

B.A. & M.A.
WELCOME READER
2022-2023

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PROF. DR. WELF WERNER

HCA Director

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA). The HCA, founded in May 2004, is an interdisciplinary institute for advanced study, which draws on the expertise of eight academic disciplines.

The HCA fulfills three functions: It serves as a center for higher education, a center for interdisciplinary research, and a forum for public debate. The HCA's activities focus on the study of the United States and transatlantic relations. Yet, it also allows for a wider spectrum of themes and activities relating to America's place in a globalized world.

Our B.A. and M.A. programs (BAS & MAS) are designed to impart knowledge about U.S. culture, history, and society, specifically also about political and economic processes and dynamics. They offer an unparalleled experience as they welcome students not only from Germany and the Rhine Neckar region but from around the world to study in a challenging and stimulating academic environment.

This handbook will provide you with basic information on the program, the faculty, and teaching as well as life in Heidelberg.

We look forward to working with you and getting off to a strong start!

Welf Werner

THE HEIDELBERG CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES (HCA)

1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

In early 2002, a group of Heidelberg scholars and administrators founded the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA). As a leading institute for American Studies in Europe, the HCA is an interdisciplinary institute for research, a forum for public debate, and a center for higher education.

The Master of Arts in American Studies (MAS) program is directed at qualified graduate students from around the world. Applicants are expected to bring to the program a notable academic record and demonstrable social commitment. MAS participants benefit both from excellent academic teaching by internationally renowned scholars and from an interdisciplinary approach which prepares students to excel in their future academic and professional careers in an increasingly transatlantic and global environment.

In 2010, the HCA also introduced a Bachelor in American Studies program in cooperation with the English Department, the Department of Geography, the History Department, the Institute for Political Science (IPW), the Law Faculty, and the Faculty of Theology (WissenschaftlichTheologisches Seminar, WTS).

As a research institute, the HCA facilitates interdisciplinary and international research cooperation. In addition to various other conferences, the HCA Spring Academy has established itself as one of the highlights in the HCA's academic calendar. It will be held for the thirteenth time in the spring of 2016. Twenty outstanding Ph.D. students from universities around the globe present their projects in the fields of American history, politics, law, economics, sociology, geography, religious studies, literature, and cultural studies.

As a forum, the HCA presents issues of contemporary interest to a wider audience with activities such as the Baden-Württemberg Seminar which brings high-profile experts and political leaders to the region.

1.2 WHERE CAN I FIND THE HCA?



**3rd and 4th
Floor:**
Teacher Offices

**The
Administration
office**

Entrance:
Usually open 9am to 6:30pm.

Address:
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1.3 THE MOST IMPORTANT HCA ROOMS

The Oculus



The Stucco

The Atrium (Main Auditorium)



1.4 ORGANIZATION OF THE HCA

The six disciplines constitute the HCA's institutional framework. They are American literature and culture, geography, history, law, political science, and religious studies.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The HCA Board of Directors consists of one representative from each of the six participating university faculties comprising cooperating disciplines.

The Board of Directors consists of the following members:

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Welf Werner, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

Prof. Dr. Manfred Berg, Faculty of Philosophy

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Gerhard, Deputy Director of Chemistry and Earth Sciences

Prof. Dr. Bernd Grzeszick, Faculty of Law

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Harnisch, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

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Prof. Dr. Jan Stieverman (Deputy Director), Faculty of Theology

Dr. Wilfried Mausbach, Executive Director

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Christina Larenz, Administration

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1.5 ACADEMIC ADVISORS (STUDIENBERATER)

Your Academic Advisors help you through the (sometimes confusing) university jungle. They are there for your concerns and questions, such as how certain ECTS can be accounted for your studies. There are officehours, which can be arranged to talk about your questions in more detail. Yet you can always E-mail them first, sometimes small questions can be answered quickly by E-mail. You can find them in the room next to the administration or in their individual offices.

BACHELORS

Prof. Dr. Wilfried Mausbach

Dr. Mausbach has served as the HCA's Executive Director since 2005. As such, he was instrumental both in conceptualizing the center's B.A. program and in transforming its M.A. from a non-consecutive, tuition-centered program into a consecutive program, for which the state of Baden-Württemberg charges tuition only from non-EU students. Since 2022, he also doubles as an academic advisor for the BAS program. Dr. Mausbach holds an M.A. as well as a Ph.D. in Modern History from the University of Cologne. From 1995 to 2000 he was a research fellow at the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. He has taught in Berlin at the Free University's John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies and has been a Volkswagen Foundation Fellow at Heidelberg University, a Marshall-Monnet Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a visiting fellow at Carleton University in Ottawa. He is the coordinator of the BAS-Program at the HCA.

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Find his current Office hours at the HCA Website!

MASTER

PD Dr. Philipp Löffler

PD Dr. Philipp Löffler teaches American literary and cultural history (Revolution to Present). He holds M.A.s in American Studies, German and Comparative Literature, as well as Rhetorics from the Universities of Tübingen and Washington University, Saint Louis. He was a visiting Professor at The University of Washington, in Seattle, at Goethe University, Frankfurt and Free University, Berlin. Professor Löffler's current work focuses on the history and sociology of reading, literary patronage, the professionalization of authorship, and the history of US higher education. He has (co)-edited a number of books, most recently *The Handbook of American Romanticism* (2021), *How to Read the Literary Market* (2021), and *Reading The Canon* (2017). His first monograph is *Pluralist Desires: Contemporary Historical Fiction and the End of the Cold War* (Camden House). His next book will be a cultural history of US literary professionalism in the nineteenth century, tentatively titled *Publishing Scoundrels: American Literature and the Professionalization of Authorship, 1790-1915*. He is the coordinator of the MAS-Program at the HCA.

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Professor Berg will teach the lecture course on American history "*The Making of Modern America: The United States from the End of Reconstruction to the Second World War*" as well as a Seminar „*Die USA und der Erste Weltkrieg*“ during the winter semester.



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Professor Gerhard will teach the lecture course on North American geography "*North American City*" during the winter semester as well as an interdisciplinary seminar on "*The Urban Home as a Cultural, Political and Literary Space*". She is also part of the „Grundlagenkurs“. Furthermore, she will host the lecture series on "*Migration and the Americas*" together with the HCIAS (Heidelberg Center for Ibero-America) which started in summer 2022 and will continue in the winter term 2022-23.



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Dr. Mausbach will teach a Proseminar on „*The American Revolution, 1763-1791*“ this winter semester. He will chair the *Interdisciplinary MAS Colloquium* during the winter and summer semester and is also part of the B.A. „*Grundlagenkurs*“ as well as the MAS „*Theory and Methods*“ class.



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Prof. Stievermann will offer a survey lecture on the "*History of Christianity in the US, 1800-1900*" and a seminar on "*Race and Religion in American History*" in the winter semester.



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Dr. Thunert will teach the B.A. lecture course on political science "*Regierungssystem der USA: Government, Politics, and Policymaking in the United States*" as well as a Seminar „*North American Philanthropic Foundations: Origins, History, Activities*“ during the winter semester. He is also part of the B.A. „*Grundlagenkurs*“ as well as the MAS „*Theory and Methods*“ class.



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Anja Schüler studied history, American Studies and journalism at the University of Münster, the University of Georgia in Athens, and the Free University Berlin. She conducted post graduate work at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and in Washington, D.C., and received her Ph.D. from the Free University of Berlin. She is the author of *Frauenbewegung und soziale Reform: Jane Addams und Alice Salomon im transatlantischen Dialog, 1889-1933* (2004), the co-editor of *Social Justice Feminists in the United States and Germany: A Dialogue in Documents, 1885-1933* (1997), *Politische Netzwerkerinnen: Internationale Zusammenarbeit von Frauen 1830-1960* (2007), and *Forging Bonds Across Borders: transatlantic Collaborations for Women's Rights and Social Justice in the Long Nineteenth Century* (2017). Her research interests include German and American social history, gender history, and transatlantic history. She has taught at the Free University Berlin, Humboldt University, and the University of Education in Heidelberg. She started teaching at the HCA in 2006. Since 2009, she has also been coordinating HCA events, including the Baden-Württemberg Seminar, and is responsible for public relations. Since April 2020, she has been hosting the HCA Podcast "Corona in den USA," renamed "Quo Vadis USA?" in 2021.

Dr. Schüler will teach the the grammar course „*Sprachpraktische Übung*“ as well as a course on „*Academic Writing*“ for both M.A. and B.A during the winter semester.



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Jonas Faust received his B.A. and M.A. in English Studies with a focus on American Literature from the University of Heidelberg. He has been pursuing his PhD on the Poetry of Allen Ginsberg since December 2020 and holds a scholarship from the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes. Since November 2021 he has been working at the Heidelberg Center of American Studies as an assistant of the BAS and MAS administration. From October 2022 he will also be part of the Executive Committee of the Doktorandenkonvent (student body of graduate students).

He will be teaching an introductory course on the „*Literature of the Beat Generation*“ and „*Methodology*“ during the winter semester.



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She co-teaches seminars on US Economic Policy and North-American Philanthropy and Foundations.

Natalie is co-founder and contributor of the [HCA Graduate Blog](#).

Dr. Rauscher will teach the seminar *“Current Challenges and Controversies in U.S. Economic Policies”* and *“North American Philanthropic Foundations: Origins, History, Activities”* during the winter semester.



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Mr. Hoselton will teach a Proseminar *“Introduction to American Religious History”* as well as an Übung *„History of the Protestant Missions“* during the winter semester. He is also part of the B.A. *„Grundlagenkurs“*.



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He is the coordinator of the MAS-Program at the HCA.

PD. Dr. Löffler will teach a proseminar on *"Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory"*, as well as the lecture *"American Literary History III: 1945 – Present"* during the semester.



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BIOGRAPHY

Daniel Sommer won numerous tournaments for the Heidelberg Debating Club and was, among other things, German runner-up in university debating in 2008 and best individual speaker at the German-speaking debating championship (DDM) in 2005. As chief juror, he was responsible for the DDM in 2007 and 2009, among other things. In 2007, together with other debaters, he set a world record in lengthy debates (40 hours), which was only broken in 2011. After 10 years as a freelance communications consultant, he has been working for the Heidelberg Kehrler Verlag for art and photography since 2013, where he is now working as Managing Editor.

Daniel Sommer will teach a course on “*Presentation skills*” during the winter semester, as well as the „*Debating Club*“ during the summer term.

1.7 THE FACHSCHAFT (STUDENT COUNCIL)



We are the American Studies Fachschaft!

As the student council, we organize events such as the annual Summer BBQ and the Christmas Party as well as the Alumni “Berufsbrücke,” an event where HCA graduates talk about their career paths. Moreover, every winter semester we welcome the new students in the HCA’s B.A. and M.A. programs with a fun program during our “Ersti-Days“. We also organize small Fachschafts get-togethers once in awhile for Fachschaftsmembers.

We also make software like “Grammarly“ available to make your work more efficient and give you a head start into academics.

We are always excited to welcome new members to our group!

Join us in our by-weekly meetings: The first one will be on Tuesday, October 25th, 1 p.m in the HCA Stucco.



Your Current Student Council Presidents:

Patrick Schollmeier & Maxine Wildenstein

If you have any questions and concerns regarding Uni life or the HCA contact us at:

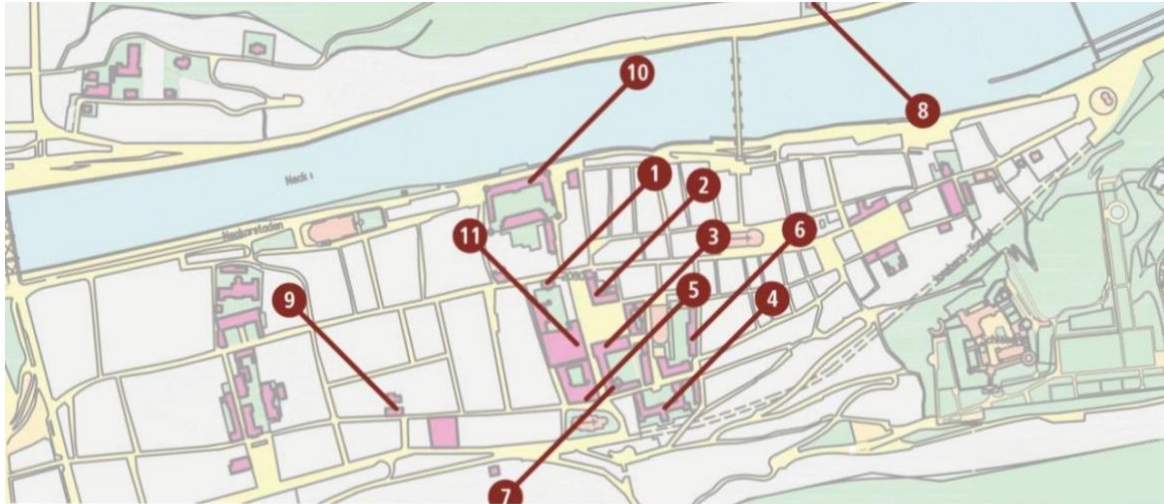
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THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

2.0 THE ALTSTADT MAP



- 1 HCA
- 2 Alte Universität
- 3 Neue Universität
- 4 Central Administration (ZUV)
- 5 University Library
- 6 English Department
- 7 History Department
- 8 Max Weber Haus
- 9 Central Language Lab (Sprachlabor)
- 10 Marstall / Zeughaus
- 11 Triplex Student Dining Hall

2.1 OTHER RELEVANT INSTITUTES

University Campuses:

1. Altstadt Campus (Historic city center Campus)
2. Neuenheimer Feld (INF)
3. Campus Bergheim
4. CATS

Relevant lecture halls on our campus :

1. **The „Neue Uni“**
White lecture building on the University square, most lectures are held there.
2. **The „Heuscheuer“**
Lecture hall next to the Marstallplatz Busstop.

Relevant Departments for American Studies besides the HCA:

You often have to go here to do classes in the different fields, especially for seminars and later for your specialization.

1. History Department

The History Seminar has a nice library. There, you will find the "Schurman Library", where most of the (historical) American literature for your term papers can be found.

Address: Grabengasse 3-5, 69117 Heidelberg

2. English Department

This department also has a good library to study in, you will find most books on English literature there. Otherwise most of your classes on American literature will be held in their rooms.

Address: Kettengasse 12, 69117 Heidelberg

3. Theology Department

Theology is also on the Altstadt Campus. Even though most classes on American religion are held in the HCA, sometimes you can attend one in the Theology Department. They also have a library where you find interesting reading and research material.

Address: Kisselgasse 1, 69117 Heidelberg

4. Political Science Institute

Political Science has their classes all over the Altstadt Campus, but their main building is on Campus Bergheim. Usually their Seminars are held there.

Address: Bergheimer Str. 58, 69115 Heidelberg

5. Geography Institute

The only Seminar that you won't find on the Altstadt side of the river. It is part of the Neuenheimer Feld.

Address: Im Neuenheimer Feld 348, 69120 Heidelberg

2.2 THE CAFETERIAS (IN THE ALTSTADT)

There are Cafeterias on every Campus. Yet we have the two best ones... of course not just because they are on our campus ;-)

The „Marstall-Mensa & Marstall Café“

Awarded as the best cafeteria in Germany in 2014, the Marstall is a delicious place to eat, whether at lunchtime or in the evening. There is a changing buffet (with vegan/vegetarian options) that is open from 11am to 9pm. Otherwise you can also drink very good hot drinks, eat cake or get a cold beer in the small "coffee/bar" area. It is particularly nice here in the summer, as there is a great outdoor area. The Studierendenwerk often also offers events such as Sunday brunch, jam sessions and movie nights there.

Tip: Try the world-famous couscous salad

Prices with Student-ID: 0,90€ / 100g

- The prices in the Zeughaus are calculated by weight (same as with all free-flow-buffets).
- Can be charged with cash at the cash desks just before you pay for your meal or at machines in the entree of the cafeteria (cash & EC-card from €20)

Where ?

Go down the street next to the Sparkasse.

Marstallhof 3, 69117 Heidelberg (see map tag 10)

The „Triplex-Mensa“

The Triplex dining hall provides all types of meal options: a free-flow-buffet at counter A; the economical dish of the day, including an appetizer and dessert, at counter C, the traditional mix-and-match menu at counter B. In addition, the Triplex-Mensa building hosts one of the central information points for students, the Studentenbücherei (student library). The eat & meet cafeteria is also located in it, there you can find the lunch offers, ranging from regional specialties or fries to exotic Asian dishes, always freshly prepared at the front-cooking-station; every day, there are a number of different meals to choose from. Apart from that, the eat & meet has a large selection of smaller snacks as well as many different hot and cold drinks.

Opening hours:

Cafeteria: Mon - Fri 11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

eat and meet: Mon - Thu 8.00 a.m. - 3.00 pm, Fri 8.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Where ?

On the right of the University Square.

Universitätsplatz 14, 69117 Heidelberg (see map tag 11)

2.3 LIBRARIES

Department and Institute Libraries

In most cases, the libraries of the departments and institutes are reference libraries and restrict what can be checked out. The inventory of these libraries is also listed by the library catalog system (Heidi). The english and history department both have great libraries, check them out.

PLEASE NOTE that most libraries have different opening hours during the semester breaks.

University Library

The biggest and most beautiful Library on campus. Great place to study or to pick up literature for your research.

Address: Plöck 107-109, 69117 Heidelberg

Opening hours: 8:30 am-1.00am

Studentenbücherei (Student Library)

The "Studentenbücherei" has an inventory of ca. 38.000 works, chiefly in areas associated with fiction, art, and travel literature. Books can be borrowed for a period of up to four weeks. You can find it on the ground floor in the Triplex Cafeteria.

Address:

Triplex Mensa am Universitätsplatz 14, 69117 Heidelberg

<http://www.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/allg/bibverz/fakult/zentral.html>

Opening Hours: Mon - Thu 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Heidelberg Public library (Stadtbücherei)

The Heidelberg Public Library offers its visitors a wide selection of literary works such as fiction or reference books. You can find more here: <https://www.heidelberg.de/stadtbuecherei/startseite.html>

Library of the German-American Institute Heidelberg (DAI)

The German-American Institute (DAI) is a cultural institution that not only offers diverse cultural events for the public but a number of other services, such as language courses and intercultural training courses as well as counselling. The DAI library houses over 17,000 English books, movies, and documentaries as well as 100 current U.S. magazines and periodicals and a vast array of daily newspapers. It also provides material especially concerning American literature and the humanities.

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Opening hours: Mon & Tue 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Wed 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Thu & Fri 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

2.4 ALTERNATIVE PLACES TO STUDY

As student you have to find your own method and places where you can study best, yet here are some recommendations for you besides the libraries:

The „HCA-Triplex Courtyard“

The newly opened Courtyard right in between of the HCA and the Triplex Mensa is a perfect place to read your books, lounge in chairs or charge your Laptops while you work on your next termpaper.

The „Anglistische Garten“

During Summer the garden of the English department is a great alternative to stuffy indoor libraries. There you can find seats and charging stations to work outside. But be fast – it is highly sought after.

The „Marstallcafe“

If you like a coffeeshop atmosphere with affordable drinks, the Marstallcafe is for you! You can have great study dates there or just enjoy a coffee and snacks while writing your paper. It is right next to the Zeughaus (Marstall Cafeteria). See cafeterias for opening hours.

The „Reference Library“

The HCA reference library is a room where you can study, work in a small group and look for some US related literature. Great for a quick study session between classes.

The „Common Room“

A cozy room with sofas is the common room in the English department. A great spot to read your weekly literature for your seminars.

LIFE IN HEIDELBERG

3.1 STUDENT Q&A

WHERE CAN I

... print and copy something?

You can print and copy in the University Library, the University Computing Lab and various copy shops like the copy corner. Copies in the libraries cost 0.04 EUR each and have to be paid for with your student ID card.

... turn to to talk about my mental health?

- **Psychosoziale Beratung für Studierende (PBS) des Studierendenwerks Heidelberg**

The Psychotherapeutic Counseling service of the Studentenwerk Heidelberg is open to all students enrolled at the University and at the University of Education (Pädagogische Hochschule). Seven counselors, both male and female, currently offer both individual and group sessions. If you find yourself in a difficult situation, e.g. because of problems in your relationship, if you have trouble meeting people, suffer from low self-esteem, anxieties, inhibitions, or sexual problems, but also if you encounter study problems and exam stress, do not hesitate to see the PBS for a talk. You can then decide for yourself whether you want to make further use of our counseling services. You can be certain that anything you tell is strictly confidential. There will be no fee, as the counseling is financed through a part of the social contribution paid by every student to the Studentenwerk.

<https://www.pbsonline-heidelberg.de/ueber-uns.html>

Gartenstr. 2, 69115 Heidelberg
Tel: 06221 / 543750
E-Mail: pbs@stw.uni-heidelberg.de

- **Nightline**

The Nightline is a non-profit hotline which you can call daily from 9.00 pm to 2.00 am during the semester. You can seek counsel and help from other students.

<https://www.nightline-heidelberg.de/>

Tel: 06221/184708

... get medicine?

Medicines and medical supplies are strictly controlled in Germany. Therefore, most drugs and medicines (even most over-the-counter medicines) are only available in "Apotheken" (pharmacies), while "Drogerien" or drugstores as well as supermarkets are only allowed to sell over the counter medicines such as cold medicines and vitamins.

Stronger pharmaceuticals can be obtained by prescription at a local physician's office. There are additional payments for medicine at the pharmacies. Depending on the price of the drugs this additional payment can be up to 10 €.

There are ca. 50 pharmacies all over Heidelberg which are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on workdays and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. In cases of emergency, one local pharmacy is always open all night on a rotating basis. It can be found on <http://www.apotheken-heidelberg.de>.

... go clubbing in Heidelberg?

Halle 02

The Club is located in the city district Bahnstadt. Halle 02 is a venue for pop, techno or Hiphop beats yet their events vary. There are other events such as art exhibitions as well. www.halle02.de

Cave

Directly located in the heart of the city, cave is a small cellar club which plays different styles of music each week. <https://www.cave54.de/>

Karlstorbahnhof

One of the most interesting local culture centers. Most weekends you will find House, Electro or Techno music playing. But the Karlstorbahnhof also hosts readings, concerts, theater plays, discussions, cabaret, and theme nights. The Karlstorbahnhof will move soon, from the city center to a freshly build club in the Campbell Barracks. www.karlstorbahnhof.de

Villa Nachttanz

An insider tip for Techno lovers. Go see for yourself. <http://www.villanachttanz.de/cms>

BOHO Bar

Next to the English Seminar you will find the bar BOHO. This bar will turn into a small nightclub where Hip-Hop and recent charts are played. <http://www.boho-heidelberg.de/>

There is more for you to find out...

...find good Bars?

See page 30 „What is the Untere Straße“.

Yet we can recommend a few for you outside of the famous barstreet.

Check out „Metropol“ for billiard and cheap cocktails, it's right next to the english seminar so some go there after a late class. The „Max Bar“ is great to sit outside in summer, we challenge you to try to get seats in the crowded bar in winter. Since

Heidelberg is more of a bar city, there are many more. Yet we can't show you everything so just keep your eyes open when you wander Heidelberg's streets.

... get to know which University groups the Uni offers?

Besides the Fachschaft, which we encourage you to join, the University has a lot of different groups (Hochschulgruppen). Check them out in this list: <https://www.stura.uni-heidelberg.de/vs-strukturen/hochschulgruppen/liste-der-hochschulgruppen/>

... validate my Student ID?

Use the validation machines in the Carolinum to validate your ID for every Semester. Don't forget to validate them, especially if you want to use it for public transport.

... find more Uni Program and information for new students?

Here: <https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/de/studium/service-beratung/angebote-zum-studienbeginn>

You can also go to the „Willkommenstag“ at October, 17th. See: <https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/de/studium/service-beratung/angebote-fuer-studierende/vortraege-und-veranstaltungen-zum-studienbeginn-wise-2223>

HOW CAN I...

... connect to the WIFI?

Free Internet access is available in all university facilities. In order to log in you need an eduroam access which will be installed during the orientation week, if you haven't already. Students can also log into „Uni-Webaccess“ with your matriculation number and password.

... check my student mails?

Go to the mail provider „SOGO“ and log in via your matriculation number and password. <https://sogo02.urz.uni-heidelberg.de/SOGO/>

... get Bafög (Financial Aid)?

The Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz is responsible for financial support by the state for the secondary education of students in Germany. You can apply for BAföG via the Studierendenwerk. Check the Bafög-Flyer in your „Ersti-bag“ for more information. Otherwise you can always visit their website and their office in the Marstall Cafeteria for more information. There are other financial aid programs, such as scholarships. Find them on the Studierendenwerk website.

... find the uni sports offers for this semester ?

Check the current list on the Hochschulsport Website:

https://www.hochschulsport.issw-hd.de/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=394&Itemid=101

... get a doctors appointment?

In Germany, it is common to call and make an appointment before visiting the doctor's office, not least to avoid a long wait. Your insurance company might assist you in choosing a doctor. In case of emergency or in situations which require immediate medical attention and which occur outside your general practitioner's business hours, visit the "Notfallambulanz," i.e. the emergency room at a local hospital.

When you go to the doctor, be sure to take your health insurance card with you, which was issued to you by your insurance company.

... rent free bikes (Next Bike) ?

Heidelberg has rental bikes called „Next bike“, which you can find on stations across the city. Students can get 30 minutes for free if you signed up with your student ID in their app „Nextbike“. Yet if you want to own a bike, there are always offers on affordable used bicycles. look for them on eBay, leaflets on blackboards at the university or in the local newspapers.

... meet with teachers and professors?

Do you have a question or a problem about your course?

Don't worry your Teachers won't bite... just book one of their office hours via email, which you can find on the institutes website.

... study abroad ?

At University of Heidelberg there are different options if you want to go abroad.

Erasmus is a cooperation between universities all over Europe, which will allow you to go abroad during your studies. You can decide to study abroad for a whole academic year (usually September to June/July) or only a semester of your choice. Check out their website to see the possible exchange universities.

The University has cooperations with different American Universities. You need to apply and will get interviewed for them. Also check out their website to see all cooperations as well as important informations, possible financial aid programs and deadlines: <https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/de/studium/studium-international/studium-im-ausland/austauschprogramme-der-universitaet-heidelberg/austauschprogramme-in-nord-und-suedamerika/austauschprogramme-usa>

The HCA also has some cooperations with american universities. Currently we exchange with University of Connecticut and Georgia University .

See for BA: <https://www.hca.uni-heidelberg.de/ba/ausland.html>

See for MAS: <https://www.hca.uni-heidelberg.de/ma/abroad.html>

You can also visit the Office of the „Dezernat Internationale Beziehungen“ in the Carolinum to ask further questions.

Go to the annual information meetings for either of these options to find out more.

... sign up for courses ?

You will be taught how to sign up on Tuesday this week.

Yet always sign up for ALL courses, even if you don't write an exam or a term paper in it. Usually you sign up via LSF, signup (literature), on the first day of class or with an email to the lecturer.

WHAT IS/ARE...

...my student ID Card?

The Multifunctional Student ID Card is a chip card which is needed to pay at the student dining halls, cafés, and drink dispensers of the University. Furthermore, the photocopiers in several departments and the washing machines in some student dormitories can be used with this card. You can also secure your bags in lockers in the library with this card. Further, you can use it as VRN public transport ticket on weekends or on weekdays starting 7pm.

... the German emergency number?

Police	Tel. 110
Fire Department & Ambulance	Tel. 112
Dental On-Call Service	Tel. 06221 / 567343

...the Address for the General Hospital & Emergency room?

Address: Im Neuenheimer Feld 400

GH Phone: 06221 / 566243*

*Not the number of Emergency room and the Ambulance

...the „Untere Straße“ ?

Is our famous bar street in the heart of the Altstadt.

Even though there are other bars all over Heidelberg people go there for a night out.

We will tour it with you this Wednesday, yet some bars to look forward to are „Reichsapfel/Lager“ and „Destille“ with its signature shots.

...the „Frauen Nachttaxi“ ?

A special offer, devised to help improve the safety of women at night and somewhat cheaper, is the so-called "Frauen-Nachttaxi." This offer is valid from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. to women of all ages. Nonetheless, those interested must purchase Frauen-Nachttaxi tickets in advance, e.g, at the HSB sales booth at Bismarckplatz in Heidelberg or in the Mayor's office.

In addition, regular taxis can be (pre-) ordered by calling the central taxi office in Heidelberg (0 6221-30 20 30). The Frauen-Nachttaxi can also be ordered at the regular Taxi telephone number, but please inform the taxi company that you will be taking advantage of the Frauen-Nachttaxi offer.

https://www.heidelberg.de/hd,Lde/HD/Rathaus/%20Frauen_Nachttaxi

... good students deals in Germany?

Amazon Prime – By verifying that you’re a student at a university, you can get 6 free months of Amazon Prime.

Office 365 Education – You are probably going to have to use different Office programs (PowerPoint, Word, etc.) during your studies and this Office version is only 3.99€/year for students!

Unidays – Unidays is one of many websites that lists all active student discounts (ASOS, Apple, etc.). You have to sign up once to verify that you’re a student at a university – after that you just have to log in whenever you decide to make use of one of the offered discounts, and then Unidays gives you a personal- ized code to use.

Free articles/books: You don’t have to buy every book that you need for your courses or lectures - websites like googlescholar often offer free articles and books and you can always make use of the university libraries. Check out HEIDI for more online articles and books.

Public Library: Free for one your once you start at the Heidelberg University.

Library Bag: Get your free library bag from the Uni at the „Willkommenstag“.

Like always there are probably still questions left unanswered...
We are here to help you through the first (confusing) semester.

But always try to think first! Is it something you can google?

Please do so before you ask us... ;-)

Welcome to Heidelberg University and enjoy your first term at the HCA!

If you have further questions, you can always contact us via email, talk to us once you see us around or meet us bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 1pm in the Stucco.

