



Regensburg in Europe

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UNIVERSITÄT REGENSBURG

Information for International Degree-Seeking Students



Universität Regensburg



At a Glance

The Universität Regensburg, founded in 1962, is a modern campus university in the south of the medieval city of Regensburg. It offers outstanding study conditions with excellent support and counseling services, especially for international students.

The UR offers more than 100 courses of study in its 12 faculties (Bachelor, Master, State Examination and Doctorate).

21,000 students study at UR, about 1,600 of them are international students (as of winter semester 2023/24).

Faculties

- Catholic Theology
- Law
- Business, Economics and Management Information Systems
- Medicine
- Informatics and Data Science
- Philosophy, Art History, History, and Humanities
- Human Sciences
- Languages, Literature, and Cultures
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Biology and Pre-Clinical Medicine
- Chemistry and Pharmacy

Degree Programs

For an overview of the degree programs currently offered, please refer to our homepage:

www.uni-regensburg.de/studium/studienangebot

International Degrees

UR offers several international degree programs, some of which are double-degrees:

- German-Czech Studies (Bachelor)
- German-Italian Studies (Bachelor)
- German-French Studies (Bachelor)
- German-Polish Studies (Bachelor)
- Intercultural European Studies (Master)
- Economics (Master)

These programs include a compulsory study abroad period.

Other degree programs with a strong international focus:

- Comparative European Ethnology (Bachelor and Master)
- International Economics (Bachelor)
- Eastern European Studies (Master)
- East-West Studies (Master)
- European Studies (Master)
- South East European Studies (Bachelor)
- Multilingualism and Regionality (Master)



Degree Programs Taught in English

UR offers various Master's programs taught in English:

- British Studies
- English Linguistics
- European Studies
- European-American Studies
- Economics
- ALGANT (Algebra, Geometry and Number Theory)
- Advanced Synthesis and Catalysis (SynCat)
- Complex Condensed Materials and Soft Matter (COSOM)
- Computational Science
- International Master Biology
- Ecology, Evolution and Preservation
- Physics

Since the majority of the courses are taught in English, students are exempt from the German language requirement.

Complementary Academic Programs

The UR Center of Language and Communication not only offers German language courses for international students on different levels (B1-C1), but also a great variety of other foreign language courses (from Arabic to Turkish).

Students are also eligible to register for a large number of extra curricular trainings in IT and other areas.

A Campus University

UR covers a campus of 150 hectares at the southern edge of the old historic town that is only 15 minutes away by bus. All the university's buildings are within walking distance of each other. Several cafeterias are located throughout campus and a main dining hall serving lunch is situated in the center of campus.

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY (UB) is the biggest library in the region, housing 3.8 million books, journals, and digital media. Almost half of the items are located in the different departmental libraries, and freely accessible.

THE COMPUTER CENTER offers a large number of courses for students of all academic fields. Students have free WiFi access all over campus as well as access to computers in any one of the many computer labs.

SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

When designing and constructing the UR, the requirements of students with special needs were given high priority. Most parts of the university were built to be wheelchair accessible. Housing for students with special needs is also available. Furthermore, the computer center as well as the library provide special equipment for visually impaired students.



Advice and Guidance

The International Office (IO) with its advisors and tutors is the main service point for all international students before and during their studies. Together with other student organizations, the IO has developed a well functioning advisory network for international students.

Every semester, the IO offers orientation programs like „Startklar“, excursions, and activities to help international newcomers settle in. Students can build their social networks and get used to the German-Bavarian way of life.

The orientation program „Startklar“ also helps all new international students with administrative tasks such as getting health insurance, registering at the university and the city, course selection and registration for classes.

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Welcome Center for Doctoral Candidates and International Researchers

The University's Welcome Center supports international doctoral candidates and international researchers during their research stay at UR and in the city of Regensburg. The Welcome Center can help prospective candidates to look for adequate accommodation options.

Website:

www.uni-regensburg.de/international/welcome-center

Email: info.welcome-center@ur.de

International Links and Exchanges

UR actively participates in a large number of cooperative partnerships with universities all over the world. Within the framework of the ERASMUS+ program, the university has exchange links with approx. 250 partner institutions in Western and Eastern Europe. Direct exchange agreements are also conducted with more than 80 universities overseas. Each year, UR welcomes around 300 foreign scholars and 570 exchange students from all over the world.

With the **Europaeum**, UR has set up an interdisciplinary center for research on and teaching of all aspects pertaining to Eastern European countries. The Bavarian Institution for Higher Education for Central, Eastern, and Southern Europe (**BAYHOST**), which is a service center for all Bavarian institutions of higher education, is also situated at UR.



Extra-Curricular Activities

A bustling cultural life has developed on the campus of the university, with more than 20 student theater groups and various choirs and orchestras. Every semester, the university's auditorium attracts a large audience from the city itself and beyond with its broad number of internationally renowned musical and theatrical performances. The Sports Center organizes a vast selection of recreational courses for all students ranging from aikido and canoeing to rock-climbing and yoga.

City and Student Life

The attractiveness of the university is enhanced by the appeal of the city itself, with its ever-present traces of more than 2,000 years of history. Since July 2006, Regensburg has carried the UNESCO distinction "World Heritage", which recognizes the unique character of the medieval city center and its magnificent architecture - above all the Old Stone Bridge across the Danube and St. Peter's Cathedral.

The more than 32,000 students of the three Regensburg universities distinctly shape the cityscape and social life. The numerous student pubs, cafés, and beer gardens as well as the many city festivities, such as the yearly Jazz Weekend make Regensburg a popular student city.

Safety in the City and on Campus

International students feel safe at UR and move freely and easily around campus and in the city. Surely this is due to the location of the university.

Students have short walks between the university buildings. In addition, the excellent bus connections and relatively short routes within the city make life in Regensburg very convenient.

Financial Matters

Each semester, students must pay a student service fee of € 181 (as of January 2024) that includes, among other things, a semester ticket for public transportation (both bus and train) in Regensburg and its vicinity.

The average monthly expenses for international students currently amount to a minimum of € 1,000 (including room and board). The *Mensa* and cafeterias located on campus offer reasonably-priced meals for students. Accommodation prices range from € 250 to € 400 per month. All international students are required to have proof of sufficient health insurance.

Grants

German universities usually do not provide grants nor financial aid programs for international students. There are, however, some organizations that do award scholarships. Information about these organizations can be obtained from official German government offices abroad (embassies and consulates), the Goethe Institutes, or the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service):

www.daad.de or www.funding-guide.de or stipendiumplus.de



Application and Admission

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants need to have a school-leaving certificate equivalent to the German "Abitur". Students applying for a Master's program must also present a suitable first academic degree (Bachelor or comparable degree).

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants need to have an intermediate to advanced knowledge of German (level B2/C1). Before formal enrollment, admitted students need to pass the "DSH" German language test, generally with level DSH-2. Alternatively, the university accepts the "TestDaF" with a grade of 4 (or better) in all sections. Some subjects may require level DSH-3 (or 4x5 points in the „TestDaF“ certificate).

Applicants for degree programs taught in English as well as doctoral candidates with permission to write their dissertation in English are exempt of the German language test.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

July 15 for the winter semester (= October until March)

January 15 for the summer semester (= April until September)

PLEASE BE AWARE

Most Master's programs as well as some other programs have **earlier application deadlines** and/or aptitude tests. Applicants should contact the International Office early enough (about 6 months prior to the intended start of studies) for details on the application procedure.

Accommodation in a student residence

The International Office makes every effort to help international students find accommodation in a dormitory. Unfortunately, not all applicants can be provided with a room. In these cases, the International Office can provide addresses of private dormitories and tips on finding accommodation on the private housing market.

Term Dates

Winter semester

1 October until 30 March

Summer semester

1 April until 30 September

Are you interested in a study program at UR?

We would be happy to assist you in preparing your application. Visit our website to learn more about the next steps.

