

The Bavarian university landscape - high standards, academic diversity, modern organisation

In recent decades Bavaria has developed from an agrarian state to a top-rank international location for science and research. Bavaria's universities have been and will continue to be a major source of innovation and progress. Much has changed at the universities themselves, particularly in the last few years: Bavarian universities find themselves in a dynamic process of modernisation and internationalisation.

The Bavarian university landscape is efficient, diverse and sophisticated, consisting of: nine state *Universitäten* (traditional universities), 17 state *Fachhochschulen* (universities of applied sciences), five state *Kunsthochschulen* (academies of arts) and a range of other institutions of higher education run by municipal, church and private bodies. Whereas the *Fachhochschulen* (universities of applied sciences), as 'higher education for working life', provide training specifically for occupations in the fields of commerce, technology, media and social work, the *Universitäten*, as the traditional form of university, focus on academic training.

Bavaria
welcomes its
students from
abroad

Its international approach to higher education makes Bavaria **attractive for foreign students**. The proportion of students from abroad studying in higher education in Bavaria has risen continuously over the last few years

and now stands at about twelve per cent. This welcome trend has provided a favourable climate for the removal of bureaucratic hurdles in legislation concerning foreigners. The universities' offices dealing with matters concerning foreign students, their so-called *Akademisches Auslandsamt*, 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. Moreover, it is of particular benefit to many foreign students that Bavaria's universities are increasingly offering **Bachelor's and Master's programmes** comparable to those of other countries (more about this later in this leaflet) and are holding more and more **lectures and seminars in English**.

Bavaria's student services organisations, the so-called *Studentenwerke*, provide a **'service package'** with which you can start to organize your stay in Bavaria while still in your home country; they help you to deal with the most important matters arising at the beginning of your course: accommodation in a student hostel, insurance cover and language courses, and much more besides. The university tutors will also be available to help you in your dealings with the authorities or if you have difficulty with written assignments.

Good prospects for academics

University graduates are in great demand in scientific and research fields, in higher administrative positions and in management. It is still a fact: the higher your formal qualifications, the better your chances on the job market.

However, if you do decide on an academic course of study at a traditional university, you must realize that you may not be able to work in precisely the same subject that you graduated in. Nowadays the job profiles of many academic professions are changing with increasing speed, and this is something that you must adjust to. But this is precisely what makes an academic qualification attractive: in addition to providing an excellent academic qualification in your field of study, a university education will teach you to think flexibly, thus enabling you to understand new challenges quickly and to meet new demands successfully. This is your trumpcard on the academic and professional job market!

Your personal initiative counts!

Bavaria's universities provide a wide range of subjects and courses, so great care should be taken when you choose your subject or subject combination and the degree programme most suitable for you: this will save you time and money and reduce the risk of you deciding to terminate your studies prematurely. Think carefully about which subjects best correspond to your abilities, inclinations and your intended field of employment; consider how you can build on your existing qualifications. To make your decision, you will need to gather reliable information, and the following pointers and tips will help you:

Which points can I clarify in the early stages?

Make use of all possible sources of advice!

- The first and most important contact for prospective foreign students is the *Akademisches Auslandsamt* of the university concerned (for addresses and telephone numbers see the list at the end of this leaflet). This office, which is specifically responsible for matters relating to students from abroad, 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 sponsorship programmes and grants and scholarships that you can apply for.

- Another important source of information for foreign students, before and after they arrive, is the German academic exchange service, the *Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst* (DAAD), Kennedy-Allee 50, 53175 Bonn, email: postmaster@daad.de, internet: www.daad.de

You find special information for foreign students in Bavaria on the pages of the Bavarian State Ministry of Sciences, Research and the Arts under: www.stmwfk.bayern.de/en/_international/index.html

Contact the *Akademisches Auslandsamt* of the university of your choice or the DAAD in good time - at least six months before your course commences - and clarify any problems or doubts you may have.

In addition, a booklet published by the Bavarian State Universities is available from any university: in English under the title *uni: studying in bavaria*, in German under the title *uni: studieren in Bayern*.

Ask the *Akademisches Auslandsamt* of the university of your choice about special **introductory events** for foreign students and about our **tutorial system!** Events such as these make it easier for you to commence your studies. In addition, there are many **student initiatives** available specifically for your benefit: conversation and work groups, choirs, orchestras, theatre groups and many other activities. Make use of these opportunities to settle in and make friends.

Give yourself time to get to know the **infrastructure of the university** and its location before your first semester begins. If you know exactly what to find where, you will save yourself a lot of time and tiresome organisation in the general rush at the beginning of the semester.

Which study programmes and degree qualifications can I choose from?

As a rule, the kind of degree diploma you will be awarded depends on the subjects studied, on their structure and the duration of study. Subjects at Bavarian universities end with a Bachelor's or Master's degree, with a Diploma Examination or a Magister degree in one main and two subsidiary subjects. Theological subjects may end in an ecclesiastical examination.

Bavarian universities are in the process of implementing more and more courses leading to **Bachelor's and Master's degrees**; these degrees are attuned to international standards and will eventually replace the traditional German degrees (Diploma and Magister). In the natural, engineering, economic and social sciences, courses will end with the Bachelor/Master of Science, of Engineering or of Arts; the arts and some social science and economic programmes will lead to a Bachelor/Master of Arts.

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. More information on bachelor and master programmes in Bavaria can be found at www.ba-ma.bayern.de.

Courses in Medicine, Pharmacy, Food Chemistry, Law and all courses leading to a teaching qualification usually end in a **State Examination**.

After your first degree course leading to a State, Diploma or Master's 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.

When deciding on your degree programme, consider very carefully how much time you want to invest in your academic training.

Check in good time whether you fulfil the three most important conditions for enrolling at a Bavarian university:

1. Proof that you possess the necessary entrance qualifications

For students who have passed through the German education system, the university entrance qualification is the *Abitur*, usually taken at about 19 years of age. As a prospective student from abroad, you must have your advanced-level school-leaving certificate recognized by the university of your choice: otherwise you will not be accepted.

In addition, students applying for a course in Sport must prove their suitability by means of a doctor's certificate and in an examination; those applying to the academies of the arts must provide proof of their artistic ability.

2. Admission to degree programmes

Some programmes at Bavarian universities are open to anyone with the appropriate qualifications, others are subject to restrictions of one kind or another. If the course you have chosen is one of the latter, you must apply for a place before you can enrol. To find out which programmes are subject to such a restriction, contact the *Akademisches Auslandsamt* of the university concerned, the internet web-site www.stmwfk.bayern.de/en/universities/index.html or the home-pages of the individual universities (see addresses and telephone numbers in this leaflet). Your application for admission must be sent to the university at which you wish to commence your studies.

Important **exception**: prospective students from member-states of the European Union and non-German nationals with a German university-entrance qualification must apply for admission via the central clearing system, the *Zentralstelle für die Vergabe von Studienplätzen (ZVS)* in



Do I fulfil the entrance requirements for my choice of degree programme?

Dortmund. This currently applies to diploma programmes in Biology and Psychology, and to programmes in Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science and Dentistry ending in a State Examination.

Detailed information on the ZVS clearing system can be found at www.zvs.de; it is also available in printed form as *ZVS info*.

The address to send your application:

ZVS, 44128 Dortmund, Germany



Note these deadlines (after which applications will no longer be considered):

for the winter semester:

- if you have acquired your university-entrance qualification before the 16th January of the year in which you apply: until 31st May
- in other cases: until 15th July

for the summer semester:

- if you have acquired your university-entrance qualification before the 16th July of the previous year: until 30th November of the previous year
- in other cases: until 15th January

3. Proof of adequate competence in the German language

You must provide appropriate certification of your basic competence in the German language, but do not worry - the universities are quite generous in this respect. If possible, you should acquire sufficient knowledge of 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. You can take the **Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache**, a standard test in German as a foreign language that is held all over the world and is recognized by all Bavarian universities, in your home country before you begin your studies.

Official enrolment is necessary for all degree programmes. To do this, you must normally appear at the university **in person** and enrol (register). Universities can let you know the **enrolment dates**. You may save yourself unnecessary waiting time if you ensure that you have all the required documentation, from officially recognized certificates to (in some cases) stamped addressed envelopes, before you arrive for enrolment. At the Technical University of Munich you must, under all circumstances, send **advanced notification of enrolment** (a so-called *Voranmeldung*) even when you intend to register for a degree programme with no admission restrictions.

It is an absolute must that you note the various deadlines for enrolment and, if necessary, for the advanced notification of enrolment. The art and music academies have their own enrolment deadlines. Ask the academy of your choice in good time, otherwise you may lose a semester. Please also bear in mind that some programmes (particularly in technical subjects) only begin in the winter semester.

The state of Bavaria plans to introduce tuition fees for all courses at universities and academies of arts beginning with the summer semester 2007. The fees will amount to 300 to 500 Euro per semester. Detailed and updated information can be found at www.stmwfk.bayern.de.

Lectures at Bavarian universities will be held from 26th April to 29th July in the summer semester of 2006 and from 16th October 2006 to 10th February 2007 in the winter semester 2006/2007.

Have you checked, organized and done everything? Then off you go!

How do I enrol for university studies?

Costs of study

Beginning of the semester



List of Universities in Bavaria | Bavaria's State Universities

**Note: The International Office
(Akademisches Auslandsamt)
is responsible for matters
relating to students
from abroad.**

Universität Augsburg
Universitätsstr. 2, 86159 Augsburg
tel +49(0)821/598-1
www.uni-augsburg.de
International Office:
Universitätsstraße 2
86159 Augsburg
tel +49(0)821/598-5135, -5148
info@aaa.uni-augsburg.de

**Otto-Friedrich-Universität
Bamberg**
Kapuzinerstraße 16, 96045 Bamberg
tel +49(0)951/863-0
www.uni-bamberg.de
International Office:
Markusstraße 6, 96045 Bamberg
tel +49(0)951/863-1049
auslandsamt@zuv.uni-bamberg.de

Universität Bayreuth
Universitätsstr. 30, 95447 Bayreuth
tel +49(0)921/55-0
www.uni-bayreuth.de
International Office:
Universitätsstr. 30, 95440 Bayreuth
tel +49(0)921/55-5240
auslandsamt@uni-bayreuth.de

**Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
Erlangen-Nürnberg**
Schlossplatz 4, 91054 Erlangen
tel +49(0)9131/85-0
www.uni-erlangen.de
Information and Advisory Centre:
Schlossplatz 3, 91054 Erlangen
tel +49(0)9131/85-25788
bianca.koendgen@zuv.uni-
erlangen.de

**Ludwig-Maximilians-
Universität München**
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
80539 München
tel +49(0)89/2180-0
www.uni-muenchen.de
International Office:
Ludwigstraße 27, 80539 München
tel +49(0)89/2180-2823
auslandsamt@verwaltung.uni-
muenchen.de

**Technische Universität München
(Technical University of Munich)**
Arcisstraße 21, 80333 München
tel +49(0)89/289-01
www.tu-muenchen.de
International centre and
student advisory service:
Arcisstr. 21, 80290 München
tel +49(0)89/289-25501
studienberatung@zv.tum.de

Universität Passau
Innstraße 41, 94032 Passau
tel +49(0)851/509-0
www.uni-passau.de
International Office:
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tel +49(0)851/509-1164,-1160
auslandsamt@uni-passau.de

Universität Regensburg
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93051 Regensburg
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Universitätsstraße 31
93053 Regensburg
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-2373, -2382
auslandsamt@uni-regensburg.de

**Julius-Maximilians-Universität
Würzburg**
Sanderring 2, 97070 Würzburg
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www.uni-wuerzburg.de
International Office:
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97070 Würzburg
tel +49(0)931/31-2805, -2227,
-2228
auslandsamt@zv.uni-wuerzburg.de

Bavaria's State Academies of Arts

Hochschule für Musik und Theater München (Munich Academy of Music and Theatre)

Arcisstraße 12, 80333 München
tel +49(0)89/289-03
www.musikhochschule-muenchen.mhn.de
Central student advisory service:
tel +49(0)89/289-27430

Hochschule für Musik Würzburg (Würzburg Music Academy)

Hofstallstr. 6 - 8, 97070 Würzburg
tel +49(0)931/32187-0
www.hfm-wuerzburg.de
Central student advisory service:
tel +49(0)931/32187-2320

Akademie der Bildenden Künste München

(Munich Academy of Fine Arts)
Akademiestraße 2, 80799 München
tel +49(0)89/3852-0
www.adbk.mhn.de
Central student advisory service:
tel +49(0)89/3852-102

Akademie der Bildenden Künste Nürnberg (Nuremberg Academy of Fine Arts)

Bingstraße 60, 90480 Nürnberg
tel +49(0)911/9404-0
www.adbk-nuernberg.de
Central student advisory service:
tel +49(0)911/9404-0

Hochschule für Fernsehen und Film München (Munich Academy of Television and Film)

Frankenthaler Straße 23
81539 München
tel +49(0)89/68957-0
www.hff-muc.de
Central student advisory service:
tel +49(0)89/68957-0



Other Universities and Academies in Bavaria

Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Catholic University)

Ostenstr. 26, 85072 Eichstätt
tel +49(0)8421/93-0
www.ku-eichstaett.de
International Office:
Ostenstr. 26, 85072 Eichstätt
tel +49(0)8421/93-1595

Universität der Bundeswehr München (Munich University of the Armed Forces)

Werner-Heisenberg-Weg 39
85579 Neubiberg
tel +49(0)89/6004-1
www.unibw.de
Central student advisory service:
tel +49(0)89/6004-3244
Courses are only open to officers and officer cadets of the armed forces of their own country provided that a training agreement exists between their Ministry of Defence and the German Ministry of Defence.

Hochschule für Musik Nürnberg-Augsburg (Nuremberg-Augsburg Academy of Music)

Nuremberg branch:
Veilhofstraße 34, 90489 Nürnberg
tel +49(0)911/231-8443
Augsburg branch:
Maximilianstr. 59, 86150 Augsburg
tel +49(0)821/450416-11
www.hfm-n-a.de
Central student advisory service:
tel +49(0)911/231-3971 (Nuremberg)
tel +49(0)821/450416-15 (Augsburg)

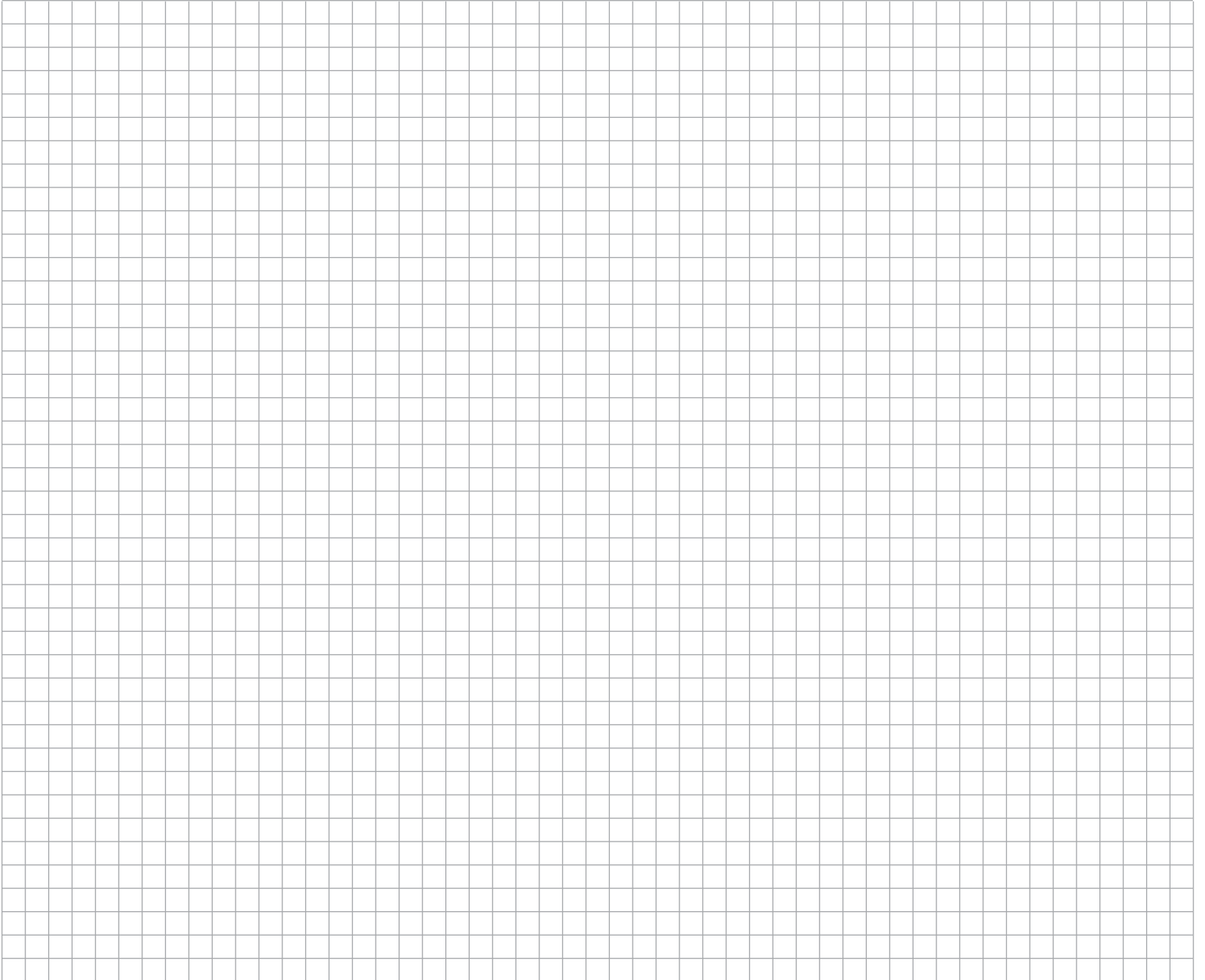
Hochschule für Katholische Kirchenmusik und Musikpädagogik (Academy of Catholic Church Music and Pedagogic of Music)

Andreasstr. 9, 93059 Regensburg
tel +49(0)941/83009-0
www.hfkm-regensburg.de

Hochschule für Evangelische Kirchenmusik (Academy of Evangelical Church Music)

Wilhelminenstr. 9, 95444 Bayreuth
tel +49(0)921/7593-40
www.hfk-bayreuth.de

Notes





The Universities and Academies of Arts in Bavaria



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