



Germany

University of Heidelberg

At a glance...

- **Site:**
University of Heidelberg
- **WWW Home Pages:**
<http://www.uni-heidelberg.de>
- **Location:**
Heidelberg, Germany
- **Language of Instruction:**
German
- **Subjects:**
German language and literature, mathematics, geosciences, physics, chemistry, biological sciences, history, archaeology, oriental studies, language, law, philosophy, business, social sciences, education
- **Credits:**
Transferable to UNL by dept. validation
- **Housing:**
Student residences; apartments
- **Program Length:**
Academic year; semester
- **Program Dates:**
First Semester: October - February
Second Semester: April - July
- **Type of Program**
Exchange
- **Approximate Costs:** (2009-2010)
Year: \$8,479 (resident)/\$20,029 (nonres)
Sem: \$4,374 (resident)/\$10,149 (nonres)
Room & Board: 600 - 800 Euro/mo.
- **Eligibility:**
Undergraduate, graduate, 3.0 GPA
- **Application Deadline:**
First Semester: March 1
Second Semester: October 1
- **Contact:**
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The University Community

Founded in 1386, Ruprecht-Karl Universität is the oldest university in Germany. The events of German history have had a profound effect on the development of this university during the 600 years since its founding. With more than 27,000 students, Heidelberg is one of the most respected universities in Germany. It is divided into 18 schools and offers approximately 80 courses of study. Humanities rank high at Ruprecht-Karl, and the Medical School is an important center of medical research. Events at the University include more than 100 international congresses and symposiums, concerts, theatrical performances, exhibitions, lectures, and sporting functions, many in cooperation with partner universities.

Regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in Germany, Heidelberg, population 135,000, is famous worldwide as a symbol of German romanticism. The city was built on the banks of the Neckar River. The ruins of a great castle, formerly occupied by the Electors of the Palatinate for 500 years, dominate the cityscape.

Courses of Study

The University offers a broad spectrum of courses which would satisfy many general requirements for UNL students studying abroad: German language and literature, mathematics, earth sciences, physics, chemistry, biology, history, archaeology, oriental studies, language studies, law, philosophy and business, social sciences, and education. The special strengths of the University of Heidelberg are medicine and theology.

As is required of all foreign students who choose to attend German universities, UNL students must take a German language exam before matriculation. The test is given in late October and late April, just before the semesters begin. Exam results will require some students to take an additional, intensive German language course.

Living Arrangements

The international office at the University of Heidelberg will help exchange students find rooms, but they cannot guarantee them because the demand for rooms exceeds accommodations. Exchange students have the option of living in a university "studenthome" single room or renting a room or flat in town. Rooms in the

studenthomes cost approximately Euro 250 per month; each floor shares a kitchen and a bath; and students usually cook their own meals or eat in the cafeteria (*Mensa*). Meals in the *mensa* cost 2-3 Euro. Rooms in town range from 300 to 450 Euro per month.

Duration

The exchange program allows for one- or two-semester stays. The first semester, the winter semester, runs mid October through the end of February and includes a two-week Christmas break. The summer semester begins in mid April and ends at the close of July.

Type of Program

The exchange program is based on an agreement between the University of Heidelberg and UNL that allows a reciprocal exchange of students. Exchange students pay program fees to their home institution and then swap places with students from the host institution. The number of students selected to participate in the exchange varies from year to year and depends on the balance of the exchange.

Credits earned at the University of Heidelberg are transferable to UNL by department validation. UNL students remain eligible for most scholarships and other forms of financial aid they normally receive.

Am I Eligible to Apply?

Any UNL undergraduate, in good standing, is eligible to participate in the program at the University of Heidelberg. UNL graduate students may apply for graduate-level programs with approval from Graduate Studies and their graduate committees. A minimum of four semesters of college-level German with a 3.0 GPA is preferred.



Still have questions?

What does International Affairs Do?

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to fostering international competence and respect for different perspectives. Many of UNL's faculty have national and international reputations and have formed strong linkages with scholars and institutions around the world. Through International Affairs, UNL brings these resources to bear on the challenges of preparing you for life and work in a rapidly changing and increasingly interdependent world.

To enhance your total educational experience, stop in at UNL's International Affairs Office and discover the many programs we coordinate overseas. Our staff is dedicated to finding just the right program that will fit your style and apply toward your graduation at UNL. And you will gain the unique experience of education through the eyes and ears of another culture.

The program requires a good degree of independence by the student. Students applying for the exchange program should demonstrate a genuine interest in an international experience and in the program.

When Should I Apply?

The deadline for the two-semester program is March 1. The deadline for the one-semester program, which begins in April, is October 1. Late applications will be accepted if there are open positions. A complete application consists of: Form A (bio-data); Form B (personal statement); two Form C (academic references); Form D (language proficiency); Form E (proposed plan of study); and an official transcript.

How Much will it Cost?

2009-2010: For Nebraska residents, the academic year program costs \$8,479; a semester program is \$4,374. For non-residents, the academic year costs \$20,029; a semester program costs about \$10,149. These fees include instructional costs and insurance and are paid to UNL. Room and board will depend on the type of housing assigned, but is estimated at 600 Euro per month. Not included are transportation (about \$900), German health insurance, books and personal expenses.

What About Transportation?

A list of suggestions for student discounted airfare is available from International Affairs.

What else will I need?

Passport pictures; passport and visa information; books and materials about living, traveling, and working abroad are available in the International Affairs resource center at 420 University Terrace, 472-5358.

Can I Get More Information?

Complete course descriptions, more program information, and general books about Germany are available in the International Affairs resource center at 420 University Terrace, P.O. Box 880682, Lincoln, NE 68588-0682; 402/472-5358.

Academics: Students should discuss general academic information about studying in Germany and at the University of Heidelberg with Priscilla Hayden-Roy, Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, 472-3851. Students should also discuss study plans with their academic advisors.

Financial Aid: For information about applying your financial aid to study abroad programs, contact Caroline Routh in the UNL Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, 402/472-2030.

Administrative Details: For applications and details about studying abroad, transferring credit, etc., see additional handout materials or contact a study abroad advisor at International Affairs, 420 University Terrace; 402/472-5358.

Related Programs: Additional UNL exchange programs in Germany include Bayreuth and Hannover Universities, and several sites through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) of which UNL is a member institution.

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