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**HoMe: That's us ...  
1 Campus with 3 departments  
and 28 courses of study  
for 2,864 students  
from over 70 countries.**

Dear International Students,

Whether you are coming to Merseburg to participate in an exchange semester, to do a research project or a full degree, we cordially welcome you to Merseburg University of Applied Sciences (HoMe) and look forward to spending time together with you on the campus!

In our small but modern university, we aim at providing you with a sound scientific and academic foundation and developing the skills, together with you, which are needed for your own successful future by giving you individual support. However, studying at Merseburg University of Applied Sciences is far more than just memorizing facts or applying well practiced methods. Studying abroad enables you to gain new experience and, at the same time, develop personally.

The opportunities available to you on our green campus in the small city of Merseburg are very diverse: university projects, a wide range of sports programmes and numerous student clubs—all in the historic ambience of Merseburg. Magnificent buildings, such as our city's famous cathedral and castle ensemble, tell stories of the episcopal and residential city which is over 1,150 years old.

With Merseburg as a university location, besides studying, our region also invites you to discover the two big cities of Leipzig and Halle, as well as the beautiful lakes in the immediate vicinity.

Come take a look for yourself!

On the following pages, in addition to information on our three departments, students at our university also introduce themselves to tell you about their HoMe.

We wish you every success and a lot of fun!

Dr. Gabi Meister

*Head of the International Office/Language Centre*

**“What is unique about studying in Merseburg? I would never have thought that a university could offer so many events and workshops on different topics.”**

**Carmen from Mexico (B.Sc. Chemical and Environmental Engineering)**






# Studying in Merseburg

Study. Research. Live. – This is far more than just the motto of Merseburg University of Applied Sciences. As a centre for applied sciences located in the south of Saxony-Anhalt in an industrial and cultural region, steeped in tradition, the university offers everything necessary to guarantee that students can enjoy success in their studies on a vibrant, green campus.

With approximately 3,000 students, Merseburg University of Applied Sciences (HoMe) is one of the smaller universities in the federal state of Saxony-Anhalt. This creates a friendly atmosphere on campus, conducive to studying as well as personal and uncomplicated support from the professors - you can easily approach them and ask for help. In addition to this, the International Office and the Registrar's Office provide help and support for international students.

Merseburg University of Applied Sciences offers students a wide range of bachelor and master programmes, run by three departments:

-  **Department of Engineering and Natural Sciences**
-  **Department of Social Work.Media.Culture**
-  **Department of Business Administration and Information Sciences**

At HoMe students can study in modern lecture halls, in small working groups and in practice-oriented projects. Here we place great importance on independent, team-oriented and problem-solving work. The technical equipment of our laboratories, workshops and practical training rooms is state-of-the-art, thus providing students with an excellent education.

So, benefit from the pleasant studying and learning atmosphere on our green campus and become part of the HoMe!

# Department of Engineering and Natural Sciences

The Department of Engineering and Natural Sciences (INW) stands for excellent and practice-oriented education in the metropolitan region of Central Germany. We teach and we conduct joint research, in close cooperation and in a dialogue-oriented manner. Our study programmes are characterised by the provision of good education and the imparting of skills in the areas of both social responsibility and personality development.

## Study with good career prospects: in a sustainable and smart way!

**ENVIRONMENT** ■ Sustainable living requires elaborately manufactured and complex products, such as wind turbine blades and electricity storage systems. Our economic system is currently predominantly based on the use of fossil-fuels. Nowadays it is necessary to think about how material-changing processes can also be carried out in a sensible and sustainable way. Technical solutions are required to protect our climate and the environment, and they are needed for clean energy and sustainable economic activity.

### DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD

- Green Engineering – Design of Sustainable Processes
- Chemical and Environmental Engineering
- Industrial Engineering (Dual Study Programme)

Merseburg University has a total of 70 laboratories and test sites on campus.

**ENGINEERING** ■ Society does not develop and progress without engineering know-how. All areas of our lives depend on it: whether digitalisation and automation, high-tech product development and manufacturing, industrial communication, knowledge transfer and knowledge management.

#### **DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY**

- Applied Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering and Automation Technology
- Engineering Education
- Mechanical Engineering | Mechatronics | Physics Technology
- Technical Information Design
- B. Eng. Engineering and Management  
(Degree programme in English in cooperation with Martin Luther University Halle)

**CHEMISTRY** ■ Innovations from chemistry will play a decisive role when it comes to developing society in a sustainable way for the future. Whether it is environmental protection, the fight against diseases, the supply of energy, the use of better materials or the extraction of raw materials: chemical know-how will be of great importance in the future.

#### **DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN THE FIELD OF CHEMISTRY**

- Applied Chemistry
- Chemical and Environmental Engineering



You can find more information about the INW department on our homepage at [www.hs-merseburg.de/inw](http://www.hs-merseburg.de/inw)

# Department of Social Work.Media.Culture

The Department of Social Work.Media.Culture (SMK) is characterised, in particular, by its experienced teaching staff. They are experienced from a methodical and didactical point of view, and they are also practice-oriented and motivated. A close connection to current practice is provided by practitioners who alternate as lecturers. They take questions and problems from their daily work to the seminar rooms.

**ARTISTIC AND PRACTICAL MEDIA COMPETENCE** ■ Our professionally equipped workshops for photography and film, dance and theatre, music and audio production, our printing, painting and drawing studios and a multimedia workshop are open to all students.

**REFLECTIVE PROJECT WORK AND PRACTICE-ORIENTED RESEARCH** ■ The independent development, implementation and evaluation of projects and research projects is an essential component of your studies. Project work is scientifically-based and results are reflected back into practice. This usually takes place in cooperation with practical partners from the cultural and educational landscape of the region.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY WORK AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION** ■ How do we live in a globalised, diverse and digitalised society? The challenges for knowledge transfer associated with this question can no longer be met by just one discipline. Therefore, the SMK department creates structures for networking, promotes an exchange with other institutions, involves external researchers and scientists and supports stays abroad and international cooperation.

**DIVERSITY AND DISCURSIVITY** ■ In view of the existing diversity in our society, cultural education and media work can only succeed if as many people as possible participate and the various issues and perspectives are negotiated with each other. Students are asked to deal with different social positions, their own actions and their own profession.



## RANGE OF STUDIES IN THE SMK SUBJECT AREA

- Social Work
- Cultural and Media Education
- Applied Sexual Science and Sexology



Further information about the SMK department  
can be found at [www.hs-merseburg.de/smk](http://www.hs-merseburg.de/smk)

The SMK department has  
the largest number of  
students at the university.



# Department of Business Administration and Information Sciences

The Department of Business Administration and Information Sciences (WIW) offers excellent study conditions and the best opportunities for your future employment. We design knowledge transfer to be close to life and work, because our study content is directly oriented to the needs of the labour market. And, we know what we are talking about: our lecturers come from the business world and our students gain their first practical experience in the compulsory practical semester.

With us, in the WIW department, you can rely on excellent and individual support. In addition, numerous national and international cooperations with companies and institutions enable you to think outside the box already during your studies.

## OUR DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT WIW

- Business Administration
- Business Informatics
- Industrial Engineering
- Controlling and Management
- Information Design and Media Management
- Project Management

**“Being open-minded and meeting new people is a great help during one’s studies and in life in general.”**  
Brayann from Peru (B.Sc. Applied Chemistry)



For further information on the department and the individual degree programmes, please visit [www.hs-merseburg.de/wiw](http://www.hs-merseburg.de/wiw)



# Research and Doctoral Studies at HoMe

Research at HoMe is application- as well as solution-oriented and is always carried out in cooperation with our partners in industry. Scientific research and experimental development are equally important. With the aim of expanding international cooperation with our partner universities, we also promote international research projects. So why not come to Merseburg for a research project as part of your thesis or doctorate?

## Living in the Future – Shaping Progress

An essential milestone on the career path to science is writing a doctoral thesis. At HoMe there are two paths to a doctorate. You can carry out your doctoral project in cooperation with a university or independently at one of our newly established doctoral centres. Together with the Universities of Applied Sciences of Anhalt, Harz and Magdeburg-Stendal we participate in programmes at the following PhD centres:

- Engineering and Information Technologies
- Social, Health and Economic Sciences

Enjoy our practical and homely atmosphere and benefit from our interdisciplinary research opportunities, well-equipped laboratories and workshops, as well as an intensive supervisory relationship! The Center of Advanced Scientific Education (CASE) supports and advises you in all matters relating to your scientific career – from your doctoral studies to a professorship at HoMe.



Further information can be found at: [www.hs-merseburg.de/forschung-und-transfer/forschung/wissenschaftlicher-nachwuchs/](http://www.hs-merseburg.de/forschung-und-transfer/forschung/wissenschaftlicher-nachwuchs/)

**"I came to HoMe as part of my PhD thesis to make electrochemical experiments at the Department of Engineering and Natural Sciences."**

**Leon from North Macedonia**



**"I am very grateful to do the experimental part of my PhD thesis at HoMe, because of the excellent conditions and equipment. The colleagues here are really kind, and they are always ready to help and share their knowledge."**

**Marijana from Serbia**



**“What I find unique about studying in Merseburg is the international student community and the support from the staff during your university study programme.”**

Alper from Turkey (B.Sc. Computer Engineering)

# Application Process and Language Skills

Already found the perfect course of study? Now it's time to organise your stay! You will be helped by the staff of the International Office and the Registrar's Office. They will support you before and during your stay at the university and will provide you with all the information you need to organise your studies, your accommodation and leisure activities.

**ERASMUS+ AND UNIVERSITY COOPERATION** ■ Are you interested in a study semester, a practical project or working on your final thesis at HoMe? Then apply at your home university for an exchange place at HoMe. In the next step, your application will be reviewed by our International Office and the department of your choice. You will receive written confirmation as soon as possible and the names of the contact persons in your future department, in order to be able to discuss subject-related details regarding your study stay.

**A FULL STUDY PROGRAMME AT THE HOME** ■ You have a school leaving certificate or university degree from a foreign country and would like to study at HoMe? Then find out about the German language skills required, admission requirements and visa regulations on the HoMe website and via uni-assist.  
→ [www.hs-merseburg.de/international](http://www.hs-merseburg.de/international)

**LANGUAGE SKILLS** ■ At HoMe, every semester, seminars and lectures are held in English. Nevertheless, to ensure a successful time, attendance of one of the free German courses will be very helpful. This will provide you with a great opportunity to improve your German skills and get to know students from other departments. Another highly recommended course is "Germany in an Intercultural context": in addition to general information about Germany, the focus is on intercultural competence in a professional and academic context.

Furthermore, you may attend other language courses run by the Language Centre. So, in addition to your studies, why not start learning Russian, Spanish, English or French?

# Campus Life

On the university campus, student life offers a wide range of opportunities: the student clubs, *Wärmi* and *Reaktor*, invite you to linger in the evenings, the *Campus Cinema* guarantees exciting film experiences and the *Theater am Campus (TaC)* is always looking forward to an open-minded audience and new talent.

Do you have family commitments alongside your studies? That's no problem at HoMe! The Family Office supports you with offers and possibilities to ensure that you can study and work without having to worry. And, for the care of the little ones, there is the daycare centre *CampusKids* right on campus!

For those interested in sport, the Sports Centre at HoMe offers a wide range of sports courses throughout the year. Athletics, horse riding, fitness and health courses are just as much a part of the programme as diving, the martial arts and dancing, sailing and parachuting. New friends can be found at football, volleyball or basketball training sessions and the weekly yoga course is very relaxing!

In one year, over 100,000 portions are served at our canteen. The most popular dish at HoMe is spaghetti bolognese. Currywurst is in second place!

**"I like to spend my breaks with my friends on those huge outdoor wooden benches between the university and the dorms."**  
Poonam from India (M. Eng. Computer Science and Communication Systems)

**"My favorite place at the university is the external staircase on the 4th floor from which you have a splendid view of the whole city."**  
Bulat from Russia (B.Sc. Chemical and Environmental Engineering)



"In the mornings and afternoons,  
I am at the university attending  
lectures or studying in the library.  
In my free time, I take part in group  
courses at the sports centre or  
play football with friends."  
Mohammed from Jordan (B.Sc. Applied  
Computer Science)





# Living in Merseburg

There are various options when it comes to living in Merseburg: Fancy living in the middle of the countryside and still sitting together with friends in the evening in a relaxed atmosphere? Then the cosy dorms on campus are probably the best solution. In the immediate vicinity of lecture halls and seminar rooms, the Student Services Halle (Studentenwerk Halle) offers inexpensive fully furnished and unfurnished rooms in its dorms on campus. Or, would you prefer to live close to Merseburg Castle with shops just around the corner? In that case, we recommend the student flat-shares in the Bankhaus in the middle of Merseburg's city centre. Or, would you prefer to enjoy the flair and bright lights of the big cities of Halle and Leipzig? No problem - they are only a stone's throw away from Merseburg by bus and train!

For international students who come to Merseburg in the context of cooperations (e.g. Erasmus+), guest areas are available on campus. The single rooms are fully furnished and equipped with bed linen. In the communal kitchen, essential household items such as cutlery, crockery and a kettle are provided. There is a TV in the common room and all rooms have internet access.

***"I really enjoy sitting on the lawn in front of my dorm with my friends."***  
Carmen from Mexico (B.Sc. Chemical and Environmental Engineering)

***"I live together with three flat-mates in the dorm. We all come from different countries and it is so interesting to learn something new about other countries and cultures."***  
Galiia from Russia (B.Sc. Applied Computer Science)

***"I live together with two friends in a flat in Merseburg."***  
Xia from China (B.Sc. Mechatronics)

## Discover Merseburg – Excursions to the local surroundings

Merseburg was a meeting place of German emperors and monarchs and is known for one of the oldest preserved manuscripts written in German: the Merseburg Charms. Then again, Merseburg is still magical today: Going for a walk along the picturesque banks of the River Saale below the castle, spending an evening at the cinema in the beautiful DomstadtKino, marvelling at animals in the Südpark right next to the campus or listening to a world-famous organ recital in the beautiful cathedral which is over 1,000 years old – in addition to studying there are plenty of interesting things to do in Merseburg.

And, whether you cycle, go by car or train thanks to good connections, it is also easy to discover the immediate surroundings or go somewhat further afield – because Merseburg is in the middle of a perfect location!

HoMe has 88 partner  
universities worldwide.

**“The best place in Merseburg is the lake near the train station since you can simply empty your thoughts for a minute and connect with nature.”**  
Ahmed from Jordan (B.Sc. Mechatronics and Engineering)

**“My favourite place to spend time is the park next to the university.”**  
Peng Du from China (B.Sc. Mechatronics)

**“My favourite place in Merseburg is the park, located in the grounds of Merseburg Castle. Here you can go for a relaxing walk, read or have a picnic with friends.”**  
Ricardo from Spain (Erasmus+ student)

**“For me, my favourite places in Merseburg are the castle and the campus – both are simply beautiful.”**  
Ali from Iran (M.Sc. Mechanical Engineering)

# Destinations



# Important Contacts

## THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The staff of the International Office at HoMe helps exchange students with the organisation of study stays in Merseburg and are important points of contact for international students.

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→ [www.hs-merseburg.de/  
international-office](http://www.hs-merseburg.de/international-office)

## THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE – FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO TAKE A DEGREE COURSE AT HOME

The Registrar's Office provides information and deals with student matters such as admission, student IDs and certificates of study.

The contact person for questions on application and enrolment is:

Ms. Carmen Pars

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→ [www.hs-merseburg.de/studium/  
im-studium/studierendensekretariat/](http://www.hs-merseburg.de/studium/im-studium/studierendensekretariat/)

## OUR BUDDIES

On the university campus in Merseburg you will also be supported by our buddies. Whether it's dealing with the local authorities, getting here or your first day at university – our buddies will support you on the campus, plan cooking and games evenings and organise excursions to interesting places in the local area.

→ Facebook: International Students Merseburg

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