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## Welcome to FHWS

Among a broad and practice-oriented range of studies offered by ten faculties, our university also offers English bachelor’s programmes that are part of the unique FHWS i-Campus concept.

FHWS i-Campus brings many international, German and German speaking students together so they can practice their intercultural skills in an atmosphere of cultural diversity; this guarantees the best possible integration and prospects in Germany and worldwide.

By offering English bachelor’s programmes, FHWS reacts to demands from regional and international companies to train employees for a sustainable, international labour market and to counter the lack of skilled labour in Germany by attracting international students.

Did we spark your interest? I would like to invite you to browse these pages to get information about FHWS and the FHWS i-Campus!

**President**  
**Professor Dr. Robert Grebner**



## FHWS – University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt

At FHWS, we guarantee an excellent academic education recognized throughout the world. Our university offers a broad, practice- and future-oriented range of studies with over 40 degree programmes at ten different faculties. 9,100 students are spread across the two locations Würzburg and Schweinfurt.

### Internationality

FHWS is part of a worldwide network with more than 170 partner universities where students can do studies abroad. There is also the possibility for internships abroad, which FHWS encourages. Within the FHWS i-Campus concept, English bachelor's programmes add to the wide range of German programmes. Due to this concept, students from more than 80 nations are now studying at FHWS.

### Good professor-student ratio

At our university, teaching takes place in small study groups with an excellent student-teacher ratio. While frequent seminar papers teach students to work independently, project work helps to develop students' team skills.

### Practical relevance

About 200 professors with sound professional experience from industry and business provide an academic education with a special focus on application and practice. As a university of applied sciences we are cooperating closely with the corporate world. As a student, you will profit from this by internships integrated into studies and the possibility to write your final thesis in a company. Thus you can make useful contacts for your future career at an early stage.

### Top Reasons to Study on the FHWS i-Campus

- > All classes taught in English
- > No tuition fees
- > Multicultural teams
- > Support by the FHWS Team International
- > Excellent career prospects
- > Prestigious German degree





### TWIN-Certificate

At FHWS, there are so called TWIN-Programmes that are degree programmes taught in German, but also completely in English. This means that within the TWIN-Programme you have the opportunity to attend seminars in German as well as in English. If you additionally invest your time in a language course and provide evidence of interculturality by attending specific modules during your studies, you get a TWIN-Certificate at the end. It testifies that you studied the respective programme in both languages and therefore are optimally trained for a successful career in the German and international labour market.

### Language Courses

Our university offers the opportunity to learn German or improve already existing German language skills. There are special courses that cover language levels A1-C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Groups are just the right size so teachers can respond to individual differences in learning. For more information about registration and costs please visit our website: [www.fhws.de/clp](http://www.fhws.de/clp)

### Cultural Support

Twice a year, namely before the start of the winter and summer semester, the FHWS Team International organises an orientation programme for international students and moreover also many cultural events throughout the semester. In addition, there are various intercultural trainings to safeguard the best possible integration into German life in general and into life as a student in particular, but they also want to help you feeling at home both at FHWS and in Germany.

### Career Prospects

Due to demographic change in Germany, there are more and more employees and workers retiring while less and less are available to fill the gap. The demand for skilled labour is higher than ever – especially when it comes to jobs in the field of technology and natural sciences. In European comparison, Germany has the lowest rate of youth unemployment which means that almost all graduates find a job. Additionally, the FHWS location Schweinfurt is rated the city with the highest density of jobs in Germany. Big companies like Bosch, Schaeffler or SKF are based there and offer, for example, the opportunity of a practical semester.

## FHWS International

FHWS cooperates with **170 partner universities** worldwide. No matter whether it is about Asia, Oceania, Europe, North or South America – FHWS Team International provides advice and support on all questions related to a semester or internship abroad.



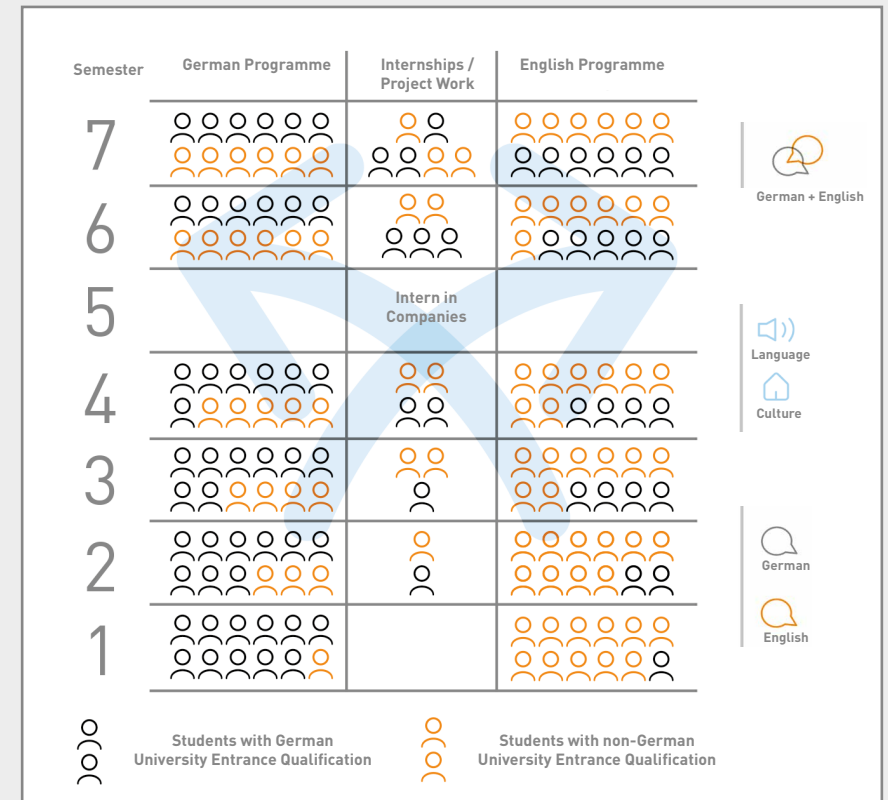
## FHWS i-Campus and TWIN-Programmes

The English bachelor's programmes at FHWS are designed to be TWIN-Programmes to already existing German study programmes and geared towards increasing the number of highly trained international specialists in Germany. For this concept, our university was awarded the Best Strategy MINTinternational-Award in 2014.

FHWS aims to develop a big international Campus (FHWS i-Campus) where German and international students can learn together and also from each other.

Within the so called X-Model of the FHWS i-Campus, students can start their studies in the English taught programme and change to the German taught TWIN-Programme in later semesters and as soon as they have sufficient knowledge of the German language.

The English taught programmes are accompanied by cultural and language training so students are able to integrate themselves in the best possible way.



## English TWIN-Programmes

- > Business and Engineering (B.Eng.)
- > International Management (B.A.)
- > Logistics (B.Eng.)
- > Mechatronics (B.Eng.)
- > Robotics (B.Eng.)

Studies start every year in October; more English programmes in planning.



## Bachelor's Programmes

### SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

- > Business Information Systems (B.Sc.)
- > Civil Engineering (B.Eng.)
- > Computer Science (B.Eng.)
- > E-Commerce (B.Sc.)
- > Electrical Engineering (B.Eng.)
- > Geovisualisation (B.Eng.)
- > Industrial Mathematics (B.Sc.)
- > Mechanical Engineering (B.Eng.)
- > Plastics and Rubber Engineering (B.Eng.)
- > Surveying and Geoinformatics (B.Eng.)

#### TWIN-Programmes

- > Business and Engineering (B.Eng.) (in English)
- > Business and Engineering (B.Eng.)
- > Logistics (B.Eng.) (in English)
- > Logistics (B.Eng.)
- > Mechatronics (B.Eng.) (in English)
- > Mechatronics (B.Eng.)
- > Robotics (B.Eng.) (in English)
- > Robotics (B.Eng.)

### DESIGN

- > Architecture (B.Eng.)
- > Communication Design (B.A.)

### SOCIAL SECTOR

- > Nursing and Health Management (B.A.)
- > Social Work (B.A.)

### LANGUAGE

- > Specialized Translation (Business or Technical) (B.A.)

### ECONOMY

- > Media Management (B.A.)

#### TWIN-Programmes

- > Business Administration (B.A.)
- > International Management (B.A.) (in English)

Within the TWIN-Programme you have the opportunity to attend seminars in German as well as in English.



## Master's Programmes

### SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

- > Applied Mathematics and Physics (M.Sc.)
- > Business and Engineering (M.Eng.)
- > Electrical Engineering (M.Eng.)
- > Integrated Design and Construction (M.Eng.)
- > Information Systems (M.Sc.)
- > Product Development and Systems Design (M.Eng.)

### DESIGN

- > Information Design (M.A.)

### LANGUAGE

- > Specialized Translation with Media Translation (M.A.)
- > Trade Journalism and Corporate Communications (Technology or Business) (M.A.)

### SOCIAL SECTOR

- > Behavioral Counseling (M.A.)
- > Developmental Music Therapy and Music Therapy with Dementia Patients (M.A.)
- > Healthcare Management (MBA)
- > International Social Work with Refugees and Migrants (M.A.) (in English)
- > Social Work (M.A.)

### ECONOMY

- > Brand and Media Management (M.A.)
- > Business with Europe (MBA) (in English)
- > Compliance and Data Privacy & Security (MBA)
- > Innovation for Small and Medium Enterprises (M.A.)
- > International Business with Regional Focus (MBA) (in English)



## Admission Requirements

You need a university entrance qualification or equivalent. For some programmes you need confirmation of previous study periods and additional qualification. For more information on the recognition of international educational degrees please visit: [www.daad.de/en](http://www.daad.de/en) or [www.anabin.kmk.org](http://www.anabin.kmk.org)

### For German degree programmes:

- > Attested German language skills:  
Certificate of DSH examination; minimum DSH 1, Certificate of TestDaF; minimum TestDaF at level 3 (TDN 3) in all examined parts, Certificate of the passed "Special University Admissions Procedures for Foreign Students" (Feststellungsprüfung), second level (DSD II) of the German language diploma of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder, German language certificate from the Goethe Institute, minimum level B2, Certificate of German language examination II (Deutsche Sprachprüfung; DSP II) at the Sprachen & Dolmetscher Institut München (SDI), Telc certificate at minimum level B2, UNICert® Certificate, minimum level II (UniCert®-II)

### For English degree programmes:

- > Attested English language skills:  
TOEFL IBT® test result of at least 83 points (internet-based), IELTS test with at least 6.0 points, Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) or Cambridge B2 First, minimum grade C, Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) or Cambridge C1 Advanced, minimum level B2, UNICert® Certificate, minimum level II (UniCert® II)
- > Attested German language skills:  
Level A2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (GER)

Please see the description of your respective degree programme on [www.international.fhws.de](http://www.international.fhws.de) for details about further requirements, for example a pre-study internship, that must be met in addition to the admission requirements detailed here.



## Application Procedure

Applicants with international university entrance qualification apply to uni-assiste.V., the university application service for international students, for preliminary review documentation (*Vorprüfungsdocumentation*, VPD) and afterwards for a degree programme at FHWS directly via the FHWS application portal. Details of the application procedure and necessary documents are available from our website: [www.international.fhws.de](http://www.international.fhws.de)

Please note: If your documents/certificates are written in any language other than German or English, a translation into German or English by a sworn translator will be necessary.



## Tuition Fees

The German education system is state funded for German as well as international students, because free education is considered very important. Students only have to pay an administrative fee of about € 130 per semester in Würzburg or about € 90 per semester in Schweinfurt. At both locations, this fee includes a semester ticket for the public transport system in the respective city. Please note that there are MBA programmes to which this does not apply.



## Visa

There is a number of countries whose citizens do not need visas to enter Germany and can apply to the respective Registration Office for Foreigners (*Ausländerbehörde*) for their residence permits. In any case, please contact the German embassy in your home country for more detailed information. Students from EU/EEA countries do not need visas to enter Germany; a valid passport or identity card will suffice.

For a visa and information about the entry requirements for students, please contact the German embassy or the German consulate in your home country. Please check the website of the respective authority to find out about the process and which documents you have to bring. For more information visit <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN>

Processing visa applications can take several weeks or even months. Please submit your visa application as early as possible, as you will not be allowed to enter Germany without it.

Please apply for the right kind of visa. Tourist visas cannot be changed into "student visas." If you have the wrong visa, you have to leave the country immediately.

Make sure that your passport is valid for the whole period of your stay in Germany. If your passport expires during your stay, you will have to return to your home country or renew it at your home country's embassy in Germany.

If you apply for a visa or a residence permit, you will have to provide evidence that you are in a position to finance your living costs while in Germany.



## Support Programme

Before the start of studies, there is a comprehensive support programme. During the orientation programme, the FHWS Team International will offer help when dealing with authorities, answer questions about organising your studies, and generally support you to get accustomed to life in Germany.

Additionally, there are several cultural events on offer during the semester. We organise trips and company visits as well as intercultural workshops to allow you to learn more about Germany, its culture, and its people.

Some faculties even offer a so called Buddy Programme to help you building a social network and socializing with German students.



## University Sports

FHWS has various sports on offer like soccer, basketball, volleyball, or kickboxing. For students, participation is free of charge. Additionally, there are many fitness and sports clubs in and around Würzburg and Schweinfurt.

### Services at FHWS

- > Free WiFi on FHWS grounds
- > Library with international literature and workplaces
- > IT-Service Centre
- > Career Service





## Franconia

Both FHWS locations Würzburg and Schweinfurt are situated in one of the most beautiful regions of Germany. Franconia, in the northern part of the federal state of Bavaria, offers excellent recreational possibilities for culture and dining; it is one of the sunniest spots in Germany, thus it is renowned for its wine-growing.

Due to their geographic situation, the two locations offer ideal starting points to explore Germany and Europe. The nearest international airports in Frankfurt and Munich are easy to reach – Frankfurt can be reached in about one and a half hours and Munich in about three hours.



## Würzburg: Sports, Studying, and Leisure

With a population of almost 130,000, Würzburg is among the biggest cities in Bavaria. The city is characterised by its many students and a mild climate. You can enjoy life in one of city's countless bars and cafés or at one of the cultural events at theatres or museums. The Würzburg Residence is one of the most significant palaces in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Würzburg is also famous for top-class sport: Würzburger Kickers are playing in the second Bundesliga, Füchse Rimpf are top at handball and Würzburg S.Oliver Baskets,

home of the German Dallas Mavericks player Dirk Nowitzki, are high in the national basketball league (BBL).

FHWS Faculties of Applied Natural Sciences and Humanities, Applied Social Sciences, Architecture and Civil Engineering, Visual Design, Computer Science and Business Information Systems, Plastics Engineering and Surveying, Economics and Business Administration.

## Schweinfurt: Connection of Art and Industry

With approximately 54,000 inhabitants, Schweinfurt is one of the fastest-growing cities in Germany and an important business hub in the region. Countless regional and international companies, such as Schaeffler, Bosch Rexroth, SKF, and ZF, are based here. The city has the highest density of jobs in Germany, hence it also offers students the very best career prospects. Schweinfurt is a city perfect for outdoor and cultural activities like visiting one of the museums housing important collections and exhibitions.

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## Student Residences

In Würzburg and Schweinfurt, residences are managed by Studentenwerk Würzburg (student union Würzburg). They are only a short walk away from FHWS sites and offer fully equipped single apartments or rooms in shared apartments. Students can apply online via the website of Studentenwerk Würzburg.

<https://www.studentenwerk-wuerzburg.de/en.html>



## Canteen/Cafeteria

Canteens and cafeterias are very close to the university. They have a varied menu (including vegetarian dishes) at affordable prices. In Würzburg, the canteen also serves meals in the evenings.



## Cost of Living

Depending on the individual life style, cost of living can vary greatly. Students can expect monthly costs totalling between € 600 and € 800. This is a realistic example of possible costs:

Rent	=	€ 350
Insurance	=	€ 90
Food	=	€ 150
Leisure	=	€ 110
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		€ 700



## Health Insurance

In Germany, every student needs health insurance. Health insurance with one of the German statutory health insurance companies is recommended. For students, the monthly contribution for health insurance totals approx. € 90. During the orientation programme, the FHWS Team International is happy to help with the arrangement of health insurance. Taking out health insurance for Germany is often also possible from abroad. For an overview of all statutory health insurance companies in Germany, please see :

[www.gesetzlichekrankenassen.de](http://www.gesetzlichekrankenassen.de)



## Earning Money

With a residence permit, students from non-EU countries can work up to 120 days (full time) or 240 days (part time) per year without a work permit. When working in a company as temporary student employee (*Werkstudent*) or in the university as student assistant, this period may even be longer. There is no limitation for students from EU countries. Job offers for students are available, for example, on <http://jobboerse.fhws.de>



## Scholarships and Grants

As an international student at FHWS you can apply for a scholarship to get financial support. Talented students who have performed (or are expected to perform) highly in their studies are eligible for funding. For more information, please see the website: [www.international.fhws.de](http://www.international.fhws.de)

For an overview of more scholarships and grants visit the following websites:

[www.daad.de/en](http://www.daad.de/en)

[www.scholarshipportal.com](http://www.scholarshipportal.com)

[www.eduserver.de](http://www.eduserver.de)

[www.baybids.de](http://www.baybids.de) (German only)



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