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Total students and foreign students, by types of higher education institution, subject groups and sex¹

Nationality/Subject group/ Sex	Number					
	Winter semester 2009/2010			Winter semester 2016/2017		
	Higher education institutions, total ³	University ⁴	University of applied sciences ⁵	Higher education institutions, total ³	University ⁴	University of applied sciences ⁵
Germans and foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁶	2,121,178	1,448,616	644,766	2,807,010	1,811,080	956,717
Male	1,106,450	698,514	393,779	1,453,625	886,297	547,868
Female	1,014,728	750,102	250,987	1,353,385	924,783	408,849
Humanities	412,477	400,229	12,248	342,928	333,845	9,083
Male	121,976	118,745	3,231	112,854	110,134	2,720
Female	290,501	281,484	9,017	230,074	223,711	6,363
Sports	26,677	26,524	153	27,822	27,079	743
Male	16,615	16,495	120	17,221	16,732	489
Female	10,062	10,029	33	10,601	10,347	254
Law, economics, social sciences	668,398	364,470	276,392	1,025,852	570,238	416,603
Male	332,641	189,680	129,014	445,516	246,445	179,777
Female	335,757	174,790	147,378	580,336	323,793	236,826
Mathematics, natural sciences	375,842	299,455	76,182	315,393	296,059	19,306
Male	235,925	176,112	59,644	165,861	155,793	10,045
Female	139,917	123,343	16,538	149,532	140,266	9,261
Human medicine, health sciences	119,228	100,243	18,985	171,024	120,310	50,714
Male	43,423	38,270	5,153	58,592	44,722	13,870
Female	75,805	61,973	13,832	112,432	75,588	36,844
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	50,424	32,090	18,334	63,253	39,514	23,739
Male	20,050	11,070	8,980	26,278	14,505	11,773
Female	30,374	21,020	9,354	36,975	25,009	11,966
Engineering	383,931	162,081	221,850	763,354	355,800	407,380
Male	305,099	125,945	179,154	590,612	272,463	318,006
Female	78,832	36,136	42,696	172,742	83,337	89,374
Art, art theory	81,463	60,908	20,555	93,717	65,052	28,665
Male	29,636	21,193	8,443	34,986	24,045	10,941
Female	51,827	39,715	12,112	58,731	41,007	17,724
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁶	244,775	179,353	65,330	358,895	251,007	107,747
Humanities	44,702	43,594	1,108	43,584	42,445	1,139
Sports	1,141	1,135	6	1,270	1,245	25
Law, economics, social sciences	69,736	43,869	25,782	101,436	60,706	40,593
Mathematics, natural sciences	42,168	33,796	8,369	36,533	33,637	2,896
Human medicine, health sciences	12,326	11,056	1,270	17,815	15,277	2,538
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	4,337	3,473	864	6,688	5,142	1,546
Engineering	55,649	29,549	26,100	131,518	76,224	55,290
Art, art theory	13,685	11,917	1,768	18,295	14,952	3,343

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	Higher education institutions, total ³	University ⁴	University of applied sciences ⁵	Higher education institutions, total ³	University ⁴	University of applied sciences ⁵
Germans and foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁶	2,844,978	1,818,259	982,188	2,863,609	1,816,887	998,942
Male	1,464,643	887,533	554,936	1,463,124	881,373	558,041
Female	1,380,335	930,726	427,252	1,400,485	935,514	440,901
Humanities	341,642	332,395	9,247	340,127	330,170	9,957
Male	112,478	109,675	2,803	111,938	108,613	3,325
Female	229,164	222,720	6,444	228,189	221,557	6,632
Sports	28,199	27,180	1,019	28,369	27,310	1,059
Male	17,354	16,748	606	17,237	16,631	606
Female	10,845	10,432	413	11,132	10,679	453
Law, economics, social sciences	1,048,789	570,272	434,013	1,056,577	564,255	444,567
Male	453,626	246,765	184,709	453,823	242,964	187,169
Female	595,163	323,507	249,304	602,754	321,291	257,398
Mathematics, natural sciences	318,675	299,127	19,521	324,452	301,608	22,819
Male	165,903	155,804	10,077	168,469	155,905	12,544
Female	152,772	143,323	9,444	155,983	145,703	10,275
Human medicine, health sciences	176,633	122,807	53,826	181,024	125,742	55,282
Male	60,104	45,256	14,848	60,267	45,499	14,768
Female	116,529	77,551	38,978	120,757	80,243	40,514
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	63,579	39,586	23,993	63,774	39,585	24,189
Male	26,413	14,517	11,896	26,172	14,370	11,802
Female	37,166	25,069	12,097	37,602	25,215	12,387
Engineering	769,085	358,381	410,704	766,981	356,879	410,102
Male	591,510	272,940	318,570	586,079	270,112	315,967
Female	177,575	85,441	92,134	180,902	86,767	94,135
Art, art theory	94,264	64,893	29,371	94,148	64,710	29,438
Male	35,350	24,148	11,202	35,153	23,951	11,202
Female	58,914	40,745	18,169	58,995	40,759	18,236
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁶	374,583	259,461	114,968	393,579	270,800	122,625
Humanities	43,715	42,336	1,379	43,392	41,921	1,471
Sports	1,282	1,232	50	1,345	1,281	64
Law, economics, social sciences	105,102	62,174	42,774	107,505	63,247	44,104
Mathematics, natural sciences	38,372	35,245	3,127	41,276	37,508	3,768
Human medicine, health sciences	18,273	15,447	2,826	19,132	15,923	3,209
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	6,932	5,264	1,668	7,335	5,539	1,796
Engineering	140,337	81,165	59,172	151,015	87,360	63,655
Art, art theory	18,752	15,083	3,669	19,416	15,508	3,908

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- 1 As of 2015/2016, there has been a change in the subject classification so parts of the data are of limited comparability with the previous years. For more information see source. Subject group "Languages, cultural studies" has been renamed "Humanities". Former group "Veterinary medicine" has been added to group "Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine"; the values have been retrospectively adjusted to all years presented.
- 2 Preliminary results, source: Fachserie 11 Reihe 4.1 Vorbericht.
- 3 Including colleges of public administration.
- 4 Including colleges of education, colleges of theology, colleges of art and music.
- 5 Excluding colleges of public administration.
- 6 Including other studies and unclear.

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Source: Federal Statistical Office, Fachserie 11 Reihe 4.1

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