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A Student Guide to Higher Education in Bavaria

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Bavarian universities offer both students and staff high educational standards and a wide range of academic choices. Bavaria is regarded as one of the scientific and technological centres of Europe boasting first-class research institutes, universities and colleges. In addition, it offers a high quality of life. Studying in Bavaria is a good choice!

Beautiful nature, rich culture and vibrant cities

Situated in the South of Germany, the Free State of Bavaria is well-known for its scenic beauty, its rich culture and its hospitality.
Nature provides a great variety of sport and leisure activities such as skiing and cycling (e.g. in the Alps), hiking and mountaineering, or sailing and swimming in the numerous lakes.

The cultural attractions include castles and cathedrals, historical festivals and events as well as renowned museums and theatres: among them the world-famous castle Schloss Neuschwanstein in Füssen, the gallery of modern art and design Pinakothek der Moderne in Munich, the museum of science and technology Deutsches Museum in Munich, the museum of cultural history Germanisches Nationalmuseum in Nuremberg, the Baroque prince-bishop’s residence in Würzburg and the medieval city centre of Regensburg with its Italian flair. The latter two attractions are among the five UNESCO world heritage sites within the boundaries of Bavaria.
Bavaria – a leading high-tech location in the heart of Europe

Over the last decades, Bavaria has evolved into a first-rate international location for science and research. Its fertile research landscape is based on a sophisticated network of research facilities including nine state universities, seventeen state universities of applied sciences, twelve Max-Planck Institutes (for basic research), six institutes of the Fraunhofer Society (for applied research) and other renowned research facilities. Today, the Free State of Bavaria is among the leading research locations in Europe in numerous future-oriented fields, e.g. information technology, biotechnology and genetic engineering, energy and environmental technology.

Since 1994 the Bavarian State Government has continuously strengthened innovative fields of technology with investment programmes totalling some 4.2 billion Euros. These programmes are now accompanied by the so-called cluster campaign. This campaign aims at interlinking business and scientific potential in nineteen highly innovative industry and competence networks. It is not surprising that Bill Gates has called Bavaria the “High Tech Mecca”, situated in the heart of Europe.
Attractive for students from all over the world

Bavaria’s universities have been and will continue to be a major source of innovation and progress. They enjoy an excellent reputation. In fact, Bavarian universities are regularly at the top of nationwide rankings.

Much has changed at the Bavarian universities themselves, particularly in the last few years. They are in a dynamic process of modernisation and internationalisation. Their international approach makes Bavarian universities attractive for students from abroad. They have established almost 3,900 partnerships and co-operations with foreign universities and colleges in 123 countries. The proportion of students from abroad studying in higher education now stands at approx. 11 %. The so-called Akademische Hof University of Applied Sciences

Hof University of Applied Sciences
Auslandsämter, offices dealing with matters concerning foreign students, work closely with the authorities responsible for the registration of foreign nationals so that questions relating to immigration and residence permits are clarified quickly and in good time.

It is of particular benefit to many international students that Bavaria’s universities are increasingly offering both Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programmes and lectures and seminars in English. A leaflet published by the state ministry lists all English programmes at Bavarian universities (also available via Internet at www.stmwfk.bayern.de/Internationales/pdf/degree_courses.pdf).

Please note!

The following English Internet sites may help you to find the course programme which is most suitable for you:

- www.ba-ma.bayern.de (a database with all Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programmes in Bavaria)
- www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/Degree_courses_en.aspx (joint-degree courses and degree programmes in English at Bavarian universities)
- www.hochschulkompass.de (a nationwide database for Germany)
Universities, Universities of Applied Sciences, Universities of Arts

The Bavarian university landscape is diverse and sophisticated, consisting of:
• nine state universities (Universitäten),
• seventeen state universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen),
• six state universities of arts (Kunsthochschulen)
and other institutions of higher education run by municipal, church and private bodies.

The Universitäten, as the traditional form of university, focus on academic training and on research. They provide the complete range of subjects and courses for today’s job market, including humanities, economic and social studies, natural sciences, new technologies, engineering, computer sciences, life sciences, medicine – and many more. Bavarian universities are equipped with modern laboratories and libraries which ensure excellent study and research conditions. What makes a university education so attractive is that, in addition to providing a first-rate academic qualification, it will teach students to think flexibly, thus enabling them to understand new challenges quickly and to meet new demands successfully. For a list of links to the universities see: www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/Universities_of_research_en.aspx.
The Hochschulen für angewandte Wissenschaften (universities of applied sciences) provide a more practice-oriented course in contrast to the more science-oriented approach of the universities. They qualify specifically for occupations in the fields of commerce, technology, media and social work. Their programmes cover engineering, business administration, social work, computer science, information science for business and a range of degree programmes in innovative sectors such as new technologies, life sciences, media and design. All these degree programmes include a work-placement semester. Universities of applied sciences also play a major role in continuing vocational training, offering postgraduate degree courses and advanced training courses. For a list of links to the universities of applied sciences see: www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/Universities_of_applied_sciences_en.aspx.

The Kunsthochschulen (universities of arts) offer an excellent artistic education and prepare their students for a profession in the field of arts: fine arts, music, theatre, architecture, graphics, design, film, television or art education. There are two state universities of fine arts, three state universities of music and one state university of television and film. In addition, there are two music universities run by church bodies. For a list of links to the universities of arts see: www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/Universities_of_arts_en.aspx.
Degree Programmes

Degree diplomas, special programmes and tuition fees

The kind of degree diploma you will be awarded depends on the programme studied.

- Most programmes end with the international degrees Bachelor (approx. 6 – 8 semesters) or Master (approx. 2 – 4 semesters after a Bachelor’s degree),
- Some programmes still end with the traditional German degrees Diplom (approx. 8 - 10 semesters) or Magister (approx. 8 - 10 semesters).
- Courses in Medicine, Pharmacy, Food Chemistry, Law and all courses leading to a teaching qualification usually end in a State Examination.
- Theological subjects may end in an ecclesiastical examination.
Over the last few years, Bavarian universities have implemented more and more courses leading to *Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees*. These degrees are attuned to international standards and replace the German degrees *Diplom* and *Magister*. The new courses are shorter and their content is modular, consisting of clearly defined and transferable units; the examinations are held at regular intervals during the degree programme. The credits awarded combine to form the final qualification. This credit-point system improves the recognition of degrees and academic qualifications, thus enhancing and facilitating student and teacher mobility. For more information on Bachelor and Master degree courses in Bavaria see our homepage [www.ba-ma.bayern.de](http://www.ba-ma.bayern.de) (also in English).
After your Master’s, Diplom, Magister or State Examination, you can study for a Doctorate. An exceptionally qualified Bachelor’s degree may also – in certain cases – entitle students to pursue a doctor’s degree.

Bavaria, as the only state in Germany, has launched a special programme for gifted students: the Elite Network of Bavaria. It is aimed at providing excellent education and research opportunities for exceptionally talented students and postgraduates. The Elite Network consists of four elements: a support programme for the highly gifted (Max Weber-Programme), 21 Elite Graduate Programmes, eleven International Doctorate
Programmes and a research programme for graduate and postgraduate students. For more information see our homepage www.elitenetzwerk.bayern.de (also in English).

The tuition fees for all degree programmes at Bavarian state universities range from 100 to 500 Euros per semester – for both national and international students. For further information on tuition fees and on the Bavarian student-loan system, contact the university of your choice, or see our homepage www.stmwfk.bayern.de/Hochschule/Studienbeitraege.aspx (in German).
Where to obtain important information

Make use of all possible sources of advice! The first and most important contact for prospective students from abroad is the International Office (Akademisches Auslandsamt) of the university concerned (for addresses and telephone numbers see the list at the end of this leaflet or our homepage: www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/international_offices_en.aspx). This office, which is specifically responsible for matters relating to foreign students, will advise you with regard to entrance requirements, the various programmes and degree qualifications available, your own course planning, and all your social and personal affairs. And do not forget to ask about the many grants and scholarships that you can apply for.

Another important source of information for international students, before and after they arrive, is the German Academic Exchange Service, Deutscher Akademischer
**Austauschdienst (DAAD)**, Kennedy-Allee 50, 53175 Bonn, email: postmaster@daad.de, Internet: [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de). The DAAD offers useful tips and important facts – e.g. concerning financial support and the availability of scholarships and grants.

Special information for international students in Bavaria can be found on the homepage of the [Bavarian State Ministry of Sciences, Research and the Arts](http://www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/University_en.aspx) under [www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/University_en.aspx](http://www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/University_en.aspx) (in English).

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**Please note!**

- Contact the **International Office (Akademisches Auslandsamt)** of the university of your choice well in advance – *at least six months before your course commences* – and clarify any problems or doubts you may have.
- Ask the International Office about special **orientation programmes** for foreign students and about **tutorial systems**. Both make it easier for you to commence your studies. In addition, there are many student initiatives available specifically for your benefit: fairs for new students, conversation and work groups, choirs, orchestras, theatre groups and many other activities. Make use of these opportunities to settle in and make friends.
Necessary certificates and qualifications

Check well in advance as to whether you fulfil the most important conditions for enrolling at a Bavarian university:

- You will need an **advanced-level or upper secondary certificate** (US: high school diploma) equivalent to the German school-leaving certificate. For studying at a Bavarian university, you can apply to the university directly with your certificate. For studying at a Bavarian university of applied sciences, you should first contact the institute which is responsible for evaluating certificates obtained outside of Germany: Zeugnisanerkennungsstelle, P.O. Box 402040, 80720 Munich (house address: Pündterplatz 5, 80803 Munich; phone: +49(0)89/383849-0) or via Internet at www.stmuk.bayern.de/zast.

- Check whether you have proof of **adequate competence in the German language**. You should acquire sufficient proficiency in German to cope with your social life and study programme in Bavaria before you leave your home country. Courses in German are offered by many universities in your country as well as by German cultural institutes and the Goethe Institut abroad. When still in your home country, you can take the test Deutsch als
Fremdsprache, abbreviated Test DaF ("German as a foreign language") – a standard test, which is held all over the world and is recognised by all Bavarian universities. Most higher education institutions in Bavaria require a German language proficiency test, the Test DaF or the Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH), before admitting applicants to a full degree course.

- For degree programmes involving artistic, athletic or foreign-language skills, applicants may have to provide proof of such special abilities in a test. The universities may offer other study programmes requiring a qualifying examination. Please contact the university in question for further information. For some courses, applicants might also have to provide proof of relevant professional or practical experience.

University of Fine Arts Munich
Please note!

To find out which programmes are subject to restrictions, contact the International Office of the university concerned. You can find addresses and telephone numbers in this leaflet or at www.stmwfk.bayern.de/University/international_offices_en.aspx.

Your application for admission must be sent to the university at which you wish to commence your studies. For certain degree programmes (Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science and Dentistry), prospective students from member states of the EU and non-German nationals with a German university-entrance qualification must apply for admission via the Zentralstelle für die Vergabe von Studienplätzen (ZVS), a federal office responsible for allocating places in higher education. Detailed information on the ZVS can be found at www.zvs.de. The address to send your application: ZVS, 44128 Dortmund, Germany.
Lecture dates, application and registration

Official enrolment is necessary for all degree programmes. The universities will let you know the enrolment dates. Normally, you must appear in person to enrol.

Please note!

It is an absolute must that you meet the various deadlines (for aptitude tests, admission and enrolment) and the required qualifications. Please contact the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, see above) for this.

The academic year is divided into two semesters: winter and summer semester. The vacations are used for writing seminar papers, for tests and practical training, or simply to relax.

At Bavarian Universität (universities), classes will be held:

- from 19th April to 24th July 2010 in the summer semester 2010
- from 18th October 2010 to 12th February 2011 in the winter semester 2010/2011
- from 2nd May to 30th July 2011 in the summer semester 2011
- from 17th October 2011 to 11th February 2012 in the winter semester 2011/2012.
At Bavarian Hochschulen für angewandte Wissenschaften (universities of applied sciences), classes will be held:

- from 15th March to 9th July 2010 in the summer semester 2010
- from 4th October 2010 to 25th January 2011 in the winter semester 2010/2011
- from 15th March / 2nd May* to 8th July 2011 in the summer semester 2011
- from 4th October 2011 to 25th January 2012 in the winter semester 2011/2012.

The Bavarian Kunsthochschulen (universities of arts) vary in their academic calendar. To find out about the exact dates, please contact the university of arts directly.

*For further information contact the university of your choice.
State Universities

University of Augsburg
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auslandsamt@uni-passau.de

University of Regensburg
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80539 München
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www.hfph.mwn.de

Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule der Salesianer Don Boscos (Benediktbeuern)
Theologische Fakultät Don-Bosco-Straße 1
83671 Benediktbeuern
tel. +49 (0)8857 88-201
www.pth-bb.de

Augustana-Hochschule (Neuendettelsau)
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www.augustana.de

Please note!
The Akademisches Auslandsamt is the International Office responsible for matters relating to students from abroad.
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akademisches.auslandsamt@evfh-nuernberg.de

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Fachhochschule für angewandtes Management
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www.my-fham.de
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tel +49 (0)8122 9559-480
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Macromedia University of Applied Sciences for Media and Communication Munich
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State Universities of Arts

Hochschule für Musik und Theater München
(Unciversity of Music and Performing Arts Munich)
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International Office
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(Uniiversity of Music Wuerzburg)
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97070 Würzburg
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dirk.braeuer@hfm-wuerzburg.de

Hochschule für Musik Nürnberg
(University of Music Nuremberg)
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Other Universities of Arts

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