

# Welcome to Hof University!

Services and support for international degree-seeking students









Hochschule Hof

University of Applied Sciences

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Founded in 1994 as a Bavarian state university, Hof University of Applied Sciences offers a very attractive study environment with its modern architecture and state-of-the-art facilities. Practice-orientation, internationalization and graduate employability are at the heart of teaching and research at Hof University.

German and international students from more than 60 countries learn together on our friendly and open-minded campuses. With a comfortable student-lecturer ratio, you benefit from intensive personal support during your studies.

All professors and lecturers have a strong academic background as well as practical experience in the industry. In addition, all our professors hold a PhD. As a result, graduates of Hof University are ideally prepared for the German and international labor markets.



# Focusing on your needs

We know that adjusting to your new life in Germany is an adventure that is both exciting and challenging. No need to be afraid - we are here to help you!

Our team is here to assist you with all aspects of your stay in Hof: We will help you find the right academic program and language courses and support you in organizing all formality issues such as visa, residency, insurances, and banking.

Before the start of each semester, we organize an orientation period for our new international students. With the expert assistance of our highly motivated team, you will smoothly settle in your new personal and academic environment.

Join Hof University and benefit from our unique Welcome Service! We look forward to welcoming you personally!

Your support team @ Hof University



# Key facts



More than 40 Bachelor's and Master's programs, several taught completely in English



founded in 1994 and run by the Free State of Bavaria



**3,800 students in total**, with more than **40 % international students** from 60 nations



**133 full-time professors** (all with PhDs and significant experience in industry)



**4 departments** (Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Interdisciplinary and Innovative Sciences)



**6 research institutes** focusing on applied Green Tech and sustainability



**3 campus locations** (Hof, Münchberg, Kronach) and two learning sites in Selb and Bamberg



"All students are excellently educated and cared for in our internationally oriented Green Tech University.

Our teaching is influenced by the ideas of **strong practice orientation, open-mindedness** and **resource efficiency**."





Strong industry relations



Internationalization



Intelligent use of resources, esp. water and energy efficiency



# Study programs

All our degree programs are practice-oriented, interactive and include a mandatory practical internship or industry project in a company. The Bachelor's and Master's thesis should also be project-based and conducted in cooperation with industry.

#### Bachelor's programs

For most Bachelor's programs, the language of instruction is German. Exceptions are:

- B.Sc. in Computer Science: first year taught in English, then transition to German as the main teaching language
- B.Eng. in Innovative Textiles: first year in German, then transition to English

The program duration of our Bachelor's programs is 3.5 years (seven semesters), including an internship semester.

#### Master's programs

Several of our Master's programs are taught completely in English. The program duration is usually three or four semesters.

Our M.Sc. in Cross Cultural Nursing Practice also starts out in English and then switches to German as the main language of instruction.

Our Graduate School offers English-taught Master's programs in continuing education, for students with at least one year of professional experience.

# Bachelor's programs

Duration: 3.5 years; mostly taught in German language

#### **Business**

- Business Administration B.A.
- \_ Business Law LL.B.
- \_ Digital Business B.A.
- \_ Economic and Organizational Sociology B.A.
- \_ Economic Psychology B.Sc.
- \_ International Management B.A.

#### **Engineering**

- \_ Design and Mobility B.A.
- \_ Engineering Sciences B.Eng.
- \_ Textile Design B.A.

### **Computer Science**

- \_ Business Information Systems B.Sc.
- \_ Computer Science B.Sc.
- \_ Media Informatics B.Sc.
- \_ Mobile App Development B.Sc

### **Interdisciplinary and Innovative Sciences**

- \_ Communication Design B.A.
- \_ Innovative Healthcare B.Sc.
- \_ Nursing for experienced professionals B.Sc.
- \_ Nursing according to the Nursing Profession Act B.Sc.
- \_ Vocational Education in Health Care B.A.

# Master's programs in German

Duration: 1.5 - 2 years depending on the program

#### **Business**

- \_ Applied Psychology M.Sc.
- \_ Compliance, IT and Data Protection LL.M./M.B.A.
- \_ Digital Business Management M.Sc.
- \_ Human Resource Management and Labor Law LL.M./M.A.
- \_ Marketing Management M.Sc.
- \_ Supply Chain Management M.Sc
- \_ Sustainability Law LL.M.

# **Engineering**

- \_ Composite Materials M.Eng.
- \_ International Project Management M.A.
- \_ Mechanical Engineering M.Eng.

#### **Computer Science**

- \_ Computer Science M.Sc.
- \_ Information Systems in Public Administration M.Sc.

#### **Innovative and Interdisciplinary Sciences**

\_ Smart Society M.Sc.

# Bachelor's and Master's in English

#### **English-taught Bachelor's programs**

- \_ Engineering Science (international) B.Eng.
- \_ Environmental Engineering B.Eng.
- \_ Innovative Textiles B.Eng.

#### **English-taught Master's programs**

- \_ AI driven Supply Chain Management M.Sc.
- \_ Applied Research in Computer Science M.Sc.
- \_ Artificial Intelligence Aided Mobility Design M.A.
- \_ Artificial Intelligence and Robotics M.Sc.
- \_ Cross Cultural Nursing Practice M.Sc.
- \_ Global Management M.A.
- \_ Sustainable Textiles M.Eng.
- \_ Sustainable Water Management and Engineering M.Eng.
- \_ Textile Design M.A.

### **Hof University Graduate School \***

- Digitalization and Innovation M.B.A.
- \_ General Management M.B.A.
- \_ Operational Excellence M.B.A. and Eng.
- \_ Software Engineering for Industrial Applications M.Eng.
- Sustainable Engineering and Project Management M.B.A. and Eng.

<sup>\*</sup> Professional experience required; tuition fees apply.

"Studying at Hof University represents an opportunity for interacting with like-minded people and motivating each other in reaching professional and personal goals. Particularly, I like the University's practice-oriented approach and its commitment on the continuous development of the German language abilities for international students."

Edgardo from El Salvador Graduate M.B.A. and Eng. in Operational Excellence



# Academic calendar

	Winter semester	Summer semester
Application period *	April 15 - May 31	November 5 - November 30
Orientation Weeks for international students	mid-September	beginning of March
Duration of the semester (incl. exams)	October 1 - March 14	March 15 - September 30
Lecture-free period	mid-February - mid-March	August / September

\* Please note:
For individual study programs,
the application periods may be
different. Please check on our
website "Application & Admission"!



# How can I apply?

#### Bachelor's programs

Check on www.anabin.de whether your school leaving certificate qualifies you for direct entry to higher education in Germany.

### Master's programs

Direct admission after completion of Bachelor's programs; some programs have additional requirements (e.g. work experience).

### **Online application**

As a degree-seeking student, you register in our online portal Primuss and fill in the application form with your personal details. You also upload all required documents in the portal and send your application directly to Hof University.

### **Required documents**

Depending on the study program, additional documents (e.g. uniassist) may be required; check program website!

### Language requirements

Programs in German: at least B2 level in German
Programs in English: at least B2 level in English plus A1 in German

#### **Tuition fees**

No tuition fees for Bachelor's and Master's programs, just an administrative fee of about 150 € per semester.
For all programs of Hof University Graduate School, tuition fees apply.

# Services and support

At Hof University, we are proud of our warm welcome culture and offer plenty of services for our international students. You can look forward to the following services:

- \_ Free sports facilities on campus Hof
- \_ 24-hour access to computer labs and library,
- \_ Free use of buses and some trains (within Hof and certain connections to Münchberg and Selb).

#### **Welcome Center**

Our Welcome Center helps you with getting started smoothly at our University. We support you during the application and visa process. Also, we offer an **Orientation Week before the start of your studies**, including intensive social and academic guidance, assistance with administrative issues and special social and cultural activities for integration.

### **Housing Office**

We **support** our international students **in finding housing** for their stay. Our students are accommodated in student residences, private dormitories, single apartments, and shared flats for 2-5 tenants in Hof and Münchberg.

The rent for a single room ranges from approx. 350 to 550 EUR. The rent for a private one-room apartment for a single person or for a couple is more than 550 EUR. We also have a limited number of double rooms for friends that cost about 250 to 320 EUR per person. In addition to rent, there are additional costs for water, energy, broadcast fee and internet.

#### **Career Service**

We offer you a wide range of professional preparation and orientation services, including workshops, company excursions and job fairs. We prepare you for the German labour market with specific information, counseling and qualifications. Thus, you are able to start your individual career in an internship and as a graduate.

### **Language Center**

At Hof University, you can take **free of charge language courses, including German**, on different entry levels. Our excellent language training is complemented by intercultural courses that strengthen our students' ability to integrate and communicate across cultures.

#### International Student Network

Our International Student Network is a group of motivated German and international students who act as **buddies** for our new international students. They **help you to settle in and feel at home** by organizing social activities such as city trips, cooking sessions or language cafés.



### Locations









# Campus Hof

- our main campus location with University Management, major part of the administration and offices of teaching staff
- large library with 60,000 printed and 80,000 digital media and 24-hour access for students
- home to the departments of Business, Computer Science, Engineering, and Interdisciplinary and Innovative Sciences
- \_ five research institutes are located here: excellently equipped laboratories and machine hall
- \_ home to our start-up support centers Einstein1 and Maker's Space
- extensive sports facilities which students can use free of charge (e.g. tennis courts, fitness rooms, sports courses)
- \_ dormitory "Am Eichelberg" located on this campus



# Campus Münchberg









- \_ all textile-related programs, the B.A. in Communication Design and parts of the B.Eng. in Engineering Sciences take place here
- \_ state-of-the-art equipment: weaving, braiding, nonwovens and knitting technology centers as well as laboratories for pre-treatment, dyeing, chemical finishing and testing of textiles are available on an area of over 5,500 m<sup>2</sup>.
- focus on development of modern functional materials and the creation of composites with improved qualities and special functionalities
- \_ seat of the Fraunhofer Application Center for Textile Fiber Ceramics: offers projects and services for the development of ceramic fiber composites along the entire process, from the fiber to the finished CMC component

# Expanding our reach: Kronach, Selb & Bamberg

We have expanded our portfolio with three new learning sites. At the Lucas Cranach Campus (LCC) in Kronach and at our Bamberg location, we offer a range of degree programs in healthcare and nursing.

In Selb, students can pursue Bachelor's and Master's programs focused on Design and Mobility.

# About the cities Hof and Münchberg

Our main campus is located in the Bavarian city Hof, a safe and cozy town located at the top of Bavaria and in the heart of Europe. Hof has a population of about 45,000 inhabitants and offers all the amenities of a university town: cinemas, a theater, an annual film festival and a variety of cafes, bars and clubs.

Our second campus in Münchberg is located about 20 kilometers from Hof and is easily accessible with our free semester bus and train ticket. Münchberg is a traditional center for textile education and has retained all the charm of a small town.

Our region has the second-highest density of industry across Europe, many of which specialize in manufacturing machinery and plastic (automobile) parts, ceramics and textiles. Many of these companies are small and medium sized and so-called hidden champions in their field and offer great opportunities for internships and entry jobs.

During your stay here, you can enjoy many fun activities in the area. The green surroundings of Hof and Münchberg are ideal for all outdoor activities (biking, climbing, skiing,...) and big cities like Berlin, Prague or Munich are within easy reach by train or bus. Thus, you have the opportunity to not only study in a practice-oriented environment but also enjoy life outside the classroom.









# At a glance: Our green-tech research



### iisys

Institute for Information Systems at Hof University

#### Institute for Information Systems (iisys)

Bridge builder between international R&D and the operational application of information systems in companies.



#### ifm

Institute for Materials Science at Hof University

#### Institute for Materials Science (ifm)

Surface and materials technology, mechanical engineering and design as well as technical textiles.



#### iwe

Institute for Hydrogen and Energy Technology at Hof University

### Institute for Hydrogen and Energy Technology (iwe)

Solutions for renewable energy production and distribution, and hydrogen production processes.



#### inwa

Institute for Sustainable Water Systems at Hof University

### Institute for Sustainable Water Systems (inwa)

Applied research and development in the key areas of sponge city, photonics and food production.



#### ibp

Institute for Circular Economy of Bio:Polymers at Hof University

### Institute for Circular Economy of Bio:Polymers (ibp)

Industrial applications of biopolymers with the aim of product development and resource conservation.

# Institute for Economic and Organizational Research (iwo)



#### iwo

Institute for Economic and Organizational Research at Hof University Research on strategic, operational, legal, and social interactions and behavioral issues in business and organizations.

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