

Hochschule Darmstadt



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Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences

h_da: Facts & Figures

Hochschule Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences (h_da) is one of the largest universities of applied sciences in Germany with approx. **17,000 students**, **340 professors**, and **over 60 degree programs**.

The University of Applied Sciences in Darmstadt was **founded in 1971**, having roots in engineering, architectural, and design schools.

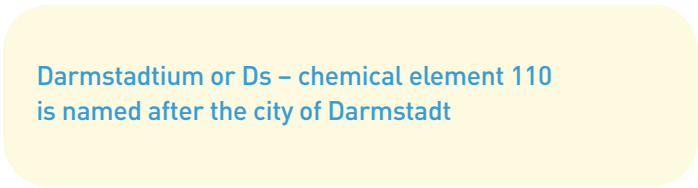
The university's range of study and research areas encompass **engineering**, **natural sciences**, **computer science**, business, **social sciences**, **architecture**, **media and design**.

As a university of applied sciences there is a strong focus on **scientific and applied teaching, research and learning**. h_da has an excellent reputation for its **practice-oriented approach to higher education**.

Darmstadt, **centrally located in the Rhein-Main region**, is a medium-sized city (**population 160.000**) with excellent transportation connections to Europe and beyond. Since 1997 the Darmstadt carries the title **"City of Science"** due to the number of universities and research centers in the city.



Did you know?



Darmstadtium or Ds – chemical element 110
is named after the city of Darmstadt

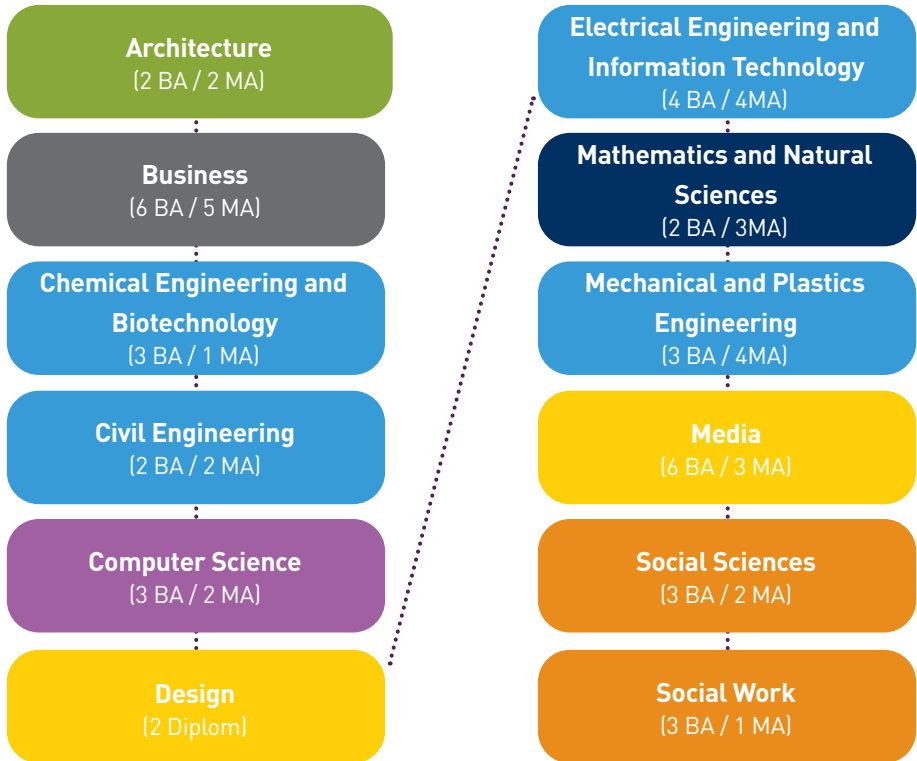
140 partner universities in Europe and overseas.

Our international family reaches from EU's northernmost large city Oulu in Finland, to vibrant Paraguay - from welcoming Dublin to tropical Surabaya, Indonesia.

We are actively participating in various exchange programmes such as Erasmus+ and are committed to student mobilities, staff exchange and welcome researchers from around the globe.



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h_da – a study abroad destination ...

Students first! is our motto. At h_da exchange students will find **a personal atmosphere, a dedicated support team** in the International Office and **student tutors in the departments** assigned to assist them. A variety of activities are offered making it easier to master daily life. All of this in a **safe, young, and multicultural** city where every fourth person you meet is a student.

We offer a month-long **pre-semester welcome and orientation programme**, including a **3-week German language course**. Additionally, **fun day trips and events** are organised by the International Office to show you the best of Darmstadt and its surroundings.

During the semester students attend **high quality courses and labs** with professors that have **professional industry experience** and are **experts in their field**.

Come and stay with us! either through a one or two semester exchange or for a double degree.

“My Erasmus+ experience brought me way more than I ever expected, I created an amazing family and it gave me infinite competences in the professional and personal levels. I highly recommend everyone to do it, it is an opportunity that will change your life”

Exchange student, winter semester 2017

Short-term Programmes

By attending one of our short-term programmes in the summer or winter, students will enhance their knowledge and expand their global network.

International Summer University



Our summer school takes place for **four weeks in July and August** and focuses on **energy efficient buildings, smart homes and renewable energies**. The academic module consists not only of lectures, but also interdisciplinary projects and company visits. In addition to attending the academic module and a **German language class**, we offer an **exciting social programme** (e.g. canoeing, hiking, BBQ, climbing park, excursions to the Rhine River Valley, Heidelberg, etc).

Winter University Programme



Start out the new year with new international friends! After **celebrating New Year's** in one of the largest cities in Germany, the Winter University Programme continues in Darmstadt for **three weeks** and offers courses in business and social science. The programme is complemented by a **German language course** and many **social activities**, such as ice skating, a German cooking night and excursions to nearby cities.

Housing



for Exchange Students

Accommodation in **student residences** is available via the h_da International Office or the Studierendennetzwerk Darmstadt on a first come first served basis. Rental costs may vary from **350 Euro to 580 Euro per month**.

Other accommodation options are **shared flats** (WG) or **small apartments**. However, finding accommodation on the private market can be time-consuming. For the summer term, start your flat search in January/February and for the winter term in May/June/July. Although we cannot arrange accommodation on the private market for students, we can provide them with links to the **online forums** most used by our local students.



for guest lecturers/visiting staff

The Welcome Center can help international visitors find and book **accommodation for short and long-term stays**. For short stays, the Welcome Center can reserve a hotel room or provide hotel recommendations. For visits over a week and up to a year, our guests can reserve one of our **nine studio or one-bedroom apartments at our International Guesthouse**. Prices depend on the length of your stay.

Life in Darmstadt

Darmstadt is a **lively and loveable** city that combines an appreciation of the **arts** with a passion for **science** and **innovation**. As a former residence of the Grand Duke of Hessen, Darmstadt offers an abundance of festivals, performances, and museums, which makes it **impossible to be bored**. After a long day people enjoy relaxing in one of the many parks or enjoy a traditional German 'Feierabend' with friends in the young and vibrant Martinsviertel. The city attracts **people from all over the world** with its three universities, several international companies, and research institutions e.g. European Space Agency, Fraunhofer Institutes, Helmholtzzentrum for Heavy Ion Research. Darmstadt's **international atmosphere, medium-size, green surroundings** make it a friendly, safe and relaxed city. The great outdoors are awaiting you just outside the city limits.

Ei Gude* – experience for yourself!

* Hessian for "Hello"

Darmstadt people from all over the world international atmosphere arts
green surroundings lively & loveable impossible to be bored medium-size

Do you speak hessian?

What do people in Darmstadt mean when they say....

Heiner a Darmstadt native

Äppelwoi (also Ebbelwoi) hessian apple wine

Stöffsche Äppelwoi

Bembel jug for apple wine

Geripptes typical glass for Äppelwoi

Krebbel German donut, typical for carnival season

babbeln to talk, to chat

Morsche Good Morning

Uffbasse! Attention!

Horschemal! Listen!

Bobbelsche cute baby

Zuggerschneggsche word for word: sugar snail

.... honey, darling (pet name for girlfriend)

Lebbe geht weider! Life goes on!

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