Exchange – Study Abroad at the Hertie School

The Hertie School at a glance

The Hertie School is an international university for modern governance. It hosts a diverse student body as well as top researchers from 50 different countries. The renowned international faculty with expertise in economics, business, law, political and social science takes an interdisciplinary, policy-oriented approach to the school’s teaching and research agenda.

• Founded in 2003
• Small student body: 685 students (2020)
• 50% international students
• English is the language of instruction

Study programmes

As an Exchange student you will join the second year of one of the programs Hertie offers: Public Policy or International Affairs. Both programs are full-time and taught in English. The Hertie School Course Directory offers an overview of current course offerings:
www.hertie-school.org/course-catalogue/

MPP – Master of Public Policy

Concentration in Policy Analysis or Public Management and supplementary electives from the respective field. Explore the curriculum further online:
www.hertie-school.org/mpp/curriculum

MIA – Master of International Affairs

Concentration in International security, European rights or Human rights and global governance and supplementary electives from the respective field. Explore the curriculum further online:
www.hertie-school.org/mia/curriculum

Housing

The International Office & Student Life Team provide advice and guidance on finding housing in Berlin. It’s best to start looking as soon as you decide to study abroad at Hertie as Berlin is a popular city for students which can make finding student accommodations challenging.

Please consider the following options:

Student housing
• House of Nations (house-of.nations-de)
• Housing Anywhere (housinganywhere.com)
• STW Berlin (stw.berlin/en/housing.html)
• Berlinovo (berlinovo.de)
• The Student Hotel (thestudenthotel.com)
• Neon Wood (neonwood.com)

Private housing
• WG-gesucht (www.wg-gesucht.de)
• Uniplaces ( www.uniplaces.com)
• ImmobilienScout24 (www.immobilienscout24.de)

Once you have been admitted, you will receive more detailed guidance via e-mail and our e-platform, Moodle.
Living costs

Health insurance: € 100
Housing: € 650
Other living costs: € 400
(Please use this as a guide only.)

Essentials for studying in Germany

Visa – Depending on your country of origin, you may require a visa to enter Germany. If so, be sure to apply at least three months in advance.

Health Insurance – all students are required by law to have a valid health insurance policy.

A more detailed intro to all essentials for studying in Germany can be found online: www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-stay/

How to apply?

Submit your documents to your home university who will forward them to us.

Required documents:
• Curriculum Vitae
• Letter of Motivation
• English language test results (TOEFL: PBT 600, CBT 250, iBT 100; Cambridge ESOL; CPE C, CAE B; IELTS: Overall = 7.0, Writing = 7.0) Test waivers are available for native speakers or those who completed their undergraduate studies entirely in English.

Tuition fees and campus fee

Exchange students continue to pay tuition fees to their home university. All students (incl. exchange students) are obliged to pay the campus fee: ca. €300.

Small living grants may be available and will be advertised at the beginning of each semester.

Student life

Student-run clubs like the Gender, Equality, and Sexuality Club give students a chance to explore their interests beyond the classroom while The Governance Post provides an online student magazine for modern governance. On-campus events like the De-Stress Fest and International Food Festival bring the Hertie community together in a social setting. Follow the school on social media to keep up with all the latest events!

Career development

Our Career Development Team works hard to prepare Hertie students for the workforce with mentoring sessions, skill training seminars, mock interviews, and more! More info on professional development at Hertie can be found online: www.hertie-school.org/en/study/careerservices

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Key dates

Fall semester:
Course registration: 1 August – 31 January
Intensive German course: mid-August
Orientation week: mid-August
Attendance: late August – mid-December

Spring semester:
Course Registration: 1 February – 31 July
Attendance: early February – mid-May

Nomination deadline for fall semester: 15 April
Nomination deadline for spring semester: 15 November