



University of Potsdam



## **STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF POTSDAM**

International Office



# Welcome and Willkommen in Potsdam!



in Germany



22<sup>nd</sup>

globally

**Times Higher Education  
Young University Ranking 2023**

Founded in 1991, the University of Potsdam (UP) is a modern, dynamic and diverse institution thoroughly focused on innovative teaching and research.

In the 2023 Young University Ranking compiled by Times Higher Education we were ranked #1 in Germany and #22 worldwide.

Situated in the multicultural area of Berlin-Brandenburg, UP attracts students from 127 countries. We offer a broad range of degree programs in various fields, including a large number of master's programs in English. Moreover, you can choose from several specialized programs, such as short-term summer courses. If you want to apply for a bachelor's degree and do not have the German higher education entrance qualifications, you can do a preparatory year.

With its many charming castles, surrounding woodland and lakes, Potsdam is the ideal choice for studying abroad in an inspiring and history-soaked environment.

One of our three campuses is even located right next to the historical castle Neues Palais and Sanssouci Park, which are recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

We're looking forward to accompanying you on your personal journey at the University of Potsdam!

## UP at a Glance

**20.000** enrolled students

**15%** international students

**82** bachelor's programs

**95** master's programs (incl. 27 English-language master's programs)

(Data from Winter Term 2023/24)



# Choose Your Study Program

The University of Potsdam offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in many fields, including Humanities, Cultural Studies, Human Sciences, Law, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Computer Science.



You can find our degree programs at  
[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study).

## German-Language Degree Programs

Most of our degree programs at the bachelor's and master's level are conducted in German.

## English-Language Degree Programs

We offer a large number of English-language master's degree programs, such as Anglophone Modernities, Astrophysics, Data Science, Geosciences, International War Studies, Jewish Theology, Linguistics, Mathematics or Toxicology, thus covering a wide range of subjects.

## Exchange Program

As an exchange student you can attend study courses from lots of disciplines. For more information, go to [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/incoming/students/exchange](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/incoming/students/exchange).

## International Summer Campus (ISC): The Smartest Summer in Germany!

The ISC is the umbrella brand for three short-term programs with various courses (taught in German and English) outside the regular university calendar.

Find out more at [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/isc/](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/isc/) and pick the course that suits you best.

## Preparatory Year "Studienvorbereitung Brandenburg"

Are you interested in enrolling in one of UP's bachelor degree programs but don't yet possess the necessary entry requirements? This one-year program prepares you for acquiring the university entrance qualification and the required level of German.

# Before You Apply

## What is your program?

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM	MASTER'S PROGRAM	DOCTORAL PROGRAM
<b>Step 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b> University entrance qualification (HZB) recognized in Germany	<b>Step 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b> Completed first academic degree recognized in Germany	<b>Step 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b> Completed master's degree or equivalent recognized in German
<b>Step 2: DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</b> Some degree programs require specific entrance tests	<b>Step 2: DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</b> Please consult the website of the specific degree program	<b>Step 2: DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</b> Please consult the website of the specific doctoral program
<b>Step 3: LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT</b> Advanced German skills at the level of C1 (GER). UP accepts several official certificates as proof of your German skills.	<b>Step 3: LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT</b> German-taught courses: advanced German language skills; English-taught programs: varying requirements regarding the level of English	<b>Step 3: LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT</b> Please consult the website of the specific doctoral program

### Application

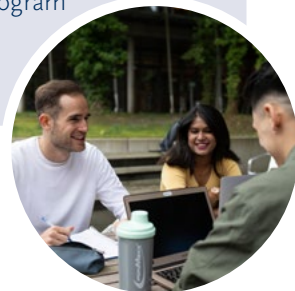
Application deadlines and procedures vary for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs.



For bachelor's and master's programs, you will find more information at [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/overview](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/overview).



If you are interested in doctoral programs, please go to [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/doctorates](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/doctorates).



# Study & Live in Potsdam

## Finances

No tuition fee is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing-education courses). There is only an administrative fee of around €316/semester, which includes a semester ticket entitling you to free use of public transport. Monthly living expenditures for UP students amount on average to €934/month. For information about scholarship providers, go to [www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/](http://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/).

## Working

If you want to gain work experience while studying, you can choose from plenty of job opportunities, in different fields. Besides, our Career Service offers workshops, seminars and individual counseling and provides a database of internships and jobs. [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/career-service/](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/career-service/)

## Accommodation

In Germany, students seek accommodation themselves. There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. If you're interested in staying there, you should take a look at the application criteria and apply early. Many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share with friends. [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/incoming/students/housing](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/incoming/students/housing)

## Buddy Program

Unlock a world of friendship and connections! Our Buddy Program offers a support network in which local students assist newly-arrived international students and help them find their home away from home. [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/contact/buddy](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/contact/buddy)

## Sports, Culture, and Student Associations

After a long day of sitting in lecture halls, libraries or with your laptop at home, you deserve some free time. Why not enroll in one of UP's 1000 sports courses for students or check out the local theaters and cinemas? Of course, you can also join one of our many student associations.



# Discover Potsdam



Potsdam can boast 17 royal palaces and grand buildings. Today the city's palaces and its enchanting parks form one of Germany's biggest UNESCO World Heritage sites.

In the town center, you can find lots of inspiring theaters, concert halls, museums and discover nice markets, restaurants and cafés. Potsdam is also home to one of the world's oldest film studios, Studio Babelsberg. Famous movies like Metropolis, Inglourious Basterds, or The Grand Budapest Hotel were shot here.

Potsdam has a lot in store for nature addicts. Situated alongside the river Havel and surrounded by lakes and greenery, it is the perfect spot for long strolls, running, and swimming outdoors. If you prefer exploring big cities, then just hop on the next train and within 30 minutes, you'll have reached Germany's bustling capital, Berlin.

# 10 Reasons to Study at the University of Potsdam



1. *Study at one of the best young universities in Germany (THE Young University Ranking 2023, #1 in Germany and #22 worldwide).*
2. *Be part of an international and diverse academic community with people from 127 countries.*
3. *Enjoy Potsdam's charming lakes and parks.*
4. *Get an excellent education without paying tuition fees.*
5. *Join one of our 1000 sports courses for students.*
6. *Benefit from the University's co-operations with more than 40 research institutes of international acclaim.*
7. *Make new friends through our buddy and language exchange programs.*
8. *Study right next to a UNESCO World Heritage site.*
9. *Get to Berlin in just 30 minutes by train.*
10. *Take in a breath of cinematic air at one of Europe's largest film studios nearby.*



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