OVERVIEW OF HERTIE SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE

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PROS	CONS
About School ○ Well-Organized Courses (Intensive and Practical) ○ Good Professors Especially for Quantitative Researches ○ Improving Each Semester (Faculty and the office immediately reflect students' opinions) ○ Tight Community	**About School** ○ Small Campus (only a four-floor building!) ○ Small Library (However, e-book system is well-developed) ○ Lack of Variation of Courses (36 Courses in this Summer Semester) ○ International Reputation

Berlin Life
○ Student Friendly
○ Developed Transportation
○ Highly Diverse (less biased)
○ Enjoyable
	Berlin Life
	○ Lack of Residency
	○ German Bureaucracy
	  ○ City Registration
	  ○ Visa

PREPARATION FOR HERTIE

- About School
  - Choose Your Concentration (Policy Analysis / Public Management) and Courses
    - If you would like to choose 'Policy Analysis', you need to have a background knowledge of statistics before you come to Hertie.
    - In case of Summer 2017, they have 36 courses and 24 thesis instructors. It is better to check their website and think of which courses/professor you want to choose in advance.
- Life in Berlin
  - Prepare Documents for Residence Application as Many as Possible (Especially when you do not want to live in a shared house)
    - Gehaltsnachweise (Income Certificate), Bank Balance Statement, Schufa-Ankunft, Mietschuldenfreiheitsbescheinigung, etc. All documents are preferably in German.
  - Utilize Your Personal Connection
    - Connection is really important in any aspects of Berlin life. For instance, joining in a Japanese community may help you search for a residence. Contact your acquaintances in Germany prior to leaving Japan.