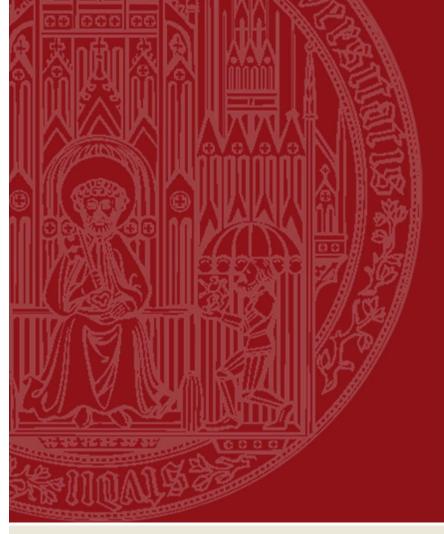


Ruprecht Karls University of Heidelberg

A Short Introduction

Philipp Löffler, University of Heidelberg, English Department





The City of Heidelberg

Facts and Figures





•founded around 500 AD

•Today: about 145000 people

•Relatively small city – But: rich diversity of urban spaces \rightarrow 14 districts distributed in 6 major sectors in the City

• located in what Germans call the 'Rhine-Neckar Delta'

•Reliably good weather (warmest German city in 2009)

•One of the most popular tourist destinations in Germany (historic old city, castle, River Neckar etc.)

Geographical Location





Beautifully located in Germany's Southwest and in driving distance to:

- •Frankfurt a.M. (Int. Airport) (1h)
- •Mannheim (20 min)
- •Karlsruhe (30 min)
- •Freiburg (2h)
- •Stuttgart (1h)
- •Munich (3h)
- •Paris (4h train ride)
- •Berlin (6h)



















The University of Heidelberg

Campus



Campus Altstadt Humanities and Social Sciences

Campus Neuenheimer Feld Natural Sciences





Campus Bergheim Political Sciences, Business School and Sociology



12 Departments/Faculties



- 1. Department of Theology
- 2. Department of Law
- 3. Medical School of Heidelberg
- 4. Medical School of Mannheim
- 5. Department of Philosophy
- 6. Department of Modern Languages
- 7. Department of Economics and Social Studies
- 8. Department of Behavioural and Cultural Studies
- 9. Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
- 10. Department of Chemistry and Earth Sciences
- 11. Department of Physics and Astronomy
- 12. Department of Bio Sciences



Students, Staff, Finances

Students (WS 10/11): 28,625 International Students (WS 10/11): 5,175 (18.1%) PhD graduations (2010): 1,159 Habilitations (2010): 96

Total number of staff members (1.12.2010): 12,812

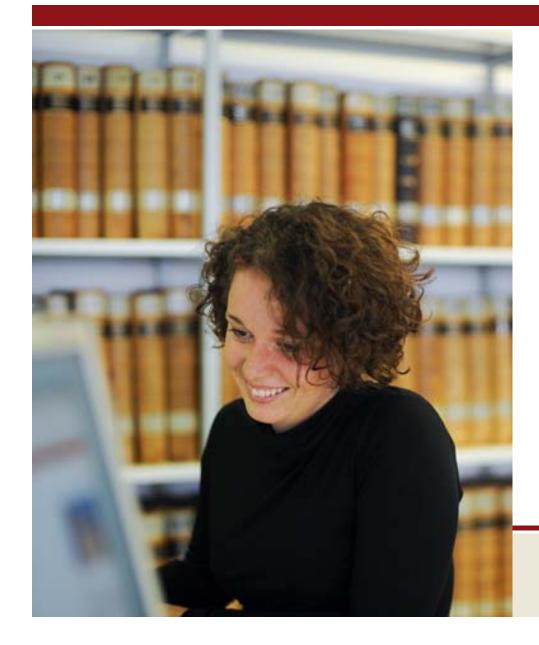
University, not including HD Med School: 7,553 Total number of Professors: 418 Total academic staff: 5,126

Total Subsidies and Funding (2010): 579.2 Mio. EUR *University, not including HD Med School: 302.1 Mio. EUR*

Third-Party Funding (2010): 193.5 Mio. EUR University, not including HD Med School: 96.0 Mio. EUR

International Rankings 2010





QS World University Ranking

ranked 1 in Germany ranked 14 in Europe ranked 51 globally

Times Higher Education Ranking ranked 3 in Germany ranked 18 in Europe ranked 83 globally

Shanghai Ranking of World Universities ranked 3 in Germany ranked 16 in Europe ranked 63 globally



Centre for Higher Education Development (CHE) ExcellenceRanking

2010: In a Europe-wide comparison of the natural sciences focusing on biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics, Heidelberg's departments belong to CHE's "Excellence Group."

CHE Research Ranking 2009: Heidelberg University is the only institute of higher education in Germany to be ranked in the so called "Spitzengruppe" ("Peak Performers") within the natural sciences and medical disciplines.





Campus Bergheim



Uniplatz and 'Alte Aula'





University Main Library



English Department





Uniplatz and 'Neue Aula' (Main Lecture Hall Building for the Humanities)





Historic Old City and 'Neuenheimer Feld'





Alte Aula (Old University Hall)

University Library





The Best in Germany

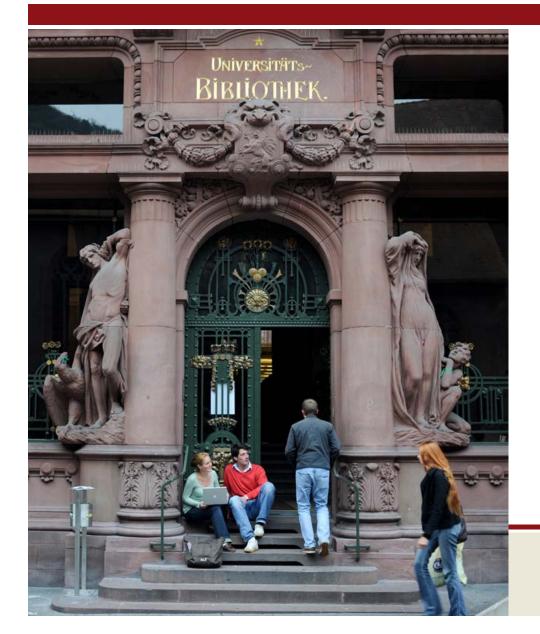
2010: First place in the renowned Bertelsmann Foundation BIX Library Rankings

Textbooks from American Studies to Zoology, with everything in between, including law and medicine

The library protects and maintains centuries-old manuscripts, including the most valuable manuscript in Germany, the *Codex Manesse*

University Library





Facts and Figures

- 2,000 000 Visitors per year
- 1,800 000 Loans per year
- 157 Members of staff
- 3,200 000 Books
- 53,000 E-Journals
- 2,000 Databases





From an "Universitas" to the 'Comprehensive University of the Future'



Oldest German university (founded 1386)

10 Nobel Prize-winning professors have taught or conducted their research at Heidelberg University

55 Nobel Prize winners' names are associated with either Heidelberg University or the city of Heidelberg

Today: one of the 9 German "Elite Universities" ('German Universities Excellence Initiative')

> 625 Jahre Ruperto Carola

Universität

Heidelberg

Zukunft. Seit 1386.



Institutional Strategy: 'Realizing the Potential of a Comprehensive University'

Clusters of Excellence

•Cellular Networks

•Asia and Europe in a Global Context

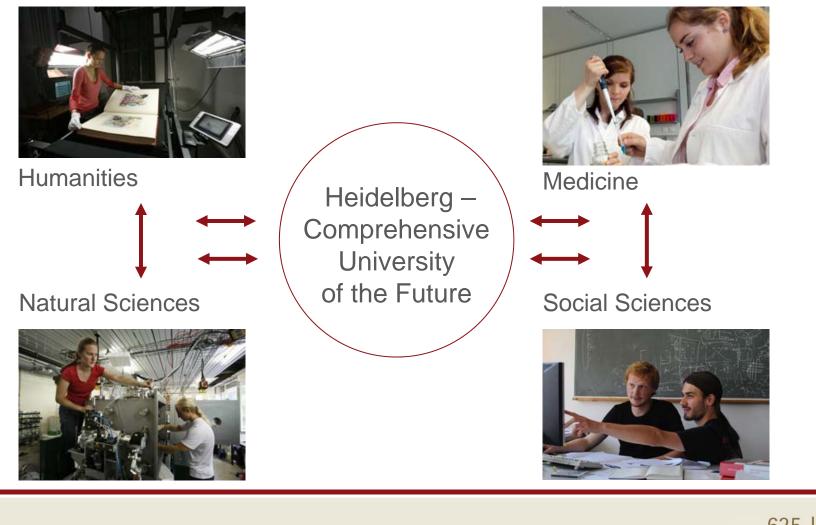
Graduate Schools

•Heidelberg Graduate School of Fundamental Physics

•Hartmut Hoffmann-Berling International Graduate School of Molecular and Cellular Biology

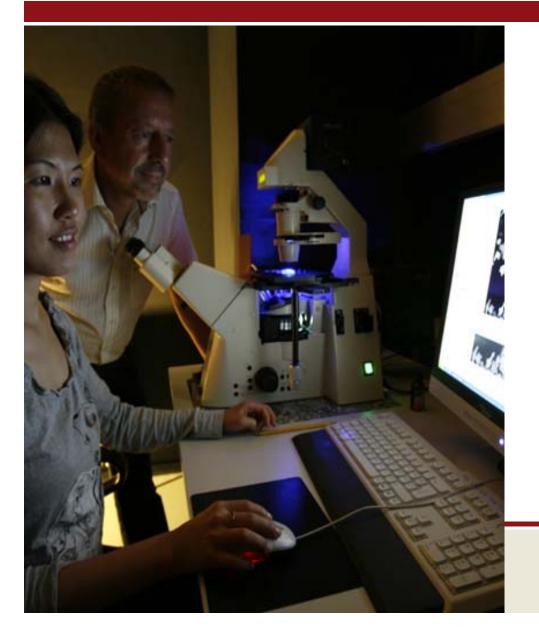
•Heidelberg Graduate School of Mathematical and Computational Methods for the Sciences





Facts and Figures





Research

- 16 Collaborative Research Centres (German Research Foundation – DFG)
- 9 Research Training Groups (DFG)
- 19 Cooperation Agreements with Non-University Research Institutions
- 13 Projects in Cooperation with the Academy of Sciences
- 13 ERC Grants
 - 8 Starting Grants
 - 5 Advanced Grants

Bachelor's and Master's Programmes





62 Bachelor of Arts programs

- 45 dual-subject bachelor's programs
- 17 single-subject bachelor's programs

72 Master of Arts programs

- 53 consecutive master's programs
- 19 non-consecutive/continuing education master's programs

29 Teaching/Education programs

5 Staatsexamen (State Examination)



As an Exchange Student

(with a Literary Studies background)

Student Life in Heidelberg





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- \rightarrow Active, international atmosphere
- → Every fifth resident of Heidelberg is a student

→ Extraordinary support through Heidelberg Student Services (Cafeterias, Housing, BAföG, etc.)

→ Free Language Courses at the University after arrival (March/Sept.) on all levels of proficiency

Department for German Languages and Literatures





Modern and Contemporary German Literatures

Linguistics

Old/Medieval German Languages/Literature

Editorial Sciences

→ http://www.gs.uni-hd.de/

Department for German as a Foreign Language (Institut für Deutsch als Fremdsprachenphilologie)





Linguistics Literature Cultural Studies Applied Linguistics Communication/Media Studies

 \rightarrow http://www.idf.uni-heidelberg.de/

Heidelberg Center for American Studies



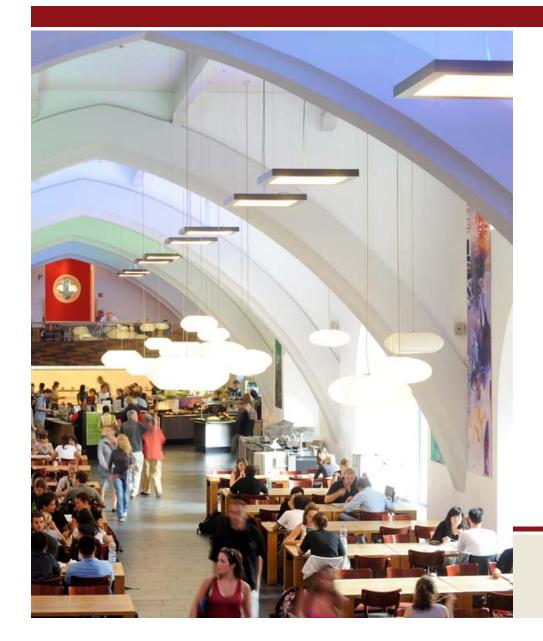


- -International Research/Study Institute
- (Public/Private Partnership)
- -Affiliated with 6 University Faculties
- -B.A., M.A., PhD in:
- American Literature
- •Geography
- History
- Musicology
- Philosophy
- Political Sciences
- •Law
- Theology
- Sociology
- Economics

→ http://www.hca.uniheidelberg.de/index_en.html

Zeughaus Cafeteria at the Marstall





The Cafeteria of the Year 2011

In a nation-wide student survey, the Zeughaus Cafeteria at the Marstall ranked first in the categories 'taste', 'service' and 'food diversity'.

2,100 dishes daily

The cafeteria is also a bar, a club and an event location hosting large numbers of special events.

Extra-Curricular Activities





- →Sports (Cycling, Hiking, Rowing ect.)
- →Literature and Culture (D.A.I., Public Lecture Series, Theatre in HD, Mannheim, or Stuttgart)
- →Music (Classical and Jazz)
- → Beer Gardening/Restaurants

→ Reasonably Prized Excursions (e.g. Maulbronn, Freiburg, Tübingen, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Munich, Strasbourg, Paris Berlin/Dresden, Weimar, …)

Questions?



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