



TECHNISCHE FACHHOCHSCHULE BERLIN

University of Applied Sciences

The TFH and Berlin

The Technische Fachhochschule Berlin (TFH Berlin) has about 10.000 students and has a history which dates back to the early eighteen hundreds. The TFH campus is located right in the heart of Berlin, in the Mitte district, and easy to reach by an extensive system of subways, busses and city trains.



The city of Berlin has nearly 3,5 million inhabitants and is the biggest city and capital of united Germany. It is the second largest city in the European Union, next to London. Apart from being the seat of the German government, Berlin is the biggest university town in Germany and the cultural center of a new, united Europe.

Academic Calendar

In Germany an academic year consists of two semesters, a so called winter semester and a summer semester.

If you choose to study at the TFH Berlin during the winter semester, you will start in the first week of September, the semester will end Mid-February.

The summer semester starts during the first week of March and ends Mid-July.

The exams take place during the last three weeks of each semester.

Winter semester	September - February
Summer semester	March - July

Studying at the TFH

We offer our exchange students courses in eight departments, **all courses are in German**. Next to our regular courses in German, we offer you an extensive program to learn German, including a two week intensive course.

Below is a list of the departments and courses offered at the TFH. Descriptions and syllabi are in German and available online.



www.tfh-berlin.de/ausland

Department I Economic and Social Sciences <i>(N/A for GE4)</i>
Business Administration and Engineering/Mechanical Engineering BA
Business Administration and Engineering/Civil Engineering BA
Department II Mathematics-Physics-Chemistry
Pharmaceutical and Chemical Engineering BA
Applied Physics and Medical Engineering BA
Department III Civil Engineering and Geoinformation
Civil Engineering BA
Cartography BA
Surveying BA
Geoinformation BA
Department IV Architecture and Building Services Engineering
Architecture BA
Civil Engineering and Energy Technology BA
Department V Life Sciences and Technology
Packaging Technology BA
Food Technology BA
Biotechnology BA
Landscape Architecture BA
Department VI Computer Science and Media
Technical Computer Science BA
Printing and Media Technology BA
Media Computer Science BA
Department VII Electrical and Precision Engineering
Communication Technology and Electronics BA
Mechatronics BA
Electronical Engineering BA
Optometry BA

Department VIII Mechanical Engineering, Process and Environmental Technology
Theater Technology BA
Event Technology and Management BA
Process Engineering BA
Construction BA
Production BA
Re-usable Energies BA

International Recognition of Study Results

Like many other European universities, TFH Berlin works with the European credit system (ECTS), every course has a set amount of credits. The usual amount of credits per semester is 30 ECTS. When you have finished your studies at the TFH Berlin you will receive a certificate stating your grades and the amount of credits you have earned.

In order to get the credits for a course, the minimum grade is a 4. The TFH Berlin uses the following grading system:

Passed										Failed
1,0	1,3	1,7	2,0	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,3	3,7	4,0	5,0
excellent	good			satisfactory			sufficient		failed	

Living in Berlin

If you are an EU national you won't need a visa or residence permit. Students from outside the European Union might need a study visa. We advise you to contact your nearest German embassy or consulate for more information.

As a registered TFH Berlin student you will be able to open a German bank account, free of charge. This means you will be able to pay your rent via the bank, and pay for your groceries with your German bankcard.

Most Students choose to live in one of the student dormitories which are run by the nationally operating, public institution Studentenwerk. Our International Office can reserve a room for you upon application, and send you the necessary forms.



The TFH Berlin sports centre offers a wide range of sports, you can also use the sporting facilities at the other universities in Berlin. Whatever sport you're looking for,

Berlin has it! The prices range from as little as 10 euros for courses like aerobics to as much as 90 euros per semester for windsurfing.

You can get a hot meal at the TFH student restaurant, which is also run by Studentenwerk, every weekday. Prices are student friendly. The daily menus appear online weekly. There are 3 price categories, and as a student you always pay the lowest price. You can get a complete meal with a drink for about 3 euros.

<http://www.studentenwerk-berlin.de/mensen/speiseplan/tfh/index.html>

Cost of Living and Studying

TFH doesn't charge any tuition. We are only required to ask you for a fee of about 90 euros per semester for your public transportation card and your contribution to the student organizations Studentenwerk and AStA.

The rent for a room in a student dormitory varies from 150 to 250 euros. An internet connection will cost you about 10 euros per month extra.

Once registered at the TFH Berlin you'll receive a public transportation card which enables you to use all public transportation in Berlin during the weekend without buying extra tickets. An additional fee of 25 euros per month is required if you want to use your card during the week as well.

If you have an EU health insurance card or if you have good private insurance you won't need extra health insurance. Another option is to get German health insurance which would cost about 50 euros per month.

Estimated Monthly Costs

Accommodation	€ 150 - 250
Food	€ 200 - 300
Books and study materials	€ 50
Public Transportation	€ 25
Phone / postage	€ 20 – 30
Other	€ 50 – 150
Monthly estimate	€ 495 - 805

Learning German

All students are invited to join the free Intensive German course. This course will take place right before the start of the semester for two weeks, every weekday, to get you fully prepped for your study which will be in German. On the first day of the course you will be tested, the next day you will be placed either in a beginners group or one for students with more advanced skills. Subsequently, you can take part in the extended German program during the semester, between 4 and 8 hours per week. This course is free as well.

If you feel you need extra German training during the semester, there are plenty other training possibilities in Berlin, our International Office can advise you about the different German courses available.

Getting to know the German Culture

You are welcome to join our Cultural Training, which takes place every semester and features an event every week. You will get to know the German culture by visiting places ranging from the German parliament to a typical German Biergarten and taking part in activities like barbecuing in one of Berlin's many city parks, visiting museums or a boat tour on the Spree river.



If you choose to live in a student dormitory you will actually live among German students, you will have the opportunity to make German friends and to experience the true German student life.

How to Apply

Please contact the international officer at your university or the TFH Berlin International Office.

Contact the International Office

The easiest way to contact the TFH International Office is to send us an e-mail.

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