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## **Press Release**

## CHE University Ranking: University of Mannheim Offers Excellent Conditions for Online Teaching and First-Year Students

Psychology programs ranked the best in Germany / Students of German Studies and Romance Studies benefit from the excellent structure of the degree courses and support for first-year students

Once again, the University of Mannheim has been ranked highly in the latest university ranking of the Centre for Higher Education (Centrum für Hochschulentwicklung (CHE)). Its psychology programs are among the top entries, confirming the university's extraordinary quality of education. The other two subjects assessed in the ranking – German Studies and Romance Studies – have also attained very good results. In recent years, the University of Mannheim has regularly achieved top positions in the CHE ranking for its programs in Business Administration, Economics, Political Science, and Law.

## Psychology programs once again ranked the nation's best

The University of Mannheim has confirmed its position as one of the leading institutions in Germany for the subject Psychology. Once again, it has reached the highest score and is in the top group of all 18 categories of evaluation. No other higher education institution has received top scores in so many individual categories. Among others, the Mannheim Department of Psychology has received top grades in the categories "overall study situation", "teacher support", "graduations in appropriate time", and "career orientation", and was ranked in the top group in "overall support for first-year students" and "digital teaching".

## **Humanities: Excellent support for first-year students**

The Humanities at the University of Mannheim have also achieved excellent results in the recent edition of the CHE Ranking. The bachelor's and master's programs "Culture and Economy: German Studies" and "Culture and Economy: Romance Studies", the bachelor's program in "German Studies: Language, Literature, Media" and "Romance Studies: Language, Literature, Media" and "Intercultural German Studies" have been analyzed. Overall, the degree programs at the School of Humanities have received top grades in the main category "organization of studies" and for its services for first-year students.

The Department of **German Studies** of the University of Mannheim has received 12 out of 14 possible points in the special category "overall support during the study entry phase". It shares the second place with two other universities. In five out of nine categories ("support during studies", "graduating in time (bachelor's programs)", "rooms", "study organization" and "library"), the university has been ranked in the top group.

In **Romance Studies**, the University of Mannheim has achieved 12 out of 14 points, which makes it one of the top five universities in the special category "support for first-year students". In three of six categories of the ranking ("research orientation", "rooms" and "IT infrastructure"), the university is also in the top group.

The CHE University Ranking is the most comprehensive and detailed university ranking in German-speaking countries. More than 300 higher education institutions in German-speaking countries are regularly assessed by the Centre for Higher Education (Centrum für Hochschulentwicklung). In addition to looking at facts relating to programs of study, teaching, equipment, and research, the ranking also takes student opinions on the study conditions at their institution into account. Each year, one third of the subjects are assessed. The results are available online at <a href="https://ranking.zeit.de/che/de/">https://ranking.zeit.de/che/de/</a> as well as in the print issue of the ZEIT-Studienführer.