

# Fact Sheet Hochschule Niederrhein

## General information

<b>Name of institution</b>	Hochschule Niederrhein (HSNR), University of Applied Sciences
<b>Erasmus code</b>	D KREFELD01
<b>OID</b>	E10190277
<b>Country</b>	Germany
<b>Locations</b>	Krefeld South Campus: Reinarzstraße 49, 47805 Krefeld Krefeld West Campus: Adlerstraße 32-42, 47798 Krefeld Mönchengladbach Campus: Webschulstraße 41-43, 41065 Mönchengladbach
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## Academic information

### Academic Calendar

#### Summer semester 2026

Semester period: 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026

Lecture period: 7<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

#### Winter semester 2026-2027

Semester period: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Lecture period: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2026 to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

#### Summer semester 2027

Semester period: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2027 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027

Lecture period: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2027 to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027






### Academic course offer

HSNR offers a wide range of [BA and MA degree programmes](#) with a focus on practice- and application-orientated teaching and research.

Many of our German-language degree programmes include modules taught in English, which can be selected by exchange students.

It is also possible for exchange students to choose individual project modules or write their thesis at HSNR provided both host and home university approve.

### We offer four degree programmes taught in English and an international minor:

-  Textile and Clothing Management B.Sc.
-  Management of Textile Trade and Technology (M.Sc.)
-  Sales & Marketing B.A.
-  International Management M.A.
-  International Minor in Food and Nutrition Sciences

If you have any questions about the content of the individual degree programmes, please [contact](#) the respective international coordinator within the faculty.

To see a list of current modules please refer to our [university calendar](#).



## Faculties

- ➔ Chemistry
- ➔ Design
- ➔ Engineering and Computer Science
- ➔ Food and Nutrition Sciences
- ➔ Applied Social Sciences
- ➔ Textile and Clothing Technology
- ➔ Business Administration and Economics
- ➔ Industrial Engineering
- ➔ Health Care

## Nomination

### Deadline

15<sup>th</sup> May for the winter semester  
15<sup>th</sup> October for the summer semester

### Process

Prospective students are nominated for an exchange stay by their home institution.

To do so, the home institution is required to send an e-mail to [inboundexchange@hsnr.de](mailto:inboundexchange@hsnr.de) containing the following information:  
[full name](#) | [nationality](#) | [e-mail address](#) | [degree programme at home university](#) | [planned degree programme at HSNR](#) | [level of study](#) | [study period \(number of semesters\)](#)

We will briefly review the nomination(s) and send a written approval by e-mail, before proceeding with the application process.





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## Application

### Deadline

**1<sup>st</sup> June for the winter semester**

**1<sup>st</sup> November for the summer semester**

### Process

We will provide all nominated students with a link to our online application portal *Mobility Online*.

Students will initially be required to create a personal account in *Mobility Online*. Subsequently, they will be able to fill in their personal data as well as upload the following documents:

[letter of motivation](#) | [transcript of records](#) | [language certificate](#) | [curriculum vitae](#) | [portfolio \(only applicable to students of our design programmes, not design engineering\)](#)

After all documents have been uploaded, we will review them and inform students once the application has been approved.

We reserve the right to reject applications in case they are incomplete or submitted after the deadline.

### Language requirements

For courses taught in German: B2 (at least B1.2 when applying)

For courses taught in English: B2 (at least B1.2 when applying)

Please refer to our [website](#) for a list of language certificates.

## Learning Agreement (LA)

### Working with EWP [Erasmus without paper](#)

Students, whose application has been approved, can move on to finalising their LA. In case the sending institution is working with EWP, students fill in their desired courses into the sending institution's Online Learning Agreement (OLA). Once the sending institution has approved the course selection, the sending institution informs HSNR. HSNR will match the online application with the respective student's OLA and will notify the relevant HSNR faculty coordinator. The OLA will be signed off by both the sending and the receiving institution as well as the student online.

### Working without EWP

In case your home university is not working with EWP yet, please inform the incoming exchange student advisor on [inboundexchange@hsnr.de](mailto:inboundexchange@hsnr.de).



We will subsequently ask students to enter their selected courses in Mobility Online under the tab Learning Agreement.

Once the relevant HSNR's faculty coordinator has approved these courses, students can download the Learning Agreement as a pdf- file from our [website](#), sign it, have it signed by their home university and upload it to Mobility Online.

## Acceptance & invitation letters

### Acceptance Letter

After approval of the Learning Agreement, HSNR's incoming exchange student advisor will send an Acceptance Letter and further information to each successful candidate. The Acceptance Letter formally confirms the successful completion of the application process.

All our Non-EU students will additionally be provided with an Invitation Letter in order to apply for a student visa.

## Enrolment

### Enrolment

Upon enrolment you will be able to create your HSNR student e-mail account and gain access to all HSNR online services.

### Semester contribution

HSNR charges no study fees, but a semester contribution which amounts to 353,30 € (summer semester 2026). It includes payment for a semester ticket for public transportation.

We will inform you about the current amount of the contribution and the relevant bank details after the application process.

### Staying for 2 semesters

Students who have been nominated to stay for 2 semesters, simply need to pay the current semester contribution for their second semester in order to re-enrol.

### Health insurance

We strongly recommend to take out health insurance in Germany, should students not be covered by the European Health Insurance Card. Please refer to our [website](#) for more information.



## Accommodation

### Halls of residence

HSNR holds a limited amount of places in student halls in Krefeld and Mönchengladbach, which are run by the *Studierendenwerk Düsseldorf*.

We will ask all students if accommodation in student halls is required and – upon the students' replies – will inform the *Studierendenwerk* accordingly.

HSNR will then provide these students with a link to formally apply for the places. Students will be required to enter their personal data as well as upload a passport photo and their letter of acceptance.

Once all data has been entered and documents uploaded, the *Studierendenwerk* will send a second link for students to click on in order to activate their application.

Please note that the link can only be activated within 5 days after receiving it.

Once the *Studierendenwerk* has received all applications from our guest students, rental proposals will be sent out by email.

Once the rental agreement is finalised, please make an appointment with the property manager to pick up your keys upon arrival and be shown to your room.

In case you have not been allocated a room, please see the information on our [website](#) to find alternative accommodation.

## Exam registration

### Exam office

Please make sure that you contact the [exam office](#) right at the beginning of your studies at HSNR to ensure that there have been no alterations to the courses you put down in the Learning Agreement or to the exams you would like to sit.

### Grading system

These grades apply for the evaluation of study performance in Germany:

1 – very good

2 – good

3 – satisfactory

4 – satisfactory (still meets the requirements)

5 – unsatisfactory (no longer meets the requirements)

For more information on the grading system, please refer to our [website](#).





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## Upon arrival

**Arrival dates** HSNR's International Office hosts a Welcome Day – usually on the Friday morning before the start of the semester, i.e. late March or late September.

**Transportation** Unfortunately, we cannot offer airport pickups, but it is easy to get to the student halls and campuses. Please refer to our [website](#) for more information.

**Confirmation of stay** Please come and see the incoming exchange student advisor to confirm the start of your mobility period. This will be the first day you spend on campus, for instance the start of any pre-semester courses, your attendance of our Welcome Day or the day of your first lecture, whichever applies first.

**HSNR App** You can download the [HSNR App](#) to have easy access to all information and news regarding student life, courses, events as well as your semester ticket etc.

## Language centre

**Preparatory German course** HSNR's Language Centre in Mönchengladbach offers a preparatory intensive German course (level A1.1) specifically for our incoming guest students. This course takes place over seven days and comprises 30 hours. It usually starts about two weeks prior to the start of lectures. Please take this into account when planning your trip.

**Language courses** In addition, our language centre offers various language courses throughout the winter and summer semester on our campuses in Mönchengladbach as well as in Krefeld. You will have access to the courses offered once you have been enrolled. Courses are free of charge. Please refer to our [website](#) for further information.





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## Student support

### HSNR's counselling network

If you need support or advice on campus, please refer to HSNR's [counselling network](#).

### Inclusion

Please get in touch with our incoming exchange student advisor on [inboundexchange@hsnr.de](mailto:inboundexchange@hsnr.de) early on if you have special needs or requirements. We will aim to accommodate you as much as we can.

## Life on campus

### Buddy programme

In order to help you settle into life on campus at HSNR, you are welcome to take part in our [buddy programme](#) and receive support by a fellow student.

### Activities on campus

Please refer to this [website](#) for information on campus activities and communities.

### General Student Committee

[HSNR's Student Committee](#) offers help and support for international students in various regards and also organises lots of student activities.

### Events

Please refer to the International Office's [calendar](#) to learn about upcoming events.

Please contact HSNR's [incoming exchange student advisor](#) if you require further information. We look forward to welcoming you at HSNR!

