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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 2017/2018		
	Higher education institutions, total ²	University ³	University of applied sciences ⁴	Higher education institutions, total ²	University ³	University of applied sciences ⁴
Germans and foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	2,121,178	1,448,616	644,766	2,844,978	1,818,259	982,188
Male	1,106,450	698,514	393,779	1,464,643	887,533	554,936
Female	1,014,728	750,102	250,987	1,380,335	930,726	427,252
Humanities	412,477	400,229	12,248	341,642	332,395	9,247
Male	121,976	118,745	3,231	112,478	109,675	2,803
Female	290,501	281,484	9,017	229,164	222,720	6,444
Sports	26,677	26,524	153	28,199	27,180	1,019
Male	16,615	16,495	120	17,354	16,748	606
Female	10,062	10,029	33	10,845	10,432	413
Law, economics, social sciences	668,398	364,470	276,392	1,048,789	570,272	434,013
Male	332,641	189,680	129,014	453,626	246,765	184,709
Female	335,757	174,790	147,378	595,163	323,507	249,304
Mathematics, natural sciences	375,842	299,455	76,182	318,675	299,127	19,521
Male	235,925	176,112	59,644	165,903	155,804	10,077
Female	139,917	123,343	16,538	152,772	143,323	9,444
Human medicine, health sciences	119,228	100,243	18,985	176,633	122,807	53,826
Male	43,423	38,270	5,153	60,104	45,256	14,848
Female	75,805	61,973	13,832	116,529	77,551	38,978
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	50,424	32,090	18,334	63,579	39,586	23,993
Male	20,050	11,070	8,980	26,413	14,517	11,896
Female	30,374	21,020	9,354	37,166	25,069	12,097
Engineering	383,931	162,081	221,850	769,085	358,381	410,704
Male	305,099	125,945	179,154	591,510	272,940	318,570
Female	78,832	36,136	42,696	177,575	85,441	92,134
Art, art theory	81,463	60,908	20,555	94,264	64,893	29,371
Male	29,636	21,193	8,443	35,350	24,148	11,202
Female	51,827	39,715	12,112	58,914	40,745	18,169
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	244,775	179,353	65,330	374,583	259,461	114,968
Humanities	44,702	43,594	1,108	43,715	42,336	1,379
Sports	1,141	1,135	6	1,282	1,232	50
Law, economics, social sciences	69,736	43,869	25,782	105,102	62,174	42,774
Mathematics, natural sciences	42,168	33,796	8,369	38,372	35,245	3,127
Human medicine, health sciences	12,326	11,056	1,270	18,273	15,447	2,826
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	4,337	3,473	864	6,932	5,264	1,668
Engineering	55,649	29,549	26,100	140,337	81,165	59,172
Art, art theory	13,685	11,917	1,768	18,752	15,083	3,669

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	Winter semester 2018/2019			Winter semester 2019/2020		
	Higher education institutions, total ²	University ³	University of applied sciences ⁴	Higher education institutions, total ²	University ³	University of applied sciences ⁴
Germans and foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	2,868,222	1,817,366	1,001,550	2,891,049	1,814,305	1,023,146
Male	1,465,978	881,526	559,934	1,464,867	873,330	565,177
Female	1,402,244	935,840	441,616	1,426,182	940,975	457,969
Humanities	336,193	326,896	9,297	332,440	323,488	8,952
Male	110,766	107,949	2,817	109,340	106,710	2,630
Female	225,427	218,947	6,480	223,100	216,778	6,322
Sports	28,461	27,384	1,077	29,207	27,922	1,285
Male	17,300	16,681	619	17,779	17,040	739
Female	11,161	10,703	458	11,428	10,882	546
Law, economics, social sciences	1,066,411	569,772	447,368	1,082,326	567,907	460,863
Male	457,502	244,772	188,239	459,943	242,090	191,524
Female	608,909	325,000	259,129	622,383	325,817	269,339
Mathematics, natural sciences	319,992	299,889	20,070	322,086	301,268	20,776
Male	164,309	154,019	10,265	163,604	152,984	10,589
Female	155,683	145,870	9,805	158,482	148,284	10,187
Human medicine, health sciences	180,916	125,664	55,252	186,835	128,577	58,258
Male	60,634	45,551	15,083	62,053	46,039	16,014
Female	120,282	80,113	40,169	124,782	82,538	42,244
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	62,985	39,171	23,814	63,381	38,851	24,530
Male	26,037	14,279	11,758	25,899	14,046	11,853
Female	36,948	24,892	12,056	37,482	24,805	12,677
Engineering	774,552	359,944	414,606	774,687	357,874	416,813
Male	592,103	272,407	319,695	588,695	268,746	319,949
Female	182,449	87,537	94,911	185,992	89,128	96,864
Art, art theory	94,189	64,755	29,434	95,521	64,416	31,105
Male	35,147	23,967	11,180	35,433	23,783	11,650
Female	59,042	40,788	18,254	60,088	40,633	19,455
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	394,665	271,687	122,804	411,601	280,203	131,200
Humanities	43,326	41,937	1,389	43,492	42,208	1,284
Sports	1,351	1,288	63	1,428	1,348	80
Law, economics, social sciences	108,155	63,574	44,407	111,390	64,381	46,811
Mathematics, natural sciences	40,972	37,560	3,412	43,160	39,329	3,831
Human medicine, health sciences	19,309	16,172	3,137	20,112	16,683	3,429
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	7,258	5,510	1,748	7,652	5,616	2,036
Engineering	152,389	88,131	64,258	161,924	93,019	68,905
Art, art theory	19,566	15,638	3,928	20,107	15,749	4,358

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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 Including colleges of public administration.

3 Including colleges of education, colleges of theology, colleges of art and music.

4 Excluding colleges of public administration.

5 Including other studies and unclear.

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