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Preparatory course



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Overview

Teaching language

- German

Date(s)

- April - September 2025 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 January 2025)
- October 2025 - March 2026 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 June 2025)

Additional information on dates and mode of study

For detailed information concerning the course dates, please contact us directly at Foundation-Team@HTW-Berlin.de.

Description/content

Are you planning to study in Germany?

The HTW Foundation's **Pre-DSH Programme** is aimed at prospective students with a university entrance qualification who are not yet enrolled at a German university and offers them:

- German language courses from level B2.2 to C1+ with training in academic German
- Intense preparation for the German Language Examination for University Entrance (DSH exam) and participation in the official DSH exam at HTW Berlin
- A broad spectrum of workshops to improve general study skills (e.g. presentation skills, intercultural training, learning strategies)
- Interesting laboratory visits and campus tours to different departments
- Exciting cultural activities in Berlin and revealing social on-campus activities
- Supportive step-by-step counselling on applying for a degree programme in Germany

The programme consists of 24 classroom hours (45 minutes per classroom hour) per week.

You will also obtain an invitation letter in order to apply for a visa.

Course Details

Course components

- Language course
- General preparation for studies
- Preparation for academic working methods
- Intercultural training
- Excursions
- Preparation for entrance examinations

Further information on the language course / language courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily sessions with experienced and mother tongue teachers in HTW classrooms at original campuses of HTW • Intensive training of academic German, reading and listening comprehension, text production, and oral communication • Direct preparation for DSH examination with long-term focus on format, content, and strategies how to succeed • Special focus on study-related topics and competences • Hand-picked teaching and learning material and modern teaching methods
Recognised language exams offered (e.g. DSH, TestDaF, TOEFL)	Yes
Average number of hours per week	24
Do course participants have student status?	No
Does this course involve taking the university entrance examination or does the course specifically prepare students for this examination?	No
Preparation for degree programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree • Master's degree
Preparation for subject groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering • Law, Economics and Social Sciences • Mathematics, Natural Sciences • Art, Art Theory
Further information on subsequent admission to degree programmes/guaranteed admission	HTW Berlin University of Applied Sciences offers study programmes in five different departments, spanning a range of fields from engineering, computer science, and economics to culture and design. For further information regarding the application process for a degree programme at HTW Berlin, please visit the HTW website regarding application procedures or contact us at Foundation-Team@HTW-Berlin.de . We will support you during the application process.
Average number of participants per group/course	20

Costs / Requirements / Registration

Costs	2,580 EUR
This price includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course fees • Course fees for language course

Academic admission requirements

The programme is geared towards international applicants who are planning on studying in a German-taught Bachelor's or Master's degree in Germany but do not yet meet all language requirements. Applicants for the HTW Foundation Programme must prove:

- good knowledge of German language (B2)
- university entrance qualification recognised in Germany

Are you unsure whether you meet the requirements for the programme? Contact Foundation-Team@HTW-Berlin.de and we will provide you with guidance to help you navigate your path towards a German university.

Language requirements

A certification of German language skills at a B2 level is required for the application.

If you do not yet have the required German language skills, please contact Foundation-Team@HTW-Berlin.de so that we can provide you with information about alternative courses.

If you have C1 language skills, you can take part in an eight-week summer or winter school to prepare for the DSH. Please contact Foundation-Team@HTW-Berlin.de.

Do applicants require a higher education entrance qualification recognised in Germany?

Yes

Do applicants have to have already been admitted to a study programme at your university?

No

Submit application to

We look forward to receiving your [online application](#) for study preparation courses!

Should you have any questions about study preparation at HTW Berlin, please do not hesitate to contact us at Foundation-Team@HTW-Berlin.de.

Services

Is accommodation organised?

The organiser helps participants look for accommodation.

Accommodation

Once you are accepted into the programme, we will provide you with detailed information on finding accommodation in Berlin.

Meals

Meals (under 10 EUR) can be purchased at both campuses, Treskowallee and Wilhelminenhof.

Is a social and leisure programme offered?

Yes

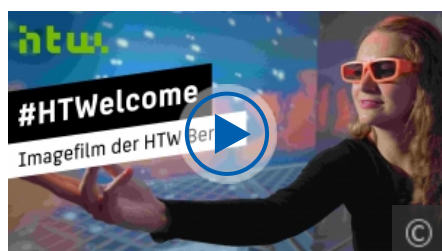
Description of social and leisure programme

The programme includes:

- excursions into Berlin's vibrant and versatile cultural life
- on-campus events (laboratory visits, campus tours)
- exciting cultural activities

- extra-curricular group events

Free internet access	Yes
Support in visa matters	No
Pick-up service from train station/airport	No



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Treskowallee campus

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As Berlin's biggest university of applied sciences, HTW Berlin provides more than 14,000 students with access to over 70 different Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes.

We are regularly recognised for the high quality of our programmes. In fact, we are **the first university in Berlin to receive the quality seal from the Accreditation Council**, so we are able to guarantee the quality standards of our study programmes. HTW Berlin graduates are repeatedly **ranked among the best by the personnel managers** of the largest German companies.

At HTW Berlin, we partner and collaborate with over 130 universities worldwide. Across our two campuses and via our virtual programmes, we host **more than 3,000 high-achieving international students**. HTW Berlin offers a welcoming and academically challenging environment for dedicated international students. We also provide excellent support structures for our international students and participants in study preparation programmes.

We offer study programmes in five different departments, spanning a range of fields, from engineering, computer science and economics to culture and design. Traditional applied sciences like mechanical engineering, automotive engineering and business administration go hand in hand with innovative studies such as information technology and networked systems, construction and real estate management, or renewable energy systems technology. Our programmes are **diverse, multidisciplinary and led by the pressing needs of organisations, corporations, non-profits, industries and society**.

HTW Berlin supports research and development projects as well as innovative education and cultural programmes. Areas of focus include the information society, energy-related issues, environmental problems, entrepreneurial start-ups, competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, social economics, and political issues such as European and national labour market policies or the effects of globalisation.

[Learn more about our degree programmes.](#)



University location

Berlin is a city of constant change. Nobody ever stands still and nothing ever stays the same. Turn your attention elsewhere for too long and the city will have evolved right under your feet.

The city was always cutting edge (Berlin is the birthplace of cabaret and techno as well as the one-time residence of Bauhaus, Bertolt Brecht, and David Bowie), but since 1989 and the fall of the Berlin Wall, Berlin has become the largest site of new development in Europe. Never before has such a large city had the opportunity to re-create itself. And Berlin is certainly taking on the task quite admirably. Whether it is the glamour and glitz of the Sony Centre on Potsdamer Platz, Daniel Libeskind's new Jewish Museum, the hip cafés in Prenzlauer Berg, or the refined elegance of the newly founded diplomatic quarter, the status quo is now very unfashionable in Berlin.

An extremely multicultural city of approximately 3.5 million people – with the cultural resources to match – there is nearly always something going on in Berlin. Whether you are into art museums, cinema, theatre, opera, discos, or the café scene, it is certain there will be something to your taste. Are you more of an outdoor person? Berlin is also one of the greenest cities in Europe – even within the city limits you will find a spot where you can get away from it all.

Berlin has the largest and most diverse student population in Germany. The 140,000 university students who call Berlin home give a great lift to the city's spirit. So, **join us and be part of it!**

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