

# Tuition-free education in Germany – study at the University of Passau



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While tuition fees in the United States continue to rise, public universities in Germany offer excellent education **free of charge**.

Did you know that...

- ...also internationals can study for free in Germany?
- ...German universities rank among the best in the world?
- ...costs of living in Germany are quite affordable?
- ...employers around the world value the quality of German education?
- ...you can travel Europe on a student visa?



# Study at the University of Passau!



# Why should I study in Passau?



- Our university is **among the best 20% of universities worldwide** in the Times Higher Education Ranking
- Passau is an **incredibly beautiful „City of Three Rivers“** with rich history, many offers for students & international flair
- There are **no tuition fees** and **moderate costs of living**
- The city has **many housing options**, at affordable cost
- We offer **many study options** and specialize on **international & interdisciplinary study programs**
- We provide you with **possibilities to improve your German skills** before and during studies in Passau



**Learn more about our university offers!**

## What you need to know

- **about 13,000 students, ideal student town**  
location of Passau close to Munich, Vienna and Prague
- **Germany's most beautiful university campus**  
short distances, close to Passau's city center,  
virtual tour: [www.virtualltour.uni-passau.de/en](http://www.virtualltour.uni-passau.de/en)
- **excellent results in university rankings**  
Times Higher Education Ranking: among the best 20 %,  
THE Young University Ranking: ranked 2nd in Germany
- **international focus / 260+ partnerships worldwide**  
14 % international students, from 100+ countries



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## What you need to know

- **excellent conditions for study**
- **no tuition fees**  
for both, bachelor's or master's programs
- **37 degree programs to choose from**  
20 bachelor's and 17 master's programs
- **5 fully English-taught master's programs**
  - M.Sc. Computer Science
  - M.Sc. Computational Mathematics
  - M.Sc. International Economics and Business
  - M.A. Development Studies
  - M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence Engineering (starting in 2021)



- **Nearly 13,000 students study at four different faculties:**
  - The Faculty of Law
  - The School of Business, Economics and Information Systems
  - The Faculty of Arts and Humanities (with the Department of Catholic Theology)
  - The Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics



# Fields of study we offer in Passau



Law and  
Social  
Sciences



Language  
and Cultural  
Studies,  
Media  
Studies



Business  
and  
Management



Computer  
Science and  
Mathematics



Teacher  
Education



NEW:  
Digitalisation  
Studies



# *Selection of programs with international focus\**

\* **Please note:** all of these programs have German language requirements of B2 or C1 at enrollment

- B.A. and M.A. Kulturwirtschaft/International Cultural and Business Studies
- B.A. and M.A. European Studies
- B.A. and M.A. Governance and Public Policy – Staatswissenschaft
- B.A. Sprach- und Textwissenschaften / M.A. Text- und Kultursemiotik
- B.Sc. Business Administration and Economics / M.Sc. Business Administration
- B.Sc. Computer Science / M.Sc. Computer Science



# What else can I study in Passau?

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Here you can find a **list of all degree programs** you can study at the University of Passau:

[www.uni-passau.de/en/study-options](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/study-options)

## Take courses at our Language Center

- Foreign language classes are either part of the study program or can be taken additionally; once you are enrolled, you can take all language courses for free
- **Choose from 14 different languages**  
(many of them taught up to the highest proficiency level):
  - Chinese, Czech, English, French, German as a Foreign Language, Indonesian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese
- **Subject-specific language programmes** in Business & Economics, Law, Cultural Studies, Computer Science and Teacher Education



[www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en)

## Enroll in the German Courses Passau

### Our programs

- Language-preparation courses with tuition fees:
  - Academic German Year (€ 3.490)
  - German Academic Semester (€ 1.490)
  - Summer courses (August, € 590)

### More information:

[www.gcp.uni-passau.de/en/](http://www.gcp.uni-passau.de/en/)

- **Free German courses** as soon as you are enrolled in a degree program at the University of Passau

### Learn German before you come to Passau

- Take classes at a local German Language School



Center for Careers and Competencies: [www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk)

- **Gain key qualifications:** A wide range of seminars is available to students free of charge, e.g.:
  - project management
  - leadership
  - time management
  - computer courses
- **We help you to plan your career:**
  - get advice and scholarships for internships and jobs in Germany and abroad
  - get help with the transition from study to career life
  - take classes on how to plan your career
  - visit our career fair and get in touch with many attractive companies and employers



## Many options, at affordable cost

- State-run student halls (in the city, not on campus):
  - monthly rent: 175 – 335 €
  - no fixed application deadlines
- Independent & commercial student halls
- Shared accommodation and student flats
  - monthly rent: 180 – 400 €
  - usually require a two/three-month deposit when you move in

## More information:

[www.uni-passau.de/en/housing/](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/housing/)



# How much money will I need?

You should budget for about € 861 per month

- **This amount should cover the following cost:**

rent:	€ 350-450
groceries:	€ 150-250
books/other supplies:	€ 50-100
health insurance:	€ 80-90

- **Semester contribution (payable twice a year): € 84,50**

it already includes

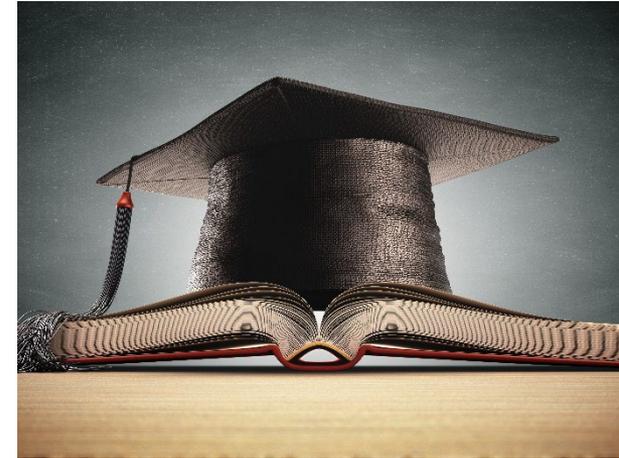
a student services contribution:	€ 62
a semester bus pass:	€ 22,50

- **There are no tuition fees!**



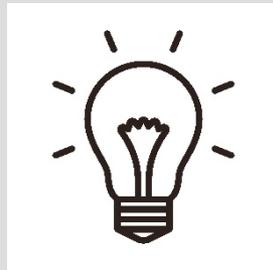
## Scholarships and student jobs

- **Funding options from external institutions**
  - DAAD scholarship database
  - BayBIDS scholarships
- **Funding options offered by the University**
  - scholarships for international students
  - emergency grant for international students
  - Deutschlandstipendium scholarship
- **Applying for a student job**
  - work at the University of Passau as a student assistant
  - work at a local company as a working student
  - work in local shops or restaurants





Okay, all of that sounds great – but **how do I get from my high school, here in the USA, to the University of Passau?**



There are actually quite a few things **you can already do now**, while being in high school.

If you **plan ahead**, it may be much easier for you to meet the admission requirements of German universities.

**Start now** to pave your way to an excellent and free education at the University of Passau in Germany!



Check out the **uni-assist database** to find out more about requirements you need to meet, in order to be qualified for admission to German universities:

[www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/check-university-admission/](http://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/check-university-admission/)

- make sure to **collect the required “academic units”**
- study hard & aim for a High School **GPA** of at least **3.0**
- complete **Advanced Placement Tests** with the required results in order to qualify for direct subject-restricted admission (if you don't qualify, you need to visit a “Studienkolleg”, a one-year preparatory course)
- **start learning German**, either at a German school in Seattle or at the German Courses Passau

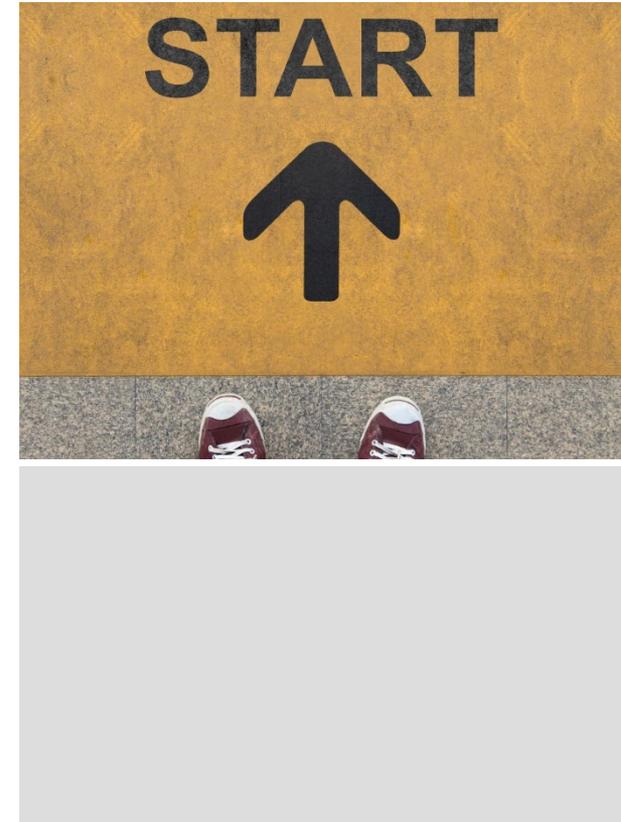
**You fulfill the admission requirements? Then apply!**

## When:

- **application deadlines**
  - 30 June (winter semesters) / 15 January (summer semesters)
- **exceptions: master's programs of the faculty of computer science and mathematics**
  - 15 June (winter semesters) / 15 Dec. (summer semesters)

## Where:

- Americans need to apply for degree programs at the University of Passau via [www.uni-assist.de](http://www.uni-assist.de)



## What documents do I need to apply?

### Be prepared to submit:

- online application plus hard copy per post
- secondary school certificate + university degree certificate
- transcripts of records
- language certificates (in most cases German C1)
- further documents like CV or proof of additional language skills

**Please note: Only certified copies and certified translations in German OR English accepted!**

**Detailed information on the application process:**

**[www.uni-passau.de/en/apply](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/apply)**



**We look forward to welcoming you at our campus!**

Be sure to check us out on social media:

- [www.instagram.com/universitaet.passau](https://www.instagram.com/universitaet.passau)
- [www.facebook.com/universitaetpassau](https://www.facebook.com/universitaetpassau)
- [www.youtube.com/channel/UCD9RBpW2Uaf0c0dJkGcoD5g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD9RBpW2Uaf0c0dJkGcoD5g)



*Questions? Then get in touch with us!*

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Our **Academic Advice Service**  
will answer any questions you might have:

Email:

[advice@uni-passau.de](mailto:advice@uni-passau.de)

Website:

[www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice/](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice/)



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- **Coming to Passau as an international student:** [www.uni-passau.de/en/international/coming-to-passau/](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/international/coming-to-passau/)
- **Virtual tour of our campus:** [www.virtualtour.uni-passau.de/en](http://www.virtualtour.uni-passau.de/en)
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- **Uni-assist database with requirements to study in Germany:** [www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/check-university-admission/](http://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/check-university-admission/)
- **Going to college in Germany for American students:** [www.studying-in-germany.org/college-in-germany-for-american-students/](http://www.studying-in-germany.org/college-in-germany-for-american-students/)





# Library and lecture halls

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# Our Center for Media and Communication





