



## STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WUPPERTAL, GERMANY

### Information for prospective students with foreign university entrance qualification (“Bildungsausländer\*innen”)

The University of Wuppertal (“Bergische Universität Wuppertal”), one of the state universities in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, is a diverse international community and welcomes talented students from around the world. Some 22.000 students from more than 100 countries benefit from high-level academic approaches in teaching and the university’s commitment to research and international collaboration.

You may be considering Wuppertal and seeking information about what you can study, our entrance requirements and how to apply. This information sheet pulls together information from many sources about applying to the University and related matters from an international student perspective and provides links to more detailed guidance.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Please find out about studying in Germany and the requirements you must fulfil for admission before you apply. The following website will help you to prepare your study plans:

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/en/>

If you want to study at a German university, you need a so-called “Hochschulzugangsberechtigung” (HZB), or higher education entrance qualification. It is important to make sure that you are aware of the recognition requirements:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/57293-database-on-admission-requirements/> or <http://anabin.kmk.org>

This database is based upon the guidelines of the German [Central Office for Foreign Education \(Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen, ZfB\)](#) which evaluates foreign educational qualifications and certificates in its database „anabin“. Only the information in the database anabin („Schulabschlüsse mit Hochschulzugang“) is binding.

The following websites provide information on study programs and advisory services of the University of Wuppertal (only available in German):

[www.zsb.uni-wuppertal.de](http://www.zsb.uni-wuppertal.de)

The website of the Wuppertal University Student Services Office (“Hochschul-Sozialwerk Wuppertal”, HSW) provides information about living in Germany:

<https://www.hochschul-sozialwerk-wuppertal.de/en.html>

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications for studies/German courses at the University of Wuppertal are generally made via the “Arbeits- und Servicestelle für internationale Studienbewerbungen” – uni-assist web portal:

<http://www.uni-assist.de/en/>

Here you can find a video that shows you how to apply to the University of Wuppertal via the uni-assist portal:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XvXpkTCvU>

It's all very simple:

1. Register in the uni-assist web portal.
2. Complete the application and answer all questions carefully.
3. If the application asks about your grade: Please enter your foreign marks – exactly as these appear on your certificate. uni-assist will convert them into the German marking system.
4. Certificates must be uploaded via the uni-assist application portal along with all required documents.



In addition to a passport copy, scans of all education certificates acquired from secondary school onwards must be attached to the application form of the uni-assist online application. These include:

- foreign secondary school leaving certificate with an overview of your grades,
- evidence of any university entrance examination you may have sat in your home country, your "assessment test" certificate or TestAS certificate,
- Evidence of periods of study and qualifications (overview of modules and grades, transcripts, diplomas, etc.),
- Evidence of German and/or English language skills.

Testimonials in foreign languages other than English require a German certified translation. You can find out more at: [https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/assemble-your-documents/certified-copies-and-translations/?pk\\_campaign=584](https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/assemble-your-documents/certified-copies-and-translations/?pk_campaign=584).

If you are now or have previously been registered with a German university, you must include your current or most recent enrolment certificate stating the subject and semester along with your application.

Candidates from the People's Republic of China Vietnam and India must attach their certificate issued by the Academic Evaluation Centre ("Akademische Prüfstelle", APS) to their application. Information about the APS is available on the website of the responsible embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (<http://www.china.diplo.de>; [www.hanoi.diplo.de](http://www.hanoi.diplo.de)).

The handling fees for evaluation of your qualifications, including pre-checks of your application documents, are 75.00 EUR for the first university and 30.00 EUR for every additional degree programme at the University of Wuppertal or at another university in the same semester.

#### **Application periods:**

**For the summer semester: from November 15 to January 15**

**For the winter semester: from May 15 to July 15**

Please note that the periods and procedures may vary for certain degree courses!

#### **EXCEPTIONS FROM UNI-ASSIST APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

If one of the following cases applies to you, you do **not** have to apply to uni-assist:

##### **You wish to study for a bachelor degree in Industrial Design, or a master degree in Architecture or Strategic Innovation in Products and Services or Public Interest Design?**

- For these degree programmes, an aptitude test must first be provided through special examination procedures. The application for participation in the respective aptitude test must be submitted directly to the School. Please refer to the websites of the respective Schools (<https://www.uni-wuppertal.de/en/schools/>) for information on dates, deadlines and documents to be submitted (please also note that some of these programs only start in the winter semester).

##### **You are already studying at a German university and wish to transfer to Wuppertal to complete the same bachelor degree programme?**

- In this case, please apply directly to the Student Admission and Registration for International Students (Internationales Studierendensekretariat der Universität Wuppertal, Gaußstr. 20, 42119 Wuppertal) according to the deadlines mentioned above. <https://www.uni-wuppertal.de/en/international/international-students/application-and-admission/studies-with-degree/>

**You wish to register at the University of Wuppertal for a maximum of two semesters as a scholarship holder of a German study sponsorship organisation without the right to take a degree?**

- In this case, please apply directly to the Student Admission and Registration for International Students (Internationales Studierendensekretariat der Universität Wuppertal, Gaußstr. 20, 42119 Wuppertal) according to the deadlines mentioned above. <https://www.uni-wuppertal.de/en/international/international-students/application-and-admission/study-without-a-degree/>

**You have already been enrolled at the University of Wuppertal before?**

- In this case, please apply directly to the Student Admission and Registration for International Students (Internationales Studierendensekretariat der Universität Wuppertal, Gaußstr. 20, 42119 Wuppertal) according to the deadlines mentioned above. <https://www.uni-wuppertal.de/en/international/international-students/application-and-admission/studies-with-degree/>

**You have already successfully completed a bachelor degree in Germany and wish to apply for a master degree?**

- In this case, please apply directly to the relevant Master's Examination Board (please consider individual deadlines) and afterwards to the Student Admission and Registration for International Students (Internationales Studierendensekretariat der Universität Wuppertal, Gaußstr. 20, 42119 Wuppertal). The application deadline at the Student Admission and Registration for International Students is October 15 for the winter term and April 15 for the summer term (**only in this case**).

### **THE UNIVERSITY'S SPECIFIC ENTRANCE EXAM ("ZUGANGSPRÜFUNG")**

Not all foreign school leaving certificates that qualify you to study in your home country – in some cases in connection with a university entrance examination – are recognised for admission to a course of studies in Germany. If this is the case with you, don't give up too quickly. There might still be a chance for you!

If, according to "anabin", you are required to give evidence of study periods completed in your home country, attend a preparatory college or pass an assessment test, the University of Wuppertal offers you another way of qualifying for university entrance – the **Entrance Examination** ("Zugangsprüfung").

At the University of Wuppertal, this entrance examination is the Test for Academic Studies ("Test für Ausländische Studierende", TestAS: [http://www.testas.de/en/index\\_en.htm](http://www.testas.de/en/index_en.htm)). If you achieve a **standard mark of at least 95 (paper-based TestAS) or 75 (digital TestAS) in the TestAS core test and a mark of at least 100 (paper-based or digital TestAS) in the TestAS subject-specific test module** allocated to your chosen course of study, this, together with your foreign certificates, counts as foreign, subject-linked entrance qualification for admission to a degree course at the University of Wuppertal.

### **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION**

Candidates who are not native speakers of German and who wish to study for a degree that is taught in German must be able to provide evidence that they have adequate proficiency in the German language before they register and take up the course of study.

In order to register for a degree course, a so-called German language proficiency test for university admission ("Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang", DSH) with a minimum result of "DSH-2" is required. DSH examinations completed at other universities are only accepted if that University's DSH examination regulations are registered with the German Rectors' Conference ("Hochschulrektorenkonferenz", HRK at: <https://www.hrk.de/mitglieder/arbeitsmaterialien/registrierung-von-dsh-pruefungsordnungen/>).

A requirement to sit the DSH in Wuppertal is that you have been accepted onto the course of study and can demonstrate German language proficiency at a minimum level of Category C1 of the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages". You must submit your examination certificate in order to provide evidence of this.

The DSH may be sat twice a year (March and September). Candidates will be charged a fee of €150 to participate. You will find all necessary information at:

<https://www.sli.uni-wuppertal.de/de/>.



You do **not** need to provide evidence of the DSH if you have successfully completed one of the following examinations:

“Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz Stufe II“, “Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung“ (C2), „Großes Sprachdiplom“ or “Kleines Sprachdiplom“ of the Goethe-Institut, “Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache“ (TestDaF; all sections must be passed with a minimum of level 4), “telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule“, German-language school-leaving certificate equivalent to a German university entrance qualification, certificate of passing the “Feststellungsprüfung” with a passing grade in the “German” exam section.

The TestDaF is an alternative to the DSH and of particular interest to candidates who have not yet been accepted to study at the University of Wuppertal. You can find out all you need to know about the TestDaF online at: [www.testdaf.de](http://www.testdaf.de) or directly from SLI at <https://www.sli.uni-wuppertal.de/de/>.

### **GERMAN COURSES**

The University of Wuppertal offers prospective foreign students who wish to apply for a course of studies at the University and who hold a higher education entrance qualification the opportunity to attend German courses to prepare for their studies. A fee of €500 per semester will be charged. The International Office will bear the costs for applicants with “registered refugee” residential status under the condition of regular participation. Furthermore the applicant has to take the TestAS und submit the results to the International Office before completing the German course. If these requirements have not been met until the end of the German course, the costs have to be paid to the International Office by the applicant.

German courses are offered at levels A1 to C1. Those attending the preparatory German course may be registered with the University of Wuppertal for a maximum of three semesters.

As a “student” of the German course, you will require private health insurance cover. In addition to the German course fee, you must also pay the regular semester contribution, which is currently around €300 and includes your “semester ticket” for free travel on local public transport throughout North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). Detailed information can be found at: <https://www.sli.uni-wuppertal.de/de/>

### **CONTACT**

#### **Student Admission and Registration for International Students:**

Ms. Fischer, Ms. Just, Ms. Schubert, Ms. Torsello

Griffenberg Main Campus, Gaussstr. 20, 42119 Wuppertal, Germany  
Building H, Level 11, Room 09, 10 + 11

#### **Personal inquiries & advice in the SSC right at the main entrance (Building G):**

Tuesdays-Thursdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Please note: For organisational reasons, office hours may change sometimes. You can always find the latest information about office hours on the Student Service Centre page under “News”.

#### **Telephone inquiries & advice:**

Monday 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (Tel.: +49 (0)202 - 439 3264): Doctoral and Exchange Students  
Wednesday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Tel.: see following link)

**For all other inquiries, please use the contact form on our website:** <https://www.uni-wuppertal.de/en/internationales/internationales-profil/akteure/kontakt/internationales-studierendensekretariat/team-student-admission-and-registration-for-international-students/>

Enrolment documents must be sent by email to the **Student Admission and Registration for International Students** (as stated in the letter of admission)!

**We look forward to receiving your application and wish you all the best for your studies in Germany!**