

OTTO-FRIEDRICH-UNIVERSITÄT BAMBERG UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG



General Overview

The University of Bamberg is a medium-sized university in Bavaria, the southern part of Germany, with about 13,000 students (incl. about 1,000 international students). First recorded in 1647 it is one of the oldest universities in Bavaria.

The University consists of three campuses. Most of the Humanities courses are held in the listed buildings in the old part of the city. Here students can discover the largest city centre under preservation in Germany, which was also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993. Through the centuries various styles, from Romanesque to Gothic and Baroque, have characterised the architecture of the more than 1000 year old city of Emperors and Bishops. The University thus plays an essential role in preserving the aesthetic beauty of Bamberg and promoting its cultural identity.

In addition to the old city centre, the University has a campus in the eastern part of Bamberg. Here, in newly renovated buildings, you will find the departments for Social Sciences, Economics and Business. The faculty of Applied Computer Sciences is located on the recently established "ERBA" campus. These two faculties comprise about a third of all students enrolled. The short distance between the three locations is quickly covered by bicycle or by public transport. Thus students can easily get to know each other, and courses and research are interdisciplinary and international in focus.

The University of Bamberg has four faculties:

- **Information Systems and Applied Computer Sciences**
- **Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration**
- **Humanities and Cultural Studies**
- **Human Sciences and Education**

(See pages 3 and 4 for more information on the different degree programs offered)

The University of Bamberg prides itself on offering efficient administrative and support systems that enable students to concentrate on and complete their studies in good time. Research and studies in Bamberg have a strong European and international component. In particular the "International Business", "European Economic Studies" and "International Information Systems Management" programs, as well as most degree programs within the Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies, exhibit a strong international focus.

Although most of the courses taught in Bamberg are in German, the Faculty of Information Systems, Applied Computer Sciences, the Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration offer several courses taught in English. Classes in the different Philologies (i.e. English and American Studies, Romance Studies, Oriental Studies, Slavic Studies, etc.) are mostly offered in the relevant language.

International focus

The Otto-Friedrich-University of Bamberg has exchange agreements with approx. 300 universities in ca. 60 countries. However, we are always looking to develop new, creative and successful relationships with other universities.

The International Office coordinates student exchange programs and offers advice on all areas of studying abroad. Among the Bavarian universities, Bamberg has the highest percentage of students who study abroad (currently about 40% of our graduates have spent a period of more than 3 months abroad during their studies in Bamberg).

International Student Services

- **Special housing arrangements in student residence** (single or two bedroom apartments)
- **Special welcome day and course opening for exchange students:** There will be a mandatory reception held to help new students with their first administrative steps in Bamberg
- **3 week Preparatory Course for international students** prior to each semester (incl. 60hrs intensive German, workshops, excursions, etc.)
- Approx. 20 **German as a second language courses** to choose from during each semester.
- **Excursions throughout the semester**
(with weekend and day trips to Berlin, Munich, Salzburg, Regensburg, Weimar, and a weekend of skiing in the Bavarian Alps in January)
- **Tandem Programme** (a University of Bamberg student will welcome the arriving international student and help him/her to get settled in the first couple of days.)

Accommodation in one of the student residences is organized upon request for all exchange students who will study at the University of Bamberg.

The International Office offers a three week intensive German course and orientation program for exchange students before the start of each semester. During the course, the students not only improve their German language skills but also learn about German culture and geography. They are also introduced to the organization of the University of Bamberg, general student services, the libraries, the course registration system, etc.

During the semester, exchange students can participate in a variety of organized excursions and cultural events.

The University also offers a Buddy Programme, called TANDEM, which matches each international guest with one Bamberg student. The German students are available to assist the international participants with the first mandatory administrative steps in

Bamberg and to ease the transition period. The German tandem partners also provide their international partners with a personal introduction to student life in Bamberg.

Studying in Bamberg

The following courses are currently offered at the University of Bamberg:

Bachelor's degrees

(Length of study: approximately 6 to 7 semesters)

- Applied Computer Science
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Business Administration
- Business Information Systems
- Classical Greek
- Communication Science
- Economics
- Education
- English and American Studies
- European Economic Studies
- Geography
- General Linguistics
- German
- History
- International Business
- International Information Systems Management
- Islamic Studies
- Latin Literature
- Medieval Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Romance Studies
(majors: French, Spanish, Italian)
- Slavic Studies
- Sociology
- Software Systems Science
- Theological Studies
- Vocational Education / Social Pedagogy and Social Services

Master's degrees

(Length of study: approximately 2 to 4 semesters, Bachelor's degree as a prerequisite)

- Adult and Further Education
- Applied Computer Science
- Arabic Studies
- Archaeology of the Roman Provinces
- Business Administration
- Communication Science
- Computing in the Humanities
- Economics & Business Education
- Education in Business and Information Systems
- Educational Science
- Empirical Education Research
- English and American Studies
- European Economic Studies
- European Ethnology
- European Joint Master's Degree English and American Studies
- General Linguistics
- German Linguistics
- German Literature
- Greek and Latin Studies
- Heritage Conservation
- History
- Information Systems
- International Business

- Interreligious Studies:
Judaism-Christianity-Islam
- Iranian Studies
- Islamic Art and Archaeology
- Islamic Studies
- Medieval and Post Medieval
Archaeology
- Medieval Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Public Theology
- Psychology
- Prehistoric Archaeology
- Romance Studies
- Slavic Studies
- Sociology
- Software Systems Science
- Survey Statistics
- Studies in Religion and Education
- Theological Studies
- Turkish Studies

Courses Leading to the Teaching Qualification

(Length of study: approximately 9 semesters)

- For all types of State Schools (Primary, Secondary, Vocational)

Doctorate / PhDs

(Length of study: approximately 6 semesters)

All foreign students who are interested in a doctorate must find a professor willing to supervise them during doctoral studies. Applications must be accompanied by a written confirmation of acceptance in addition to the standard set of documents.

Specialised Language Instruction at the University of Bamberg

The University offers special “German as a Foreign Language” courses on various levels for our international exchange students throughout the semester. Additionally, there is a three week preparation course prior to each semester which includes 60hrs of intensive German.

