



# INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER AT FURTWANGEN UNIVERSITY

*in the Black Forest, Germany*

## FURTWANGEN CAMPUS



## OUR PROGRAMME

The International Semester at Furtwangen Campus offers you a range of attractive lectures and modules from the following disciplines:

- Computing & Media
- Engineering & Business
- Health & Society

Courses take place in high-tech facilities and have an international classroom atmosphere. All courses are taught in English and are fully-accredited, allowing you to transfer credits back home. The highly-qualified teaching staff is made up of Germans and guest professors from abroad (e.g. from the UK, the Netherlands, the USA, Finland or Macau) and the student body is a mix of German and international students.

### Requirements

You must be enrolled in a bachelor programme at a university outside Germany and have completed the first two years of your studies there. A good command of the English language is essential, however no prior knowledge of German is necessary. You will also have the opportunity to network with companies for potential thesis work or for future job prospects.

The International Semester encompasses 4 components:

<p><b>1.</b> <b>Lectures</b> in your field of studies (normally 3 or 6 ECTS per module)</p>	<p><b>2.</b> <b>Workshop</b> industry and innovation environment in Germany (3 ECTS)</p>	<p><b>3.</b> <b>German</b> language classes (6 ECTS)</p>	<p><b>4.</b> <b>Team project</b> (6 ECTS)</p>
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For a detailed description of the components of the International Semester please refer to our website:  
[en.hs-furtwangen.de/welcome/international.html](http://en.hs-furtwangen.de/welcome/international.html)

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## YOUR GOAL?

- Study at a top-ranked university
- Broaden your horizons and gain international experience
- Study in English with students from all over the world
- Live in a safe, fun and affordable city
- Enjoy the attractions of one of Germany's most-beautiful areas

Then HFU in the Black Forest is the place for you!  
Join our International Semester for your study abroad adventure!

## OUR UNIVERSITY

We are renowned for our academic excellence and vibrant campus life set in the beautiful natural surroundings of the Black Forest. Our university has achieved top rankings and is fully-certified by the external auditors ACQUIN – guaranteeing you a quality education. We offer high-tech facilities – well-equipped laboratories, modern IT infrastructure and one of Germany's best science libraries – yet with a small student body of 6500 students, we maintain the personal familiar atmosphere offering small classes and regular personal contact with our teaching staff. This is why Furtwangen University is the ideal study location for those who value a balance between cutting edge education and high quality of life.



## OUR ADVANTAGES

We have an outstanding reputation in Germany for both academic quality and cooperation with business, which is reflected in our excellent rankings. The International Semester combines the various competences and programmes of our university:

- **Faculties**

Highly-qualified staff with professional experience in industry offer top level academic courses and projects, often in cooperation with companies.

- **International Center**

The friendly and experienced staff provides you with personal advice, before your arrival and during your studies at HFU.

- **Language Center**

German Language courses are offered at different levels. Your cultural experience will be enriched by an introduction to the language.

- **Internships**

We are located in an economically attractive region. We cooperate with a wide network of high-tech companies in various fields such as logistics, renewable technologies and the automotive industry. The nearby Rhine region is home to the so-called energy and biotech valley.

- **International Careers Fair**

German and Swiss companies are actively looking for students and graduates in the area of computing and technology. The Careers Fair, which takes place every semester on campus, allows you to meet them personally.

- **Orientation Programme**

In this two-week programme we help you to deal with important administrative issues such as health insurance, enrolment, immigration procedures, etc. In addition, you can take part in an intensive German language course.

- **Excursion Programme**

During the semester we will help you discover Baden-Württemberg and Germany. We offer a range of 1 – 4 day excursions to various cities (e.g. Berlin, Heidelberg, Constance) and to companies in the area.

- **Buddy Programme**

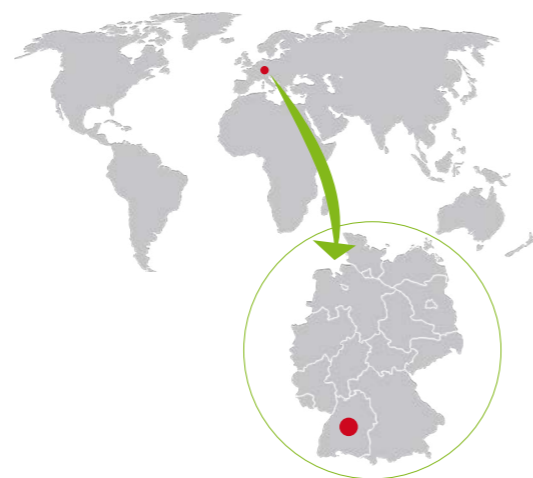
A German student will help you to get off to a good start at HFU and answer all your questions. And you can practice your German on your new friends.

- **Host Family Programme**

If you wish, we can put you in touch with a local family who will invite you to their home or to take part in a typical German free-time activity with them.

- **International Festival**

This is the highlight of the year where the international student communities present their home countries with music, food and entertainment. And the city of Furtwangen celebrates with us as well.



## OUR REGION

HFU is located in the beautiful Black Forest region, in the southwest of Germany. It's a paradise for outdoor activities such as mountain biking, hiking, skiing or snowboarding.

The neighboring countries France and Switzerland can easily be reached by bus or train over the weekends and the beautiful Rhine Valley is just round the corner. Our excursion programmes are also a fun and inexpensive way to see more of Germany with other students. In addition, the nearby airports of Basel/Freiburg and Baden-Baden offer reasonable flights to other European destinations.

## OUR ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Winter Semester

Mid-September to mid-February

### Summer Semester

Beginning of March to end of July

### Please note

If the new semester at your home university starts again in January, we offer the option of an early examination before Christmas. Thus, you will not lose any time if you come during our winter semester.

Both semesters include a two-week orientation programme prior to the start of lectures.

## OUR COSTS

The study programme including orientation, language courses and support is sponsored by the government and free of charge for you as an exchange student from one of our partner universities. The excursion programme is also sponsored by the government and the German Academic Exchange Service and is very inexpensive.

The following will give you an idea of living costs:

Student dormitory	€ 240,00–270,00
Medical insurance	€ 80,00–90,00
Canteen lunch	€ 2,80
Glass of beer in a pub	€ 2,00–3,00
Loaf of bread	€ 1,50–3,00

Average costs per month in Furtwangen are around € 600,00. For visa purposes you will have to submit proof of a monthly income of € 720,00 for the duration of your stay.

