

Fact sheet for exchange students from partner universities

About Paderborn and the university

Paderborn University provides a friendly and safe environment for studying, recreation and living.

Paderborn is a modern town with approximately 150,000 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 and Munich 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 paragliding.



“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



Paderborn University attaches great importance to the internationalisation of research and teaching. About 1,500 foreign students as well as many visiting scientists and lecturers, create an international atmosphere on campus. Our ~ 200 global university partnerships are the product of long-term research cooperation projects. Each year, about 350 Paderborn students are sent abroad and, in return, students from partner universities come to Paderborn.

Academic and support program for exchange students

Exchange students are free to choose from most of the courses Paderborn University offers for their selected field of study.

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.

For more information and downloads, please check our website <https://www.uni-paderborn.de/en/studies/international-office/austauschstudierende-incoming/study>

German Language Courses

UPB exchange students can currently 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 official lecture period/ start of the semester, September and March	A1 – B2/C1	Time schedule will be available once the course starts 80 units	5 ECTS	FREE
Semester Afternoon Course	12 weeks during the lecture period Oct – Feb / April - July	A1 – B2/C1	Time schedule will be available once the course starts 120 units / semester	8 ECTS	FREE

* Please note that the German course offer and course fee structure at Paderborn University is under regular review and may be subject to change. For more information, please contact the International Office.

Paderborn University's Support and Cultural Orientation Program for exchange students:

- Accommodation organized by the university
- 1:1 buddy system helping students to settle in and ensuring a smooth transition into the "German way of life"
- Academic and non-academic orientation sessions
- Comprehensive cultural semester program with day and weekend trips, parties, museum visits and other events, organized by the student association Eurobiz
- Semester ticket for free public transport in Paderborn and in all of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (fee: ca. €320 / semester)



Please contact us for further information or if you have any questions!

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