Dates for the summer term

Application phase (15.10.2018 - 15.01.2019)
You register with hochschulstart.de. After that you can apply to the higher education institution of your choice. Depending on the stipulation of the higher education institution the application is done either under the application portal of the higher education institution (decentral application) or under the application portal of the dialogue-oriented service procedure (DoSV) of hochschulstart.de (central application). In both cases it is possible that you may have to send further application papers to the higher education institution by post. This is decided by the higher education institution. Please note that the higher education institutions can set a later start for the application phase and differing deadlines for the delivery of applications.

Coordination phase 1 (16.01. - 15.02.2019)
The higher education institutions carry out the application procedures and communicate the results to hochschulstart.de. You can view the status of your application and possible offers in your user account. As soon as you have accepted an offer, you and your other applications are withdrawn from the procedure so freeing places for other applicants.

Decision phase (16.02. - 18.02.2019)
If you have not up till now accepted an offer, then this is your last chance to set the priorities of your applications ready for coordination phase 2. If you do not change any priorities, then the order in which the applications are displayed is taken as the priority list. The application placed in first position is your first priority.

Coordination phase 2 (19.02. - 24.02.2019)
As long as you have not accepted an offer, the optimum offer will be determined automatically using your priority list and the higher education institutions ranking lists.

Clearing procedure 1 (02.03. - 06.03.2019)
Clearing procedure 2 (24.03. - 29.03.2019)
Free places in local admission-restricted courses of study are allocated in two drawing lots processes. Also those interested in studying can take part even if they have not yet applied. Application deadlines are 06.03. and 29.03. both at 24:00.

Procedure advantages

- hochschulstart.de coordinates the university admission procedure for undergraduate courses of study and avoids admission to multiple participating courses. In this way fewer places of study remain vacant.
- You can view the up-to-date status of your applications in the application portal of hochschulstart.de at any time. This increases the transparency and makes it easier for you to estimate your admission chances.
- The timing schedule allows you to prepare yourself for the new situation in plenty of time.

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The service procedure in brief

Since the winter term 2012/13 hochschulstart.de offers the dialogue-oriented service procedure (DoSV) for undergraduate courses of study that accelerates the allocation of places. Which higher education institutions and which courses take part in the procedure is determined by the higher education institutions autonomously.

Your way to a place of study starts with the registration with hochschulstart.de. There you receive user data with which you can, depending on the stipulation of the higher education institutions, apply directly to the higher education institution or via hochschulstart.de. The higher education institutions are pleased to inform you about the offers, course details and application modalities.

Later your user account will show collected information about your applications to participating higher education institutions. You can follow the status of your applications at any time online.

The higher education institutions determine how the places will be allocated. Offers from different higher education institutions will be made available in your user account. That way you can clearly view the status of your applications and decide on an offer.

If you accept an offer the multiple-step procedure ensures that your applications at other participating higher education institutions are withdrawn. In this way these freed places can be allocated to others wishing to study. This avoids that places are free at the beginning of the term although there are still applicants waiting for these places.

Extensive information in English can be found online under https://int.hochschulstart.de.

For whom is the procedure relevant?

- The procedure is relevant if you apply for an undergraduate course of study that is offered as part of the service procedure of hochschulstart.de. Please find out from the higher education institutions or from the application portal of the dialogue-oriented service procedure (DoSV) of hochschulstart.de, whether higher education institutions are offering your chosen course in the service procedure.
- Please note that you can only apply for undergraduate courses of study that lead to a first vocational qualification (for example Bachelor).
- Also if you have successfully finished a course of study, are making a claim on hardship grounds or disadvantage compensation, are a citizen of an EU state or are already professionally qualified but are interested in undergraduate course of study, then you should register with hochschulstart.de.

For whom is the procedure not relevant?

- If you decide on an undergraduate course of study that is not being offered under the service procedure of hochschulstart.de, then apply directly to the higher education institution.
- If you want to study medicine, veterinary, dentistry or pharmacy, then you have to apply to hochschulstart.de as in the past under the nation-wide admission procedure.
- If you are interested in a further course of study, such as a Master degree, then apply directly to the higher education institution.

You can take up these possibilities independent of your applications in the framework of the dialogue-oriented service procedure of hochschulstart.de.

Five steps to success

This is how you apply in the service procedure of hochschulstart.de:

1. Decision for one or more courses of study
   You should consider which course you want to take and at which higher education institution. They are pleased to provide you with well-founded information.

2. Recognition of admission requirements
   In the application portal of the dialogue-oriented service procedure (DoSV) of hochschulstart.de you can find out if your chosen course is part of the dialogue-oriented service procedure. You can filter the courses by higher education institution, subject and federal state.

3. Application for a course of study
   You register with hochschulstart.de and are issued with an Applicant-ID and a BAN (from German Bewerber-Authentifizierungs-Nummer) for authentication. With these you can apply directly to the higher education institution of your choice or under the application portal of the dialogue-oriented service procedure (DoSV) of hochschulstart.de. The higher education institution stipulates which of the two methods is to be used. You can make up to twelve applications.

4. Receiving and accepting an offer
   In the course of the procedure you may receive offers as a result of your applications. You can accept one offer or wait to see whether you are offered a place further up your priority list.

5. Starting to study
   You should make sure that you have taken all the steps necessary before starting your studies. The higher education institution admission offices and student organisations at the higher education institution provide you with advice and assistance.