The University of Potsdam

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Why Should You Study at UP?

• # 1 Young University in Germany ( # 17 worldwide) according to the THE Young University Ranking 2018

• Students from 119 countries

• Co-operates with more than 40 research institutes

• Situated right next to a UNESCO World Heritage site

• Only a 30-minute train ride from Berlin

About 20,000 students

10% international
Discover Our Study Programs

- Large number of bachelor’s, master’s & Ph.D. programs
- Most programs are in German, but we currently offer **20 international study programs** in English
- Programs in natural sciences, computer science, humanities, human sciences, law, social sciences, cultural studies
- No programs in medicine, classical engineering, architecture, and performing arts/music
- **Short-term (summer programs)** in German & English
# 16 Master’s Programs in English (1)

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# 4 Fast-Track Master’s/Ph.D. Programs

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Find all our courses at [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/overview](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/overview)
Doctoral Studies

- There are different ways of achieving a doctorate at UP:
  - **Individual doctorates:** You earn your doctorate independently within a department. A faculty member, who you have to approach on your own, will be your advisor. You normally decide the topic of your thesis together with your advisor.
  - **Structured Ph.D. Programs:** More than 25 structured doctoral programs at the University of Potsdam offer you a fixed curriculum under a certain topic and individual advising.

⇒ [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/promotion](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/promotion)
International Summer Campus (ISC)

• different types of short-term courses:
  
  ✤ **Summer School Programs:** Subject-specific courses in German or English for 2 to 4 weeks in summer (*for example, "Statistical Approaches to Developmental and Growth Data of Children and Adolescents")

  ✤ **Intensive Language Programs:** German language courses

→ [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/isc/about/isco](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/isc/about/isco)
Faculty of Science

- Biochemistry and Biology, Chemistry, Nutrition Sciences, Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Computer Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy as well as the Botanical Garden

- Collaboration with institutes of the Max Planck Society, the Fraunhofer Society, the Helmholtz and Leibnitz Association, and Hasso Plattner Institute for IT Systems Engineering
Faculty of Human Sciences

• **Departments:** Cognitive Sciences and Educational Sciences

• **Research focuses on:** action and behavior, language, health, popular and professional sports, school and classroom, lifelong learning, heterogeneity and inclusion

• Various centers for psychotherapy and speech therapy, university outpatient clinic, medical examination center of the German Olympic Sports Confederation
Digital Engineering Faculty
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- The cooperation between the University of Potsdam and the Hasso Plattner Institute (HPI) is unique nationwide: It is the first privately financed faculty at a state university.
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

- Business Administration and Economics, Sociology, Politics and Public Administration

**Potsdam Transfer:**
Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Knowledge and Technology Transfer
# Admission Requirements

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<td><strong>General Requirements</strong></td>
<td>University entrance qualification recognized in Germany</td>
<td>Completed first degree recognized in Germany</td>
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<td>Some degree programs require specific entrance tests</td>
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<td>Advanced German language skills at the level of DSH-2 (we accept several official certificates as proof of your German skills)</td>
<td>Programs in German: advanced German language skills; English-taught programs: varying requirements</td>
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How to Apply

Application deadlines and procedures vary for bachelor‘s, master‘s, and Ph.D. programs.

- For bachelor‘s and master‘s programs, you will find more information at:
  www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-enrollment

- If you are interested in Ph.D. programs, please go to:
  www.uni-potsdam.de/en/research/young-academics/doctoral-candidates
On the whole: € 764/month on average; UP does not charge any tuition fees!
Accommodation

• In Germany, students usually seek accommodation themselves.

• There are several students dormitories in Potsdam, some of which are operated by private companies. If you’re interested in staying at the dorms, you should apply very early.

• Many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they (can) share with fellow students.

Find more information at: www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/incoming/students/degree/finding-housing/
Living in Potsdam

- Potsdam is a center of research, media, and culture
- **Safe** and **friendly** medium-size city (172,000 inhabitants)
- many historic parks and palaces (**UNESCO** World Heritage Site)
- Surrounded by **lakes and forests**
- A city with a **rich history**
- Close to **Berlin**, the capital of Germany
- **Short distances**, cycling-friendly streets
Student Life

- UP offers more than 600 sports courses for students
- Meet other students in one of our many student associations
- Our local theaters, museums, and cinemas have special offers for students
- Improve your language or soft skills in one of our extracurricular courses!
- If you want to prepare for your professional career, then participate in any of the free trainings offered by the Career Service
Support for International Students

- **International Office**
  We offer you advice on study-related, legal, financial, and also personal matters

- **Welcome Center:**
  Our Welcome Center supports international Ph.D. students and Postdocs

- **Buddy program:**
  Our buddies are experienced students who will help you feel at home in Potsdam

- **Faculty tutors for international students:**
  The faculty tutors are students offering help with all challenges related to studying
Questions? Get in touch.

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