

The Berliner Hochschule für Technik (BHT) Berlin University of Applied Sciences and Technology

The Berlin University of Applied Sciences and Technology has a history which dates back to the early 19th century and has, throughout the years, gathered knowledge and experience in teaching and researching. This knowledge is passed on to our more than 12.000 students from all over the world.

The campus is located right in the heart of Berlin, in the district of Wedding/Mitte which is easy to reach by the extensive public transport system including subways, busses and city trains.

After the German reunification, Berlin became the capital of united Germany and now has a population of about 3.6 million inhabitants which makes it the biggest city in Germany. It is now the largest city in the European Union. Apart from being the seat of the German government, Berlin is the biggest university town in Germany and a thriving cultural center of united Europe.



Academic Calendar

In Germany, the academic year consists of two semesters, the winter semester and the summer semester. The lectures of the winter semester at BHT start in October and end mid-February. The lectures of the summer semester start in April and end at the end of July. The exams take place during the last three weeks of each semester. The time between the lectures is meant to be spent for internships, research and, of course, vacation.

Winter semester	October - February
Summer semester	April – July/August

Studying at Berliner Hochschule für Technik

Exchange students at our University of Applied Sciences can study in eight departments, ranging from economic and social sciences to architecture and engineering. Most courses are taught in German, only few courses are held in English. At the beginning of your stay, you can take part in a three week German intensive Course to enable you to follow the classes more easily. Apart from this, we offer German classes during the semester as well as a German Cultural Training.



Below, you'll find a list of the different departments and degrees available at BHT. You can find a list online as well (<https://www.bht-berlin.de/en/studiengaenge>).

Find an overview of the 8 faculties and their degree programs here:

FB I Business Administration and Social Sciences: <https://www.bht-berlin.de/32>

FB II Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry: <https://www.bht-berlin.de/90>

FB III Civil Engineering and Geoinformation: <https://www.bht-berlin.de/91>

FB IV Architecture and Building Service: <https://www.bht-berlin.de/112>

FB V Life Sciences and Technology: <https://www.bht-berlin.de/113>

FB VI Computer Science and Media: <https://www.bht-berlin.de/114>

FB VII Electrical Engineering, Mechatronics and Optometry: <https://www.bht-berlin.de/115>

FB VIII Mechanical Engineering, Process Engineering and Environmental Technology: <https://www.bht-berlin.de/116>

We offer our Data Science M.Sc. completely in English:

<https://studiengang.bht-berlin.de/ds-master/?L=1>

International Recognition of Study Results

Like many other European universities, BHT works with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Every course has a set amount of credits which you obtain after completing all the requirements of the course. The usual amount of credits reached per semester is 30 ECTS. When you finish your studies at BHT, you will receive a Transcript of Records stating your grades and the amount of credits you have earned throughout your stay. This will be given to you by your international academic advisor. In order to get the credits for a course, the minimum grade to obtain is a 4. BHT uses the following grading system:

Passed										Failed
1,0	1,3	1,7	2,0	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,3	3,7	4,0	5,0
excellent		good			satisfactory			sufficient		failed

Living in Berlin

EU-nationals don't need a visa or residence permit for their stay in Berlin. Students from outside the European Union might need a study visa. We advise you to contact your nearest German embassy or consulate for more information.

As a registered student at BHT you will be able to open a German bank account free of charge.



Most students choose to live in one of the student dormitories which are run by the public institution *Studierendenwerk*. Our Office of Global Engagement can assist with your application. You will receive information about this together with our other application material.

The sports centre of BHT ("Hochschulsport") offers a wide range of physical activities. As a student at BHT you are also able to use the sports facilities at the other universities in Berlin. Whatever sport you're looking for, Berlin has it! The price for students range from €5 to €160 per semester, depending on the sport you choose.

You can get a hot meal, snacks and beverages at the BHT and other Berlin universities' student restaurants, called Mensa, every weekday. Prices are

student friendly. The daily menus appear online on a weekly basis (<https://www.stw.berlin/mensen.html>). There are three price categories; as a student you always pay the lowest price. You can get a complete meal with a drink for about €3.

Cost of Living and Studying

BHT doesn't charge any tuition fees. However, we are required to collect a semester contribution of about €260 per semester for your public transportation card and your contribution to the student organisations *Studierendenwerk* and *AStA*.

The rent for a room in a student residence hall varies from €205 to €330. Internet connection will cost you about 10€ per month extra. At the university you can use the internet for free.

Once registered at BHT, you'll receive your student ID which includes your student ticket for public transportation. This enables you to use all public transport in Berlin for the whole semester for free (valid from October or April for six months).

If you have an EU health insurance card, you won't need an extra health insurance. Everyone else can get insured with a German health insurance which has a fixed price for all students. After your arrival, we can assist you in finding a health insurance. Please note that there is the possibility to bring your own private health insurance for the time of your studies but many of these insurances are not accepted as they do not cover enough costs.

Estimated Monthly Costs

Accommodation	€ 250 – 400
Food	€ 200 – 300
Books and study materials	€ 50
Phone/postage	€ 20 – 30
Other	€ 50 – 150
Monthly estimate	€ 570 – 930

Learning German

All exchange students are invited to join the free German Intensive Course at the beginning of their stay. This course will take place right before the start of the semester for three weeks, every weekday, to get you fully prepared for your studies which will mainly be in German. Before the start of the course there will be a placement test in order to find out which group is the right for you according to your language skills.

During the semester you can take part in another German language course, which will be offered at BHT. If you feel you need more German training during the semester, there are plenty of other possibilities in Berlin. Also, we always recommend to look for a language-tandem to practice the language and get a deeper insight into German culture.

Getting to know the German Culture

You are welcome to join our Cultural Training, which takes place every semester and features an event almost every week. You will get to know the German culture by visiting for example the German parliament or seeing the latest German movie. When the weather is warmer you have a possibility to visit a typical German „Biergarten“ and take part in activities like barbecuing in one of Berlin's many parks or going on a boat tour on the river Spree.



How to Apply

Please contact the international outgoing exchange coordinator at your home university to be nominated for exchange at BHT.

Contact the Office of Global Engagement at BHT

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