WHAT WE WANT

We advocate for the political, academic, social and cultural interests of all students. In discussions, we develop common understandings and come to resolutions. These form the foundations of our work.

Our central demands and convictions are, for example:

• against all forms of discrimination: racism, queerphobia, antisemitism and antigypsyism, ableism, sexism, classism etc.

- against educational barriers such as tuition fees
- support of student culture and self-administration
- affordable housing instead of social division
- environmental protection and sustainability
- more transparency and student participation in university politics
- a student-centred reform of the Lehramt (teacher training programme)
- against having to provide sick notes and compulsory attendance
- affordable public transportation for all students

You can find more of our positions and related topics here: sturahd.de/positionierungen



WHAT'S NEXT?

You can find news and updates on our work and everything important regarding our offers and efforts on <u>sturahd.de</u> or through our Instagram <u>@sturauniheidelberg</u> and <u>@stura.hd.eng</u>. To find out how you can get involved, check: sturahd.de/mitmachen.

Come to the office hours of the offices and committes to talk to active fellow students or just drop by the StuRa office or your Fachschaftsraum (the room of your Fachschaft).

GO VOTE!

Every year in June, the StuRa elections take place. You can also elect your Fachschaftsrat once a year. You can find all the necessary information at <u>sturahd.de/wahlen.</u>

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StuRa Infos



Get to know your student representation



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Hello there!

This flyer serves as an introduction to the work of the StuRa (Studierendenrat, i.e. Student Council) and the Verfasste Studierendenschaft (or "VS"; Constituted Student Body – your student representation).

But what is the VS? The VS is a body that is made up of all enrolled students – you too! Through the VS, we are legally entitled to represent ourselves and our interests as students. This is done through elected bodies, committees and representatives.

The StuRa constitutes the highest elected body of the VS: it passes resolutions on important topics, elects speakers, offices, our chairpersons as well as other committees. Furthermore, it decides on bylaws, budgets and the use of VS-funds.



In order to represent your various interests in the best way possible, the StuRa is made up of elected representatives from Listen (lit. "[electoral] lists", i.e. political groups of students who put themselves up for election in the form of a list) and the delegated members of the 49 Fachschaften (or "FS"; the same as the VS, but on a department level).

The Fachschaften elect their own representatives (Fachschaftsrat) to represent the specific interests of the students of their subject.

On a central level, and in addition to the StuRa, there is the RefKonf, (Referatekonferenz, assembly of the offices). The RefKonf is the executive body of the VS, it is made up of the Referate (offices) and the chairpersons, which work together to implement the resolutions of the StuRa.

Sessions and meetings of the VS are on principle held in public. You are allowed to partake, discuss and bring up topics that are important to you! Our guiding principle is:

BY STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS!

WHAT WE MAKE POSSIBLE

Information and advice:

Your Fachschaft, the Referate, AGs (Working Groups) etc. are happy to help. Should we not know the answer to your question, we'll help you to find the right place. Feel free to write and talk to us!

Free legal advice:

As a tenant, employee or student, you have rights that should protect you from arbitrary action and unfair treatment. If you're in need of legal advice and want to take first steps, you can always contact sturahd.de/rechtsberatung.

Hardship payment (emergency grants)

If you should find yourself facing a financial emergency situation, the Notlagenzuschuss (hardship payment) will help you, even on short notice. Here, only your financial needs, not your grades, count! Refugees who intend to study here are also eligible for the funding of Vorbereitungskurse (courses to prepare to study in Germany). Study-related excursions may also be funded. You can learn more about this offer in the social office's office hours or on sturahd.de/soziales.

Support of student groups:

We support groups for example by providing rooms (our kitchen is an ideal place for cooking together) or offering IT services. Student groups can also lend equipment for demonstrations, cooking, public announcements, festivals etc. from a common pool. Twice a year, groups can apply for financial aid with the StuRa.

VRNnextbike:

Thanks to our cooperation with the VRN (the local public transportation provider), you can rent VRNnextbikes for 30 minutes free of charge!

... and much more!

There's a lot more we offer - such as the Theaterflatrate and advice on how to receive BAföG (the German Law on the Support of Education) payments! Just have a look at <u>sturahd.de/angebote</u>

WHERE AND HOW CAN I TAKE ACTION?

For many students, the first contact point with the work of the VS is their respective Fachschaft with their

 Fachschaftsvollversammlungen (public assembly of all students of a field of studies)
Fachschaftsrat (elected Fachschaft council)

where everyone has the right to speak and to contribute.

Concerning student groups and initiatives, you can find an overview on our website:

sturahd.de/hochschulgruppen/

Also, you can join one of our Referate (offices) and collaborate in a wide range of topics:

- Soziales (social affairs)
- Hochschulpolitische Vernetzung (external affairs)
- IT & Infrastruktur (IT & Infrastructure)
- Finanzen (finances)
- Gremien (offices and committees)
- QSM (Qualitätssicherungsmittel, funds for improving teaching quality)
- Internationale Studierende (international students)
- Kultur und Sport (culture & sports)
- Verkehr und kommunales (mobility & communal matters)
- Lehre und Lernen (LeLe, teaching & studying)
- Ökologie und Nachhaltigkeit (ecology & sustainability)
- Politische Bildung (political education)
- Studierendenwerk (communication with the Studierendenwerk)

The autonomous offices are organized by students affected by discrimination themselves within the following fields:

- Antirassismus (anti-racism)
- Queer (Queer rights)
- Inter*, Trans*, Women and Non-Binary issues
- Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses

All offices work together in the RefKonf (the executive body) implementing the decisions and resolutions of the StuRa.

Less formally, content-related work takes place in our many working groups and task forces (AGs and AKs) which deal with topics ranging from teaching reforms to bicycle repairs.

Wherever and however you want to get involved: ask away, come along, get in touch! We're looking forward to your ideas!

