

Studying in Dresden

Campus English for Students of the
HTW Dresden

*With this presentation you can
acquire words and phrases that will
help you talk to friends and visitors
about your studies at the HTW.*

- Internal University Structure
- Course Structure
- Learning and Teaching
- Testing
- People
- Facilities
- Entrance Requirements
- Academic Degrees

Internal University Structure

- *There are 8 faculties at our university. Do you know them?*
- *What courses of studies are offered? Refer to your university's and your faculty's website to find out.*

Faculty of ...

- 7100 Civil Engineering and Architecture
- 7100 Electrical Engineering
- 7300 Agriculture and Land Management
- 7400 Information Science
- 7500 Mechanical Engineering
- 7600 Geoinformation
- 7700 Business Administration
- 7800 Design

Course Structure

*Think about the next three years.
How is your course of studies
structured?*

Course Structure

- academic year
- winter/summer semester
- examination period
- semester break
- practical training period
- year/semester abroad
- placement/internship abroad
- final year project

Learning and Teaching

What are the different forms in which the studying and teaching processes take place?

Forms of Learning and Teaching (I)

Subjects

- compulsory (core) subjects
- electives
- options
- majors
- minors

Guided learning includes:

- to attend lectures
- to take part in seminars
- to do practical exercises
- to have consultations or tutorials

Individual study time/

teamwork includes:

- to work on projects
- to plan and prepare presentations
- to write home assignments
- to train skills

Studying takes place:

- in the library
- in laboratories (labs)
- at home

Forms of Learning and Teaching (II)

Blended Learning/e-learning

- blend of guided learning and individual study time
- facilitated by Learn Management System (LMS) **OPAL** 24/7 at

<https://bildungsportal.sachsen.de/opal/dmz/>

OPAL offers:

- free access for students and staff at Saxon universities
- entire courses (incl. enrolments, schedules, resources, virtual seminar rooms, internal communication, tests)
- platforms for work groups and team organisation (shared materials, communication)

Testing

*At the end of each semester (or before),
your knowledge will be assessed.
Brainstorm words and phrases that describe
your tests and exams.*

Testing

Types

- oral examinations/tests
- written examinations/tests
- APL's: "Alternative Prüfungsleistungen" (continuous assessment)
 - to give a presentation
 - to complete a project
 - to submit a home assignment
 - to take a class test

Activities

- to prepare for
 - to take/to retake
 - to sit/to resit
 - to do
 - to have
 - to pass
 - to fail
- an exam/a test

Grades/Marks

- mark (BE): 1, 2, 3, 4(pass), 5 (fail)
- grade (AE): A, B, C, D, F (fail)
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)
- Completing a four-hour course (a course with two double sessions per week through one semester) earns the student 5 ECTS credits.

People

*There are over 5000 people at the HTWD.
Do you know what they do here?*

People

- Students
 - freshers, undergraduates, postgraduates (*all nouns*)
 - undergraduate, (post)graduate, incoming, outgoing, mature, exchange (*all adjectives*)
- Student representative bodies
 - student council for the entire university
 - student rep(resentative)s for individual faculties
- Academic staff
 - professor, lecturer, tutor, teacher, supervisor, engineer (*all nouns*)
 - full-time, part-time, permanent, on contract, freelance (*all adjectives*)
- Administrative staff
 - (vice) chancellor, dean of faculty, dean of studies, head of the examination board, manager/head of division, admissions officer, international relations officer, office manager, secretary, clerk

Facilities

At HTW there are excellent facilities for studying and spending your spare time.

Facilities

- Studying facilities
 - library, laboratory (lab)
- Student support services
 - Academic Exchange Office (AAA)
 - Student Union: cafeteria, restaurant (canteen), halls of residence, kindergarten
- Leisure facilities
 - sports, student clubs, student pubs

Requirements

What are the entrance requirements for applicants who wish to study at HTW?

Entrance Requirements

- University entrance qualification
- A-levels
- practical work experience
- aptitude test
- German language certificate (DSH, TestDaF)
for international students

Degree Systems

Compare the traditional German degrees with the academic degrees awarded Europe-wide.

Academic Degrees

Traditional German degrees:

- "Diplom", "Magister", "Staatsexamen"
- duration: 4 to 5 academic years minimum
- often divided into basic studies and specialised studies with a practical semester in between (sandwich course)

European degrees work as a 2-cycle-system:

- First academic (undergraduate) degree:
 - Bachelor (of Arts, Science, Business Administration)
 - duration: 3 to 3.5 academic years
 - 180 ECTS credits
- Second academic (postgraduate) degree:
 - Master (of Arts, Science, Business Administration)
 - duration: 2 academic years
 - 120 ECTS credits

Summary

As you can see, the HTW Dresden offers excellent facilities for your career. Let's summarise the main aspects.

Summary

- Clear structure
- Modern studying, teaching and testing methods
- Excellent facilities
- European degrees

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