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# Preparatory course



## Pre-Study@THM

Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen University of Applied Sciences •  
Gießen



## Overview

Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• German</li><li>• English</li></ul>
Date(s)	The course date is not fixed (participation is possible at any time)
Course duration	3 months - 6 months
Mode of study	Hybrid
Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme)	Yes, voluntary
Pace of course	Mixed (e.g. fixed exam dates and duration, study content can be studied at any time)
Additional information on dates and mode of study	<p>The mode of study is flexible for participants depending on their location and personal situation.</p> <p>Both modes, i.e. online as well as in-person lectures and workshops on campus, are possible and can be combined based on individual preferences. Online modules can be taken at one's own pace. Modules on campus are scheduled according to the semester and lecture dates.</p> <p>The official starting and ending dates of the programme depend on the semester timetables of the university.</p>
Description/content	<p><b>Participation in Pre-Study@THM programme includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• attending lectures as a guest student (in the fields of economics, engineering, computer science, and natural sciences)</li><li>• individual support and advice from student mentors</li><li>• learning materials and tips for studying at the THM (Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen)</li><li>• improving German language skills (workshops, advice, technical language in lectures)</li><li>• uni-assist application advice</li><li>• campus orientation</li><li>• information on financing your studies and scholarships</li><li>• information regarding the support offered by the university</li><li>• lectures, videos, and podcasts</li></ul> <p>The mentors offer individual advice and support to help participants choose individual modules from the course catalogue of the university. Additionally, the mentors provide comprehensive information about living in Giessen/Hesse and studying at THM.</p>

The programme is supplemented by a wide range of offers and lectures, which will make it easier for participants to start their studies.

Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to participate in our [International Buddy Programme](#) and the [International Get-Together](#).

#### Current information

You can find current information and changes regarding our programmes here: <https://www.thm.de/site/en/international/incoming-paths-to-the-thm/prepare-and-start.html>.

## Course Details

#### Course duration

3 months - 6 months

#### Course components

- Subject-specific preparation
- General preparation for studies
- Preparation for academic working methods
- Orientation "Living in Germany"
- Language course
- Intercultural training

#### Further information on the language course / language courses

The language courses are offered in cooperation with our partners (Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Volkshochschule Giessen).

Additionally, we offer technical language courses in preparation for studying at a university of applied sciences.

#### Recognised language exams offered (e.g. DSH, TestDaF, TOEFL)

Yes

#### Average number of hours per week

6

#### 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

- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree

#### Preparation for subject groups

- Engineering
- Law, Economics and Social Sciences
- Mathematics, Natural Sciences

<b>Further information on subsequent admission to degree programmes/guaranteed admission</b>	<p>Proof of a university entrance qualification is required to participate in the programme.</p> <p>There is no subsequent or guaranteed admission after participating in this programme. Applicants will be supported during the application process.</p>
<b>Average number of participants per group/course</b>	25

## Costs / Requirements / Registration

<b>Costs</b>	<p>The participation in the courses of the THM is free. There are no fees for participating in workshops and lectures offered by the International Office.</p> <p>Costs may incur for participation in language courses with our partners.</p> <p>Personal costs (living, housing, etc.) are not included.</p>
<b>This price includes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course fees</li> </ul>
<b>Language requirements</b>	German language level of B2 (in exceptional cases B1)
<b>Technical equipment and programmes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A stable Internet connection and at least a laptop or tablet are required to participate in the online offerings.</li> <li>• A smartphone is sufficient for in-person participation on campus.</li> </ul>
<b>Do applicants require a higher education entrance qualification recognised in Germany?</b>	Yes
<b>Do applicants have to have already been admitted to a study programme at your university?</b>	No
<b>Submit application to</b>	To register for our programme, please visit our website and fill out the online form: <a href="https://www.thm.de/site/international/incoming-wege-an-die-thm/prepare-und-start/anmeldung-pre-study-thm.html">https://www.thm.de/site/international/incoming-wege-an-die-thm/prepare-und-start/anmeldung-pre-study-thm.html</a> .

## Services

<b>Is accommodation organised?</b>	The organiser does not provide assistance.
<b>Is a social and leisure programme offered?</b>	Yes

Description of social and leisure programme

Participants of the Pre-Study@THM can register for our [International Buddy Programme](#) and the [International Get-Together](#).

Free internet access

Yes

Support in visa matters

Yes

Pick-up service from train station/airport

No

Supervisor-student ratio

1:30 for a supervisor, 1:10 for a student mentor



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**Ahmed Ossama**  
Student

"I participated in the Pre-Study Programme in the 2020 spring semester. I learned a lot about my desired degree programme, and my German language skills improved throughout the programme. I can definitely recommend the programme."  
(translated from German)



## Pre-Study THM – Study Orientation for Prospective International Students

Are you planning on studying at the THM, and are you still learning German?  
Then the Pre-Study THM programme is just right for you! Pre-Study THM provides you with the opportunity to attend lectures at THM prior to starting your studies and to receive comprehensive information about studying at THM. Contact us – we will be happy to advise you!  
[go.thm.de/pre-study](http://go.thm.de/pre-study)

» more:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0F0RLJsbxm4>

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THM Giessen campus

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The **Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen (THM)** is the one of the largest universities of applied sciences in Germany and the largest in the state of Hesse. It has its roots in the centre of Hesse and thus has particularly strong ties to partners in the region (e.g. companies, municipalities). With its 12 faculties and the Centre for Cooperative Degrees, THM offers **79 degree programmes** to over 15,000 students, of which 12% are internationals ([data from winter semester 2023/24](#)). The study programmes are tailored to meet the demands of various sectors and industries. The foundation for the high-quality degree programmes at the THM is laid by the unity of applied research and teaching, which is also characterised by close partnerships with a large number of external partners.



## University location

THM is located in the centre of Hesse and has **three campuses**:

### **Giessen Campus** (65 km north of Frankfurt)

- the largest THM campus
- approx. 9,500 students
- population of Giessen is 94,000, with the highest density of students in Germany

### **Friedberg Campus** (35 km north of Frankfurt)

- approx 4,300 students
- Friedberg population 30,000

### **Wetzlar Campus** (65 km north-west of Frankfurt)

- approx. 1,800 students
- location of StudiumPlus (THM's dual study programmes)
- Wetzlar population: 54,000

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.thm.de/site/en/international/incoming-paths-to-the-thm/prepare-and-start/pre-study-thm.html>

📘 <https://www.facebook.com/THM.internationaloffice/>

📷 <https://www.instagram.com/thm.internationaloffice/?hl=de>

📺 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAPw\\_m0Oxy0&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAPw_m0Oxy0&t=1s)

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