

I. MANNHEIM AND ITS UNIVERSITY

1. Names and Addresses

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2. Academic Calendar

The academic year is divided into two semesters/terms:

Fall semester: September 1st - January 31st
Spring semester: February 1st - August 31st

In the fall semester, lectures run from the beginning of September until the end of December. Exams are generally written before Christmas. In the spring semester, lectures begin in the middle of February, and end in the middle of June, followed by the exams.

3. The City and the University

Studying in and around the "Schloss" (palace); living in the „Quadrate“ (squares): this is what awaits those studying in Mannheim. The City lies at the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar rivers between Pfalz (Palatinate) and Odenwald at the borders of three "Länder" (states):

Baden-Württemberg, Rheinland-Pfalz, and Hessen. Roughly 325.000 people live here, and besides the university there are several technical colleges and research facilities. The historical centre of the town is the baroque Schloss, which today makes up the largest part of the university. The symmetrical layout of the town arises from its methodical construction in the eighteenth century and is a source of initial confusion to strangers when they see 'L9, 6', instead of a street name in addresses.

The town's heyday was in the eighteenth century, when the catholic Elector of the Pfalz region moved from Heidelberg to Mannheim. In 1720 plans were commissioned for a large Schloss, which at enormous cost and after forty years of construction were to be finished by his successor, Karl Theodor. The royal capital, with the Main Library, the Palatine Academy of Science, and later the National Theatre, formed a cultural centre for famous artists and scientists from all over Europe, including Voltaire, Goethe and Mozart. Even after the court's move to Munich in 1778, the city remained active. With the advent of industrialisation its ascent to prosperity as an industrial and trading centre began in the second half on the 20th century. In the Second World War the town and Schloss were badly damaged.

Mannheim today is the modern, lively centre of the Rhine-Neckar three "Länder" border and is the base for heavy industry and many medium sized firms. Mannheim is attractive, not only for its convenient location amidst scenic countryside and picturesque and historic cities and towns, but also because the diverse cultural scene offers something for all tastes - the National Theatre is well known outside of Mannheim, the city "Reiß-Museum" and the "Kunsthalle" have acquired a reputation in previous years for their spectacular exhibitions, and the state museum of "Technologie und Arbeit" was declared museum of the year in 1992 by UNESCO. A varied music scene, cinemas, and small theatres and many different types of sport are offered as well.

Mannheim's scientific tradition dates from the 18th Century with the founding of the Palatine Academy for Science at the Electoral Court. Both the bicycle and the automobile were invented in Mannheim - the first by Baron von Drais, the second by Carl Benz. The direct fore-runner of the University was the "Städtische Handelshochschule" (City College of Trade), which was founded in 1907 to provide urgently needed training in the area of trade and industry. In 1946 its successor, the "Staatliche Wirtschaftshochschule" (College of Commerce) was founded, which in 1955 moved into the restored Schloss. During the following years it was able to broaden its range of subjects so that in 1967 it was elevated to University status.

Today around 11.000 students are enrolled in 5 faculties. Management is still the most prevalent field at the University, while the Social Sciences have acquired an excellent name as the second most prominent field, and the Faculties of Law and of Humanities have also developed their own character and an excellent reputation. In 1996 the School of Information Technology was created to provide a hardware-orientated education combined with aspects of business.

The University has a strong international orientation with connections to 150 institutions throughout the world; moreover, 10 per cent of its students come from abroad. The University is also pursuing new directions in education, taking part in different programmes such as the joint degree schemes, for example with ESSEC in Paris (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales) in Business, and with the University of Nice - Sophia Antipolis in Commerce and Computing.

The University comprises the Schloss and a row of neighbouring buildings. It is near the train station and is well connected to the local public transport system (bus, tram and train).

The University is divided into 5 Faculties/Schools:

School of Law and Economics
Business School
The Faculty of Social Sciences
School of the Humanities
School of Mathematics and Computer Science

Areas of study for a 'Diplom' degree (graduate studies):

BWL (Business Administration)
Wirtschaftspädagogik (Business Teaching)
VWL (Economics)
Psychologie (Psychology)
Mathematik (Mathematics)
Wirtschaftsinformatik (Business Information Technology)
Diplom-Anglistik (English Language and Literature)
Diplom-Romanistik (Romance Languages and Literature)
Diplom-Slavistik (Slavonic Languages and Literature)

Areas of Study with National Final Exams:

Jura (Law)
Lehramt für Gymnasien (Teacher Training for German grammar school)

Areas of Study for a Bachelor's degree

BWL (Business Administration)
VWL (Economics)
Wirtschaftsinformatik (Business Informatics)
Wirtschaftsmathematik (Business Mathematics)
Unternehmensjurist (Corporate Jurist)
Kultur und Wirtschaft (Culture and Business)
Anglistik/Amerikanistik (English language and literature)
Franco-Romanistik (Roman language and literature)
Germanistik (German language and literature)
Geschichte (History)
Hispanistik (Spanish language and literature)
Italianistik (Italian language and literature)
Medien- und Kommunikationswissenschaft (Media & Communication Science)
Politikwissenschaft (Political Science)
Psychologie (Psychology)
Soziologie (Sociology)

Master's Degree Programs:

Business: European MBA
 Executive MBA
 Executive Master of Accounting and Taxation
 Mannheim Master in Management

Wirtschaftsinformatik (Business Informatics)

Law: Master of Law (LL.M.) for graduates of foreign law degrees
Comparative Law
Personalwesen und Arbeitsrecht (HRM and Corporate Law)
Business Law and Taxation

Economics: Volkswirtschaftslehre (Economics)

Humanities: Kultur im Prozess der Moderne: Literatur und Medien (Culture in the
Process of Modernity: Literature and Media)
Kultur und Wirtschaft (Culture and Business)
Geschichte (History)
Medien und Kommunikationswissenschaft (Media and Communication
Science)
Political Science
Soziologie (Sociology)
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