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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 2021/2022		
	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	2,941,915	1,791,332	1,090,251
Male	1,106,450	698,514	393,779	1,466,282	853,337	583,772
Female	1,014,728	750,102	250,987	1,475,633	937,995	506,479
Humanities	412,477	400,229	12,248	316,442	307,571	8,871
Male	121,976	118,745	3,231	103,345	100,730	2,615
Female	290,501	281,484	9,017	213,097	206,841	6,256
Sports	26,677	26,524	153	31,157	28,967	2,190
Male	16,615	16,495	120	18,894	17,627	1,267
Female	10,062	10,029	33	12,263	11,340	923
Law, economics, social sciences	668,398	364,470	276,392	1,138,785	568,507	509,988
Male	332,641	189,680	129,014	475,288	239,563	206,574
Female	335,757	174,790	147,378	663,497	328,944	303,414
Mathematics, natural sciences	375,842	299,455	76,182	314,060	291,926	22,106
Male	235,925	176,112	59,644	157,150	145,923	11,213
Female	139,917	123,343	16,538	156,910	146,003	10,893
Human medicine, health sciences	119,228	100,243	18,985	196,239	135,202	61,037
Male	43,423	38,270	5,153	61,353	46,578	14,775
Female	75,805	61,973	13,832	134,886	88,624	46,262
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	50,424	32,090	18,334	64,024	37,752	26,272
Male	20,050	11,070	8,980	25,598	13,489	12,109
Female	30,374	21,020	9,354	38,426	24,263	14,163
Engineering	383,931	162,081	221,850	776,744	353,696	423,034
Male	305,099	125,945	179,154	586,459	264,422	322,029
Female	78,832	36,136	42,696	190,285	89,274	101,005
Art, art theory	81,463	60,908	20,555	100,364	64,163	36,201
Male	29,636	21,193	8,443	36,303	23,327	12,976
Female	51,827	39,715	12,112	64,061	40,836	23,225
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	244,775	179,353	65,330	440,564	291,112	149,248
Humanities	44,702	43,594	1,108	40,655	39,524	1,131
Sports	1,141	1,135	6	1,631	1,486	145
Law, economics, social sciences	69,736	43,869	25,782	120,674	66,040	54,430
Mathematics, natural sciences	42,168	33,796	8,369	47,750	42,907	4,843
Human medicine, health sciences	12,326	11,056	1,270	21,313	17,418	3,895
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	4,337	3,473	864	8,305	5,836	2,469
Engineering	55,649	29,549	26,100	177,580	100,797	76,783
Art, art theory	13,685	11,917	1,768	20,972	15,757	5,215

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	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	2,920,263	1,765,199	1,095,425	2,868,311	1,726,047	1,083,568
Male	1,444,125	836,280	579,267	1,407,830	812,848	566,430
Female	1,476,138	928,919	516,158	1,460,481	913,199	517,138
Humanities	310,473	301,627	8,846	297,498	289,311	8,187
Male	102,069	99,247	2,822	97,078	94,683	2,395
Female	208,404	202,380	6,024	200,420	194,628	5,792
Sports	30,777	28,351	2,426	31,247	28,350	2,897
Male	18,758	17,355	1,403	19,070	17,365	1,705
Female	12,019	10,996	1,023	12,177	10,985	1,192
Law, economics, social sciences	1,132,153	552,235	520,335	1,116,622	543,396	514,599
Male	469,554	231,448	209,560	459,425	226,389	204,524
Female	662,599	320,787	310,775	657,197	317,007	310,075
Mathematics, natural sciences	314,071	292,485	21,555	301,197	280,103	21,062
Male	155,624	144,864	10,743	148,208	137,874	10,316
Female	158,447	147,621	10,812	152,989	142,229	10,746
Human medicine, health sciences	200,906	137,381	63,525	207,034	142,346	64,688
Male	61,924	46,508	15,416	63,288	47,776	15,512
Female	138,982	90,873	48,109	143,746	94,570	49,176
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	62,660	36,912	25,748	60,366	35,851	24,515
Male	24,766	12,996	11,770	23,691	12,485	11,206
Female	37,894	23,916	13,978	36,675	23,366	13,309
Engineering	763,971	349,213	414,733	748,705	340,433	408,235
Male	573,192	259,303	313,874	559,316	252,169	307,125
Female	190,779	89,910	100,859	189,389	88,264	101,110
Art, art theory	101,101	63,593	37,508	101,062	62,811	38,251
Male	36,494	23,129	13,365	35,889	22,707	13,182
Female	64,607	40,464	24,143	65,173	40,104	25,069
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	458,210	299,843	158,004	469,485	305,375	163,716
Humanities	40,610	39,449	1,161	39,730	38,611	1,119
Sports	1,724	1,570	154	1,813	1,632	181
Law, economics, social sciences	126,192	67,179	58,650	129,048	67,898	60,756
Mathematics, natural sciences	50,808	45,903	4,905	52,450	47,254	5,196
Human medicine, health sciences	21,862	17,684	4,178	22,702	18,349	4,353
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	8,694	5,991	2,703	8,740	6,023	2,717
Engineering	184,787	104,775	80,012	191,372	108,469	82,903
Art, art theory	21,786	15,965	5,821	21,920	15,983	5,937

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- 1 As of 2021/2022, there has been a change in the subject classification so parts of the data are of limited comparability with the previous year. 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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