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<td>Decision-makers for global agricultural economy and agricultural policies</td>
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political relationships within the international agricultural and nutrition economy, the environment, and rural spaces. In this English-language and international Master’s programme, funded by the DAAD, sustainability and global justice are key topics.

- Studies focused on methods and internationality
- DAAD funding programme with full scholarships for outstanding applicants from developing countries
- Many different career possibilities for agricultural economists

The programme conveys a firm foundation in economic theory and methods as well as their application to problems in the field of international agriculture and nutrition.

The programme also aims to educate agricultural scientists with regard to the following skills:

- Integration of natural and social sciences perspectives
- Interdisciplinary analysis of complex systems
- Communication
- Negotiation
- Facilitation
- Team work

As the agricultural and food sector become more diverse, global and high-tech, well-trained agricultural economists are experiencing an expanding range of career options. At Hohenheim, students acquire both the analytical skills and the policy background required for strategic positions in government agencies, NGOs, international organisations, and the private sector. The programme also provides students with excellent qualifications for pursuing a doctoral degree and an academic career.

Career opportunities for graduates may be found in:

- Upstream and downstream agricultural industries
- Regulatory authorities along the food chain
- Government agencies and non-government organisations
- National and international organisations
- Research institutions

Course Details

Course organisation

In the first year of studies the students complete five compulsory modules:

- Agricultural and Food Policy
- Applied Econometrics
- Environmental and Resource Economics
- Farm System Modelling
- Microeconomics

Besides these, five semi-elective modules can be chosen from the areas of agricultural development, international agricultural trade, global food economy, agricultural and nutrition policies, etc. Lectures are complemented by computer exercises, group discussions, seminar papers, and case studies that are worked on and presented in groups or as individual assignments.

In the second year of studies students choose five additional elective modules from a large subject catalogue. This ensures a solid education in the agricultural economic sub-disciplines, while there is still enough room to put together a programme suited to your individual career plans. A personal mentor from among the instructors advises students in selecting their modules and planning their studies in order to make sure everything goes smoothly and progresses as planned.

The Master’s thesis is also completed in the second year of studies, according to the students’ interests.

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Types of assessment

- Written assessment (exams, presentations, essays, thesis, etc.)
- Oral assessment (exams, presentations, defence, etc.)

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated study abroad unit(s)

Students are encouraged to spend one semester during the second year at a partner university abroad to gain additional experience and to further strengthen their individual profile. The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences cooperates with 80 partner institutions in research and teaching worldwide. Of these institutions, 40 are part of the ERASMUS programme. Therefore, part of the last year of studies can be spent abroad or part of the thesis research can be conducted abroad (within one of the numerous international research projects with which the University of Hohenheim is involved). Special travel grants are available for outstanding students.

Integrated internships

Internships are not compulsory, but they are recommended. The internship must be organised by the student and has to fit the schedule of the programme. Upon request, the Career Center may assist in finding an internship.

Special promotion / funding of the programme

- DAAD development-related postgraduate course

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

1,500

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Semester contribution

Universities in Baden-Württemberg require their students to pay a semester contribution towards the administration costs, for student services and for the Student Parliament. Student services provide many benefits, such as discounted tickets for public transportation. The semester
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Costs of living

Baden-Württemberg has the highest standard of living in all of Germany. The downside is that living costs are slightly above the German average. However, the cost of living can vary enormously depending on your personal lifestyle and where you live. It is generally more expensive to live in a bigger city like Stuttgart, where the University of Hohenheim is located. As a rule of thumb, 800 to 900 EUR per month should be enough. The largest monthly expense is usually for rent – accounting for a third of the total cost of living for most students. These costs can be cut substantially by sharing a flat or living in a dorm. A typical example for monthly expenses could look like this: - Rent: 350 to 400 EUR - Health insurance: approx. 85 EUR - Semester travel card: approx. 200 EUR - Study materials: 100 EUR - Food and drink: 100 to 150 EUR - Leisure and hobbies: 50 to 100 EUR

Funding opportunities within the university

No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Applicants are required to have a **above-average Bachelor of Science (BSc) or equivalent degree in agriculture, economics, or a related discipline**, following at least three years of university studies or German FH studies. Apart from grades and educational achievements, **professional experience, motivation, and other relevant activities** will be considered. Students are expected to have a **basic understanding of micro- and macroeconomics, a solid background in mathematics and statistics, and should be computer-literate**.

To facilitate the self-evaluation of applicants, the university has introduced a **online pre-test for all applicants for the AgEcon programme**. It is compulsory to complete the test before the application deadline, but the test results will not influence the chances of admission.

Language requirements

- **IELTS** (academic exam) with an overall band score of at least 6.5
- **TOEFL**
  - 577 Points in the paper-based test or
  - 233 Points in the computer-based test or
  - 90 Points in the internet-based test
- **Cambridge EFL Certificate of Advanced English**
- **Cambridge Business English Certificate BEC Higher**
- **London Chamber of Commerce Level 3**
- **TELC B2 (at least “good”)**
- **Trinity Certificate / ISE III**
- **UNICert II (at least “good”)**
- **German university entrance qualification (HZB) if at least four semesters of English were taken in the higher level (Oberstufe) (average mark of at least 8 points, excluding a separate Abitur examination)**
- **Native language English** Citizens of the following countries may simply upload their passport as a proof of their English proficiency: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United States of America, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, South American Belize or Guyana
- **Proof of successful completion of a Bachelor’s or a Master’s degree programme taught in English in one of the countries listed above or in an EU member state**

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## Services

### Possibility of finding part-time employment

Hohenheim offers enrolled students assistant jobs on campus. Students are responsible for managing working hours and these hours should not conflict with their studies. Working off campus is also possible according to the Aliens Act. However, please be aware that without good knowledge of German, jobs are quite difficult to find.

### Accommodation

#### Student residences on campus

At the University of Hohenheim, several student residence halls are located on campus. They are managed by Student Services Tübingen-Hohenheim. There is a high demand for these rooms, which is why usually only a small number of applications will be successful.

#### First year on campus

International (non-EU) students have a much more difficult time than Germans in finding private accommodation at the start of their studies, searching from their home countries. Therefore, the university provides a quota of rooms for international students. **This enables almost all new international students to have a room in a residence hall.** To be able to offer this special assistance at the start of studies, the rental duration for these rooms is limited to one year.

After this period, the **house-hunting assistance** offers support in finding a room on the private market.

### Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
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