

## Study programmes

Students at Helmut Schmidt University / Bundeswehr University Hamburg pursue accelerated, intensive study programmes in which they earn up to 75 ECTS credit points each year. The academic year is divided into trimesters, and a master's degree can be obtained after four years of study. Situated on a campus, the University is walkable and features outstanding personnel, modern dormitories and excellent equipment. Programmes are based on small groups, which ensures personal and individual support for students. As a special feature of study programmes at HSU/UniBw H, students take interdisciplinary studies as a compulsory secondary subject. In this subject, students learn interdisciplinary methods and professionally oriented skills and knowledge. In addition, foreign language training and internships are good preparation for professional life.

## International partnerships

HSU/UniBw H partners with universities and institutions of higher education around the world. Students can currently choose from more than 45 partner universities. Having been awarded an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), HSU/UniBw H is also a participant in the Erasmus+ programme. As part of its internationalisation efforts, the University intends to expand international cooperation in teaching and studies even further. One focus is on closer exchange with European military academies and defence universities. That is why HSU/UniBw H has recently begun participating in European Initiative for the Exchange of Military Young Officers (EMILYO), the European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus. EMILYO is an important part of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), which provides EU institutions and member states with strategic training in the field of common security and defence policy. In 2025, the first HSU/UniBw H students were sent to Greece and Austria to take a common module (CM). In early 2026, the first 15 international cadets will take part in a specially developed CM at HSU/UniBw H. Every September, incoming students can take the German Summer Intensive Programme, or GISP, to prepare them for their exchange studies before the regular trimester begins.

### Student exchanges (academic year 2024/2025)

Outgoing	48
Incoming	42

## Research

The high technical standards of our laboratories and our well-stocked libraries are just some examples of the excellent research conditions that HSU/UniBw H offers its junior researchers. HSU/UniBw H has close ties to other universities, non-university research institutions and industry in the city of Hamburg and its metropolitan area. It is involved in three of the five Hamburg clusters of excellence: Climate, Climatic Change and Society; Understanding Written Artefacts; and BlueMat

Water-Driven Materials. The University also coordinates the research group of the German Research Foundation (DFG) on "Ultrasonic Monitoring of Fibre Metal Laminates Using Integrated Sensors". HSU/UniBw H researchers serve as project leaders in three DFG research groups. In cooperation with Helmholtz and its DESY research centre, the University also promotes postgraduate education through the Data Science in Hamburg Helmholtz Graduate School for the Structure of Matter (DASHH). The Bundeswehr Centre for Digitalisation and Technology Research (dtec.bw) provides HSU/UniBw H with comprehensive expertise in the field of digital technologies and their transformative impact on work and society. With its involvement in dtec.bw, the University conducts interdisciplinary research and development in key digital technologies in cooperation with partners from industry and society.

## Postgraduate courses

The Centre for Postgraduate Education (ZWW) organises external academic postgraduate training. It develops and offers high-quality postgraduate degree programmes and other postgraduate training with a focus on the public sector in order to honour the University's commitment to provide continuing education in accordance with the Hamburg Higher Education Act. The Centre also makes an essential contribution to the further development of HSU as an internationally oriented academic partner of the German Federation in terms of personnel development and lifelong learning.

Postgraduate programmes	Stud.	Percentage of female Students
Military Leadership and International Security	205	16,1 %
Civil-Military Interaction	98	25,5 %
Leadership in the Medical Field	44	50,0 %
Management and Law in the Federal Administration	9	77,8 %
Leading Diversity (MLead)	2	50,0 %
International Procurement Cooperation	41	14,6 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>23,6 %</b>
of which international students	74	

Campus size (m <sup>2</sup> )	408,726
Number of buildings	58
Number of lecture/office buildings	14
Number of lecture halls and seminar rooms	40
Number of offices	831
Number of accommodation spaces	2629

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Faculty	Study programmes
Electrical Engineering	Digital Engineering (BSc/MSc) Climate-Friendly Electrical Energy and Mobility (BSc/MSc) Medical Engineering (BSc/MSc) Industrial Engineering (BSc/MSc) Engineering Science (BS) Engineering Science: Defence Systems (MSc)
Humanities and Social Sciences	Educational Science (BA/MA) History (BA/MA) Psychology (BSc/MSc)
Mechanical and Civil Engineering	Mechanical Engineering (BSc) Power and Environmental Engineering (MSc) Automotive Engineering (MSc) Mechatronics (MSc) New Product Development and Logistics (MSc) Civil Engineering (BSc/MSc)
Economic and Social Sciences	Business Administration (BSc/MSc) Digital Governance and Administration (MA) International Relations (MA) Logistics (BSc/MSc) Political Science (BA) Law for Public Administration (LLB) Comparative Democracy Research (MA) Economics (BSc/MSc)

## Study and teaching

Faculty	Students	
	Total	Percentage of female students
Electrical Engineering	230	8,3 %
Humanities and Social Sciences	744	35,2 %
Mechanical and Civil Engineering	262	13,8 %
Economic and Social Sciences	894	18,7 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>2130</b>	<b>22,9 %</b>
Internationals	36	

### Doctorates and postdoctoral lecturing qualifications (in 2025)

Doctorates awarded	68
Postdoctoral lecturing qualifications awarded	2

Graduation (Bachelor)	
Number of newly registered students in 2021	514
Number of graduates who first registered in 2021	386
Graduation rate (by November 2025)	75 %

Graduation (Master)	
Number of newly registered students in 2020	397
Number of graduates who first registered in 2020	368
Graduation rate (by November 2025)	93 %

## Staff

University Staff	Personal <sup>1</sup>
Academic staff	727
Non-academic staff	543
working in: Faculties	130
Military Department <sup>2</sup>	87
Central Institutions	91
Central Administration	165
Library	29
President's staff	26
Other	15
Trainees	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,291</b>

<sup>1</sup> figures as of 1 Dec 2025

<sup>2</sup> Military leadership and student services and support

## Academic staff<sup>1,2</sup>

Faculty	Professors	Research associates	Professorships
Electrical Engineering	14	93	14
Humanities and Social Sciences	33	130	33
Mechanical and Civil Engineering	26	207	34
Economic and Social Sciences	48	162	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>130</b>

<sup>1</sup> figures as of 1 Dec 2025

<sup>2</sup> including dtcc.bw research assistants, research assistants(officer), civil servants

Appointments (in 2025)	
Offers of professorship at HSU accepted:	4
Offers of professorship at other universities received:	0
Offers of professorship at other universities accepted:	0

## Budget

Spending <sup>1</sup> (in 2025)	Euro
Personnel	72,914,910
Operation and material	7,616,908
Real estate and facilities <sup>2</sup>	67,206,341
Investments	14,044,252
IT	2,119,818
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,902,229</b>

<sup>1</sup> not including dtcc.bw

<sup>2</sup> including rent and leases (43,874,598 euro)

## Third-party funding

Third-party funding staff <sup>1</sup>	
Academic staff	116
Other staff	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>

<sup>1</sup> third-party funded employees, if they are included in the university budget (headcount)

Funding per sponsor (in 2025)	Euro
German Research Foundation	2,459,080
Federal Ministry of Defence	5,021,130
Federal Ministry of Education and Research	1,901,275
Other federal ministries	2,614,716
Federal authorities	540,474
European Union	359,022
State ministries and authorities	823,973
Private donors	973,276
Other public law bodies	989,203
Foundations	141,551
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,823,704</b>

Spending per purpose (in 2025)	Euro
Electrical Engineering	3,457,251
Humanities and Social Sciences	1,456,164
Mechanical and Civil Engineering	8,055,940
Economic and Social Sciences	1,593,071
HSU Centre for Technology-Based Education and Training	52,469
HSU Centre for Postgraduate Education	601,799
Other	607,006
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,823,704</b>