



The University of Bamberg – *Steeped in Tradition and Committed to the Future*



*From the former Academia Ottoniana to a
Modern University with Four Academic Faculties
and Distinguished Degree Programmes*

Regionally Rooted – Partners and Networks

With its various cooperative projects, the University of Bamberg exerts considerable influence on the local region and is a source of knowledge and highly trained specialists. The university therefore contributes significantly to assuring the competitiveness of the Upper Franconian region and to meeting demands for generations of qualified staff.

The cornerstone for the only German partnership of its kind was laid by the cooperation agreement of the “Technology Alliance of Upper Franconia”. For the first time, all universities in one region – in this case Bamberg, Bayreuth, Hof and Coburg – joined forces to promote their common interests and strengthen their expertise in the areas of research, teaching and continuing education.

Among other programmes, networking endeavours have been institutionalised in the KMUni event series in which the university and both city and regional business development partners invite the involvement of small and medium-sized companies. KMUni is both a showcase of current, practically relevant research projects and a valuable networking opportunity. Together with both the Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Upper Franconian Chamber of Skilled Crafts, the university organises a so-called “tandem” series that provides a platform for exchange between scholarly theory and practical application. Additionally, involvement in the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship programme creates ever stronger bonds between the university and regional businesses and institutions.

But the University of Bamberg is also cultural networking hub and has a broad influence on social life in the region and beyond. The university cooperates with cultural institutions like the Villa Concordia International Artists’ House, the E.T.A.-Hoffmann-Theatre and the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra.

A Commitment to Social Responsibility

Social responsibility has characterised our self-conception from the very beginning. It is expressed today in family-friendly working structures and universal equal opportunity.

Our commitment to family issues has been rewarded since 2005 with certification as a family-friendly university. The most recent re-certification (2015) specifically honours the increased flexibility of study programmes: It is



currently possible to pursue almost every degree offered in Bamberg as a part-time student or in modular study programmes. In Bamberg, lifelong learning is no longer merely a vision, it’s a reality.

A further milestone is represented by the 2012 establishment of the Kinder-Villa which provides day care and kindergarten education for the children of both university students and staff.



The university's auditorium, a former Dominican church located in the historic Sand quarter, is a collection of contrasts: old and new, tradition and modernity, simplicity and artistic grandeur. The numerous events held here also make it a place where academia and the broader community cross paths.

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Answering Ancient Questions with the Methods of the Future

Beginning with the Academia Ottoniana in the 17th century, and continuing with our present-day institution, the University of Bamberg has seen itself explicitly as a “House of Wisdom”. It was founded in 1647 by Prince Bishop Melchior Otto Voit von Salzburg as a centre for contemporary humanistic education.

The “domus sapientiae” of past centuries is now home to the programmes offered by the university’s four academic faculties:

- Humanities
- Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration
- Human Sciences and Education
- Information Systems and Applied Computer Science

The academic disciplines are closely linked to the focal areas of our overall profile:

- Education & Life Planning
- The Individual & Society
- Languages & Cultures
- Business & Markets

From among our doctoral programmes (German Research Foundation research training groups, graduate schools), the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences is sponsored by the German Excellence Initiative.

Facts and Figures

Professorships (approx.)	160
Academic Staff (approx.)	700
Academic Support Staff (approx.)	550
Total Expenditures (approx. in millions of euros)	75
Of which external funding represents (approx. in millions of euros)	37
Students (approx.)	13,300
Doctoral Degrees Conferred	73*
Habilitations Conferred	6*

(* 5-year average)



Academic Support and Real-World Education

It is our belief that an outstanding university education is defined by qualification programmes and opportunities that motivate and inspire students to individually pursue their interests. For this reason, students in our nearly 80 accredited bachelor’s, master’s and teaching degree programmes are encouraged to work as independently as possible. The application of theoretical knowledge to practical experience is ensured by curricula featuring practice-based seminars, training courses and degree-related internships.

Our flexible course offering allows for individual freedom and is our answer to changing living conditions in a globalised world: Nearly every degree offered in Bamberg can be pursued part-time or in modular study programmes.

Internationality as a Way of Life – Open-Minded and Open to the World

At the University of Bamberg, internationality is more than a mere formality; it is desired, encouraged and is indeed a way of life. As an internationally renowned research centre, the University of Bamberg is committed to the academic exchange of knowledge and ideas, and it promotes networking and partnerships with numerous foreign universities and research institutions.

Each year, over 400 Bamberg students take advantage of opportunities to pursue foreign studies at one of nearly 300 partner institutions in 60 countries. Looking only at the EU’s popular Erasmus Programme, an average of approximately 25% of students in each year’s class participate in an exchange, making the University of Bamberg the most active of Bavaria’s universities.

Guest professorships also facilitate the intensive transfer of knowledge and ideas from abroad to Bamberg. Our university’s Welcome Center, which was founded in 2010, provides support and assistance for our foreign guests.

Facts and Figures

Foreign students in Bamberg (approx.)	1,145
Bamberg participants in foreign exchange programmes (approx.)	500
ERASMUS scholarships, in euros, for Bamberg students (approx.)	454,000

High-Tech Resources, Service and Individual Support

Technology connecting people: Thanks to the comprehensive modernisation of all university service processes and the expansion of information systems in recent decades, studying and working at the University of Bamberg is faster and more flexible than ever – but no less personal.

A total of 1.6 million books and other media, many in electronic form, are available in our six university library branches. 2,000 computer-equipped workstations and 800 laptops are available to university employees. Materials required for lectures and seminars can be accessed on the university’s e-learning platform, the Virtual Campus (VC).

Students can also work in Branch Library 4 and the ERBA Library during the night by gaining entry using their student chip card.



This modern IT infrastructure and other innovations like our numerous online services and a personalised chip card that functions not only as student identification and university library card, but also as a semester ticket for public transport and method of payment at the university all save a great deal of time – time that we invest in all aspects of individual advisory services and resources.

