

Information on applying for the second study phase of the medicine and dentistry programs

Preliminary note on the medicine program

Universität Hamburg offers medicine as a model degree program. There are no longer two distinct study phases divided by the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination). However, the terms “second study phase” and “first clinical semester” are still used here for clarity’s sake. If you transfer to Universität Hamburg, you will continue your studies in the model degree program. For more information on the model degree program in medicine, see: www.uke.de/studium-lehre/modellstudiengang-medizin-imed (in German only)

Which semester can I apply for?

You can only apply to the second study phase of the medicine degree once you have successfully passed the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination) if you are studying medicine or the *Vorprüfung* (intermediate examination) if you are studying dentistry. It is only possible to apply to start the second study phase of the degree in medicine in the summer semester (application period: 1 December–15 January). In the past few semesters, it has not been possible to apply for the second study phase of the dentistry program at all. For the latest information on the application options, see the [“Bewerbungsinfo Höheres Fachsemester – Hauptstudium”](#) (in German only).

You can only apply to Universität Hamburg for the first clinical semester. Due to the disparities between medical faculties, you cannot apply for a specific higher clinical semester. If you have already completed coursework for the clinical study phase at another university, Universität Hamburg will generally recognize your academic achievements and study periods. However, be aware that the period of study is likely to increase. If you transfer after the first clinical semester, you will only be able to complete your studies in the regular period of study in exceptional cases—the Faculty of Medicine at Universität Hamburg cannot guarantee that this will be possible. Contact the responsible staff in the office of the vice dean for student affairs after you enroll for confirmation of the equivalence of academic achievements: www.uke.de/studium-lehre/kontakt-beratung/studienberatung (in German only)

No admission to higher semesters of the first study phase!

At no point during the **pre-clinical phase** can you be admitted to a higher subject semester of either the medicine or dentistry program. Lateral entry, i.e., an alternate route into this phase, is therefore not possible.

Applying for the clinical rotation	<p>You can also apply to start the clinical rotation in the winter semester. To start your clinical rotation in May, apply for the summer semester (application period: 1 December–15 December). To start your clinical rotation in November, apply for the winter semester (application period: 1 June–15 July). Universität Hamburg currently offers a total of ten places for the clinical rotation. If you are admitted, you can also submit this at a later date. The deadline for submission (usually about one week before the clinical rotation starts) is indicated in your acceptance letter.</p>
How to apply	<p>Apply via Universität Hamburg's online application portal: www.uni-hamburg.de/online-bewerbung (in German only)</p> <p>The application procedure is paperless if you completed the first study phase in Germany. Selection is based on the information provided in your online application. You must submit proof of successful completion of the first phase examination and your higher education entrance eligibility when you enroll. When you enroll for the clinical rotation, you must additionally provide proof of successful completion of the second phase examination. You can submit this at a later date. The deadline for submission (usually about one week before the clinical rotation starts) is indicated in your acceptance letter.</p> <p>If you completed the first study phase abroad, you must upload recognition of the equivalence of the first study phase (see "Exception: previous studies abroad") along with sufficient academic achievements for all relevant subjects within the application. This proof is used to calculate your grade for the pre-clinical examination. In this case, you only need to submit proof of your higher education entrance eligibility when you enroll. If you also obtained your higher education entrance eligibility abroad, see the information under "Exception: previous studies abroad" on having your foreign higher education entrance eligibility recognized.</p>
Selection procedure	<p>If places become available for the second study phase, students are admitted according to a ranking that takes the grade point average for the higher education entrance eligibility and the grade for the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination) into account. The grade for the higher education entrance qualification is multiplied by a factor of three and the grade for the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination) is multiplied by a factor of seven. The sum of these two values determines your ranking. The selection procedure is outlined in the bylaws on the selection procedure and criteria for higher semesters of the degree program in medicine (PDF, in German only).</p>
Alternative: apply via hochschulstart.de as a first-year student	<p>If you are a German or equivalent applicant¹⁾ and have successfully completed the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination) or <i>Vorprüfung</i> (intermediate examination) for dentistry or had your academic achievements from studies abroad recognized as equivalent by a German state examinations office (Landesprüfungsamt), you can also formally apply via hochschulstart.de (in German only) as a first-year student in addition to applying directly to Universität Hamburg—provided you are not enrolled at a German higher education institution at the time of applying.</p> <p>¹⁾ Specifically, foreign nationals holding the German higher education entrance qualification and citizens of EU member states as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.</p>

No admission to a higher subject semester at Universität Hamburg!	<p>If you are awarded a place at Universität Hamburg via hochschulstart.de, you will be enrolled in the first semester and will not normally be admitted to a higher subject semester. If you wish to continue your studies at Universität Hamburg after the pre-clinical examination without any waiting period, you must follow the procedure to apply for the <i>Hauptstudium</i>.</p>
Exception: previous studies abroad	<p>If you previously studied abroad and wish to apply for the second study phase of the medicine or dentistry program, you must have your previous academic achievements recognized as equivalent to the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination) for medicine or <i>Vorprüfung</i> (intermediate examination) for dentistry.</p> <p>If you were born in Germany, the state examinations office for health care professions (Landesprüfungsamt für Heilberufe) in the federal state where you were born is responsible for the recognition (in Hamburg: www.hamburg.de/landespruefungsamt, in German only).</p> <p>If you were not born in Germany, apply to Landesprüfungsamt für Medizin, Psychotherapie und Pharmazie in Düsseldorf (NRW), https://www.brd.nrw.de/themen/gesundheit-soziales/landespruefungsamt-fuer-medizin-psychotherapie-und-pharmazie/anrechnung.</p> <p>If you obtained your higher education entrance eligibility abroad, you will also need to provide proof that your higher education entrance eligibility has been recognized and that you are sufficiently proficient in German. For detailed information, see: www.uni-hamburg.de/ib</p> <p>The state examinations offices do not provide a grade point average when recognizing the equivalence of the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination). The Faculty of Medicine at Universität Hamburg calculates the grade for your application to the medicine program. Therefore, if you completed your <i>Grundstudium</i> abroad, you must upload sufficient meaningful assessed academic achievements for all relevant subjects within your application. An overall grade will be calculated based on your individual academic achievements.</p> <p>Please upload all documents (recognition by the state examination office; certificates of the foreign university - the latter in German or English language!) as a digital copy (pdf format) in your application. If your former university issues a „Zeugnis des Ersten Abschnitts der Ärztlichen Prüfung“, please upload this „Zeugnis“ (together with the obligatory recognition by the state examination office) as proof of your course achievements. If you have questions about the grade calculated, please address them to imed@uke.de</p> <p>As an alternative to applying for the second study phase if you previously studied abroad, you can also initially apply as a first-year student, then check whether your past academic achievements can be recognized once you have enrolled. The Hamburg state examinations office for health care professions (Landesprüfungsamt für Heilberufe) is responsible for this. Be aware, however, that—as mentioned above—the Faculty of Medicine generally will not admit you to a higher semester even if your past academic achievements are recognized. The above information on the recognition of higher education entrance eligibility and German language proficiency also applies if you obtained your higher education entrance eligibility abroad and are applying as a first-year student.</p>

Swapping places

Since it is impossible to foresee whether your application to transfer to Universität Hamburg will be successful, if you are currently enrolled on an equivalent degree program at another German university, you should also consider searching for a swap partner in parallel to your application. You can swap places before you have even started studying. As swaps must not affect enrollment numbers, Universität Hamburg only accepts students with a similar level of education. It moreover only allows swaps before the start of the first semester or after successful completion of the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination). Note that both higher education institutions must agree to the swap.

You must submit your request to switch to Universität Hamburg by 1 October or 1 April at the latest. For more information on switching to Universität Hamburg, see: www.uni-hamburg.de/tausch (in German only)

Where can I search for a swap partner?

Check the following **websites for a swap partner**:

www.studienplatztausch.de (in German only)

www.unicum.de/forum/studienorte-und-studienplatztausch (in German only)

www.uni-pur.de/studienplatztausch (in German only)

www.studenten-wg.de/studienplatztausch (in German only)

www.studis-online.de/studieren/studienplatztausch (in German only)

www.studi-info.de/studienplatztausch (in German only)