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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 2020/2021		
	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	2,944,145	1,818,035	1,069,995
Male	1,106,450	698,514	393,779	1,476,366	869,104	580,242
Female	1,014,728	750,102	250,987	1,467,779	948,931	489,753
Humanities	412,477	400,229	12,248	326,408	317,758	8,650
Male	121,976	118,745	3,231	106,404	103,900	2,504
Female	290,501	281,484	9,017	220,004	213,858	6,146
Sports	26,677	26,524	153	30,944	28,988	1,956
Male	16,615	16,495	120	18,623	17,497	1,126
Female	10,062	10,029	33	12,321	11,491	830
Law, economics, social sciences	668,398	364,470	276,392	1,128,572	575,529	496,973
Male	332,641	189,680	129,014	474,066	243,604	203,473
Female	335,757	174,790	147,378	654,506	331,925	293,500
Mathematics, natural sciences	375,842	299,455	76,182	319,264	297,704	21,515
Male	235,925	176,112	59,644	161,019	150,132	10,856
Female	139,917	123,343	16,538	158,245	147,572	10,659
Human medicine, health sciences	119,228	100,243	18,985	188,774	131,907	56,867
Male	43,423	38,270	5,153	60,107	46,224	13,883
Female	75,805	61,973	13,832	128,667	85,683	42,984
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	50,424	32,090	18,334	65,127	39,130	25,997
Male	20,050	11,070	8,980	26,131	13,993	12,138
Female	30,374	21,020	9,354	38,996	25,137	13,859
Engineering	383,931	162,081	221,850	782,679	358,333	424,346
Male	305,099	125,945	179,154	592,125	268,256	323,869
Female	78,832	36,136	42,696	190,554	90,077	100,477
Art, art theory	81,463	60,908	20,555	98,781	65,531	33,250
Male	29,636	21,193	8,443	36,241	24,007	12,234
Female	51,827	39,715	12,112	62,540	41,524	21,016
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	244,775	179,353	65,330	416,437	278,115	138,136
Humanities	44,702	43,594	1,108	39,141	38,095	1,046
Sports	1,141	1,135	6	1,440	1,318	122
Law, economics, social sciences	69,736	43,869	25,782	112,938	63,027	49,725
Mathematics, natural sciences	42,168	33,796	8,369	44,556	40,386	4,170
Human medicine, health sciences	12,326	11,056	1,270	20,223	16,656	3,567
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	4,337	3,473	864	8,076	5,811	2,265
Engineering	55,649	29,549	26,100	168,466	95,892	72,574
Art, art theory	13,685	11,917	1,768	20,422	15,932	4,490

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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	2,941,915	1,791,332	1,090,251	2,920,263	1,765,199	1,095,425
Male	1,466,282	853,337	583,772	1,444,125	836,280	579,267
Female	1,475,633	937,995	506,479	1,476,138	928,919	516,158
Humanities	316,442	307,571	8,871	310,473	301,627	8,846
Male	103,345	100,730	2,615	102,069	99,247	2,822
Female	213,097	206,841	6,256	208,404	202,380	6,024
Sports	31,157	28,967	2,190	30,777	28,351	2,426
Male	18,894	17,627	1,267	18,758	17,355	1,403
Female	12,263	11,340	923	12,019	10,996	1,023
Law, economics, social sciences	1,138,785	568,507	509,988	1,132,153	552,235	520,335
Male	475,288	239,563	206,574	469,554	231,448	209,560
Female	663,497	328,944	303,414	662,599	320,787	310,775
Mathematics, natural sciences	314,060	291,926	22,106	314,071	292,485	21,555
Male	157,150	145,923	11,213	155,624	144,864	10,743
Female	156,910	146,003	10,893	158,447	147,621	10,812
Human medicine, health sciences	196,239	135,202	61,037	200,906	137,381	63,525
Male	61,353	46,578	14,775	61,924	46,508	15,416
Female	134,886	88,624	46,262	138,982	90,873	48,109
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	64,024	37,752	26,272	62,660	36,912	25,748
Male	25,598	13,489	12,109	24,766	12,996	11,770
Female	38,426	24,263	14,163	37,894	23,916	13,978
Engineering	776,744	353,696	423,034	763,971	349,213	414,733
Male	586,459	264,422	322,029	573,192	259,303	313,874
Female	190,285	89,274	101,005	190,779	89,910	100,859
Art, art theory	100,364	64,163	36,201	101,101	63,593	37,508
Male	36,303	23,327	12,976	36,494	23,129	13,365
Female	64,061	40,836	23,225	64,607	40,464	24,143
Foreigners						
Subject groups, total⁵	440,564	291,112	149,248	458,210	299,843	158,004
Humanities	40,655	39,524	1,131	40,610	39,449	1,161
Sports	1,631	1,486	145	1,724	1,570	154
Law, economics, social sciences	120,674	66,040	54,430	126,192	67,179	58,650
Mathematics, natural sciences	47,750	42,907	4,843	50,808	45,903	4,905
Human medicine, health sciences	21,313	17,418	3,895	21,862	17,684	4,178
Agricultural, forestry and nutritional sciences, veterinary medicine	8,305	5,836	2,469	8,694	5,991	2,703
Engineering	177,580	100,797	76,783	184,787	104,775	80,012
Art, art theory	20,972	15,757	5,215	21,786	15,965	5,821

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- 1 As of 2020/2021, 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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