

FAQs

Application and Admission

When do I apply?

The application period is October 1 – November 30 for starting in the subsequent summer semester (April). There is no intake of new first semester students in the winter semester.

What documents do I need to apply?

- If you did not complete your secondary education in Germany, you need a VPD from uni-assist (<https://www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/plan-your-application/vpd/>)
- Proof of English language proficiency level B2 (https://www.haw-hamburg.de/fileadmin/Studium/Studierendensekretariat/PDF/EnglischB2_Auszug_HAW_AZO_English.pdf)
- Identity Card

To strengthen your application, you can upload any document that you feel sheds a positive light on you.

Can I use a VPD issued for another university?

Unfortunately, we need a VPD issued explicitly for HAW Hamburg.

Do I need German language proficiency for the program?

There is no need to have any German language knowledge to apply.

What is the GPA requirement?

We do not have a NC / GPA requirement. What grade is good enough to be accepted depends both on the other applicants as well as on the other application documents you upload. In the Admissions and Selection Regulations (https://www.haw-hamburg.de/fileadmin/zentrale_PDF/TI/Zulassungs-

[_und_Auswahlordnungen/Department_Maschinenbau_und_Produktion/ZAO_BA_Mech_Eng_Ho
chschulanzeiger_engl_20250708.pdf](#)) you can see what grants you extra points besides the final grade as stated in the “VPD”.

Where do I apply?

This is the application link: <https://myhaw.haw-hamburg.de/qisserver/pages/cs/sys/portal/hisinoneStartPage.faces>

Is the programme restricted?

Yes, it is. After the deadline the commission committee makes a ranking and determines who will get a spot.

When will I know if I get accepted?

Admission letters go out approximately two weeks after the application deadline.

When I have been admitted, is deferral or late arrival possible?

A late arrival is possible, including the semester following your enrolment. However, you must pay the semester contribution and the health insurance contribution for each semester.

Fees and financing

Do I need to pay tuition?

We do not charge tuition fees. It is only necessary to pay the so-called semester contribution which is currently 397 euros per semester. Living costs in Hamburg will be around 1000 euros per month.

Do you offer scholarships?

We offer several scholarships: <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/international/international-students/funding-and-scholarships/finances/> Each year the university is able to award approximately 80,000 Euros in scholarships.

Housing

Is student housing available?

There are 25 student accommodations available, at different places throughout the city, one also very close to the campus ([Gustav-Radbruch-Haus: STW Hamburg \(stwhh.de\)](#)). However, there are never enough places for all applicants, and the waiting lists are long, so most probably you will have to look for something by yourself. More information can be found here: [HAW-Hamburg: Accommodation](#) or <https://www.stwhh.de/en/housing-for-students-and-trainees/online-application>

Accepted applicants will get more information and advice on how and where to look for housing. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to individually assist students.