

## Advantages for higher education institutions

- ✓ they enter and update all information themselves
- ✓ presence on the most widely accessed portal providing information about higher education institutions and degree programmes for Germany
- ✓ a listing in the Higher Education Compass is completely free of charge
- ✓ free publication of a portrait of the higher education institution
- ✓ information about degree programmes also appear on other internet portals

## Advantages for users

- ✓ free of charge with no advertisements
- ✓ degree programme search and help with choosing a programme
- ✓ doctoral training search and useful pointers for doctoral project
- ✓ higher education institution search with detailed information
- ✓ information directly from the higher education institutions themselves, updated daily
- ✓ restricted to public and government-recognised German higher education institutions
- ✓ contact details for student advisory services and other important points of contact in the higher education institutions



[www.higher-education-compass.de](http://www.higher-education-compass.de)

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## The Higher Education Compass

The Higher Education Compass [www.higher-education-compass.de](http://www.higher-education-compass.de) is Germany's central portal for information about higher education institutions and degree programmes, and is maintained by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK).

Information about all higher education institutions, their degree programmes and doctoral training options and the contact information for university leadership and other contact points are continually updated by the higher education institutions themselves.

- [search for a higher education institution](#)
- [degree programme search](#) and help with choosing a programme
- [doctoral training search](#) and information on doctoral training procedures
- [portraits of the higher education institutions](#) – self-portrayals, photos, films, social media channels
- [Study Interest Test \(SIT\)](#) and [Studienplatzbörse](#)
- [Research Map](#) and [International University Partnerships](#) (HRK's own websites)

## Information portal with a wide reach

The Higher Education Compass currently has the widest reach of any higher education institution and study information portal in Germany:

- over **500,000 visits** per month to the Higher Education Compass and the websites of its cooperation partners,
- by entering data into the Higher Education Compass, the institutions are simultaneously updating around **30 study information portals**.

## Admission criteria

A higher education institution is only included in the Higher Education Compass if it fulfils the following criteria as a minimum:

- it is a public or government-recognised higher education institution,
- it already provides degree programmes,
- the degree programmes offered are government-approved and/or accredited.

## Study Interest Test (SIT) – help to choose a degree programme

The Study Interest Test (SIT) provides school students in particular with a simple introduction to the process of choosing a programme. Participants receive an individual test evaluation and a list with all degree programmes in Germany that match the test result.

[www.studium-interessentest.de](http://www.studium-interessentest.de)



## Official clearing system for study places in Germany - Studienplatzbörse

After the regular application and enrolment deadlines have passed, the official clearing system for study places provides information about degree programmes in which study places are still available for the coming semester.

[www.hochschulkompass.de/studienplatzboerse](http://www.hochschulkompass.de/studienplatzboerse)



## Research Map

The HRK's Research Map is based on data from the Higher Education Compass and presents key research priorities formally established at German higher education institutions.

[www.researchmap.de](http://www.researchmap.de)



## International University Partnerships

The overview of the cooperation arrangements between German higher education institutions and international partner institutions is also based on the Higher Education Compass.

[www.internationale-hochschulkooperationen.de/en](http://www.internationale-hochschulkooperationen.de/en)



## Cooperation partners

The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) cooperates with various website providers, making data from the Higher Education Compass available to them.

Standards for cooperation include:

- ✓ Users can access the data from the Higher Education Compass without restriction and free of charge.
- ✓ Cooperation partners may only list on their websites the higher education institutions represented in the Higher Education Compass.
- ✓ The partner may not make any changes or additions to the data from the Higher Education Compass without the agreement of the HRK.
- ✓ All data and information made available may only be used by the cooperation partner for the purpose agreed in a cooperation agreement.

Current cooperation partners include the Federal States of Bavaria, Berlin-Brandenburg, Brandenburg, Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia as well as the German Academic Exchange Service, the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation), the Federal Employment Agency, ZEIT ONLINE and Spiegel Online.

The Higher Education Compass provides an up-to-date overview of all cooperation partners at:

[www.hochschulkompass.de/cooperations](http://www.hochschulkompass.de/cooperations)

