

HCU International Office

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HCU Student Service Center

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ERASMUS Code: D HAMBURG12

Academic calendar:

1st TERM = WINTER term: **01.10. - 31.03.**

Lecture time: until mid February

Exams: most exams until end of Feb., some until March 31st (esp. in Civil Engineering and Geomatics)

Intensive German Language Courses (2 weeks) start: 1st or 2nd week of September

Int. Welcome Days: last week of September/first week of October; **Participation = mandatory**

Course registration: last week of September/first week of October

2nd TERM = SUMMER term: **01.04. - 30.09.**

Lecture time: until mid July

Exams: most until end July, some end of September (esp. in Civil Engineering and Geomatics)

Intensive German Language Courses (2 weeks) start: 1st or 2nd week of March (not guaranteed, might not take place if too few students enrol)

Int. Welcome Days: end of march; **Participation = mandatory**

Course registration: end of march

DEADLINES winter term

nomination by Partner University:

01. May

application by student:

01. June until 01. July

DEADLINES summer term

nomination by Partner University:

15. November

application by student:

01. December until 15. January

Application procedure

1. Home University sends nomination incl. email contact of the nominated students to studierendenservice@vw.hcu-hamburg.de
2. HCU then sends the online application information directly to the nominated student.
3. Please instruct your students to upload all relevant documents in our **online application** system! The learning agreements will be approved through the OLA platform.
4. No paper application documents are needed or accepted. No portfolios are needed. We trust upon our partner's selection process.
5. Once the application period is over and the online application is accepted, students will get an official confirmation letter as well as – if needed – further documents e.g. for visa purposes.
6. By mid-August (winter term) / mid-February (summer term) the enrolment documents will be available in the application accounts.

Health Insurance Requirements

Students have to have a valid health insurance equivalent to German public health insurance **prior** to enrolment. EU students who hold a valid EU Health Insurance Card upon application fulfil that requirement. For non-EU-students we offer health insurance assistance at the Welcome Days. Travel insurance **will in no case** be a legal replacement!

Language Requirements

Instruction at HCU is predominantly in German, with only very few courses in English. Language requirements: German level A2.1 (at least a participation certificate of A2.1 German course upon application) Exceptions: Civil Engineering and Geomatics: German level B1

Each semester, at least 30 ECTS are offered in English in the field of Architecture. Master programs Resource and Efficiency in Architecture and Planning, Urban Planning and Geodesy and Geoinformatics with the specialisation in Hydrography are taught completely in English. In case a student only or mainly wants to attend courses in these fields, the German language requirements could be waived, please contact us in these cases.

Credit System

HCU applies the ECTS-System; credits a full-time student gains per semester = 30 CP; 1 CP = 30 hours workload

Module lists and descriptions

	Bachelor programs	Master Programs
	Architecture	Architecture
	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering
	Geodesy and Geoinformatics	Geodesy and Geoinformatics
	Urban Planning	Urban Planning
	Metropolitan Culture	This program is only offered at bachelor level.
	This program is only offered at master level.	Resource and Efficiency in Architecture and Planning
	This program is only offered at master level.	Urban Design
	Smart Building Engineering	This program is not yet offered on Master level

Choosing the courses

Exchange students can choose courses from all degree programs, they are not restricted to the program they are enrolled in. They can also choose [QStudy courses](#) and interdisciplinary courses. Both are listed in the module lists.

Transcripts of Records = ToR

Winter term: ToR issued only in very fast cases at the end of February

Summer term: ToR issued only in very fast cases at the end of August

In those very fast cases the ToR is handed over to the student upon departure. In all normal cases a digital and/or postal version will be sent to the student.

Contact email for ToR: studierendenservice@vw.hcu-hamburg.de

Please note: Grading of courses will mostly take until the **official end of the German semester** (30.09. + 31.03.). So, getting the final grades only in October resp. in April is quite common! Transcripts will be issued when the student notifies the Student Service Center that they got all their grades.

Accommodation

HCU can dispose only a very limited number of rooms in student residences. Upon their application incoming students will be provided online an accommodation application form. Due to severe housing shortage, a student residence room nonetheless cannot be guaranteed!

We will provide links and information on additional housing possibilities **but we cannot offer a full accommodation service!**

Housing market in Hamburg is extremely tight and very expensive!

Special facilities

HCU's building is wheel-chair accessible

Fees

Tuition fee: none. Semester Contribution: about 331 € per semester, it pays for public transport etc.

Estimated living expenses

Approx. 992€ per month.

What incomings must absolutely know

Attend the International Orientation!

German language courses

The HCU always offers a preparatory German language intensive course in September and in March that will be taught online. There will also be semester courses during the winter and the summer semester taught on site. Information on the courses and the registration process can be found [here](#). We invite students who have already been nominated by our partner university to participate in our online language course one semester before their planned exchange. If you are interested, please feel free to contact us for further information.