

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

I. Winter Semester 2024/25

a) Preparatory intensive language course

for exchange students with German language

skills including orientation

Arrival Dates: September 3 + 4, 2024

(9.30 to 17.30)

Orientation Days: September 5 – 8, 2024

Course Dates: September 9 - October 8, 2024

b) Orientation Course

for exchange students with intermediate German

language skills

Arrival Date: October 4 (Fri) + 7 (Mon), 2024

(9.30 to 17.30)

Course Dates: October 8 – October 11, 2024

c) Lecture Period

Start of lectures: October 14, 2024

End of lectures: February 7, 2025

Lecture-free days: November 1, 2024 and December 24, 2024

until January 6, 2025

Christmas vacation: December 24 – January 6

We expect Monday, December 23, to be lecture-free. However, this is not yet confirmed.

II. Summer Semester 2025

a) Preparatory intensive language course

for exchange students with German language skills below B2 including orientation

Arrival Dates:

March 10 + 11, 2025

(9:30 to 17:30)

Orientation Days:

March 12 – 16, 2025

Course Dates:

March 17 – April 11, 2025

b) Orientation Course

 $for exchange \ students \ with \ intermediate \ German$

language skills

Arrival Date:

April 3 + 4, 2025

Course Dates:

April 7 – April 11, 2025

c) Lecture Period

Start of lectures:

April 23, 2025

End of lectures:

July 25, 2025

Lecture-free days:

May 1, May 29, June 9 +10, June 19

III. Examinations

Please note: Examinations in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Management Information Systems take place in a period between the last week of the lectures

- and mid-March (for the winter semester)
- and mid-August (for the summer semester)

In all other faculties, exams usually take place during the last week of classes.

IV. Intensive Language Course and Orientation Course:

Students with German language skills below level B2 may apply for the preparatory intensive language course (including orientation) that takes place in September/October and March/April. The course is usually offered on at least six different levels (A1 – C1) as long as we have enough participants for each language level. The language of instruction is German. However, all extra-curricular activities and the orientation will be in English language.

Exchange students who receive a place for the Intensive Langue Course are expected to arrive on the designated arrival dates and participate in the orientation program, as all questions referring to administrative formalities, choice of courses, study plans, finding their way in Regensburg and on campus are all dealt with during that time.



International Office

UR International – Exchange Students

Language pre-requisites for incoming exchange students

What type of proof is accepted?

UR accepts any type of official language exam such as TOEFL, IELTS, TELC, Cambridge Certificates etc as proof of English, and any type of official language exam such as TestDaF, Goethe-Zertifikate, TELC etc. as proof of German. For both languages, UR also accepts confirmations by the home university of the students.

It is important to point out though, that UR requires incoming exchange students to know German/English on level B2 (CEFR). Level B1 is not accepted as it is not sufficient for understanding and producing academic contents.

Are language certificates accepted which are older than 2 years?

As a general rule, language certificates should not be any older than 2 years unless one has continuously been practicing the foreign language. In doubt, students may ask us whether we accept their language certificates even if they are older than 2 years.

Knowing a foreign language is comparable to playing a musical instrument. If you haven't played it for a long time, you lose your practice and proficiency.

Equivalencies:

We consider the following test scores as equivalent to a language level of B2 (CEFR):

TOEFL (internet-based): 79

IELTS: 6.0 – 6.5

TOEIC: 400 – 485 (listening), 385-450 (reading)

Cambridge Language Certificate: 169 -176 or First Certificate

When do students need to prove their language skills?

Proof of language is part of the application documents. It therefore needs to be submitted together with the other documents for admission. In exceptional cases the language certificate can be handed in after the deadline. Students who have not yet achieved level B2 by the time of their application, are strongly advised to continue further language studies so that they can reach the required level by the time of their arrival in Regensburg.

Special Language Requirements

Students who want to take courses taught in German

In order to follow academic courses **taught in German**, students should have a sound level of **B2 in German**. Please note that the <u>medical faculty</u> regards a German level of end of B2/beginning of C1 at the time of their application as the minimum language requirement for their students, especially if they have patient contact. This also applies to the <u>department of German</u> (NOT *German as a Foreign Language* but *German Language and Literature*).

Students who want to take courses taught in English:

Students wishing to take courses from the English-taught course program in the Faculty of **Business**, **Economics** and **Management Information Systems** should have English knowledge at **level B2/C1** (according to CEFR).

Learning German

Students who want to take courses from German as a Foreign Language only (i.e. only improve their German language skills) do not need any prior knowledge in German.

They are advised to sign up for the intensive language course before the semester. This course is offered on all language levels from A1 – C1 and is allocated 12 ECTS.

During the semester, the language center offers a variety of courses on all language levels. Each course is credit based.



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	regensburg/index.html (German version)

Application process for exchange students	https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/incomings/exchange-programs/application/index.html (English version) https://www.uni-regensburg.de/international/incomings/austausch/bewerbung/index.html (German version)
Information on course offer, course selection and ECTS	https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/incomings/exchange-programs/course-selection/index.html (English version) https://www.uni-regensburg.de/international/incomings/austausch/kursauswahl/index.html (German version)
Nomination deadlines for exchange students	May 1 for the following winter semester November 1 for the following summer semester
Application deadlines for exchange students	May 15 th for following winter semester November 15 th for following summer semester
Academic calendar: Lecture periods	winter semester 2024/25: October 14, 2024 – February 7, 2025 summer semester 2025: April 23, 2024 – July 25, 2025 winter semester 2025/26: October 13, 2025 – February 6, 2026
Academic calendar: Semester dates	winter semester 2024/25: October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 summer semester 2025: April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025 winter semester 2025/26:October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026