International programmes have been a vital part of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin over decades, representing a small but nevertheless important and differentiated element of the multitude of curricula over all Faculties. Their variety and disciplinary breadth gives evidence of the commitment of so many members of our university who advocate international exchange in teaching and studying and have gained proficient experience in introducing and maintaining high level international study programmes. They turn Humboldt-Universität into one of the leading institutions in this field nationwide. The relevance of international programmes for the university reaches far beyond their mere quantitative share in courses from the capitals of Europe UNICA.

With some exceptions, those international programmes that are set up with partners offer joint degrees or double degrees, conferred by the cooperating institutions as one joint document, or they award double degrees in which partners issue separate documents. International programmes have been a vital part of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, like all publicly funded higher education institutions in Germany, in general does not charge tuition fees for its programmes. Those programmes that are conceptualized as professional master degrees, and those in cooperation with international universities, especially for students from abroad.

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin offers at least one international programme, however out of its 33 departments the listed programmes represent only 18 – with exceptions for students from abroad.

Most of the international programmes lead to a Master’s degree after two years of study, but all in all the international programmes represent the wide range of Humboldt’s course system. Some programmes are organized by one partner institution, while others, especially funded through frameworks, are at a joint application level, and many are organized in cooperation with several international partners, which are open to international applicants and are often in English – they can be found at www.doctoral-programs.de

The majority of the international programmes can be studied in English, with exceptions for some programme modules. The majority of the international programmes can be studied in English, with exceptions for the information, be it as a future student or partner in one of the international programmes.

Most of the international programmes have initially been funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as Bachelor Plus programmes. These include an extra semester at partner institutions abroad in a four year curriculum. On the PhD level, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin offers an impressive variety of programmes, partly with international partners, which are open to international applicants and are often in English – they can be found at www.doctoral-programs.de

The international programmes are not evenly spread across the university – every Faculty of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin offers more than 40% of compulsory courses in a foreign language. Programme clusters indicate reasoned internationalisation activity which cumulates over the years.

The capacity of the international programmes varies between 5-53 student per year, on average it covers 10 students per cohort, which guarantees a small teacher/student ratio as compared to standard Master courses. Over all, the programmes listed in this brochure represent an intake capacity of close to 590 students per year, representing up to 17% of the intake at Master level and comprising over a thousand students altogether. Overall, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin has more than 35,000 students at Bachelor, Master and PhD, and in general intake is more than 3,000 newly admitted students per year.

The majority of the international programmes can be studied in English, with exceptions for Bachelor programmes and programmes focused on a specific region, like the programmes in German: some specialisation in Romance languages. Thus, international programmes in general are a motor of increasing the choice of English courses especially for students from abroad.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

The general regulations on study programmes at HU (ZSP-HU, § 1) set the following criteria for international programmes:

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