



Applicants with a foreign university entrance qualification who wish to apply for **Studienkolleg** for the winter semester 2023/2024

the **application procedure for the Studienkolleg for the winter semester 23/24** has changed. Currently, the information is being updated and you will find updated application information on this university website soon: <https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/application-enrolment/requirements-for-enrolment/studienkolleg-courses-and-assessment-test-feststellungsprufung>
For the time being, we have the following information for **applicants**.

Recognition of foreign educational certificates for applicants who (also) have German citizenship

German applicants with foreign school-leaving certificates who wish to apply to Heidelberg University must first submit an application for the recognition/assessment of their educational certificates to the Zeugnisanerkennungsstelle (Certificate Recognition Office) of the Regierungspräsidium (Regional Council). The certificate/notice from the Regierungspräsidium on the recognition of the educational certificates must be submitted to the University.

German applicants residing in Baden-Württemberg and German applicants wishing to apply to study in Baden Württemberg should send a corresponding application to the Regional Council Stuttgart, School and Education, Recognition Office, Ruppmannstr. 21, 70565 Stuttgart, Tel.: 0711 904-17170, E-Mail: anerkennungsstelle@rps.bwl.de
Internet: <https://rp.baden-wuerttemberg.de/rps/abt7/zeugnisanerkennungsstelle>

Information on the submission of previously acquired foreign qualifications (e.g. school reports, lists of grades, university entrance exams, academic achievements, etc.) can only be answered by the Regional Council. All inquiries in this regard must be clarified with the Regional Council.

It may potentially be necessary to request a determination of your average grade as well as of the date of receipt of the university entrance qualification from the Department of Evaluation and Recognition for Certificates of Education for subjects with numerus clausus.

If the notice issued by the Regional Council states that

- the educational certificate is deemed equivalent to a German university entrance qualification, you can apply for a university place according to the application procedure.
- the educational certificate is deemed only **partially equivalent to a German university entrance qualification** and the applicant is therefore required to take a Feststellungsprüfung (assessment test to determine the eligibility of foreign educational certificates for studies at institutions of higher education in Germany), you can prepare for the Feststellungsprüfung by applying for a place in a preparatory course. For more information see below.
- the educational certificate is deemed equivalent to an intermediate-level educational degree or another German school leaving certificate, you should make a consultations appointment at the Regional Council.

Recognition of school-leaving certificates for applicants of other nationalities

Like German applicants, international applicants need a qualification for university studies (so-called university entrance qualification). If the foreign educational qualification is recognized as **comparable** to the German university entrance qualification (Abitur), direct application to courses of study is possible. If the foreign educational qualification is recognized as only **partially comparable** with the German higher education entrance qualification (Abitur), these applicants must first successfully pass an **assessment test** before beginning a course of study.

For more detailed information on recognition of school-leaving certificates, see

<https://www.kmk.org/zab/central-office-for-foreign-education/statement-of-comparability-for-foreignhigher-education-qualifications.html>

or <https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/admission-database/>

The assessment test at the Studienkolleg at Heidelberg University

The assessment test can be taken at the Studienkolleg. The assessment test, in conjunction with the foreign certificate of previous education, constitutes the **subject-specific university entrance qualification** for admission to a German university.

The **Studienkolleg** can be taken either at a **university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule) or at a university**. Studienkollegs at universities of applied sciences prepare students for studies at universities of applied sciences. As a rule, an assessment test taken there does not qualify the student to study at a university.

For more information: <https://www.studienkollegs.de/types%20of%20Studienkollegs.html>

Information on universities and other institutions of higher education in Germany and the courses they offer can be found online at <http://www.hochschulkompass.de/en.html>

Attendance at the Studienkolleg Heidelberg with subsequent assessment test

Heidelberg University offers two-semester courses at the Studienkolleg to prepare for the Feststellungsprüfung (assessment test) for university studies.

After one year (= two semesters) of attendance at the Studienkolleg, the assessment test is usually taken. If the student does not pass, the Studienkolleg can be extended for a third semester. A failed assessment test can only be repeated once at the same Studienkolleg. As a rule, it is not possible to change the Studienkolleg.

Application for the Studienkolleg

In the state of Baden-Württemberg, which includes Heidelberg, an application for the Studienkolleg courses to prepare for the Feststellungsprüfung for universities is not made at the Studienkolleg itself, but at the university where the subject studies are to be carried out.

The following information is intended for applicants who would like to begin their course of study **at Heidelberg University** after passing the Studienkolleg and Feststellungsprüfung.

Only students with good German language skills are admitted to the Studienkolleg.

Students have to provide written proof of at least **800 hours of German language instruction** when they apply or a certificate stating the **level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**. Admission to the courses of the Studienkolleg at Heidelberg University is based on the results of an **entrance examination**. A sample of this entrance examination can be found at https://isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e_pruef_et.html

Please apply **online**: [https://heico.uni-](https://heico.uni-heidelberg.de/heiCO/ee/ui/ca2/app/desktop/#/home?$ctx=design=ca;lang=en)

[heidelberg.de/heiCO/ee/ui/ca2/app/desktop/#/home?\\$ctx=design=ca;lang=en](https://heico.uni-heidelberg.de/heiCO/ee/ui/ca2/app/desktop/#/home?$ctx=design=ca;lang=en)

Please select "Studienkolleg" as your subject of study and one of the 5 courses that prepares you for your intended degree programme. . A list of which Studienkolleg course prepares you for which subject at Heidelberg University, will soon be available here on the university website:

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/application-enrolment/requirements-for-enrolment/studienkolleg-courses-and-assessment-test-feststellungspruefung>

Please note: If you want to study a 2-subject degree programme with a percentage structure of 50/50 or 75/25 or if you wish to study for a teaching qualification, the assessment test must be suitable for all subjects you intend to study.

When applying for the Studienkolleg, various documents must be uploaded online - among other certificates, evidence of German language skills must be uploaded.

The application period for the winter semester 23/24 is from June 1, until August 31, 2023. It is advisable to apply as early as possible in order to prepare for the entrance exam in case of admission and to have enough time for visa application, flight booking, room search, etc.

After your application has been submitted in due time and form, your credentials will be checked and evaluated. If your application is successful, you will receive a letter of admission to the Studienkolleg with the date of the Studienkolleg entrance examination, which you have to pass.

An application to a course of study is only possible after finishing Studienkolleg and Feststellungsprüfung (assessment test) successfully. If, at the time of your application, you do not yet

know whether a Studienkolleg is necessary, it will be advisable to apply for Studienkolleg and in a second application for the degree programme you wish to study.

Please note: Students whose higher-education entrance qualification is equivalent to the German *Abitur* and who thus do not have to take the assessment test (Feststellungsprüfung) cannot be accepted to the Studienkolleg. International students who would like to prepare voluntarily for their course of study, Heidelberg University offers **preliminary introductory courses** (see below).

Preliminary introductory courses (Propädeutische Vorkurse)

Prospective international students whose higher-education entrance qualification is found to be **equivalent** to the German *Abitur* and who would like to improve their subject knowledge and specific language skills in the subject they are interested in studying at Heidelberg University can apply for the relevant introductory courses (restricted to certain subjects) at the *Internationales Studienzentrum*. These courses are offered either for one month or for one semester. More information on these courses can be found at http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e_propaedeutikum.html