

# Study in Germany: Information Sheet for Exchange Students from Partner Universities

### About Paderborn and the University

The University of Paderborn in Germany provides a friendly and safe environment for study, recreation and living.

Paderborn is a modern town with approximately 140,000 inhabitants. It is one of the economic centers of the region of East Westphalia and home to some of the world's leading industrial corporations such as Siemens, Wincor Nixdorf, Benteler, dSpace, Hella and Stute. Its favourable position in the heart of Germany makes it an ideal base for discovering the country and its people; familiar and popular destinations such as Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Paris, Prague, Amsterdam, Vienna and Krakow are within easy reach. The town can look back on a long and interesting history. It was first mentioned in the historical records 1,200 years ago after the founding of the Holy Roman Empire. Nowadays, Paderborn, which is surrounded by a charming countryside, is a lively cultural center with theaters and cinemas, concerts from classical to jazz, a vibrant arts scene, clubs and entertainment, museums – including the world's largest computer museum – art galleries, and a generous range of sports and recreational activities, from water sports, horse riding and indoor carts to parachuting and gliding.

"The University for the Information Society" in Paderborn is a mid-sized fully accredited state university offering all types of degrees including PhDs and post-doctoral lecture qualifications. It offers a broad spectrum of subjects in five faculties: Arts & Humanities, Business Administration & Economics, Science, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science, Electrical Engineering & Mathematics.

The University of Paderborn attaches great importance to the internationalisation of research and teaching. About 1,500 foreign students, as well as many visiting scientists and lecturers, give the university an international atmosphere. Our 180 university partnerships in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia are largely the product of long-term research cooperation projects. UPB students can gain international experience as exchange students at partner universities across the globe, or learn about international subjects in lectures given in English or German in Paderborn. Each year, about 350 Paderborn students are sent abroad. In return, students from partner universities come to Paderborn. Our offers for exchange students include:

#### **Degree Courses**

UPB exchange students are basically free to choose courses from the entire course catalogue. For an overview of all degree courses available at Paderborn University, please check <a href="http://upb.de/en/studies/subjects/">http://upb.de/en/studies/subjects/</a>.

International graduate courses that are taught entirely in English include Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Systems Engineering, Physics, International Economics & Management and English & American Studies. These courses are open for graduate exchange students as well as advanced undergraduate students with sufficient prior knowledge of the subject matter.

Each semester, the Faculties "Arts & Humanities" and "Business Administration & Economics" publish booklets with current <u>undergraduate and graduate</u> courses that are taught in English and deemed particularly suitable for exchange students.

For more information and downloads, please check our website: http://io.upb.de/en/incoming/exchange-students/study.

# **German Language Courses**

UPB exchange students can choose from the following range of German language courses:

Course type	Structure	Language level GER	Teaching times and units	Credits	Fees for exchange students
Crash Course	4 weeks before the lecture period,	A1 – B2/C1	Daily 9 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.	5 ECTS	none
	September and March		80 units		
Semester	12 weeks	A1 –	Mon – Thu	8 ECTS	100 €*
Afternoon	during the lecture period	B2/C1	4 – 6 p.m.		
Course	Oct – Feb / April - July		120 units / semester		
DSH Course	12 weeks	A1 – C1	Daily	15 ECTS	185 €*
	throughout the year		8.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	/ quarter	
	(Jan-March, April-June, July-Sept, Oct-Dec)		125 units /quarter		
German for	15 weeks during the	C1/C2	Varying times	3 ECTS	none
International	lecture period				
Students	Oct – Feb, April - July		30 units / semester		

<sup>\*</sup> Students who have to pay tuition fees at their home institution during their stay with us are exempt from all German course fees.

### **Support and Social Program**

UPB's offers for exchange students include:

- accommodation organized by the university
- 1:1 buddy system for helping students to settle in and ensuring a smooth transition into the German way of life
- academic and non-academic orientation sessions
- rich cultural semester program with day and weekend trips, parties, museum visits and other events
- semester ticket for free public transport in Paderborn and the Federal State of North-Rhine-Westphalia (fee: ca.160 € / semester)

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If you have any questions at all, please contact us for further information!