (HVV) for the whole semester. The current amount is **281€** and we will send you the bank details by email. You have to transfer the contribution by **30th July**.

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# While in Hamburg

## Welcome Weeks

We are organizing international welcome weeks for our newcomers which we recommend exchange students to attend. There will be many fun events, that will help newcomers settle in and get to know their new university and new home better.

## Semester dates and holidays

The classes will be starting in the second week of October and the examination phase will be from end of January until mid-February. We will be offering a preparatory German course and a welcome programme starting mid-September. The university will be closed from 23rd December until 2nd January for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

## Class schedule and learning agreement

You will receive the final class schedule when you arrive in Hamburg. As soon as classes start you can make adjustments to your learning agreement.

## weBuddy programme

Exchange students can be matched up with a buddy (a HAW Hamburg student from a higher semester). The buddy will ideally pick up the student from the airport/train station, answer questions and assist with address or bank registrations. Throughout the semester we will offer fun cultural programme. There will be trips, leisure activities, sport events. Students will get the chance to meet people from all over the world, practice languages and discover Germany.

## Students with disabilities

Students with a disability or a long-term health condition can request individual adjustments to examinations and assessments to ensure they have the same opportunity as other students. Students should contact us in advance so we can make the necessary preparations.

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Programme

# Also Important

## Address registration (obligatory for everyone)

Everyone who moves to Hamburg must register with the local authorities (Einwohnermeldeamt) within two weeks of arrival.

## Residence permit (obligatory for some)

Students, who don't have a passport from an EU or EEA country or a visa for Germany, also have to apply for a residence permit within 90 days after entering the Schengen area. Make an appointment at the foreigner's office (Ausländerbehörde) as soon as possible after arriving in Hamburg.

## Opening a bank account

Non-EU students should open bank account as it makes payments (e.g. rent, health insurance fee) much easier. Credit cards are not accepted everywhere and students should always carry some cash with them.

## Health insurance appointment (obligatory for some)

There will be a special appointment at the insurance company for all students who had to registered at the German public health insurance. Students can pick up their health insurance card then.

## Transportation

The nearest airport is Hamburg Airport. With line S1 you can get from there to our main campus (Berliner Tor) or to the main train station (Hauptbahnhof) within 20 min. **HVV** is the public transport provider in Hamburg. With your semester ticket you can use the public transport and regional trains throughout Germany (but not ICE, IC, FlixTrain).

## Weather

The temperature usually varies from 5°C to 25°C. Due to the high humidity it might feel colder or hotter than it is. We recommend to have warm clothes for the spring months and shorts for the summer months and most importantly a wind and water proof jacket as some days tend to be windy in rainy.

## Safety

Hamburg is a safe city but still you should be careful at all times. The emergency number is 112.

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September/  
October

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