

## The University of Regensburg (UR)

UR is a relatively young public university, which was founded as a regional university. Today it has developed into the largest university in Eastern Bavaria. A dynamic and internationally recognized research university, UR aims to prepare its students for the challenges of a modern work environment, and to enable them to understand the world and shape the future.

Facts: founded in 1962 - public university - campus university - 21000 full-time students - 1770 international students

## Teaching and Research

UR is an internationally competitive university with a strong commitment to high-quality multidisciplinary teaching and research. With more than 150 accredited degree programs, UR offers a wide range of bachelor, master and PhD degrees, spanning from business and social sciences to law and the humanities, from the natural sciences to medicine. Cutting-edge research and top quality teaching are closely linked to all programs. Dedicated and openminded teachers as well as a good teacher to student ratio further enhance the learning experience and promote academic success. For a complete list of all degree programs, please see the enclosed leaflet.

## The City of Regensburg

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 been carrying 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 over the Danube and St. Peter's Cathedral.



## International Relations

The university is positioned in a world-wide network of academic relations and has established agreements with over 320 universities abroad. UR has exchange agreements with about 250 partner institutions in Western and Eastern Europe. There are also direct exchange programs with more than 70 universities in the United States, Asia, Latin America, and Australia. Each year, the university welcomes around 200 international visiting researchers and 600 exchange students from all over the world.

### Term Dates

Wintersemester  
1 October until 31 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.

## Exchange Students

Exchange students come to Universität Regensburg for either one or two semesters as non-degree students.

Advantages:

- simplified application and registration formalities
- accommodation in dormitories provided
- unlimited course selection throughout all departments and faculties (with only few exceptions)
- academic advice as well as assistance with administrative matters through the International Office and the departmental coordinators
- orientation programs before the start of the semester: assistance with all formalities, guided tours through the city and the university, in addition to social activities
- excursions, guided tours, international coffee hours, and get-togethers throughout the semester.

### Contact for Exchange Students

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Each semester, the International Office offers several excursions and activities to help international newcomers settle into Regensburg. This way they can easily build social networks and get used to the German-Bavarian way of life.

### Preparatory German Language Course

UR offers a special 5-week intensive language course for exchange students before classes begin. The course includes an orientation program organized by a team of student tutors. They will support the students with all formalities and help them get acquainted with Regensburg and student life.

### Application and Admission

Exchange students are selected and nominated by their home institution. Once the International Office has received the formal nomination by the home institution, it will send all information regarding application, admission and housing procedures directly to the students.

### Deadlines

#### Nomination of students by the partner university

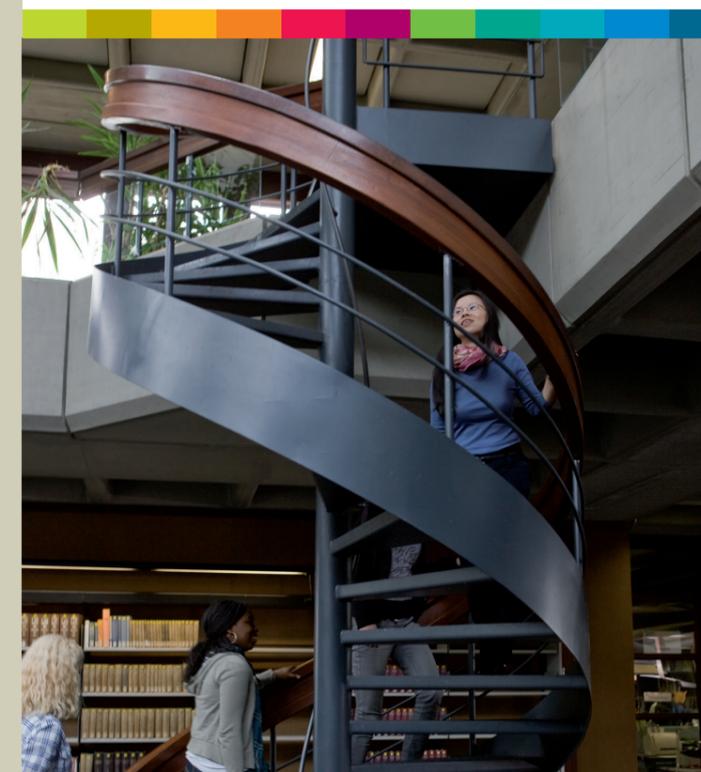
1 May for the winter semester  
1 November for the summer semester

#### Application by the students themselves

15 May for the winter semester  
15 November for the summer semester

## Faculties

- Faculty of Catholic Theology
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Business, Economics, and Management Information Systems
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Philosophy, Art History, History, and Humanities
- Faculty of Psychology, Education, and Sport Science
- Faculty of Languages, Literature, and Cultures
- Faculty of Mathematics
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Biology and Pre-Clinical Medicine
- Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy



## A Campus University

Universität Regensburg is located on a campus of 150 hectares at the southern edge of the Old Town that is only 10 minutes away by bus. All the University's buildings are within walking distance of each other, and an abundance of trees and lawns between each building creates a relaxed environment for the students' study and research. Cafeterias are located throughout campus, and a main dining hall where lunch is served, is situated in the center of campus.

## Library and Computer Center

The library is made up of one main complex and 11 branch libraries spread throughout the campus. Students have free WiFi access on campus as well as access to about 700 personal computers in any one of the 32 computer labs.

## Students with Special Needs

When designing and constructing Universität Regensburg, 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 facilities for visually impaired students. For more information, please refer to:

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



## Courses for Exchange Students

When it comes to selecting suitable courses, exchange students at UR have a wide range of options since, with only a few exceptions, courses for degree-seeking students are also open to exchange students. It is also possible to combine courses from different faculties.

Almost all of UR's degree programs follow the model of a three-year bachelor degree and a two-year master's program. UR is using the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The regular course load for a student corresponds to 30 ECTS per semester.

The main language of instruction at UR is German. However, the number of courses offered in English is continuing to grow. Exchange students may combine courses from the German and the English program according to their language skills.

## Language Skills

In order to follow the German course program, students should have an intermediate level of German (B2 or C1). For students with German language skills lower than B2 and for students who want to improve their German language skills, UR provides a 5-week intensive language course on different levels (A1 - C1) before the start of the semester.

Students who wish to take courses taught in English are required to show proof of sufficient English language skills (B2 level or an equivalent proof by the home institution; threshold B2/C1 level for all courses at the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Management Information Systems).



## English Taught Courses

Currently more than 250 courses are offered in English throughout all faculties. Some departments are also willing to switch the language of instruction from German to English if there is a demand for it.

Students will find courses taught in English on a regular basis in the following subjects:  
British Studies, American Studies, English Linguistics, Business, Economics, and Management Information Systems, Biology, Chemistry, Education and Teacher Training, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, and Psychology.

Further information on courses taught in English can be found on the homepage of the International Office:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/courses/courses-in-english/index.html>

### Contact for questions regarding courses taught in English:

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## Language Center

In addition to the intensive language course, UR's Language Center offers further German language courses throughout the semester. Students will receive ECTS credits for all these language courses. Beside German students can learn a whole range of other languages (from Arabic to Turkish).

## Campus Life

International students will come to a campus of vibrant cultural life with more than 20 theater groups and various choir and orchestra groups. Annually, the university's main auditorium hosts internationally renowned musical and theatrical ensembles, attracting an audience not only from Regensburg but well beyond. UR's 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

Although Regensburg has a more than 2000-year long history, it is by no means an *old* city. Everywhere between the medieval buildings, students can experience Regensburg's charming and dynamic atmosphere. With more than 30,000 students among its 160,000 inhabitants, young people make up one of the dominant parts of Regensburg's population.

Whether students want to enjoy Regensburg's beautiful surroundings, take a short train ride to visit Munich, or venture further abroad, Regensburg's location in the middle of Europe and its well-developed public transport systems, make exploring easy.



## Accommodation

Regensburg is able to provide a large number of rooms in subsidized student housing and private dormitories. Although there is no on-campus housing, it is easy to reach the university from every dormitory by bus. All students automatically receive a semester ticket for the public bus system at no extra costs. Monthly rents range between € 250,- and € 400,-. The International Office will do its best to provide a room for all exchange students in student dormitories. For more information please contact the International Office.

## Financial Matters

The average room-and-board expenses for international students currently amount to a minimum of € 860 per month. Some international students (especially from non EU-countries) will have to buy German statutory health insurance.



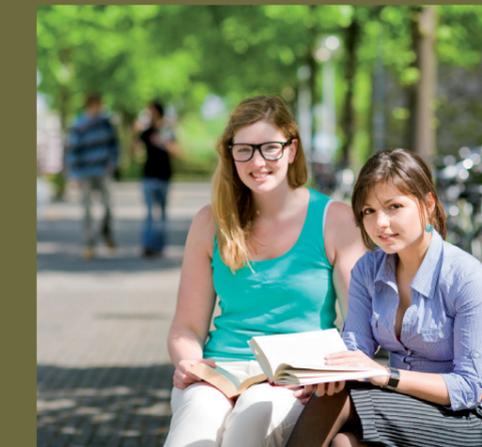
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