



WEIHENSTEPHAN · TRIESDORF
University of Applied Sciences

INTERNATIONAL ONLINE SEMESTER

1 September 2026 – 14 March 2027

Why Should I Take Part?

- ✓ Study in an international student community - an exciting and effective learning experience
- ✓ No tuition fees
- ✓ Online courses in the fields of agriculture, food, and nutrition
- ✓ European credits that can be recognized at your university

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1 JUNE 2026



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Dear student,

Be an exchange student at the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition of the University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf!

In the upcoming winter term, from **1 September 2026 to 14 March 2027**, Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences (HSWT) in Germany invites you to join our English, French, Spanish and/or Ukrainian-taught study programme in the field of **Agriculture, Food and Nutrition**. In addition, students can also choose from a variety of lectures offered at the Virtual Bavarian University (vhb).

HSWT is known as one of the leading Universities of Applied Sciences in Life Sciences in Germany with a strong international network. Guided by our experienced teaching staff, you will have the opportunity to learn online about basic and advanced topics in agriculture, food and the farming industry. You will gain profound insights into current trends and developments in these fields.

Studying in our international student community will be an exciting and effective learning experience. As students enrolled at the HSWT you will have the opportunity to gain European Credits, which can be acknowledged by your home university.

HSWT has extensive experience with online classes and can offer a stable and efficient online learning environment.

Participation Requirements

- » Enrolment in Agriculture, Food Stuff Management or related fields at a university outside of Germany
- » Undergraduate students in their 2nd or later year
- » For Foreign language modules (English, French, Spanish): Language proficiency of at least level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) - or native speaker
- » For Ukrainian language modules: Ukrainian language proficiency of at least level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) - or native speaker
- » Willingness to learn and work
- » Team spirit

How to apply

If your university and HSWT have a cooperation agreement, please ask your department coordinator or International Office coordinator to nominate you for the programme (by 25 May at the latest). Once we have received your nomination, we will send you information on our online application procedure. If there is no agreement between the universities in place, you may study with us as a Freemover. In this case, please send an e-mail to Ludmilla Kamsin online-semester.lt@hswt.de by 25 May 2026 at the latest. All documents needed for the enrolment have to be sent by **1 June 2026**.

Costs

HSWT does not charge any tuition fees. A student union fee of 82 Euro has to be paid upon enrolment.

Contact for questions:

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Ludmilla Kamsin

Coordinator online semester
FK LT Campus Triesdorf

Who we are!

APPLIED SCIENCES FOR LIFE!

HSWT offers a unique portfolio of 'green' subjects and combines direct practical relevance with scientific excellence.

Facts and Figures 2025



5,700 students
(Weihenstephan: **3,600** | Triesdorf:
2,100)

about **60** PhD students



850 employees
(incl. **150** professors)

Ca. **300** lecturers



Certified according to the
EMASplus guidelines
(environmental & sustainability
performance, equality, gender &
diversity)



- **709** international students at HSWT
- **130** university partnerships



- **5** international master's programmes
- various double degrees with partner universities



- Student exchanges (Erasmus+ programme and others)
- Summer schools
- International training programmes for staff of partner universities

Triesdorf/Online:

- International Summer Programme „Food, Agriculture and Nutrition“
- Summer Programme „Sustainable Regional Development“
- International Online Semester

List of subjects

| Subject | Course of study | ECTS-credits*: | Language |
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| University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf COURSES | | | |
| Compulsory modules (at least one module has to be selected) | | | |
| Transdisciplinary Research Projects | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Sustainable food processing: Trends and Innovations | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Production economics | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | Ukrainian/English/French /Spanish |
| Business Management | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Elective modules | | | |
| Introduction to Investment Theory | B.Sc. / M.Sc.. | 3 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Academic Research & Writing | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 3 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Project Management | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Machinery Cost | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 3 ECTS | Ukrainian / English/French /Spanish |
| General English – B2 (Ger) | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | English |
| German as a Foreign Language Basis Course 1 (A1 GeR) | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | English |
| Englisch UNICert® II – Practical English for the Workplace | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 3 ECTS | English |
| Professional Communication Skills (B2 GeR) | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | English |
| Data Collection | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 3 ECTS | Ukrainian/English |
| Personal branding and social media strategies for business | B.Sc. / M.Sc | 5 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| AI Tools for Education | B.Sc. / M.Sc | 3 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Agroecosystems management | B.Sc. / M.Sc | 3 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Organic farming | B.Sc. / M.Sc | 5 ECTS | Ukrainian / English |
| Analysis of Economic activity | B.Sc | 5 ECTS | Ukrainian |
| Spanish UNICert® Basis – A1 (CEFR) | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | English |

| Bavarian Virtual University COURSES | | | |
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| Subject | Course of study | ECTS-credits*: | Language |
| Deep Learning for Beginners | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 2,5 ECTS | English |
| Data Collection Methods in the Social and Behavioral Sciences | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 6 ECTS | English |
| Design Thinking | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 3 ECTS | English |
| Electronic Human Resources Management | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 6 ECTS | English |
| Elementary Quantitative Risk Assessment | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 3 ECTS | English |
| Global Retail Logistics | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 6 ECTS | English |
| International Marketing | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5-6 ECTS | English |
| International Supply Chain Management | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | English |
| Fundamentals of Strategic Management | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | English |
| Basics Sustainability | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | English |
| Fundamentals of Intercultural Communication | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 5 ECTS | English |
| English for Sustainable Technologies – Re-newable Energy, Smart Buildings and Electric Mobility (CEFR Level B2) | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 3 ECTS | English |
| SoundAdvice. A university training course for the pronunciation of American English | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 2,5 ECTS | English |
| Tech Writing B2: Computer Science/IT | B.Sc. / M.Sc. | 2,5 ECTS | English |

*European Credits (EC) refers to the total time/work required for a module. 1 EC corresponds approximately 26 - 30 hours of workload for a study. The workload includes the attendance of online teaching time, preparation and follow-up of the teaching units, preparation of papers or group meetings outside of the attendance time and the learning effort for the examination and examination.

International Achievement Spotlight

TWO HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS REVEAL HOW THEY OVERCAME CHALLENGES AND EXCELLED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE SEMESTER

What motivated you to excel in this online semester, and how did you stay focused?

"I was driven by curiosity and the wish to gain international experience, but also by gratitude, Germany gave me safety when the war began in 2022, and doing well in this semester felt like a way to honour that support. I stayed focused by keeping my goals in mind and reminding myself that learning is one thing I can still build, even when life around me is uncertain."

What were some of the biggest challenges you faced during the semester, and how did you overcome them?

"The biggest challenge was studying during the war—during blackouts I would suddenly lose electricity and internet and couldn't join classes live, which was honestly stressful and discouraging. Knowing that most sessions were recorded really kept me going, as soon as the electricity returned, I watched them, caught up, and reminded myself not to give up."

Can you share any tips or strategies that helped you succeed in your studies?

"I learned that consistency matters more than perfection, doing a little regularly kept me moving forward when long study sessions weren't possible. And I always tried to tell my teachers right away if something happened, because honest communication brings understanding and support."

What are your future goals and how do you plan to achieve them?

"I dream of creating my own place in the food sphere—something like a bakery or small café, built with both professional knowledge and heart. I'm working toward it by studying in two fields, building real skills, and slowly preparing myself to run a business responsibly."



Yulia Zaitseva from Ukraine, is pursuing two Bachelor's degrees: Food Science Technology and Business Economics.



Egwuatu Dorothy Chinonso from Nigeria, is pursuing a master's degree in Agribusiness Management.

What motivated you to excel in this online semester, and how did you stay focused?

"I was driven by a passion to advance my expertise in agricultural research; I am eager to leverage Germany's renowned commitment to ecological responsibility and advanced technical methods to build a sophisticated professional foundation and gain the transformative experience necessary for my career."

What were some of the biggest challenges you faced during the semester, and how did you overcome them?

"I encountered several scheduling conflicts due to my elective course selections, but I successfully navigated these overlaps by prioritizing core lectures and utilizing recorded resources to ensure no learning gaps occurred."

Can you share any tips or strategies that helped you succeed in your studies?

"I created a weekly timetable that balances lectures, assignments, and personal study time. I participated in discussions during lectures and seek clarification to deepen understanding."

What are your future goals and how do you plan to achieve them?

"My future goal is to apply the knowledge and insights I have gained to contribute meaningfully to agricultural development and sustainability in Nigeria, with a particular focus on strengthening organic agriculture."

Testimonials from previous online semesters



During the 2025-2026 online semester, I studied subjects such as Organic Farming, Business Management, and Personal Branding and Social Media Strategies for Businesses, and I really enjoyed all the subjects and lecturers. I liked the Personal Branding course the most because it was useful for my work on social media. The teacher was always available and I could ask any questions even outside of working hours. During my studies, I learned a lot of new things that will be useful in life. This course was full of fun moments, and I made new friends from different cities in Ukraine.

For future students, I want to say that there is no need to worry about the coursework; all the material is presented in an accessible way and the course is easy to follow. The teachers are on the same wavelength as the students, which is also a plus!

*Thank you for the opportunity to gain knowledge and have a good time!
HSWT is the best!*

Kateryna Shevchenko
Mykolaiv National Agrarian University, Ukraine

Participating in these courses was an extremely valuable and enriching experience for me. I was particularly impressed by the courses on project management and personal branding, which skilfully combined strategic theoretical knowledge with practical digital tools. The German for Beginners course was a pleasant surprise: from the very first lessons, it helped me to confidently overcome the language barrier.

I was impressed by the clarity of the teaching and the high level of support from the teachers.

This online semester convinced me that self-discipline and proactivity are the foundation for success in the international educational space. I highly recommend these courses to anyone who wants to broaden their global horizons and master relevant business skills.

Viktoriia Tokar
Sumy National Agrarian University, Ukraine



I have been participating in the online semester courses since last year and I have greatly appreciate the way the courses are organized. Being from a French-speaking country, the General English B2 and German Language A1 courses have allowed me to improve my spoken and written English.

Nazifou Maman
University of Kara, Togo

The online semester was very valuable and significantly expanded my knowledge. The most memorable courses were Business Management, English (B2 level), and Food Processing with its focus on modern trends. They combined theory with practical application, which made the learning more meaningful. I improved my management skills, strengthened my academic and professional English, and gained insight into current innovations in the food industry. The availability of teachers was also very helpful. The international environment encouraged open-mindedness and idea sharing. I would advise future participants to stay engaged and make the most of this unique opportunity.

Kodjovi Lagno
University of Lomé, Togo



Participation in this course has been a great milestone in my life. I enjoyed the interactions with the lecturers and students who were always interactive, especially in practical assignments where everyone was given a chance to participate. I was really motivated by Project planning and Management module and hope to implement my own project using the knowledge I obtained from this module. To my fellow participants, it has been great to interact with you and advise future participants to be active during the course to benefit from it.

Pius Lugonja
Mountains of the moon university, Uganda

Taking part in the online semester was a truly valuable experience for me. The materials were presented clearly and in a well-structured way, and the learning process helped me strengthen my professional knowledge and broaden my understanding of modern approaches in my field. These skills and insights will definitely be useful for my future studies and career. The course also encouraged me to keep improving, provided practical skills, and increased my confidence. I would highly recommend this online semester to students who want to invest in themselves, gain meaningful experience, and take a real step forward in their professional development.

Kseniia Atorina
Sumy National Agrarian University, Ukraine





Taking part in the international online semester has been an inspiring and fulfilling experience for me. Studying on an international platform has always been a dream, and this programme made it possible. The lessons were clearly presented, the support from instructors was excellent, and the global learning environment expanded my perspective. I especially enjoyed engaging with students and lecturers from different countries, which enriched my academic growth and motivated me to pursue new goals. Overall, the programme left a strong positive impression, and I highly recommend it to anyone seeking meaningful knowledge and international exposure.

Alidzulwi Sipho Mavhungu
Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa

Having participated in that online semester provided the opportunity to expand my scientific and research perspective. Being able to learn new methods and practices from other universities is essential. I recommend that other students take interest in the different courses offered by this university so they can enrich their knowledge and understanding.

Carlos Enrique Lista Sánchez
Universidad de Matanzas, Cuba



This online semester is a very important activity that provides the student with key skills for their professional development. It provides very innovative instructive tools of great use for future projects as well as advanced knowledge of topics of interest. In my case I participated in the course "Production Economy" this course gave me certain skills such as: understanding the economic analysis of a given company with special emphasis on the calculation of the gross margin or contribution margin, economic profit, threshold price, return of factors. It is a very beneficial course for us Latin American students because it allows us to develop skills and understand how other countries operate, I urge you to participate in this online semester that is a magnificent opportunity for professional improvement. It was a pleasure to have participated in this wonderful activity, I hope to participate in upcoming courses !!!!

Vitia Abreu Baró
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Matanzas, Cuba

This online semester was a meaningful experience for me. I learned many new ideas and gained different perspectives that helped broaden my way of thinking. I really enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to share opinions with others. I would recommend this program to future students because it is enjoyable, motivating, and useful for personal growth.

Mr. Natthaphong Khomchan
Khon Kean University, Thailand



Participating in the Online International Semester was a real pleasure and a great opportunity. The quality of the teaching, the clarity of the content, and the overall organization of the semester made learning very effective.

I especially appreciated the flexibility of the program as well as the constant availability and support of the professors and assistants throughout the semester. The international learning environment was highly motivating and enriching. I would strongly recommend this experience to future students.

Thierno Ba
University of Sine Saloum Elhadj Ibrahima Niass, Senegal

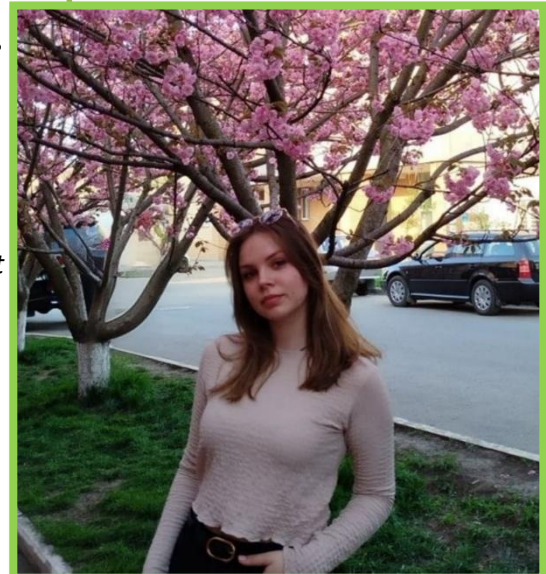
While studying on this course, I discovered a lot of new and useful things. The most valuable thing was understanding how theory really works in practice, and how knowledge can be applied not only “for the sake of checking off”, but in real life and professional situations. The course helped to structure information, sort out complex things on shelves

and look at familiar topics from a different, deeper side.

What I liked most was the logic of presenting the material and the fact that the training did not boil down to dry theory — it was interesting, understandable and really motivated me to understand further. It felt like the course was well thought out and result-oriented.

My advice to those who are just planning to take this course is not to just complete the tasks, but to try to comprehend the material and apply it in practice. Then the training gives the maximum effect and you can really feel personal development.

Angelina Brailko
Poltava State Agrarian University, Ukraine





I am very grateful for this course! It was a pleasure to study: the information was presented simply, without "water" and unnecessary complications. The program is very logically structured: complex topics are explained in simple language, and the teachers are constantly in touch to support and sort out difficult moments. I am especially pleased with the practical block - it allowed me to immediately test the knowledge gained in practice. I am grateful for the quality experience and I definitely recommend the course to pass.

Shabatko Anna
Poltava State Agrarian University, Ukraine

I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to participate in this online semester program. Overall, the program provided a flexible and efficient learning experience. At the beginning of the semester, it was quite challenging for me to join live classes consistently. As a wife and a mother of four young children balancing everything was not easy. However, I gradually adapted, the recorded lectures was helpful.

I enjoyed the subjects I took because the lecturers encouraged active participation rather than simply delivering lectures. This interactive approach made learning more engaging. Through this online semester, I also discovered that I could manage my time better and become more disciplined in organizing my studies alongside other responsibilities.

The lecturers were highly supportive, approachable, and responsive to emails, and their willingness to provide additional learning materials and constructive feedback greatly enhanced the learning process. I would advise future students to communicate freely with their lecturers whenever they need help and to remain open and committed to learning, as this will make them successful.

Chinenye Judith Onyeneke
Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu-Alike, Nigeria

