

NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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Dear international students,

We welcome you to Heidelberg at the start of the semester! You've probably already noticed: the days are getting longer and the sun is shining more often. Summer is on its way! And with it, beautiful Heidelberg is coming to life once more. Whether you're studying in the new audiMAX, attending engaging events on careers and health, or immersing yourself in the vibrant cultural programme: there are plenty of ways to discover and enjoy both the city and campus life. With this newsletter we would like to show you how you can get involved. Enjoy the read!

The new audiMAX: Much more than just a lecture hall

Is a lecture hall simply a space for classes? Not quite. With the new audiMAX on the Neuenheimer Feld campus, Heidelberg University has created a space that combines lectures, learning and social interaction. Alongside the university's largest lecture hall, with seating for over 900 people, the building also features seminar and training rooms, exhibition areas, as well as open study spaces and group work areas within the central campus library. Many of these areas are flexible in their use and encourage collaborative thinking. And when you need a bit of energy in between, the outdoor steps provide the ideal opportunity for a relaxing break in the sun.



Upcoming events for international students at Heidelberg University

Frame Your Career: Course on internships and starting a career in Germany

The heiSKILLS Career Service offers a three-part course specifically for international students, aimed at preparing them for internships and starting a career in Germany. Key topics are covered step by step: the first module focuses on the legal framework, such as residence and work permits. The second module provides insights into the German labour market and outlines effective job-search strategies. Finally, the third module comprises intensive application training, including how to write a compelling CV and cover letter, as well as guidance for job interviews. All modules can be booked individually and are held in German (prerequisite: German B1+). The programme is complemented by a German language course (level B1) specifically designed to prepare participants for the linguistic demands of everyday working life. Further information is available [here](#).

Staying healthy throughout your studies with the Univital health portal

At Univital, everything revolves around healthy studying, working and living. The Univital health portal helps you navigate everyday university life whilst maintaining both physical and mental wellbeing. On the portal, you'll find an overview of all current Univital services – from mindfulness training to ergonomic advice. You can also register directly for courses that require booking. All content is evidence-based and specifically tailored to students' needs. In addition, a news blog regularly provides engaging insights into a wide range of health-related topics. Further information and direct access to the health portal can be found [here](#).

Do you already know...

... the events calendar of the *Studierendenwerk Heidelberg*?

New to Heidelberg and keen to look beyond your studies? The *Studierendenwerk*'s Cultural Office is the perfect place to discover the full variety of student life and quickly meet new people. The programme offers something for everyone, ranging from intercultural evenings at the International Language Café and browsing campus flea markets to lively public viewing events and big nights out at the Marstallparty. It's worth checking the events calendar regularly so you don't miss any highlights and can experience Heidelberg at its liveliest. You can find the full calendar with all upcoming dates [here](#).

... the bicycle auctions in Heidelberg?

You may have already noticed: getting around Heidelberg by public transport can often be a bit of a slow process. Many students therefore use bicycles to commute flexibly and quickly between the campus, their accommodation and the banks of the Neckar. For exchange students in particular, it is often not worth investing a lot of money in a new bike. The City of Heidelberg's next bicycle auction offers an affordable and sustainable alternative: On Saturday, 25 April 2026, from 10:00 a.m. (viewing from 9:00 a.m.) at the *Recyclinghof* (recycling centre). The bicycles on offer come from the city's lost property office and can be bid on at the auction. With a bit of luck, you might find just the right bike for your time in Heidelberg! More information is available [here](#).

And don't forget!

During the 2026 summer term, there are several public holidays when much of the University of Heidelberg and the city itself will be closed. To help you plan your days off, here are the key dates:

1 May 2026 – *Tag der Arbeit* (Labour Day)

14 May 2026 – *Christi Himmelfahrt* (Ascension Day)

25 May 2026 – *Pfingstmontag* (Whit Monday)

4 June 2026 – *Fronleichnam* (Corpus Christi)

On these days, there will be no teaching, and both the libraries and many shops will remain closed. It is therefore advisable to stock up on groceries and study materials in advance. At the same time, these public holidays offer a wonderful opportunity to take a break and experience Heidelberg at a more relaxed pace. You might like to explore the surrounding area on a cycling tour or enjoy German culinary culture with a barbecue among friends.

We wish you a successful start to the semester and hope you enjoy exploring what's on offer!

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