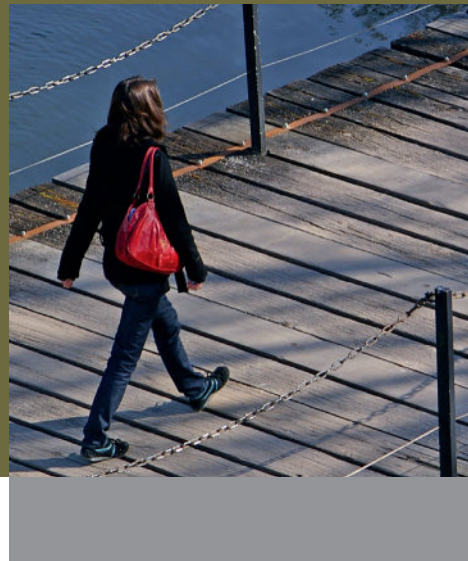




University of Regensburg Information for International Degree Seeking Students



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At a Glance

The Universität Regensburg (UR), founded in 1962, is a modern campus university located at the southern edge of Regensburg, a lively, student-friendly city with a historic city dating back to the early Middle Ages - declared UNESCO world heritage in 2006. UR offers an outstanding atmosphere for academic achievement with excellent supervision and advice, especially for international students. The City of Regensburg and the Region of Upper Palatine add to the experience with great scenery, a host of attractions and options for all sorts of activities. Moreover, many destinations are within easy reach by train or plane putting UR truly at „the heart of Europe“,

Faculties

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

The university's current student population is around 21,200 with approximately 1,620 international students (winter semester 2019/20).



Degree Programs

The university offers more than 100 degrees in 11 faculties. As a research university, UR not only offers Bachelor's programs, but also a wide spectrum of Master's and Doctoral degrees as well as State Examinations. For the complete list of degree programs please see our website:

https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/international-students/download/index.html#content_toggle_3

International Degrees

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

- German-Czech Studies (Bachelor)
- German-Italian Studies (Bachelor)
- German-French Studies (Bachelor)
- German-Polish Studies (Bachelor)
- German-Spanish Studies (Bachelor)
- (Interdisciplinary) German-Russian Studies (Bachelor)
- Intercultural European Studies (Master)

These programs include a compulsory study abroad period.

Other degree programs with a strong international focus are

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

Degree Programs Taught in English

UR offers ten Master's programs taught in English:

- British Studies
- English Linguistics
- European Studies
- European-American Studies

- Advanced Synthesis and Catalysis
- Computational Science
- International Master Biology
- ECN (Experimental and Clinical Neurosciences)
- Physics
- Mathematics

The majority of courses within these programs are taught in English. Therefore, 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 all 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. A detailed list of academic programs complementing the degree programs can be accessed here:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/studium/studienfachinformationen/studienbegleitende-angebote/index.html>

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 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 about 700 personal computers in any one of the 32 computer labs.

SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

When designing and constructing Universität Regensburg, the needs of students with special needs were given high priority. Most parts of the university were built and equipped to be wheelchair accessible. Housing for students with special needs is also available. Furthermore, the computer center as well as the library provide special equipments 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, 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 new international doctoral candidates and international researchers during their stay in Regensburg. The Welcome Center helps take care of formalities and find a place to live.

Contact:

E-mail: info.welcome-center@ur.de
<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/welcome-center/index.html>

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 75 universities overseas (United States, Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Australia). Each year, UR welcomes around 300 foreign scholars and 570 exchange students from all over the world.

Due to its geographical location, the university has always considered itself a **bridge between East and West**. The university enjoys formal scientific cooperation and exchange agreements with ten universities in Eastern Europe. With the **Europaem**, UR has set up an interdisciplinary centre for research on and teaching of all aspects pertaining to Western and Eastern European countries. The Bavarian Institution for Higher Education for Central, Eastern, and Southern Europe (**Bayhost**), which is a service centre for all Bavarian institutions of higher education, is also housed 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

Last but not least, 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 30,000 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 around 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 ca. € 165 (as of Sep. 2020) 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 € 865 (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 institutions 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 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):

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

Housing

The International Office helps new students with their search for a room in a student dormitory. However, due to the high number of applicants, it is not possible to accommodate all international students. On request, the IO provides a list of addresses for their search on the private market.

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 registering, 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.

For information on preparatory German language courses, please see:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/international-students/german-skills/index.html>

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)

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

Term Dates

Winter semester

1 October until 30 March

Lecture period: mid-October until early/mid-February

Summer semester

1 April until 30 September

Lecture period: mid-April until mid-July

The lecture periods vary from year to year but every lecture period has about 14 - 15 weeks of instruction.

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