

The HFR Experience

Dual Degree: Lakehead + HFR

Study in Canada and Germany

One coordinated pathway • Two master's degrees



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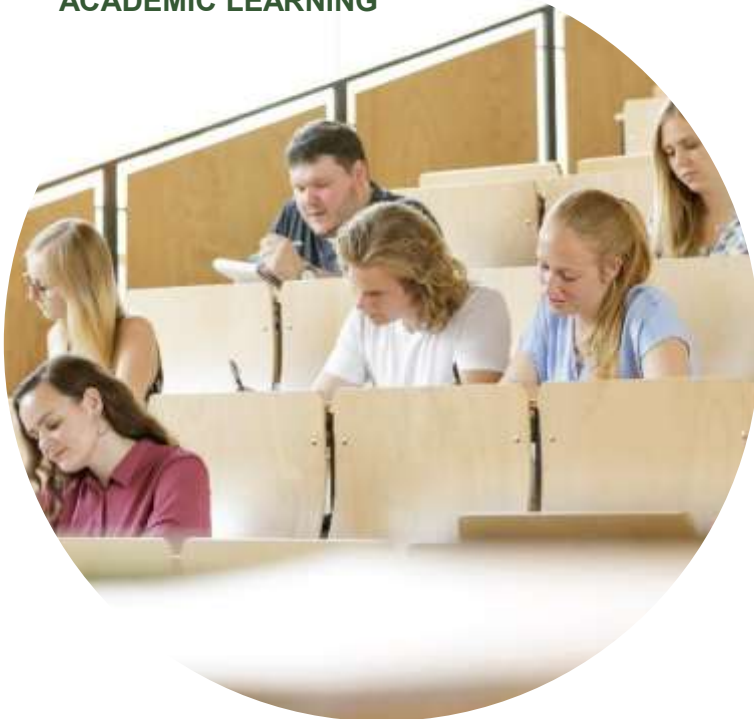


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What studying at HFR feels like

Academic learning, field experience
and campus life go hand in hand.

LECTURES &
ACADEMIC LEARNING



EXCURSIONS &
FIELD EXPERIENCE

CAMPUS LIFE &
COMMUNITY



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Personal, practical and academically grounded

STUDYING AT HFR • LECTURES & ACADEMIC LEARNING

ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS

Courses combine academic and scientific foundations with practical relevance.

VARIED FORMATS

Formats include lectures, seminars, exercises and practical components, depending on the course.

ACTIVE & SUPPORTED

Students take an active role, supported by approachable lecturers and programme coordinators.

THEORY INTO PRACTICE

Course ideas are connected to real-world issues and practical application.



Academic excellence, practical relevance and personal exchange shape learning at HFR.

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Excursions make the landscape part of the classroom

STUDYING AT HFR • EXCURSIONS & FIELD EXPERIENCE

LEARN ON LOCATION

Apply course ideas in forests, organisations and regional settings.

EXPECT VARIETY

Excursions and study tours can change the timetable from week to week.

CONNECT THEORY & PRACTICE

Field-based components add practical perspectives to academic study.

LEARN TOGETHER

Time outside the lecture hall creates space for discussion with lecturers and fellow students.



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HFR campus is your everyday study base

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A place to study, eat, meet people and build a routine.

LIBRARY & STUDY

Books, electronic resources, study spaces, computers and research support.

CANTEEN

Hot lunches, coffee and snacks during the semester.

STUDENT ID & SERVICES

Use your HFR student ID for library borrowing, campus access and other student services.

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Campus life extends beyond the classroom

STUDYING AT HFR • CAMPUS LIFE & STUDENT GROUPS

STUDENT-LED COMMUNITY

Join forestry groups, cultural traditions and activities alongside your academic studies.

The apple harvest is one example of shared, student-led campus life.



HFR IFSA

Connect with students interested in forestry and international exchange.

PRO SILVA AT HFR

Engage with students and professionals interested in close-to-nature forestry.

TRADITION & COMMUNITY

Traditional hunting horn groups are part of HFR's forestry culture and student life.

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

University sports, Campus Cinema and other student-led events offer more ways to meet people.



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Finding your people

STUDYING AT HFR • SETTLING IN & CONNECTING

YOU ARE NOT ARRIVING ON YOUR OWN

HFR's International Office helps you get started and connect with others from the beginning.

Support comes through buddies, student peers and shared activities.



INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAMME

The International Office organises the Buddy Programme to help international students get started.

PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT

International Master's students can connect with HFR peers for help navigating university life and everyday life in Rottenburg.

SHARED ACTIVITIES

Regional visits, hiking, cultural activities and excursions create time to connect.

STUDENT GROUPS

IFSA, Pro Silva and other student groups offer additional ways to become part of the HFR community.



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Rottenburg, hometown of HFR

STUDYING AT HFR • CAMPUS LIFE & COMMUNITY

A SMALL UNIVERSITY TOWN

Everyday essentials, student accommodation options and a manageable daily rhythm.

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

From Rottenburg, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Basel, Zurich and Munich are roughly 1–3 hours away by train.

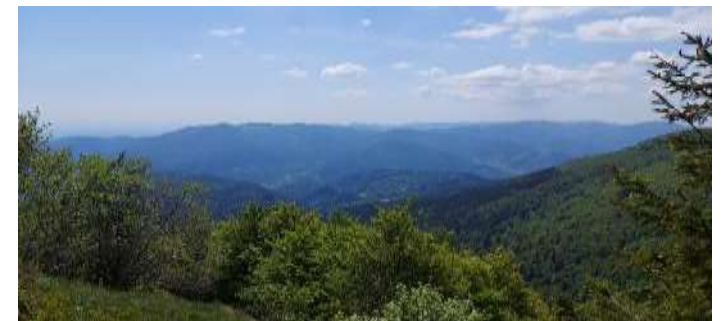
OUTDOOR LIFE

The Neckar, hiking routes, nearby swimming lakes, the Black Forest national park and more.

TÜBINGEN NEARBY

More cafés, culture, student life and activities within the wider region.

Accommodation is not guaranteed. HFR provides information and support with the search.



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Coursework connects policy, technology and forest practice

STUDYING AT HFR

DF.2

Forests and Environmental Politics

DF.3

Assessment of Cultural, Social and
Economical Values of Forest
Ecosystem Services

DF.4

Remote Sensing, Inventories and GIS
for Strategic Forest Planning

DF.5

Closer-to-nature Silviculture &
Wildlife Management

DF.6

Nature Conservation and Biodiversity in Forests

DF.7

Strategic Forest Business Management

DF.8

Capita Selecta of Sustainable Land Use Management

Topics vary by year
Changing interdisciplinary topics in
sustainable land use

Forests and Environmental Politics

DF.2 • HFR SUMMER TERM COURSE • 5 ECTS

COURSE 1 OF 7

5 ECTS



Source: Marie Schweikardt

Professor: Schurr

CORE FOCUS

Explore how forests and environmental questions are addressed through politics and policy.

HOW IT CONNECTS

Adds a governance perspective to scientific and management questions across the programme.

Assessment of Cultural, Social and Economical Values of Forest Ecosystem Services

DF.3 • HFR SUMMER TERM COURSE • 5 ECTS

COURSE 2 OF 7

5 ECTS



Source: Marie Schweikardt

Professors: Bachinger / Abele

CORE FOCUS

Assess the cultural, social and economic values connected with forest ecosystem services.

HOW IT CONNECTS

Broadens forest assessment beyond biophysical measures and links ecosystem services with people and society.

Remote Sensing, Inventories and GIS for Strategic Forest Planning

DF.4 • HFR SUMMER TERM COURSE • 4 ECTS

COURSE 3 OF 7

4 ECTS



Source: Markus Weber

Professors: Jäckle / Scheuber

CORE FOCUS

Connect remote sensing, forest inventories and geographic information systems with strategic forest planning.

HOW IT CONNECTS

Shows how spatial information and inventory evidence can support longterm decisions in forestry.

Closer-to-nature Silviculture & Wildlife Management

DF.5 • HFR SUMMER TERM COURSE • 4 ECTS



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Rottenburg

University of Applied Sciences

COURSE 4 OF 7

4 ECTS



Source: Prof. Dr. Thorsten Beimgraben

Professors: Hein / Beimgraben

CORE FOCUS

Bring closer-to-nature silvicultural approaches together with wildlife management.

HOW IT CONNECTS

Links forest development, management choices and wildlife considerations within one course.

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Nature Conservation and Biodiversity in Forests

DF.6 • HFR SUMMER TERM COURSE • 4 ECTS

COURSE 5 OF 7

4 ECTS



Source: Marie Schweikardt

Professors: Heinrichs / Rupp

CORE FOCUS

Examine nature conservation and biodiversity specifically in forest environments.

HOW IT CONNECTS

Places conservation priorities alongside the planning, policy and management perspectives in the programme.

Strategic Forest Business Management

DF.7 • HFR SUMMER TERM COURSE • 3 ECTS

COURSE 6 OF 7

3 ECTS



Source: Annalena Taller / Marie Schweikardt

Professor: Petkau

CORE FOCUS

Focus on strategic management questions in forest enterprises and forest-related business contexts.

HOW IT CONNECTS

Adds organisational and business decision-making to the ecological, technical and policy course mix.

Capita Selecta of Sustainable Land Use Management

DF.8 • HFR SUMMER TERM COURSE • 5 ECTS

COURSE 7 OF 7

5 ECTS



Source: Annalena Taller / Marie Schweikardt

Professors: varying professors

CORE FOCUS

A flexible course whose selected sustainable land-use topics may change from year to year.

POSSIBLE THEMES

Sustainable energy and circular economy;
agroforestry; timber markets;
forest management and climate change;
forest and water management;
carbon storage and LULUCF.

PROGRAMME NOTE

Field-trip components may be included. Confirm the current themes with HFR.

Two degrees in two years — one coordinated pathway

LAKEHEAD + HFR

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Master of Environmental Management

Your home degree and the first year of the programme.



HFR ROTTENBURG

Master of Science in Forestry

Your second year: a full academic year in Germany, taught in English.

Graduate with two Master's degrees—one from each university—in two years.
A coordinated Study Plan connects coursework, thesis work and credit transfer.



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Your HFR year combines thesis work and coursework

LAKEHEAD + HFR



Hochschule für Forstwirtschaft
Rottenburg

University of Applied Sciences

The transatlantic exchange is planned as one full academic year.

ARRIVAL / START

Beginning of September



Settle in, German
language course

WINTER TERM

October – end of February



**Master's thesis
component
30 ECTS**

SUMMER TERM

Mid-March – end of June



**HFR coursework
30 ECTS**

JULY

Thesis defence



Present and
defend the thesis



English is the language of instruction. German study is strongly recommended for everyday life and integration — fluent German is not required to follow the programme.

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Practical steps for your start at HFR

LAKEHEAD + HFR

1 NOMINATION & APPLICATION

Lakehead nominates you, HFR sends the required application information.

2 STUDY PLAN

Coordinate courses, thesis work and credit transfer with the programme liaison officers.

3 PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

Apply for accommodation, consider German-language preparation and review current insurance and immigration requirements.

4 FIRST WEEKS AT HFR

Complete enrolment, access the HFR system, check your HFR email and current timetable, and connect with the Buddy Programme.

Requirements can change. Check current immigration, insurance, enrolment and administrative details with the HFR International Office.



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Two degrees in two years

WHAT STUDENTS GAIN FROM THE LAKEHEAD–HFR DUAL DEGREE

01

BROADER ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE

Combine Lakehead's environmental management focus with HFR forestry expertise, methods and professional perspectives.

02

STUDY FORESTS IN CONTEXT

Explore policy, ecosystem services, conservation, planning and business in a European setting.

03

LEARN THROUGH APPLICATION

Coursework can include field-based and practical components alongside academic study.

04

PERSONAL & INTERCULTURAL GROWTH

Experience two university systems and cultures, building interpersonal skills, intercultural competence and German-language confidence.

05

A GLOBAL NETWORK

Connect with international peers, join both universities' alumni networks and build your own global professional network.

06

THINK COMPARATIVELY

Compare different systems and approaches — and gain a broader perspective on familiar topics.



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Ready for Rottenburg?

Learn at HFR. Live in Germany.

Bring your experience back to Lakehead.

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For current application, accommodation and administrative details,
contact the HFR International Office.



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