

Exchange – Study Abroad at the Hertie School

The Hertie School at a glance

The Hertie School is an international university for modern governance. It hosts a diverse student body as well as top researchers from 50 different countries. The renowned international faculty with expertise in economics, business, law, political and social science take an interdisciplinary, policy-oriented approach to the school's teaching and research agenda.

- Founded in 2003
- Small student body: 836 students (2025)
- 50% international students
- English is the language of instruction

Study programmes

As an Exchange student you can choose electives within one of the programs Hertie offers: **Public Policy** or **International Affairs**. Students who meet the prerequisites can also take electives within the **Master of Data Science**. All programs are full-time and taught in English. The Hertie School Course Directory offers an overview of current course offerings:
www.hertie-school.org/course-catalogue/



MPP – Master of Public Policy

Concentration in **Policy Analysis** or **Management & Organisation** and supplementary electives from the respective field.

Example classes from the past year: Making Sense of Messy Data: Analysing Government Responses to COVID-19, Renewable Energy Policies, The Policy Analysis of Corruption, The Politics of Food, etc.

Explore the curriculum further online:
www.hertie-school.org/en/mpp/curriculum

MIA – Master of International Affairs

Concentration in **International Security**, **European Governance** or **Human Rights and Global Governance** and supplementary electives from the respective field.

Example classes from the past year: Pursuing International Criminal Justice in a Complex World, States and Control of Cyberspace, Climate Crisis and Human Rights, Diplomatic Blunders and Achievements, German Foreign, Security, and Defense Policy, Etc.

Explore the curriculum further online:
www.hertie-school.org/en/mia/curriculum

MDS – Master of Data Science for Public Policy

Electives focusing on Advanced Tools of Data Science and Governance & Management of data and AI.

Example classes from the past year: Managing Digitalisation and AI in Government, Artificial Intelligence and Climate Change, Geospatial Analysis for Data Science, Tech Companies and the Public Interest

Explore the curriculum further online: <https://www.hertie-school.org/en/mds/curriculum>

Berlin

Located in the city's "Mitte" neighbourhood, the Hertie School is just minutes away from the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate and other important political and historic landmarks. As the capital of Germany, Berlin is the epicentre for political decision-makers and policy debates.

It's also known as a very bike-friendly city, thanks to the flat landscape and many cycling paths. Whether on foot, by bike, public transportation or car, life in Berlin is accessible and easy-going.

Once you have been admitted, you will receive more detailed guidance via e-mail and our e-platform, Moodle.

Living costs per month*

Health insurance:	€ 120
Housing:	€ 650
Other living costs:	€ 400

* Please use this as a general guide only.

Essentials for studying in Germany

Visa – Depending on your country of origin, you may require a visa to enter Germany. If so, be sure to apply at least three months in advance.

Health Insurance – all students are required by law to have a valid health insurance policy.

A more detailed intro to all essentials for studying in Germany can be found on the DAAD website.

How to apply?

Check with your Home University on the application process and applicable deadlines. Once you have been nominated for the programme, we will ask you to complete our online application and upload the following documents:

- Letter of Motivation
- CV
- Transcript
- English language test results
(Accepted tests/scores available here: <https://www.hertie-school.org/en/admissions-blog/detail/content/application-tips-the-english-requirement>)



Key dates

Fall semester:	1 August – 31 January
Course registration:	mid-July
Intensive German course:	mid-August
Orientation week:	late August
Attendance:	late August – mid-December



Tuition fees and campus fee

Exchange students continue to pay tuition fees to their Home University. All students (incl. exchange students) are obliged to pay the campus fee: ca. €300.

Housing

The International Office & Student Life Team provides advice and guidance on finding housing in Berlin. We recommend looking as soon as you decide to study abroad at Hertie as Berlin is a popular city for students which can make finding student accommodation challenging.

Please see here for recommended options: <https://www.hertie-school.org/en/study/berlin/housing>

Student life

Student-run clubs like the **Hertie School Hikers** or the **Hertie Kino Club** give students a chance to explore their interests beyond the classroom while **The Governance Post** provides an online student magazine for modern governance. On-campus events like the De-Stress Fest and International Food Festival bring the Hertie community together in a social setting. Follow the school on **social media** to keep up with all the latest events!

Career development

Our Career Development Team works hard to prepare Hertie students for the workforce with mentoring sessions, skill training seminars, mock interviews, and more! More info on professional development at Hertie can be found online: www.hertie-school.org/en/study/careerservices

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Nomination deadline:

15 April 2026