



Furtwangen University is ranked among Germany's top universities, focusing on applied learning and research in mechanical engineering, information and media sciences, business, and health sciences. With a student body of 6,200, the university has a personal feel, while at the same time enjoys modern labs and facilities, as well as one of the best science libraries in the country.

The university consists of three campuses in the mountainous region of southwest Germany, bordering France, and is an ideal area for outdoor sports. The region is also known for its dense "Black Forest" of evergreens, often associated with the Brothers Grimm fairy tails. Freiburg, the region's largest town, is surrounded by vineyards and renowned for its Gothic architecture and medieval history.

### **Website**

<http://en.hs-furtwangen.de/>

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## **Application Deadlines**

- Spring Semester: **Nov 1st, 2016**
- Fall Semester: **May 1st, 2017**

## **Semester Dates**

- Spring Semester: March-July
- Fall Semester: September-February

## **Exchange Application**

<http://en.hs-furtwangen.de/welcome/international/study-work-at-hfu/study/exchange-and-visiting-student-programmes/application.html>

## **Exchange Student Testimonials**

<http://www.hs-furtwangen.de/willkommen/international/wege-an-die-hfu/studium/austausch-gaststudium/erfahrungsberichte.html>

## **Campuses**

Furtwangen University consists of three campuses. They include:

- Furtwangen (Main campus, home to 5 faculties and two-thirds of the total student body.)
- Villingen-Schwenningen (Located in the twin town of Schwenningen about 30km east of Furtwangen, in the historic setting of the Kienzle clock factory. Home to 3 faculties: HFU Business School, Mechanical/Medical Engineering and Medical and Life Sciences. Much of the student body is made up of international students.)
- Tuttlingen (Furtwangen's newest campus is about 30km southeast of Villingen-Schwenningen, home to the Faculty of Industrial Technologies.)

For more information on campuses, see: <http://www.hs-furtwangen.de/studiengaenge/fakultaet/wirtschaft/international-business-management-bachelor/study-location.html>

## **Courses**

Courses are offered in German and English, using the ECT (European Credit Transfer System). 6 ECTs is equivalent to one UPEI course, and one semester corresponds to 30 ECTs. Grading is on a scale of 5.0 (minimum) to 1.0 (maximum) with 4.0 as the minimum passing grade. 2.5 is considered a good grade.

Furtwangen offers a customized program to UPEI exchange students who have completed 2 years of undergraduate studies. The program may be created together with an academic advisor according to your interests and prerequisites, and consists of 4 components: courses (in English), a workshop, German language classes, and a team project.

Check out the links for information on this custom program and courses offered in English.

- Furtwangen campus: <http://www.hs-furtwangen.de/willkommen/international/wege-an-die-hfu/studium/austausch-gaststudium/studienangebot/international-semester-fu.html>
- Schwenningen campus (Spring Semester only): <http://www.hs-furtwangen.de/willkommen/international/wege-an-die-hfu/studium/austausch-gaststudium/studienangebot/international-semester-vs.html>

Furtwangen also has an International Business Management Bachelor Programme in English at the Schwenningen campus. To see programme information and course handbook: <http://www.hs-furtwangen.de/studiengaenge/fakultaet/wirtschaft/international-business-management-bachelor/course-structure.html>

For information on German foreign language courses, see: <http://en.hs-furtwangen.de/welcome/the-university/central-services/language-center/course-content-grading-criteria/course-content-german.html>

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation is available for all exchange students at HFU.

Furtwangen Campus dormitories:

- Albert-Schweizer Haus <https://ask.hs-furtwangen.de/>
- Großhausberg <https://ghb.hs-furtwangen.de/index>

Schwenningen and Tuttlingen Campuses:

Most students must find private accommodation. For more information on dormitories and private accommodation: [http://en.hs-furtwangen.de/accommodation.html?sword%20list%5B%5D=housing&no\\_cache=1](http://en.hs-furtwangen.de/accommodation.html?sword%20list%5B%5D=housing&no_cache=1)

### **Orientation and Buddy Programme**

Two weeks prior to the beginning of classes, the International Centre runs an orientation programme where students are provided with important information regarding their stay in Germany. The programme also involves sightseeing trips and an intensive German language course. For successful completion of the programme, students receive 3 ECTS. The International Centre also runs a Buddy Programme, which arranges contact between German students and exchange students. You will be given information on your buddy prior to arrival so that you may get in contact.

### **Visas**

Canadian citizens must apply for a student visa if they intend to study in Germany for more than three months. It is recommended that you apply for a visa **well in advance** before booking your flight. You must be accepted to study at HFU before applying for your student visa.

For more information, see:

[http://www.kanada.diplo.de/Vertretung/kanada/en/02/visa/\\_long-stay.html#topic5](http://www.kanada.diplo.de/Vertretung/kanada/en/02/visa/_long-stay.html#topic5)

Non-EU students are also required to apply for a residence permit for stays longer than 3 months. This should be requested after your arrival at your local commune.

### **Insurance**

Non-EU students must have German compulsory health insurance (about 80 euros/month) or get an exemption letter issued by your home insurance if it covers medical treatment in Germany.

### **Cost of Living in Germany**

#### Restaurants

Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant	€ 10
Meal for 2 People, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course	€ 40
McMeal at McDonalds (or Equivalent Combo Meal)	€ 7
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught)	€ 3.30
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	€ 3
Cappuccino (regular)	€ 2.52
Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle)	€ 2
Water (0.33 liter bottle)	€ 1.85

#### Markets

Milk (regular), (1 liter)	€ 0.68
Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500g)	€ 1.38
Rice (white), (1kg)	€ 1.33
Eggs (12)	€ 1.86
Local Cheese (1kg)	€ 7.50
Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1kg)	€ 6.47
Beef Round (1kg) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meat)	€ 14.99
Apples (1kg)	€ 1.88
Banana (1kg)	€ 2
Oranges (1kg)	€ 1.67
Tomato (1kg)	€ 2.34
Potato (1kg)	€ 0.90
Onion (1kg)	€ 1.25
Lettuce (1 head)	€ 1
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	€ 0.31
Bottle of Wine (Mid-Range)	€ 5
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter bottle)	€ 0.83
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	€ 1.50
Pack of Cigarettes (Marlboro)	€ 5.25

#### Transportation

Taxi Start (Normal Tariff)	€ 3.25
Taxi 1km (Normal Tariff)	€ 2
Rent (Monthly)	
Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	€ 683.33
Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of Centre	€ 575
Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre	€ 1,100
Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of Centre	€ 1,000
Utilities (Monthly)	
Basic (Electricity, Heating, Water, Garbage) for 85m2 Apartment	€ 222.41
Internet (10 Mbps, Unlimited Data, Cable/ADSL)	€ 25.80