

HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPARISON · BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG, GERMANY · 2026/27

University of Stuttgart vs University of Mannheim

A Fully Verdict-Driven Comparison for Indian Master's Students

A TU9 engineering powerhouse vs Germany's leading business and social sciences university — both in the same state, both charging the same non-EU tuition. Every figure below is sourced from official and verified data, with live EUR-to-INR conversions.

₹109 = €1 (LIVE RATE USED THROUGHOUT)	#318 vs #425 QS WORLD RANKING 2027	€1,500/sem STUTTART NON-EU TUITION	€1,500/sem MANNHEIM NON-EU TUITION
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THE 60-SECOND VERSION

At a Glance

Same state, same non-EU tuition policy, completely different academic identity — engineering powerhouse vs business/social sciences specialist.

Factor	University of Stuttgart	University of Mannheim
Location	Stuttgart (Mercedes-Benz, Porsche HQ nearby)	Mannheim (in a historic Baroque palace campus)
Founded	1829	1967
QS World Ranking 2027	#318 — stronger overall global position	#425
Non-EU Tuition Fee	€1,500/semester (Baden-Württemberg state law, since 2017/18)	€1,500/semester (identical state law and rate)
Official semester contribution	~€184-368	€194 (Winter 2026/27, confirmed directly on uni-mannheim.de)
Students	~20,536-27,686	~12,000+; 1,700 international from 100+ countries
Acceptance rate	Not officially published (individual programme-based, per German norm)	~10-36% (unofficial estimates; varies sharply by department, tighter for Business School programmes)
Signature strength	Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Architecture (#4 world subject rank)	Business & Management (#52 world subject rank), Economics, Social Sciences — Mannheim Business School triple-accredited (AACSB/AMBA/EQUIS)

The one-line verdict: Stuttgart holds the stronger overall global QS position and is the clear choice for Engineering/Architecture; Mannheim is Germany's leading specialist for Business, Economics and Social Sciences, with a triple-accredited business school that punches well above its overall QS position. Both charge identical non-EU tuition under the same Baden-Württemberg law. Full breakdown ahead.

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Fees, Rankings & APS/dMAT Notes

Cost Item	University of Stuttgart	University of Mannheim
Non-EU tuition	€1,500/semester (~₹1.64L)	€1,500/semester (~₹1.64L) — identical, same state law
Semester contribution	~€184-368	€194 (Administration €80 + Studierendenwerk €100 + Student Body €14) — confirmed directly on uni-mannheim.de
Estimated total annual cost	~€3,400-3,700/yr non-EU	~€3,388/yr non-EU (tuition + both semester contributions)

Stuttgart Standing

Subject Strength

Architecture ranks #4 globally (QS Subject) — a genuine standout. Broad engineering strength across Mechanical, Computer Science and Energy Engineering, with strong automotive-industry proximity.

Application Note

Standard APS certificate required for all Indian applicants, per German-wide policy.

Mannheim Standing

Subject Strength

Business & Management ranks #52 globally (QS Subject). Mannheim Business School holds AACSB/AMBA/EQUIS triple-crown accreditation, held by fewer than 1% of business schools worldwide. Average starting salary €50,000-60,000; 95% placement rate.

Application Note

The new dMAT (Digital Master Test) requirement applies here too — if your Bachelor's degree is in Engineering, Commerce/Accounting/Finance/Economics, or Business/Management, and you're applying for Summer Semester 2027 intake or later, you'll need the dMAT certificate as part of your APS documentation. This is a Germany-wide APS India policy, not Mannheim-specific, but especially relevant here given Mannheim's business/economics focus.

Given Mannheim's strong concentration in exactly the fields the dMAT requirement targets (Business, Economics, Commerce), Indian Master's applicants to Mannheim Business School specifically should check the dMAT requirement carefully and register early if it applies — seats are first-come, first-served.

Courses & Career Outcomes

University of Stuttgart	University of Mannheim
Popular Courses Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Architecture, Energy Engineering, Electromobility — Stuttgart's location near Mercedes-Benz and Porsche headquarters is a genuine practical draw for engineering students seeking industry proximity.	Popular Courses Business Administration, Economics, Data Science, Data Analytics, Mathematics, Political Science, Sociology — 118 courses across 6 departments, with Data Analytics and Business Economics particularly popular among Indian applicants.
Industry Ties Genuine automotive-sector proximity gives engineering students a practical internship and placement advantage in Stuttgart's industrial base.	Industry Ties Proximity to "DAX" heavyweight companies (Germany's major stock index constituents) ensures a direct talent pipeline for business graduates; a dedicated Buddy Program supports Indian students with bureaucratic and cultural integration.
Career Outcomes Strong engineering graduate outcomes typical of TU9-adjacent institutions, though Stuttgart itself is not a TU9 member — it is closely associated with the same Baden-Württemberg technical education ecosystem as KIT.	Career Outcomes Average starting salary €50,000-60,000; 95% placement rate; Mannheim's MBA has been cited by a prominent ranking platform for offering among the best ROI worldwide.

What This Actually Means for You

If your priority is...	Lean toward
Engineering, Architecture, or Computer Science with automotive-industry proximity	University of Stuttgart
Business, Economics, Data Analytics, or a triple-accredited business school credential	University of Mannheim
The stronger overall global QS ranking	University of Stuttgart (#318 vs #425)

THE VERDICT

So Which One Is Actually Better for You?

Since both charge identical non-EU tuition under the same state law, this decision should be driven entirely by subject fit, not cost.

Choose University of Stuttgart if... **STUTT GART**

Engineering, Architecture (#4 world subject rank) or Computer Science is your target, you want the stronger overall global QS ranking, and you value genuine automotive-industry proximity for internships and networking.

Choose University of Mannheim if... **MANNHEIM**

Business, Economics or Data Analytics is your goal, you want a triple-accredited business school credential (AACSB/AMBA/EQUIS, held by fewer than 1% of business schools globally), and you're comfortable with the dMAT requirement if your Bachelor's degree falls in an affected field.

Since the tuition and semester fees are nearly identical at both, let your target subject decide this comparison — Stuttgart and Mannheim barely compete for the same students given how different their academic identities are.

Still Not Sure Which Fits You Best?

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