



## **Degree Programmes**

This study placement is open to Aston Business Students.

No of places available: 4

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

## **Application Process**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

**Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.**

## **The University**

Mannheim Business School/Fakultät für Betriebswirtschaftslehre  
Universität Mannheim  
L5, 5  
68131 Mannheim 1  
GERMANY

Main website:

[English](#)

[German](#)

[Mannheim Business School website](#)

[International Office website](#)

A large part of **Mannheim University** is housed in the palace. The University was founded in 1967 and has about



13,000 students, most of whom study business administration. It has one of the top-ranking faculties of business administration in the country, which two German business magazines recently referred to as the leading business school in Germany.

Mannheim Business School now has triple accreditation from EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System), AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and AMBA (Association of MBAs).

## **What it is like to study at University of Mannheim**

Check out the following link:

[Video 1](#)

## Location

**Mannheim** is situated in the South West of Germany at the junction of the Rhine and the Neckar rivers. Together with the nearby city of Ludwigshafen it forms an important river port.



Mannheim owes its existence to the palace, which was completed in 1763 when the Elector moved his residence to Mannheim. It was a social and cultural centre in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, but this time of prosperity ended in 1778 when the residence of the Elector was moved to Munich. It recovered in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, however, by becoming a prosperous industrial town, and is today one of southwest Germany's leading towns in trade and industry. Its chief products include chemicals, machinery and precision instruments.

## Semester/key dates

Fall semester: early September to end December

Spring semester: February to end June

## Business Orientation Programme

One week before the start of lectures

## [Academic Calendar](#)

## **Study Programme**

Students will study for two semesters at the University of Mannheim (October to August) including a four-week optional language course preceding the first semester. Teaching and assessment will normally be in English or German depending on your degree requirements. It is possible to look for a work placement for the second semester, using the services of Mannheim's Placement Office.

Mannheim offers exchange students the possibility of studying courses offered by other faculties. However, your choice of courses must first be approved by the Placement Office at Aston Business School.

**Workload:** 30 ECTS credits per semester

## **Work Placements**

It is possible to study at Mannheim for the first semester, and to use the services of Mannheim Business School to find a work placement for the second semester. Mannheim has connections with several multi-national companies, such as BASF, SAP, Dresdner Kleinwort, Deutsche Bank. Students who are interested in this option should contact the staff in the Dean's Office as soon as possible after arrival to register their interest.

## **Living in Germany**

- **Accommodation:**

Student accommodation is available - residences are between €185 - €380 per month (2013 prices). There is a deposit ("Kaution" in German) which has to be paid in advance, and is usually two months rent.

The application form for accommodation is sent to students after acceptance in the information package for exchange students. Students

may also look for accommodation privately. The International Office and the Dean's office can assist with this.

Former students suggest that it is a good idea to stay in the Jugendherberge (Youth Hostel) for a few nights before term starts, where many international students stay before finding more permanent accommodation\*:

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Germany

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**\* Student Comment on Accommodation:**

“Well worth staying for a couple of nights preceding term in the Jugendherberge (Youth Hostel) where many international students take refuge before settling into their own place. One of the best experiences of my life”.

“The Dean's office can be incredibly helpful for those who prefer private accommodation.”

Please note that accommodation becomes very sparse towards the beginning of term in Mannheim, so it is worth applying early.

- **Approximate Living Costs per month**

The average expenditure of a German university student is estimated at €800 per month including accommodation and activities in your leisure time.

- Rent in student accommodation: €185 – €380 per month
- Semester ticket for unlimited travel on public transport: €145: allows for travel to Heidelberg and the whole local region

- Health insurance for non-EU residents: €66 per month
- Cinema ticket: €6 (€2 on Sundays, when the cinema has a dedicated slot for students)
- **Information for Exchange Students**
- **GEZ-fees (Radio and TV licence fee)**
  - Radio                      5,76€ / month
  - Television                17,98€ / month
  - Radio and television 17,98€ / month

Information regarding GEZ („Gebühreneinzugszentrale“): in Germany exists a legal fee for owners of radios and televisions. This means that every person owning a radio or television has to pay a monthly fee to GEZ, also if these equipments are never or seldom in use! Further information about GEZ: liability to charge and remission (information in German only).

### **Next steps if you are successful**

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

## Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Mannheim University, and also that you fulfill any visa requirements for entering and studying in Germany. For further information, please see the website of the [German Embassy](#) in London.

## Careers + Placements

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