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Dear students,

You are about to start an exciting new stage of your life, one that will bring many invaluable learning opportunities with it. You will be experiencing many new insights and impressions and will no doubt strike up enduring friendships during your time with us.

From the moment you start planning and throughout your time abroad we are your competent point of contact for any questions you may have. We are here to support you and to make your stay here a happy one.

We encourage you to take advantage of all that is offered in your semester abroad at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences and in the vibrant Rhine-Main region.

Our university provides high-quality practice-driven education as all our teachers excel academically as well as in their professional careers. We wish you motivating learning experiences with inspiring new ideas and insights.

Please also make use of our academic support services, which include tutorials, academic counseling, language, intercultural competence, and soft skill courses. All staff members of our International Office, teaching staff and also our students will be happy to talk to you, should you have any questions, suggestions, or worries.

We look forward to supporting your academic and personal success at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences. Make the most of your stay and your study abroad with us!

Your International Office

As an innovative university of applied sciences, we provide cutting-edge education. However, our focus is not only on applied knowledge and applied research. Each of our students is also given personal attention, contributing to the growth and development of each individual. Because students are the center of everything we do.

All our professors have a wealth of professional experience in their respective areas of specialization. Lessons are held in small groups in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere which ensures good personal contacts between students and teaching staff. Our university is designed to provide consistent, high-quality, and appropriate academic guidance, mentoring and coaching to ensure your academic and personal success.

But there are also plenty of fun ways to spend your leisure time. Wiesbaden is one of the most beautiful cities in Germany, marked by historic buildings, spacious parks, and open-minded people. Rüsselsheim, with its rich tradition of industrial heritage and home of our engineering campus, is located at a distance of just 20 km from Wiesbaden and the nearby towns of Frankfurt am Main, Mainz and Darmstadt.

Your time at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences will be an active and exciting period of your life. We wish you every academic success and many wonderful experiences in the Rhine Main area.

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A warm welcome to RheinMain University of Applied Sciences!
Thank you for choosing us for your study abroad experience.
A LOT TO KNOW AND TO DISCOVER

70
More than 70 bachelor’s and master’s degree programs

PRACTICE-DRIVEN EDUCATION, teaching staff with excellent academic credentials and professional experience in their field.

WE ARE LOCATED IN

4 CAMPUSES
IN 2 CITIES

WIESBADEN BUSINESS SCHOOL
(in Wiesbaden, Bleichstraße/Bertramstraße Campus)

ENGINEERING
(in Wiesbaden, Kurt-Schumacher-Ring Campus)

DESIGN
COMPUTER SCIENCE
MEDIA

ARCHITECTURE AND
CIVIL ENGINEERING

APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES
(in Wiesbaden, Kurt-Schumacher-Ring Campus)

Start a new adventure today

13,000
STUDENTS

I want to see new places and meet new people

HSRM→FRA
Located in the vibrant and multicultural Rhine-Main area, easily accessible via Frankfurt International Airport

150
More than 150 partner universities all over the world

INTERNATIONAL APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS

I REALLY LOVED TO STUDY HERE, I WILL COME BACK SOON

ANDREA RUBIO
INCOMING STUDENT FROM SPAIN

STATE-OF-THE-ART LABORATORIES

Our LANGUAGE CENTER offers courses in 12 languages, including German, English, Spanish, Korean, and Russian.

14 % INTERNATIONAL DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS

Courses taught in ENGLISH

83 % OF OUR STUDENTS FIND AN APPROPRIATE JOB WITHIN LESS THAN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATING

EUROPE’S MOST INTERESTING CITIES ARE ONLY A FEW HOURS AWAY!

See you soon

13,000
MORE THAN
STUDENTS

150
PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

A LOT TO KNOW AND TO DISCOVER
START PACKING YOUR BAG

RheinMain University of Applied Sciences offers a wide range of degree programs in five faculties:

- Architecture and Civil Engineering
- Design
- Computer Science
- Media
- Engineering
- Applied Social Sciences
- Wiesbaden Business School

Practice-driven education
As a university of applied sciences we place particular emphasis on offering practice-driven education. On-site laboratories, lecturers from relevant fields of practice, practical projects and internships as well as degree programs with integrated periods of vocational training, job experience and practical training all go towards achieving this goal. RheinMain University of Applied Sciences sees itself as an open university, which ensures broad access to studies and acknowledges individual educational biographies.

Internationality in action
A cosmopolitan attitude and many international contacts are the hallmarks of RheinMain University of Applied Sciences. We have partner universities across all continents and welcome many international students every year.

www.hs-rm.de/exchange
WELCOME TO THE RHINE-MAIN AREA

RheinMain University of Applied Sciences’ study locations are situated in Wiesbaden and Rüsselsheim, one of Europe’s economic and cultural centers.

The Rhein-Main area has a lot to offer: including exciting cities such as Frankfurt am Main, Germany’s financial and banking center, charming small towns, an enchanting river landscape and vineyards, plus the hills of the Taunus.

The Upper Rhine Valley is even recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Its central position in the middle of Germany allows for easy travel to all German cities and regions and thus the opportunity to discover the diversity of the country. Two nearby airports in Frankfurt and Frankfurt-Hahn make it convenient to visit and discover numerous European cities and regions.

COUNTLESS EVENTS EVERY YEAR IN THE RHINE-MAIN AREA

FRANKFURT AM MAIN SKYLINE

SKATEBOARDING AREA AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL FIELD

MAINZ CATHEDRAL

RHINEGAU VINEYARD

The Frankfurt Book Fair (FBF, German: Frankfurter Buchmesse) is the world’s largest trade fair for books.
Visiting address:
Kurt-Schumacher-Ring 18
65197 Wiesbaden

Here the Faculties of Architecture & Civil Engineering, Applied Social Sciences, the central International Office, the Language Center and the Competence & Career Center are located.
KURT-SCHUMACHER-RING CAMPUS

There are approximately 3,700 students at the KSR campus.

FREE WLAN

HOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

HERE YOU CAN FIND THE MAIN LIBRARY AND THE SPECIALIZED LIBRARY FOR ARCHITECTURE, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

This is our main campus, only 15 minutes by bus from the central train station. Here you will find the Faculty of Architecture & Civil Engineering as well as the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences, a cafeteria, the central library, the Language Center, the Competence & Career Center and our central International Office.

From small project rooms and laboratories to large lecture halls, the campus offers the right equipment for every faculty.
The Faculty of Architecture & Civil Engineering currently comprises 8 degree programs at bachelor and master level. Like all degree programs at the RheinMain University of Applied Sciences, they are practice-oriented, while the master’s programs are additionally research-oriented. Research and development work is carried out in the laboratories, which are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, the results of which are then incorporated into teaching, so that there is a close link between research and teaching. The main topics of the department are: sustainable construction, construction management and development of new construction methods and materials, infrastructure planning, planning and construction in metropolitan regions.

In addition, students benefit from the cooperation of the faculty with companies based in the region as well as international companies.
The Faculty of Applied Social Sciences addresses the diverse social tasks and problems of our society. Students gain intensive theoretical and practical knowledge of everyday professional life in the multifaceted fields of work. The different occupational fields include child and youth welfare, working with the elderly, rehabilitation, counseling, educational and intercultural work, drug prevention and addiction aid, health and social work and law and social work.

In 2017, in cooperation with Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences and Fulda University of Applied Sciences, the first doctoral center “Social Work” was established at a German university of applied sciences.

» I MET A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE AND CULTURES «

1st joint Doctoral Center “Social Work” at universities of applied sciences in Germany, in cooperation with Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences and Fulda University of Applied Sciences

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ORGANIZED EVERY TWO YEARS.

TAKE BUS NO. 14 MAIN STATION – CAMPUS

» » » LUIS « » » FROM MEXICO

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UNTER DEN EICHEN CAMPUS

Our media campus. Here you will find the Faculty of Design Computer Science Media, as well as the President’s office and the majority of the administrative departments.

Visiting address: Unter den Eichen 5 65195 Wiesbaden

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The Unter den Eichen campus is idyllically located, on the outskirts of Wiesbaden. It is our creative and media campus: media designers, designers, computer scientists, interior architects and well-known external companies from the media sector meet here. The buildings offer many workstations and labs, all equipped with the latest technology. In addition to the faculty library, there is also a cafeteria on campus.
The Faculty of Design Computer Science Media (DCSM) deals with the subject of media from artistic, technical, and economic perspectives. Students work on their own projects in a large number of laboratories and (television) studios with state-of-the-art facilities.

The faculty also serves as a platform for various research activities. One specific focus is on the topic of smart systems for humans and technology.

We have twelve different degree programs in our Design Computer Science Media faculty.

State-of-the-art media labs

»I learnt a lot about design and new softwares and ways of work«

ANDREA FROM SPAIN

VISITING PROFESSORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD SUCH AS JORDAN, THE US AND SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Joint Doctoral Center „Applied Computer Science” with three other universities.

National & international cooperations for doctoral students

MAIN STATION → CAMPUS

TAKE BUS NO. 3 OR 6

We have twelve different degree programs in our Design Computer Science Media faculty.
Wiesbaden Business School is located here, including Wiesbaden Business School’s International Office.

Visiting address:
Bleichstraße 44
65183 Wiesbaden

BLEICHSTRASSE CAMPUS

- Wiesbaden Business School International Office
- Student Service Center
- Administration
- Lecture Halls
- Dining Hall/Cafeteria
- Library
- Bus Stop
- Lecture Halls
- Wiesbaden Business School Library
- Library of Rhein-Main University and the Land Hesse
The Bleichstraße campus is RheinMain University of Applied Science’s smallest campus and is located in the city center only five minutes’ walk from the pedestrian precinct. Nearby there are many small cafés and bars offering delicious snacks from all over the world.

The campus is a complex of historic buildings in the Wilhelminian style, connected by a leafy courtyard to an ultra-modern glass building housing Wiesbaden Business School’s lecture halls, computer rooms, a specialist library, and its own cafeteria. Wiesbaden Business School’s International Office is also located on this campus. The Library of RheinMain University of Applied Sciences and the Land Hesse is only a few minutes’ walk from here.
As a faculty of the RheinMain University of Applied Sciences, Wiesbaden Business School prepares its students for a wide variety of tasks in business and administration in 11 degree programs and practice-oriented teaching. The students benefit in particular from the teachers’ contacts to business enterprises.

A large number of international exchange students and guest lecturers from abroad create an international atmosphere. The faculty’s research focus is on the topic of sustainable financial systems.

NATIONAL RANKINGS SHOW
Wiesbaden Business School is voted among the top 10 business schools in Germany by the renowned business magazine Wirtschaftswoche.
WIESBADEN

Wiesbaden has approx. 290,000 inhabitants and is the capital of the Federal State of Hesse. In Wiesbaden you can find Germany’s biggest accumulation of impressive buildings from Gründerzeit/Historicism.

The city attracts a lot of students each semester as it has a lot to offer: It combines the charm of a 19th-century spa town with its representative architecture, with a modern cosmopolitan atmosphere and an attractive cultural scene.

Wiesbaden is a green city and with its parks, forests and the bordering Rheingau offers a unique variety of leisure options.

http://www.wiesbaden.de/en

>> THE NAME WIESBADEN MEANS “MEADOW BATH” <<

Germany’s oldest funicular railway and one of the few which runs on water. Since 1888 it has linked the city to the Neroberg which offers a wonderful view over the city.

290,000
INHABITANTS

Approx.

Fyodor Dostoevsky’s masterpiece “The Gambler” was inspired by his stay in Wiesbaden – and his visit to the Wiesbaden casino.

Numerous street festivals through-out the year

One of Europe’s oldest spa towns, with 26 hot springs flowing today

In Wiesbaden you can find Germany’s biggest ensemble of Historicism buildings

Festivals

There is always a reason to celebrate in Wiesbaden. Many street festivals such as the Wilhelmstrassenfest, the Schiersteiner Hafenfest, the Rheingauer Weinwoche and the famous Christmas market attract thousands of visitors every year. But the nightlife in Wiesbaden also has a lot to offer. Besides a lot of bars and clubs, there are regular concerts and the popular Grand Semester Opening Party.
This is our campus in Rüsselsheim and the home of the Faculty of Engineering.

Visiting address:
Am Brückweg 26
65428 Rüsselsheim
The Am Brückweg campus in Rüsselsheim is an innovative campus in every respect. Practice-oriented teaching and application-oriented research is carried out in numerous labs with state-of-the-art equipment.

A high number of international students on campus and the vibrant multicultural festivals enrich everyday student life in Rüsselsheim.

The campus is just a few minutes away from the train station by bus. In addition to lecture halls and laboratories, the site also offers a cafeteria and the faculty library.

Students of the “Scuderia Mensa” team develop and build racing cars that compete in Formula Student races against teams from all over the world.
The Rüsselsheim-based Faculty of Engineering conducts high-tech teaching and research in fields ranging from fuel cell technology to microsystems technology.

Rüsselsheim is a pioneer in terms of new, practice-oriented training methods and course contents in cooperation with industry. An open, friendly atmosphere between teaching staff and students as well as interdisciplinary fields of activity in more than 23 degree programs facilitate and promote collegial exchange and creative projects. In addition, the faculty's numerous international contacts with companies and universities, the annual summer schools, workshops, and guest lectures with renowned scientists from Germany and abroad, as well as student exchanges for both our local and visiting students, offer a wide range of opportunities for further education and to establish scientific and social contacts beyond our own national borders.

**STUDENT CINEMA**

*Once a month in the Big Seminar Room*

**STUDENT TEAM SUCESSFULLY PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS IN THE “SCUDERIA MENSA”**

**COOPERATIONS WITH SEVERAL COMPANIES IN THE REGION**

**Research topics: Key Technologies, Sustainable Mobility and Environment & Medical Engineering carried out by several campus based institutes.**

**MAIN STATION → CAMPUS**

Take bus no. 11, 32, 33
RÜSSELSHEIM
Located in the center of the Rhine-Main region, Rüsselsheim is a research and development location and considered an international center of excellence in the mobility industry.

Rüsselsheim am Main as a center of industry, technology and research is a lively, multifaceted city with approx. 63,000 inhabitants from over a hundred different nations. Situated directly on the river Main and in the very center of the Rhine-Main region, it offers all the advantages of the surrounding big cities, while ensuring a quiet and intimate environment for living and studying.

Home of Opel, now part of French PSA-Group, one of the largest European automotive manufacturers. The company was founded in 1862 by Adam Opel in Rüsselsheim. Its headquarters have been located here ever since.

Rüsselsheim is famous for the automobile manufacturer Opel. Take a guided tour at the Opel Factory and get an impression of the state-of-the-art technology used for automobile production. Visit the more than 600 year-old fortress, relax on the green banks of the river Main, take part in cultural events such as the “Mainfest” or visit one of the top concerts of the “Jazz Factory” – Rüsselsheim offers a multitude of leisure activities to suit every taste.

http://www.ruesselsheim.de/en
OUR SERVICES

BUDDY PROGRAM AND TUTORS

We know that the first weeks in a new environment are never easy, so we try to assign you a student buddy. He or she will help you with formalities and provide information about living and studying in Wiesbaden and Rüsselsheim. You do not need to apply for this program. We will contact you automatically before enrollment day.

In addition, student tutors will organize leisure activities and excursions you can participate in.

LIBRARIES

You will have access to the well-equipped University and State Library on all campuses.

SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

RheinMain University of Applied Sciences aims to cater for the needs of chronically ill students and students with special needs, enabling them to participate fully in university life and gain a degree.

Special coordinators will help you find an individual solution for your needs. Please contact our Student Counselling Office: studienberatung@hs-rm.de
Our Language Center offers courses in German as a foreign language, English, French, Italian, Spanish, German sign language, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, and Turkish.

Basic knowledge of German makes living in Germany much easier. To improve your existing knowledge, we offer an intensive German language course for our exchange students prior to the start of the semester, free of charge. In addition, you can choose a regular German language course during the semester. You can earn credit points for all language classes.

Each semester, our University Sports Department offers you a large variety of different sports activities both in Wiesbaden and Rüsselsheim. Sport – from aerobics to hockey and yoga – helps you relax after a long day full of studying and work, make new friends and to meet new challenges outside of classes and work assignments.

However, competitive sports also play an important role at our university. The university participates in and hosts national championships and tournaments. In addition, leisure activities such as skiing trips and canoeing weekends are also offered.

Every winter, the university offers two skiing trips for students.

Language requirements
Insurance

Startup service:
Events and advice on
start-ups

Competence & Career Center

RheinMain University of Applied Sciences’ Center for Core Skills, Job Applications & Careers offers seminars, workshops and projects to improve your core skills, and also provides advice and information about starting professional life or setting up your own business. This service is exclusive to students from all the university’s faculties and is free of charge.

Our services at a glance:

100 free seminars and workshops per year

Personal career orientation and advisory services, job application file check.

Online job portal

https://www.jobportal-rheinmain.de/hrmcc/
All courses are offered by fellow students or university staff.

140 different courses per week, all taught by students or employees of RheinMain University of Applied Sciences.

2,000 students participate in our courses.

WE TAKE PART IN A LOT OF COMPETITIONS IN DIFFERENT SPORTS THROUGHOUT GERMANY EVERY YEAR.

2016 German University Sports Federation Award

MORE THAN

60 different sports activities
You will find canteens or cafeterias at all study locations. Most of them are run by Studentenwerk Frankfurt am Main (association for student affairs).

Special emphasis is placed on fresh, high-quality meals at student-friendly prices. Whether you're looking for breakfast, lunch, or a quick in-between snack – the teams at the various dining halls look forward to your visit.
HOW TO BECOME ONE OF US

We are happy that you are interested in studying at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences. Please contact us at the International Office for your inquiries.

A prerequisite for your application as an exchange student is a bilateral agreement between your home university and RheinMain University of Applied Sciences.

You can find the list of our partner institutions on our website:

www.hs-rm.de/partner-universities

If an agreement does not yet exist, please contact us: international@hs-rm.de

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Nomination
In accordance with the existing agreement between our universities, your home university nominates students for a winter or a summer semester (sometimes for the whole academic year) by sending an email to: international@hs-rm.de.

Deadline for nomination (by your home university)
Please contact the International Office at your home university in time to find out about the respective application procedure and deadlines for an exchange semester.

Application
All nominated students will receive initial information with details about the application process and the link to our online application system. The application is made entirely through the online portal in electronic form. You will find more detailed information about the application process on our website: www.hs-rm.de/exchange/application

Deadline for completing the application documents
June 15 for winter semester
November 15 for summer semester

Welcome day
The International Office organizes a welcome and enrollment meeting for all exchange students at the Kurt-Schumacher-Ring campus in Wiesbaden. We will help you with all formalities to get enrolled in the morning. In the afternoon we invite colleagues from the Language Center, University Sports, the IT and Media Center, the Competence & Career Center as well as colleagues from the university libraries to our information session. On this day you will also meet the international officers from the academic departments who will accompany you during your stay and help with academic matters.

This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow exchange students from all around the world and familiarize yourself with the main campus. We will send you an invitation a few weeks before the Welcome Day takes place. We look forward to welcoming you at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences!
Academic calendar

Winter Semester: October 1 – March 31
Start of lectures: beginning of October
End of lectures: mid-February, including exam period
German intensive course: end of September/beginning of October

Summer Semester: April 1 – September 30
Start of lectures: mid-April
End of lectures: mid-July, including exam period
German intensive course: end of March/beginning of April

Choosing your academic courses at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences

Most of the courses at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences are taught in German. However, each faculty offers an increasing number of courses or projects in English for exchange students. Please contact us for further information about the courses taught in English or have a look at our website: www.hs-rm.de/exchange.

Before submitting your application, please make sure you have found some interesting academic courses on our website that you would like to attend. If you have any questions concerning the selection or the content of the courses, please contact your Departmental International Coordinator. You will find a list of the person in charge at: www.hs-rm.de/exchange-coordinators

Language requirements

We recommend a minimum level of B1 in German or English, depending on the courses chosen, except for business courses at Wiesbaden Business School. There, the level required is B2.

To improve your German skills before the semester starts, we invite all exchange students to attend the intensive German course offered by our Language Center (no application necessary, free of charge).

This course generally takes place during the two weeks before lectures begin, starting right after enrollment (approx. 20 hours per week, 4 ECTS/credit points).
Insurance

Health Insurance
Health insurance is compulsory to enroll at the Rhein-Main University of Applied Sciences.

For EU citizens
Please ask your health insurance at home for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or proof that your health insurance will be covered for the length of your stay in Germany.

For all other students
You can take out health insurance in Germany (for approx. € 75 /month). Most foreign health insurance policies have to fulfill certain requirements to be accepted in Germany. If you choose this option, please make sure the amount of the policy is sufficient to cover all health expenses for the length of your stay. Travel insurance will NOT be sufficient for enrollment.

Accident and Liability Insurance
As an enrolled student at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences, you will automatically have accident and liability insurance, provided by Studentenwerk Frankfurt (association for student affairs). However, these insurances are only valid during your study time at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences, not during your leisure time. We therefore recommend taking out an additional private accident and liability insurance.

Entry requirements for Germany
Students with EU citizenship do not need a visa to enter Germany. Citizens of Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Switzerland or the USA do not need to apply for a visa before entering Germany, but they will be invited to apply for a residence permit at the Office for Immigration and Integration after declaring their place of residence.

All other students have to apply for a study visa at the German embassy / consulate in their home countries. We will send you an official invitation letter for your visa application. Finally, both EU and non-EU citizens have to declare their place of residence in the city they live in. Registration must be carried out in person at the city hall (“Bürgerbüro”) within two weeks of arrival.
CHOOSE YOUR NEW HOME

University Halls of Residence

There are several student halls of residence in Wiesbaden and Rüsselsheim which are open to Erasmus and all other exchange students.

All halls of residence offer single rooms, but you might be expected to share kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Please note, however, that the number of rooms available is limited and that these are very popular among students. You should therefore apply as soon as possible.

You are expected to pay your rent in monthly installments, in addition to a one-time room deposit. The amount may vary by location, ranging from €300 to €450 for your monthly rent and €200 to €600 for the deposit.

Be prepared to pay both your deposit and the first month’s rent shortly after arrival.
RheinMain University of Applied Sciences is easy to get to from all over the world thanks to an excellent public transportation system which is safe and easy to understand.

You can fly to Frankfurt International Airport and then take a local train (S8 or S9) to Wiesbaden Central Station (travel time about 40 minutes) or to Rüsselsheim Central Station (S8 or S9, travel time about 15 minutes). From the train stations there are buses to the different campuses.

More information about getting around the Rhine-Main area: https://www.rmv.de/c/en/start/
MONEY MATTERS

Student registration fee
You do not have to pay any tuition fees to study at RheinMain University of Applied Sciences.

However, you must pay a reduced student registration fee of about €250/semester (subject to change). The fee you pay will mainly enable you to use the regional transportation system in the whole state of Hesse and the bordering region of Rhineland-Palatinate. A lesser part of the fee is dedicated to the contribution for the association of student affairs and welfare as well as a liability assurance on the university grounds. The student registration fee has to be paid at least ten days prior to registration by transfer from your bank account.

Living Costs
Living expenses in Germany are slightly above the European average. They are below those of countries such as Denmark, Luxembourg, or Switzerland, but are quite high compared to countries in Asia, Africa, or Latin America.

Germans love their beer.
In Germany, there are about 5,000 different types of beers.

€380 for an apartment with about 20 square meters.

ENTRY €10

2–3 euros

1 kg of apples €2

euros total average monthly living costs

800

You can do all your important shopping on foot in just a few minutes.

“I LOVE THE BREAD IN GERMANY, THERE IS ALWAYS SO MUCH CHOICE AT THE BAKERY SHOP.”
Andrea from Spain

There are a lot of big and small clubs in Wiesbaden, Frankfurt and Mainz, catering to all kinds of musical tastes.

ENTRY €10

There are more than 300 bread varieties in Germany. For example: chia seed bread, protein bread or potato bread.

1 kg of apples

2–3 euros

PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT WITH MANY PLACES TO SHOP AS WELL AS COSY CAFÉS AND INVITING RESTAURANTS WHERE YOU CAN SIT INSIDE OR OUTSIDE IN WIESBADEN AND RÜSSELHEIM

Pizza: €4–8

Bottle of mineral water (1L) €0.80

€2.50

Movie tickets €5–10

€8–30

Theater

€5–10

€8–30

€2–3

€10–50

€2–3

€10–50
A JOURNEY WITHOUT REGRETS

Why did you choose Germany for your study abroad period?
I chose Germany for my study abroad period because I’ve studied my whole life in a German school in Brazil and was very familiar with the culture and language. Besides this, Germany is a country that offers a great life quality and job opportunities, and where I was sure I’d be able to make the most out of my exchange semester.

Do you speak or understand German?
Yes, I speak German. However, I’m sure that even if I didn’t speak German it wouldn’t be a problem here, as many German people speak English and are very helpful.

Why did you choose Germany for your study abroad period?
My aunt lives in Munich, so every time I told her I wanted to be an Erasmus student, she always recommended Germany, which has the best educational program. Besides, I really love that the weather is not as hot as in Spain.

Do you speak or understand German?
I have been studying German since I was 15 years old, but I am not completely fluent. I think I could manage to understand everything in a normal conversation, but I would not feel as confident when trying to answer.

Up to now, what do you enjoy most about RheinMain University of Applied Sciences? Why would you recommend it to your fellow students?
All the campuses are so beautiful, and the best part is that all of them are different from each other. It is almost like they have a theme designed only for it (WBS looks like an old and serious building, Unter den Eichen looks like a mystical and filmic forest...). Besides, the teachers have a very close approach to the students, they even give us their phone number! (I do not think I have ever texted one of my teachers in Spain...)

How do you like the city of Wiesbaden?
I believe sometimes Wiesbaden is not appreciated as much as it should be, because it is a big city with lots of amazing views (you just have to visit Neroberg and you will know I am right). Besides, if you really feel like you miss the hustle and bustle of the big cities, you are just one hour away from Frankfurt!

Why did you choose Germany for your study abroad period?
My aunt lives in Munich, so every time I told her I wanted to be an Erasmus student, she always recommended Germany, which has the best educational program. Besides, I really love that the weather is not as hot as in Spain.

Up to now, what do you enjoy most about RheinMain University of Applied Sciences? Why would you recommend it to your fellow students?
My favorite part about the RheinMain University of Applied Sciences is how the staff value their exchange students and do everything to make us feel welcome in the country. The university and the international tutors even organize weekly activities, which are affordable and very fun, besides helping us with bureaucratic matters. Not only this, the university is very flexible when it comes to choosing classes and taking exams, which make the whole exchange semester way less stressful.

How do you like the city of Wiesbaden?
Even though Wiesbaden is a small city, compared to where I come from, there’s always something going on and new places to discover. Besides that, it’s located near to other cities as Mainz and Frankfurt, which broadens the range of places to go.

Anything else you would like to tell us?
I’d like to thank the international office staff and tutors for making us feel so valued and important to the university, and always being kind and willing to help us with questions and problems we might have.

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Why did you choose Germany for your study abroad period?
I chose Germany to do my studies because I think it is a country with many good characteristics that I can try to adopt and transmit in my country. I also consider it the strongest country in relation to my career 'Engineering'. I am also motivated by the idea of learning German and improve my English.

Do you speak or understand German?
I am studying German, but at an initial level A1.2. I try to practice it with the friendships that I have made in the faculty. But in truth it is a difficult language to learn, it is my opinion.

Up to now, what do you enjoy most about RheinMain University of Applied Sciences? Why would you recommend it to your fellow students?
The predisposition of teachers and staff, the quality and dynamics of the courses. The technology of the classrooms and the building. Of course I would recommend it is a beautiful institution.

Anything else you would like to tell us?
Yes, I have attended many parties organized by ASTA in the engineering faculty and I have to say that they do a very good job and activities.

What is your favourite part concerning your stay?
The whole experience is an adventure, I cannot choose but there is a lot of good things: the people that you meet here, the opportunities that university has here, to live with people of another countries or the facilities to travel Europe. Also is good to take distance from your comfort zone to open your mind.

What are the biggest differences/commonalities as a student in comparison to your country/school?
The flexibility of the studies that you have here, in Spain the method is much more static.

How has your view of Germany changed since coming here?
I knew that Germany is a country with a lot of possibilities and facilities for young people but it was not in my future plans. Now I think it's a country where I would like to live.

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What have you learned during your stay? Can you name three or more things?
Of course I learnt a lot about design and new softwares and ways of work. Apart from that, I think the language is something that I really improved here (English and German). And of course I learnt how beautiful are here the Christmas markets! I will come back next year :)

Why was coming to Germany a good decision?
It was a really good decision, I'm really happy about all the things that I made here and the people that I met here. I have really good friends now from all over the world.
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