

Factsheet

Incoming Exchange Students



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Paderborn University – Short Facts



Paderborn University was founded in 1972 and is a mid-sized fully accredited state university. The centralised campus is close to the city centre and a friendly and safe environment for studying, recreation and living. It offers all types of degrees, including PhDs and post-doctoral lecture qualifications. It offers a broad spectrum of subjects in five faculties.

Fields of Study

- Art, Music, Media
- Business Administration and Economics
- Engineering
- Exercise and Health
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Languages and Literature
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Sciences

Paderborn University attaches great importance to the internationalisation of research and teaching. About 2,800 foreign students as well as many visiting scientists and lecturers, create an international atmosphere on campus. Our around 200 global university partnerships are the product of long-term research cooperation projects. We are proud to partner in international cooperation like the *COLOURS Alliance*. Each year, about 350 Paderborn students are sent abroad and, in return, students from partner universities come to Paderborn. There are good links with the region's economy and numerous projects in cooperation with large global companies.

Student & Campus Life

Paderborn University offers its students a wide range of services to support them in their studies and create a colourful and lively campus life. Whether it's courses, various groups and organisations or events. Find your individual interests and make connections.

<https://www.uni-paderborn.de/en/studies/students>

<https://www.uni-paderborn.de/en/studies/international-office/incoming-exchange-students>

Support for Exchange Students

Support & Orientation Program for exchange students

In order to make your stay at Paderborn University as pleasant as possible, we would like to provide you with a wide range of support. Your contacts at the International Office will be happy to help you with any questions you may have. Together with the *Eurobiz* student association, we also offer a varied programme of events for exchange students every semester to help them get to know the country and locals better.

Find here an overview of the support we offer to help you settle into your new home:

- Dormitory accommodation will be offered by Paderborn University
- Buddy Programme: students helping students to settle in and ensure a smooth transition into the "German way of life"
- Academic and non-academic orientation sessions
- A varied cultural semester program with day and weekend trips, parties, museum visits and other events, organized by the student association *Eurobiz*
- (Germany) Semester ticket for free public transport in Paderborn and in the complete Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (fee: ca. €300 / semester)

Course Offer

Exchange students are free to choose from almost all courses at Paderborn University with only very few exceptions. Please note, though, that we can guarantee sufficient English taught courses only for the fields of study according to the agreement. International graduate courses entirely taught in English are offered in 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 for 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/incoming-exchange-students/study>

German Language Courses

Exchange students can currently choose from the following range of German language courses:

<https://www.uni-paderborn.de/en/zfs/language-courses-for-students/german>.*

Course type	Structure	Language level GER	Teaching times and units	Credits
Intensive Course	~ 4 weeks before the official lecture period/ start of the semester, September and March	A1 – B2.1	Time schedule will be available once the course starts 80 units	5 ECTS
Semester Afternoon Course	12 weeks during the lecture period Oct – Feb / April - July	A1 – B2.1	Time schedule will be available once the course starts 120 units / semester	8 ECTS
German for specific purposes: B2/C1	German as a foreign language at university and in the professional environment	B2.2/C1	several courses during the whole semester	3 ECTS

* 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 – A city with history and a future



Paderborn is a modern city with medieval roots and plenty of charm. The atmospheric old town is not only known for its historical buildings, such as the cathedral, and the colourful hustle and bustle of the pedestrian zone with its shops, bars and restaurants. It is also famous as the city of water and springs, which can be seen in many places in the city centre, the park areas or the nearby Lake Lippesee. 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. Charlemagne also had a residence here. Nowadays the city has about 150,000, the region around 300,000 inhabitants.

Furthermore, Paderborn is one of the economic centres of the region of East Westphalia and home to some of the world's leading industrial corporations such as *Siemens*, *Diebold 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. Paderborn, which is surrounded by a green and beautiful countryside, is a lively cultural centre with theatres and cinemas, concerts from classical to jazz, art galleries, clubs and entertainment, museums, including the world's largest computer museum, and the *Ahorn Sport Park*. In general, there is a generous range of sports and recreational activities, from water sports, horse riding and indoor carts to parachuting and paragliding. Libori, one of the largest and most traditional folk festivals in Germany, takes place in summer and everyone is out and about.

Already a little curious? Go ahead and discover the city Paderborn on your own:

UPB Information - Paderborn

<https://www.uni-paderborn.de/en/studies/international-office/incoming-exchange-students/life-in-paderborn>

Tourist Information Paderborn

<https://www.paderborn.de/microsite/welcome/index.php>

**We look forward to welcoming you at Paderborn University!
Your International Office Incoming Team**