Ruprecht Karls University of Heidelberg

A Short Introduction

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The City of Heidelberg
Facts and Figures

- Founded around 500 AD
- Today: about 145,000 people
- Relatively small city — But: rich diversity of urban spaces → 14 districts distributed in 6 major sectors in the City
- Located in what Germans call the ‘Rhine-Neckar Delta’
- Reliably good weather (warmest German city in 2009)
- One of the most popular tourist destinations in Germany (historic old city, castle, River Neckar etc.)
Geographical Location

Beautifully located in Germany’s Southwest and in driving distance to:

• Frankfurt a.M. (Int. Airport) (1h)
• Mannheim (20 min)
• Karlsruhe (30 min)
• Freiburg (2h)
• Stuttgart (1h)
• Munich (3h)
• Paris (4h train ride)
• Berlin (6h)
Images and Impressions
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The University of Heidelberg
Campus

Campus Altstadt
Humanities and Social Sciences

Campus Neuenheimer Feld
Natural Sciences

Campus Bergheim
Political Sciences, Business School and Sociology
12 Departments/Faculties

1. Department of Theology
2. Department of Law
3. Medical School of Heidelberg
4. Medical School of Mannheim
5. Department of Philosophy
6. Department of Modern Languages
7. Department of Economics and Social Studies
8. Department of Behavioural and Cultural Studies
9. Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
10. Department of Chemistry and Earth Sciences
11. Department of Physics and Astronomy
12. Department of Bio Sciences
Students, Staff, Finances

Students (WS 10/11): 28,625
International Students (WS 10/11): 5,175 (18.1%)
PhD graduations (2010): 1,159
Habilitations (2010): 96

Total number of staff members (1.12.2010): 12,812
University, not including HD Med School: 7,553
Total number of Professors: 418
Total academic staff: 5,126

Total Subsidies and Funding (2010): 579.2 Mio. EUR
University, not including HD Med School: 302.1 Mio. EUR

Third-Party Funding (2010): 193.5 Mio. EUR
University, not including HD Med School: 96.0 Mio. EUR
International Rankings 2010

QS World University Ranking
ranked 1 in Germany
ranked 14 in Europe
ranked 51 globally

Times Higher Education Ranking
ranked 3 in Germany
ranked 18 in Europe
ranked 83 globally

Shanghai Ranking of World Universities
ranked 3 in Germany
ranked 16 in Europe
ranked 63 globally
Centre for Higher Education Development (CHE) Excellence Ranking 2010: In a Europe-wide comparison of the natural sciences focusing on biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics, Heidelberg’s departments belong to CHE’s “Excellence Group.”

CHE Research Ranking 2009: Heidelberg University is the only institute of higher education in Germany to be ranked in the so called “Spitzengruppe” (“Peak Performers”) within the natural sciences and medical disciplines.
Campus Bergheim

Uniplatz and ‘Alte Aula’
University Main Library

English Department
Uniplatz and ‘Neue Aula’ (Main Lecture Hall Building for the Humanities)
Historic Old City and ‘Neuenheimer Feld’
Alte Aula (Old University Hall)
University Library

The Best in Germany

2010: First place in the renowned Bertelsmann Foundation BIX Library Rankings

Textbooks from American Studies to Zoology, with everything in between, including law and medicine

The library protects and maintains centuries-old manuscripts, including the most valuable manuscript in Germany, the Codex Manesse
University Library

Facts and Figures

2,000,000 Visitors per year

1,800,000 Loans per year

157 Members of staff

3,200,000 Books

53,000 E-Journals

2,000 Databases
Research
From an „Universitas“ to the ‘Comprehensive University of the Future’

Oldest German university (founded 1386)

10 Nobel Prize-winning professors have taught or conducted their research at Heidelberg University

55 Nobel Prize winners’ names are associated with either Heidelberg University or the city of Heidelberg

**Today**: one of the 9 German “Elite Universities” (‘German Universities Excellence Initiative’)

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Excellence Initiative – 1st Phase

Institutional Strategy: ‘Realizing the Potential of a Comprehensive University’

Clusters of Excellence

• Cellular Networks
• Asia and Europe in a Global Context

Graduate Schools

• Heidelberg Graduate School of Fundamental Physics
• Hartmut Hoffmann-Berling International Graduate School of Molecular and Cellular Biology
• Heidelberg Graduate School of Mathematical and Computational Methods for the Sciences
Heidelberg – Comprehensive University of the Future

Humanities
Natural Sciences
Medicine
Social Sciences
Facts and Figures

Research

16 Collaborative Research Centres (German Research Foundation – DFG)
9 Research Training Groups (DFG)
19 Cooperation Agreements with Non-University Research Institutions
13 Projects in Cooperation with the Academy of Sciences
13 ERC Grants
  8 Starting Grants
  5 Advanced Grants
Bachelor’s and Master’s Programmes

62 Bachelor of Arts programs
45 dual-subject bachelor’s programs
17 single-subject bachelor’s programs

72 Master of Arts programs
53 consecutive master’s programs
19 non-consecutive/continuing education master’s programs

29 Teaching/Education programs

5 Staatsexamen (State Examination)
As an Exchange Student
(with a Literary Studies background)
Student Life in Heidelberg

→ Active, international atmosphere

→ Every fifth resident of Heidelberg is a student

→ Extraordinary support through Heidelberg Student Services (Cafeterias, Housing, BAföG, etc.)

→ Free Language Courses at the University after arrival (March/Sept.) on all levels of proficiency
Department for German Languages and Literatures

Modern and Contemporary German Literatures
Linguistics
Old/Medieval German Languages/Literature
Editorial Sciences

→ http://www.gs.uni-hd.de/
Department for German as a Foreign Language
(Institut für Deutsch als Fremdsprachenphilologie)

Linguistics
Literature
Cultural Studies
Applied Linguistics
Communication/Media Studies

→ http://www.idf.uni-heidelberg.de/
Heidelberg Center for American Studies

- International Research/Study Institute
- (Public/Private Partnership)
- Affiliated with 6 University Faculties
- B.A., M.A., PhD in:
  • American Literature
  • Geography
  • History
  • Musicology
  • Philosophy
  • Political Sciences
  • Law
  • Theology
  • Sociology
  • Economics

http://www.hca.uni-heidelberg.de/index_en.html
Zeughaus Cafeteria at the Marstall

The Cafeteria of the Year 2011

In a nation-wide student survey, the Zeughaus Cafeteria at the Marstall ranked first in the categories ‘taste’, ‘service’ and ‘food diversity’.

2,100 dishes daily

The cafeteria is also a bar, a club and an event location hosting large numbers of special events.
Extra-Curricular Activities

→ Sports (Cycling, Hiking, Rowing etc.)

→ Literature and Culture (D.A.I., Public Lecture Series, Theatre in HD, Mannheim, or Stuttgart)

→ Music (Classical and Jazz)

→ Beer Gardening/Restaurants

→ Reasonably Prized Excursions (e.g. Maulbronn, Freiburg, Tübingen, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Munich, Strasbourg, Paris Berlin/Dresden, Weimar, …)
Questions?

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Thank You for Your Attention !!