



Incoming Student Guide
Welcome to DHBW Loerrach

TIPS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE IN LOERRACH

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Welcome Address by the President

Dear students,

I welcome you at the DHBW Loerrach!

More than 34,000 students are enrolled at the 9 locations of the DHBW in Germany. The number of companies and institutions collaborating with the DHBW state university system exceeds 10,000.

DHBW Loerrach is a very special location, only a bike-ride away from Switzerland and France. Our 2,100 students appreciate the chance to study at a modern campus in an international environment in the heart of Europe.

Internationalization is more than a keyword of our strategy, demonstrated by tri- and binational study programs, Business Management courses in English language and collaborations with more than 40 universities worldwide. Our students come from nearly 45 countries and this, too, contributes to the international environment of the DHBW.

We believe in the importance of an international experience and intercultural competence of every student. This prepares the students to act and work in a globalized world.



One of our top priorities is on the one hand to develop student mobility and on the other to make our international students feel at home at the campus and in the city of Loerrach.

We wish you a wonderful and exciting time at DHBW Loerrach.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'G. Jäger'.

Prof. Gerhard Jäger,
President DHBW Loerrach



About the DHBW Loerrach

Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University (Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg / DHBW) is the first higher education institution in Germany which combines on-the-job training and academic studies and, therefore, achieves a close integration of theory and practice, both components of cooperative education.

✍ **85 % of the DHBW students, who complete their studies and achieve a Bachelor's Degree, get the offer of a contract of employment by their partner companies.**

The dual training system is based on the regular shift between academic studies at the university and practical training at the individual company. That means, students are not only taught theoretical knowledge, but also learn to apply this knowledge in practice.

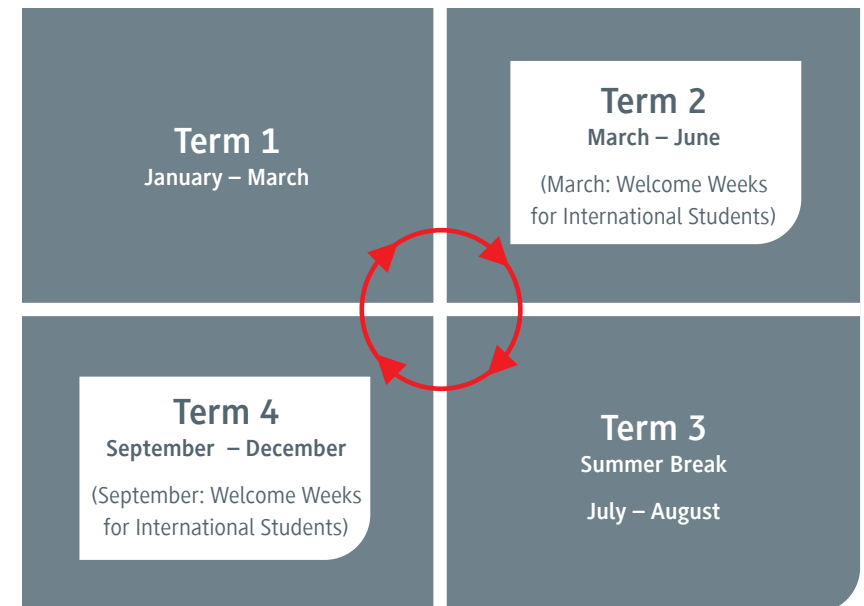
As one of the nine locations of the DHBW, Loerrach offers a broad range of undergraduate study programs in the fields of business and engineering. All degree programs are both nationally and internationally accredited, count as intensive study programs and students acquire 210 ECTS credits.



Courses

All courses at the DHBW Loerrach start on October 1st each year. As our programs incorporate theory and practice, our academic year is divided into 3–4 quarters, where students alternate between studying on campus and working in a partner company. International students have the chance to acquire up to 30 ECTS during one quarter. Students from any of our partner universities are exempted from the payment of tuition fees at DHBW.

✂ **We also offer a program for international and German students, which is entirely taught in English:** <https://dhw-loerrach.de/international-study-programs>



Language Requirements

ENGLISH

If you wish to study either the whole 3 year degree or just for a few semesters in English, you need to prove your language proficiency. One possibility is a proof of your language competence of at least B2 level – according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Another possibility is an official letter by your university, stating that your level of English enables you to follow lectures.

GERMAN

If you wish to either complete a degree taught in German language or participate in the courses held in German for 3 to 9 months, you are obliged to prove your proficiency in German language. This can be done with either a written letter signed by your university confirming that you have completed courses successfully in German or with a language certificate of at least B2 level according to the CEFR.



Scholarships

ERASMUS+

DHBW Loerrach has signed ERASMUS+ agreements with several European universities. Please check with your ERASMUS coordinator at home if your home university is one of them. The application process for the ERASMUS+ scholarship is always coordinated by the sending university.

BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG STIPENDIUM

Students from our partner universities outside of Europe can apply for the

✉ **Baden-Wuerttemberg Scholarship**
<https://bw-stipendium.de>

For more information, please contact the International Office.

FURTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

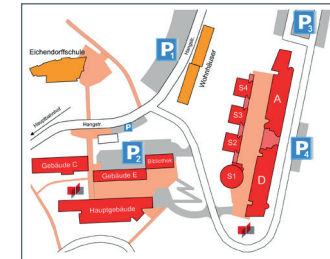
To find out, if you are eligible for a scholarship, please visit the following website:

✉ **Financial Support for International Exchange Students**
<https://dhw-loerrach.de/semester-at-dhw-loerrach/financial-support>

The Three Campuses

DHBW Loerrach has three campuses: one at Hangstrasse, another one, the so called „KBC“, at Marie-Curie-Strasse and the third one on the Vitra Campus.

The Hangstrasse campus is located on a hillside over-looking the city of Loerrach and houses the canteen and the main library. It also features our most up-to-date and advanced technological labs, utilized by both engineering and business students.



The KBC is DHBW Loerrachs original campus. KBC provides facilities for many business students. The office of the president of the DHBW Loerrach is located at KBC, too. The KBC is home of the International Office, Language Competence Center and the Administration Department.

Travel and Transportation

Facilities at the DHBW Loerrach

Our newest campus is situated in Weil am Rhein on the internationally known Vitra Campus (Charles-Eames-Straße 2). It is home to the architecture department and its students.



Although we have three campuses, we are a relatively small university with just about 2,100 students. This makes the learning environment cozy and friendly. This is a great benefit for our students, as lots of the classes take place at KBC. Moreover, all students receive more guidance and attention.

✉ **DHBW Loerrach Campuses**
<https://dhw-loerrach.de/kontakt/standorte>

CAMPUS HANGSTRASSE

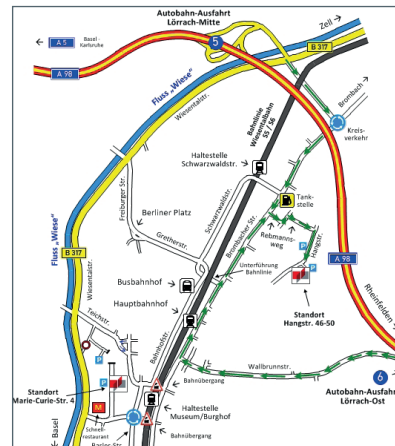
Hangstraße 46 – 50
79539 Lörrach

CAMPUS KBC

Marie-Curie-Straße 4
79539 Lörrach

CAMPUS VITRA

Vitra Campus
Siza-Halle (Building 9.2)
Charles-Eames-Straße 2
79576 Weil am Rhein



BASEL-AIRPORT

As Loerrach is situated just 25 minutes drive away from the EuroAirport in Basel, the travel opportunities are endless. Cities such as Berlin, Amsterdam, Madrid and London are just a short flight away!

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

If you arrive at Basel Airport you can take bus number 50 to Basel SBB (main station), and then S-Bahn number S6 to Loerrach.

✉ **Travel Service Provider**
<https://www.bvb.ch/en> (Swiss)
<https://sbb.ch/en> (Swiss)
<https://bahn.com/en> (Germany)
<https://global.flixbus.com>

WIFI

Wifi is available campus-wide at the DHBW Loerrach. Our secure connection ("dhw-secure") requires a login. When you enrol at DHBW you will receive an letter with your DHBW account and all login information.

For students from Euroam-participating universities, access with the user identification from your home university is possible. Please check the conditions for the use of Eduroam.



Living in Loerrach

FITNESS

The DHBW offers various kinds of sports activities. For further information about the offered activities, please visit our website.

✦ **Sport at DHBW Loerrach**
<https://dhw-loerrach.de/hochschulsport>

MENSA (CANTEEN)

The mensa is located at Campus Hangstrasse in Loerrach. You have the choice from various food offers including a vegetarian option each day as well as soups, salads and desserts. The Mensa is open from breakfast time until lunch time.

Payment issues: A German debit card is needed to transfer money to your DHBW ID.

✦ **Mensa at the DHBW Loerrach**
<https://dhw-loerrach.de/mensa>



SWFR

The international exchange students from Loerrach, who pay the semester contribution to the Student Services Freiburg-Schwarzwald, naturally have access to many offers of the Studierendenwerk in Freiburg. This involves financial advantages, insurance, events, social services and much more:

✦ **Homepage SwFR**
<https://www.swfr.de>

LIBRARY

DHBW Loerrach has two libraries, one on each campus. The main library is located on Campus Hangstrasse (H024) and features a range of texts from technical studies to business management and from logistics to information technology.

The second, smaller library is located on the campus KBC (K103). Main topics are tourism, health care management and international business.

Both libraries offer free access to books, computers for class work and printers.

✦ **Library at the DHBW Loerrach**
<https://dhw-loerrach.de/bibliothek>

ACCOMODATION

Currently, accommodation for students is **not provided** at the DHBW Loerrach. Therefore, students have to find a rented apartment by themselves.

✦ **Room and Apartment Search**
Please have a look at the **Fact Sheet** or <https://dhw-loerrach.de/wohnungen>

LIVING COSTS

The living costs in Loerrach are estimated between 1.000 – 1.500 Euros per month. These costs include housing, food, social activities, travel and so on. Please make sure to have sufficient money available to spend the time here without financial straits.

REGISTRATION AT CITY HALL LOERRACH

Once you have arrived in Loerrach, you have to register at the City Hall. The following documents are necessary for the registration: your passport, your visa (if you have one), the completed registration form, the rental contract. You have to inform the City Hall every time you move to a another place in Loerrach. That means that you also have to de-register again when you return to your

home country, after your semester at our university is over.

BAMF REGISTRATION

Registration at Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) for students from countries outside the European Union, who wish to stay up to 360 days in Germany for study purposes:

If you already hold a residence title issued by another Member State for study purposes, you do not require a German residence title, but your residence title must be valid for the entire duration of your stay in Germany.

The German higher education institution must submit prior notification of your intended stay to the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees. This notification should be provided as soon as it becomes known that you intend to study in Germany. Full notification absolutely must be received no later than 30 days prior to your entering Germany.

The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees will issue you with a certificate confirming your entitlement to stay in Germany.

✦ **BAMF Homepage:**
<https://www.bamf.de>

The City and around

MONEY

It is always useful to carry some cash with you, just in case your credit card is rejected or some other emergency situation occurs.

BANKING

Please have a look at the Fact Sheet.

RESTAURANTS

☞ **Eating and Drinking**
<https://www.loerrach.de/en/gastronomy>

MEDICAL SERVICES AND PHARMACIES

In case of emergency or sickness, it is important for you to know where you can get help. The local hospital is located at Spitalstrasse 25, 79539 Lörrach.

If you get involved in an accident, you can call the emergency numbers:

- ☞ **110: police**
- ☞ **112: ambulance and fire department**

You can find various pharmacies in Loerrach. They are usually recognizable by a sign with a cross or with the capital letter "A". The letter A stands for the

German word "Apotheke" which is a pharmacy. You will find more information online.

☞ **Pharmacies and hospitals**
<https://www.loerrach.de/de/Stadt-Buerger/Rathaus-Buergerservice/Rat-Hilfe/Gesundheitswesen>



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LOERRACH

Loerrach is a small city in the south of Germany near the borders to Switzerland and France. This contributes to the outstanding character of the region. Loerrach has many attractions like the ruins of Roetteln Castle from the 11th Century. This castle is situated on a hilltop overlooking Loerrach and the valley of the river Wiese. Parkschwimmbad, a huge outdoor swim area, is another large attraction of Loerrach's, with a wave machine, water slides, diving platforms and an exercise pool. It's great to be there on a bright day together with friends. Besides Loerrach has an impressive concert hall, the Burghof, the picturesque river Wiese and many large companies.

☞ **Website of Loerrach**
<https://www.loerrach.de/en/Welcome-to-Loerrach/Tourism>
<https://www.loerrach.de/en/Events>



BADEN-WUERTEMBERG

Loerrach is situated in the federal state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, which ranks among Europe's leaders in technology and maintains long traditions of innovation and creativity.

Impressive brands such as Porsche and Mercedes-Benz have headquarters and museums located in the region. The capital, Stuttgart, is home to one of the largest zoos and botanical gardens in Europe. Stuttgart is a popular destination for our students due to its nearby location and entertainment possibilities.

The people in Baden-Wuerttemberg benefit of an outstanding quality of life. People feel at home, enjoying a rich beautiful landscape and a lively international arts and culture scene. They profit from the community's outstanding environmental values.

With its 11 million inhabitants, Baden-Württemberg is the third largest of the 16 German federal states. Nearly 1.2 million residents are of non-German origin, mostly Turkish, Greek and Italian. Baden-Württemberg also enjoys one of the lowest unemployment rates of any German federal state. This makes it a perfect location for students, who want to build their careers.

Further Important Information

GERMAN HOLIDAYS

The majority of shops are closed on most public holidays in Germany. This includes not only retail stores, but also super markets and drug stores. Make sure to buy food and others before a public holiday.

Please find below the most important public holidays in Germany. You will find the exact dates for each year online.

- New Year's Day 1st Jan.
- Epiphany 6th Jan.
- Easter movable holiday
(Good Friday until Easter Monday)
- Labour Day 1st May
- Ascension movable holiday
- Pentecost movable holiday
(Whitsunday until Whitmonday)
- Corpus Christi movable holiday
- Day of German Unity 3rd Oct.
- All Saints' Day 1st Nov.
- Christmas 24th–26th Dec.
- New Year's Eve 31th Dec.

Connect: Supporting International Friendship

Connect is a group by and for students. They organize events in and around Loerrach. This group is open to everyone, who wants to participate and is a wonderful opportunity to make friends with students from all around the world and experience the local culture.

Connect knows how to have a good time, for instance on a weekend trip to Milan or with friends in a local bar.

Experience the Christmas markets, participate in Carnival, taste wine and play Laser Tag – all with this amazing student group!

For more Information visit their website:

✉ **Homepage Connect**
<https://dhw-loerrach.de/connect>

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