A Short Portrait of Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Students,

May I invite you to take a look at the Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf? HHU is an attractive campus university with excellent study conditions and internationally renowned research institutions. We highly value the presence of our many foreign students and researchers who have chosen HHU as their alma mater. In the spirit of our patron Heinrich Heine (1797–1856), the famous German poet, intellectual freedom, social tolerance, and gender equality represent our central values. This booklet gives you a brief impression of our university. We would be happy to welcome you here on campus so that you can find out for yourself who we are and what we stand for.

Prof. Dr. Dr. H. Michael Piper
President of Heinrich Heine University
Five strong faculties – Business and Economics, Humanities, Law, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Medicine – are home to 17,000 students, 260 professors, and 3,000 academic and non-academic staff members. The University Hospital treats about 200,000 patients each year both as in- and out-patients and employs 5,700 staff members. A wide range of attractive study programs and excellent research conditions attract international students and researchers.

Heinrich Heine University at a Glance

Founded in 1965, Heinrich Heine University (HHU) Düsseldorf has become an international and innovative campus university.

The university proudly bears the name of Heinrich Heine (1797 – 1856), the famous 19th century poet and native son of Düsseldorf. Following his ideals, HHU strongly supports intellectual freedom, cultural pluralism, racial and religious tolerance, and gender equality.

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The City of Düsseldorf

The international headquarters of many industries and service companies are located in Düsseldorf. An international airport and an excellent transportation infrastructure make it easy to access. Düsseldorf is also a center of communication, advertising, and fashion industries.

Open-mindedness and tolerance characterize the atmosphere of the city. With its vital art and fashion scene and its broad range of educational and leisure activities, Düsseldorf is a highly attractive setting. Here, the largest Japanese Community on continental Europe contributes to a vivid cultural life. With its many sights, shopping opportunities, and cultural events, Düsseldorf is a great place to live.

www.hhu.de/home/en/living-in-duesseldorf
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The University Hospital and Faculty of Medicine enjoy a remarkable international reputation for the integration of clinical service and research.

Research and Innovation

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www.forschung.uni-duesseldorf.de/en
HHU is eager for its students to achieve qualification for both an academic and a professional career. It supports the integration of practical experience and transferable skills into all curricula. By engaging in more than a hundred exchange programs, students are given the opportunity to gain international study and research experience.

The Student Service Center offers individual counseling, career services, and coaching. Numerous student associations organize tutorials and study groups. With its long opening hours, the University Library provides services and collections on site seven days a week.

www.hhu.de/home/en/studying-and-teaching

Undergraduate and Graduate Study Programs

Students may choose among 50 different study programs, of which German Studies, History, Law, Biology, and Medicine are the most popular.
At HHU, doctoral training is organized by the interdisciplinary Graduate and Research Academy Düsseldorf (iGRAD). This university-wide umbrella organization unites the doctoral training programs of various faculties and serves as a structural framework for all doctoral research projects. iGRAD offers both a specialized education and interdisciplinary training in the field of transferable skills. In addition, it establishes and promotes networks with leading partners in industry and offers support and mentoring of the doctoral research projects.

www.hhu.de/iGRAD
International Cooperation

The university’s involvement in 130 cooperative projects worldwide supports international collaborative research and facilitates the exchange of knowledge. With a broad range of different study programs, HHU is highly attractive for international students, who come from more than 100 different countries in Europe (48 %), Asia (32 %), Africa (15 %) and the Americas (5 %). The European Union, Japan, Israel and the USA constitute HHU’s regions and countries of focus. HHU has many successful partnerships, for example with

- Nantes University (France), since 1973
- University of Naples (Italy), since 1985
- Beijing University (China), since 1987
- University of Alicante (Spain), since 1987
- University of Reading (UK), since 1990
- University of California at Davis (USA), since 1990
- Pennsylvania State University (USA), since 1990
- Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), since 1998
- Keio University (Japan), since 1999, and
- Aoyama Gakuin University (Japan), since 2010.

> www.hhu.de/home/en/international
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HHU’s campus also includes the Botanical Garden, which is part of the city’s “green belt” and is inviting for people to relax and meet with colleagues. Modern student housing on or close to campus makes it easy to stay in touch even after work, and the city of Düsseldorf with all its attractions is just a few minutes away.

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Campus Life

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International Services

Moving to a new city or a new country requires solid planning and is often combined with many challenges.

By providing assistance with opening up a bank account, finding accommodation, or registering with an authority, the International Welcome Center helps visiting scholars to prepare for their life and work in Düsseldorf. The International Student Orientation Service (iSOS) of HHU offers support services for and by international students. Friendly staff members provide help in finding a place to live, answer questions regarding visa regulations, and accompany students to the relevant authorities. Furthermore, the university organizes an orientation week that includes a campus tour and enables students to get in touch with associations and training staff.

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