Course range

University applicants whose school certificates don’t allow direct access to the university must take the assessment test.

For preparation for the assessment test one-year preparatory courses are offered at the Studienkolleg Hamburg. Your field of study determines which course you take:

**G-Kurs**
for German Philology, History, Art, Philosophy, Foreign Languages, Law and Political Science, Anthropology, Educational Science, Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Music.

Subjects taught at the Studienkolleg: German, German Literature, History, Social Studies, English.

**M-Kurs**
for Medical Science, Pharmacy, Biology, Psychology, Sports, Forestry and Agronomy, Anthropology.

Subjects taught at the Studienkolleg: German, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics.

**T-Kurs**
for Architecture, Civil Engineering, Chemistry, Informatics, Mechanical Engineering, Geology, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Mineralogy, Wood Science and similar subjects.

Subjects taught at the Studienkolleg: German, Mathematics (with Informatics), Physics, Chemistry, English.

**W-Kurs**
for Political and Business Economy, Law and Political Science, Sociology, Psychology.

Subjects taught at the Studienkolleg: German, Mathematics, Economics, English, Social Studies.

**Propaedeutic course**

In collaboration with Hamburg universities we offer a propaedeutic preliminary semester for university applicants from non-EU countries who are admitted to study at a university in Hamburg. In doing so students can prepare for their studies.

The propaedeutic course is a new, special offer in Hamburg especially for foreign students. It is a preparatory course, which is group-specific according to the chosen field of study.

Since 2006 there have been four introductory units in the following fields of study:

- Economics
- Engineering
- Humanities and cultural studies
- Mathematics, Informatics and natural sciences
What expenses arise?

No tuition fees at the Studienkolleg

The education at the Studienkolleg courses is free. To use the University facilities and to commute by bus and train in Hamburg you have to pay a semester fee once every six months. To borrow the books from the library you must pay a fee once a year.

Semester fee

The students of the Studienkolleg enroll at the University of Hamburg and, like the students of the university, have to pay a semester fee at the beginning of each semester (twice a year). For the winter semester 2012/13 it equalled 288 Euro. On paying it the students may use the University facilities, such as the canteen, libraries, and the computer center. The semester fee includes the semester ticket, which allows using public transport like buses and commuter trains (HVV) in Hamburg and surroundings.

Health insurance fees

A private health insurance contract (about 50 Euro a month) is obligatory.

Everyday expenses in Hamburg

Apart from the studying-oriented expenses you have to expect your cost-of-living in Hamburg to be around 630 Euro a month. About 1/3 of it is paid for the rent of a room in a student accommodation or of a privately rented room.

What are the advantages of studying in Hamburg?

1. You can study (almost) everything in Hamburg.

17 universities in Hamburg offer every student a field of study that is suited especially well to his faculties and interests. In the port city with a population of about 1.7 million there is a major university with a variety of subjects to study and many specialized universities, like the Technical University Harburg for engineering sciences or the University of Applied Sciences (HAW). Moreover, there are private universities with a perfect reputation.

2. Studienkolleg Hamburg is a perfect start for foreign students...

Studienkolleg Hamburg makes for your quick start in studies and in your everyday life in Hamburg and in Germany. In small courses you get to know young people from all over the world. Teachers advise and look after you personally and professionally. All university offers for studying and leisure are at your disposal.

....because it shows you how one studies in Germany.

German universities offer excellent education, because they combine teaching and research. Scientists conduct their research projects and teach at the same time. In this manner they pass on their knowledge directly to the students. This form of studying requires, however, independence, curiosity and independent thinking. The Studienkolleg courses prepare you for that: they teach you working techniques, specialized and methodic knowledge. As the experience shows, the Studienkolleg graduates can show good results at universities from the very beginning.

3. There is both theory and practice in Hamburg

The success of the German high tech shows that basic research and practical application belong together. There are many enterprises in Hamburg, like Airbus, Lufthansa, Beiersdorf “Nivea”, which collaborate with universities. That especially benefits the students. They experience the birth of market-
ready products on a scientific basis and have a glance at the job world, which is a plus for their future career.

4. Hamburg is an international city...

To study:

At all universities in Hamburg there are programs for collaboration among scientists and for international student exchange. A great advantage for all participants: German diplomas are admitted all over the world (Bologna Process). If you take your exams or interrupt your studies in Germany, you can enter a post-graduate course or continue your studies at a university anywhere in the world.

And to live:

For centuries Hamburg has been a city that is open to the world because of its port and has become powerful and rich due to its connections to other countries. Many international businesses have an office here, which offer interesting places to work or to serve an internship. It also contributes to the unique atmosphere of the city – tolerant, innovative, culturally rich and just nice to live in.

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