



FACT SHEET 2025 – 2026




EXCHANGE, STUDY ABROAD, FREEMOVER



HSBA

DIE DUALE BUSINESS SCHOOL
IN HAMBURG

Hamburg School of Business Administration

Name of higher education institution	HSBA Hamburg School of Business Administration
Web	www.hsba.de/en
Address	Willy-Brandt-Straße 75, 20457 Hamburg, Germany
Erasmus+ code, OID	D Hamburg13, OID: E10101858
Location	City center, a stone’s throw from the town hall and the famous Elbphilharmonie, and close to the Alster lake and harbour How to find us?
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<p>HSBA Quick Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HSBA is the university for business in Hamburg ○ state-recognised private higher education institution founded in 2004 ○ consistently scoring high in national CHE ranking ○ dual and part-time undergraduate and postgraduate degrees ○ more than 1000 students ○ 300+ partner companies in and around Hamburg ○ HSBA graduates are perfectly prepared for the requirements of business and have excellent career opportunities ○ Incoming exchange student attend HSBA to gain academic experience
<p>Unique Features</p>	<p>Private university: small groups and outstanding support from teaching staff</p> <p>Integrated industry-knowledge within the university: case studies, lectures by well-known personalities from industry, steep learning curves for able students</p> <p>Proximity to the city's business world</p> <p>Access to major companies (e.g. Deloitte, Shell, OTTO group, Hapag Lloyd, Vattenfall, Edding etc)</p> <p>Employability: Exchange students may independently apply for an internship once they are in Hamburg (subject to visa regulations and German language skills). Degree-seeking HSBA students benefit from a mix of theory and in-company training.</p>

Course Offering

<p>Courses are open to exchange, study abroad and Free Mover students; modules are from the following degree programmes, following the indicated language of instruction</p>	<p>Undergraduate: BSc Business Administration (25% English, 75% German) BSc International Management (100% English) BSc Logistics Management (100% English) BSc Business Informatics (25% English, 75% German)</p> <p>Postgraduate: The postgraduate programmes run part-time. An exchange student would not be able to follow a traditional exchange semester with lectures every week. Please view here for detailed information and contact Iris Heine whether exchange students are accepted into the programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MSc Innovation Management (100% English) ● MSc Digital Transformation & Sustainability (100% German)
<p>Course catalogue and module descriptions</p>	<p>Undergraduate module list for exchange students: https://www.hsba.de/en/studies/international/exchange-students/welcome/</p> <p>the module descriptions are downloadable here (scroll down to the download area)</p>



Academic Calendar and Dates

Undergraduate term dates (incl. exams);

There are four terms of approx. three months each. Each term has 8- 10 weeks of classes, exams take place during the last week of each term.

Inbound students may stay for one or two terms. Usually, they stay for two terms (=one semester). Three or four terms may be arranged by prior agreement.

- Term 1: early October – mid/ late December
- Term 2: early January – end of March
- Term 3: early April – June
- Term 4: late July – end of September/early October

Induction week/day

There are 3 intakes: October, January and July. There are orientation days at all intakes.

Academic calendar

Undergraduate students: [Academic Calendar](#)

Postgraduate students (part-time studies):

Please contact our International Office to check the options._

Nomination deadline

Application deadline

	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline
	4 months prior to term start	3 months prior to term start
Term 1 Oct-Dec	1 June	1 July
Term 2 Jan-Mar	1 September	1 October
Term 3 Apr-Jun	-	-
Term 4 (late) Jul-Sep	1 April	1 May



Applying to study at HSBA as exchange or free mover student

Application documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Learning agreement (you may use either the HSBA form or your university's) • Transcript of Records • Passport sized photograph (electronic passport sized photograph as a JPG file with 72 dpi) • Passport copy • Proof of English and/or German proficiency at B2 level • CV (postgraduate applicants only) <p>The link to the application form will be sent to students after nomination.</p>
Language proficiency requirements	<p>Proof of English and/or German proficiency at B2 level according to the European Framework of Reference (required from ALL students except native speakers).</p> <p>As proof of English proficiency, we accept: TOEFL iBT (90 pts), IELTS (6.0), Cambridge Certificates: FCE with Grade A, CAE with Grade A, B or C, CPE with Grade A, B, or C, OR equivalent academic tutor's statement of competence in English. A telephone interview may take place.</p> <p>As proof of German proficiency, we accept: DSH-Test (DSH2 level), TestDaF (TDN 4 or higher), Goethe-Zertifikat C2: Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom (GDS) OR equivalent academic tutor's statement of competence in German. Other certificates on request. A telephone interview may take place.</p>
Credits	<p>Credits: We recommend no more than 15 ECTS per term (30 ECTS per semester) to avoid course overlapping and a high workload.</p>
Number of workload per credit/unit	<p>1 ECTS = ~25-30 hrs of workload (incl. individual preparation, exams)</p>
Transcript of records	<p>A Transcript of records will be issued no later than 8 weeks after the assessment period has finished.</p>
Language of instruction	<p>English/German</p>



Plan Your Stay

<p>German language course offered to exchange students</p>	<p>At HSBA: Beginner’s course (A1.2) for 20 weeks starting in October (until March).</p> <p>20% discount for HSBA exchange students at a nearby language school. Visit www.colon.de for more information on the school.</p>
<p>Accommodation close to HSBA</p>	<p>No HSBA on-site student residences. Advice available : International Student Journey Incomings</p>
<p>Accommodation for visiting staff close to HSBA (recommended hotels)</p>	<p>No HSBA hall of residences. Advice available: International Student Journey Incomings</p>
<p>Estimated living expenses (per month)</p>	<p>rent: very much depends on your demands. You should calculate around EUR 600-1000 per month (may include bills) health insurance: EUR 110 public transport: EUR 40 – 75 (“GermanyTicket”: approx. EUR 50) telephone, internet, radio and TV: EUR 50 food and drink: EUR 300-400 More information here</p>
<p>Website for exchange students</p>	<p>HSBA Website for inbound students HSBA International Student Committee</p>