


FACT SHEET FOR PARTNERS / ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

The **Popakademie Baden-Württemberg** is a pioneering state-funded public higher education institution and competence centre for the music and creative industries and their pop cultural scenes. With degree programs centred on popular music, music business, and global music, it offers an academic education that is unique in Germany's public university landscape. Many successful musicians and creatives have launched their careers here, establishing Popakademie as one of the leading institutions for popular music, global music, and music business education. Beyond its role as a university, Popakademie implements numerous projects in European cooperation, regional development, and business advancement in the media-rich region of Baden-Württemberg.

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<p>Nomination process</p>	<p>Winter semester Nomination deadline for partners B.A. Pop Music Design: 31.03.2026 B.A. Global Music: 31.03.2026 M.A. Popular Music: 31.03.2026</p> <p>B.A. Music Business: 30.04.2026 M.A. Music & Creative Industries: 30.04.2026</p> <p>Please nominate your students by email to international@popakademie.de with the following info,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's name • Student's e-mail • The study programme at the home institution • The main subject at the home institution • The study programme at the host institution <p>or upload your nominations to the Erasmus+ Dashboard.</p> <p>The International Office contacts nominated students with further info regarding the application process.</p>	<p>Summer semester On request until 31.10.26</p>
<p>Application process</p>	<p>Winter semester Application deadline for nominated students/free movers</p> <p>B.A. Pop Music Design: 15.04.2026 B.A. Global Music: 15.04.2026 M.A. Popular Music: 15.04.2026</p> <p>B.A. Music Business: 15.05.2026 M.A. Music & Creative Industries: 15.05.2026</p>	<p>Summer semester On request until 15.11.2026</p>
<p>Required application documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Motivation • CV • Music Portfolio (if applicable) 	

<p>Language requirements</p>	<p>A minimum level of English language proficiency of B2 (CEFR) or an equivalent of IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 80 is required. Knowledge of the German language is desirable.</p> <p>The general language of instruction is German. Exchange students can complete courses where German is not required. It is possible to complete exams in English. Popakademie offers a German language course for beginners (level A1) during the Winter term.</p>
<p>Semester dates Winter semester 2026-27</p> <p>To be confirmed</p>	<p>B.A. Pop Music Design B.A. Global Music M.A. Popular Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome week: 21.-25.09.2026 tbc • Annual break: 21.12.-06.01.2027 tbc • Winter semester: 28.09.2026-12.02.2027 tbc <p>B.A. Music Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome week: 21.-25.09.2026 tbc • Winter semester: 28.09.2025-18.12.2026 tbc <p>M.A. Music & Creative Industries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures start: 08.09.2026 • Winter semester: 28.09.2025-18.12.2026 tbc
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>Housing Studierendenwerk Mannheim offers affordable housing options throughout the city, including a student residence complex which is located right next to Popakademie.</p> <p>Insurance Proof of health insurance with a statutory health insurance provider or an exemption from compulsory insurance from a statutory health insurance provider is mandatory for enrolment. An exemption is possible based on an EHIC, GHIC, AT-11, or private health insurance. We strongly recommend students from non-EU and non-EFTA countries take out statutory health insurance in Germany to avoid paying medical or hospital bills in advance, which can be extensive sums, depending on the treatment.</p> <p>Visa Students are responsible for their Visa arrangements (if required for their stay in Germany). The Popakademie staff can assist students with Visa arrangements during their stay in Germany.</p>
<p>Funding</p>	<p>Erasmus+ Popakademie participates in the Erasmus+ programme, allowing students from partner universities to undertake a funded semester abroad in Mannheim. Incoming students should apply for funding directly through their home institution.</p> <p>Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM The Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM is a scholarship programme which invites international students to get to know Baden-Württemberg and their host institutions. When the placement at the host institution is confirmed, students can apply. The Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM is only granted to exchange students from Popakademie partner institutions who do not receive any other mobility scholarships (e.g. Erasmus+). Please contact the International Office for further information.</p>