



Information for non-EU / non-EEA citizens with a foreign university entrance qualification who wish to apply for **Studienkolleg for the summer semester 2023**

Recognition of school-leaving certificates

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 ("Feststellungsprüfung") 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.

As a rule, it is not possible to change the Studienkolleg. After one year 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. More information can be found on this website: https://isz.uni-heidelberg.de/e_index.html

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 the "Feststellungsprüfung"**:

They must apply via the online portal exclusively for the subject studies: [https://heico.uni-heidelberg.de/heiCO/ee/ui/ca2/app/desktop/#/login?\\$ctx=lang=en](https://heico.uni-heidelberg.de/heiCO/ee/ui/ca2/app/desktop/#/login?$ctx=lang=en)

The application period for the summer semester 2023 ends on 31.3.2023.

Following your application for the desired degree program in due time and form, your transcript documents will be reviewed and evaluated. If you do not have a direct university entrance qualification and cannot start your studies directly, your application will automatically be included in the Studienkolleg procedure - you will be informed of this. You do not have to apply separately for admission to the Studienkolleg.

If your application is successful, you will be assigned to the Studienkolleg. An application to a course of study must be made again at a later date after finishing Studienkolleg.

When applying, several documents must be uploaded online including documentation (printout of the PDF file) of completion of the mandatory online aptitude test for acceptance into an academic programme at a university in Baden-Württemberg www.was-studiere-ich.de

German language skills will not be tested until you have been selected for the Studienkolleg. The check is carried out by means of a German entrance examination to Studienkolleg.

German entrance examination to Studienkolleg

Only students with good German language skills are admitted to the Studienkolleg. At least 800 hours of German lessons should have been taken or a knowledge of German of level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages should be present.

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

As a rule, exemption from the entrance examination is not possible. Date of the entrance examination of the summer semester 2023 will be 11 April, 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.