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**MASTER THESIS**
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**ADMISSION PRE-REQUISITES**
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Visas will only be granted to applicants who can give proof of being able to finance their course of studies. The enrolment fee currently amounts to Euro 194.40 for each semester. For international students from non-EU-countries we are obliged by the state of Baden-Württemberg to charge tuition fees of Euro 1500 each semester. The cost of living in Stuttgart is estimated to be around Euro 750 per month including accommodation in a student hostel. Teaching or research assistant-ship are very rare and do not provide enough to fund the cost of living and studying. Because of visa regulations, academic pressure, and a competitive employment market, international students should not plan to finance their education at HFT Stuttgart through part-time employment.

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