

# The University of Passau



# *In Bavaria and at the Heart of Europe*

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A modern campus located in south-east Bavaria in verdant surroundings, a few minutes' walk from Passau's historic Old Town.

Passau is widely considered to be one of the loveliest towns in Germany and is ideally situated between the European metropolises of Prague, Munich and Vienna.



## Five faculties (enrolment figures in brackets):

- Law (2,014)
- Business, Economics and Information Systems (1,397)
- Social and Educational Sciences (3,362)
- Humanities and Cultural Studies (2,508)
- Computer Science and Mathematics (1,123)

## Students and doctoral researchers:

10,662 students are currently enrolled in:

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| ▪ Bachelor's programmes:        | 4,495 |
| ▪ Master's programmes:          | 1,905 |
| ▪ Teacher education programmes: | 2,165 |
| ▪ Law undergraduate programme:  | 1,838 |
| ▪ Enrolled doctoral students:   | 258   |

## Staff:

- 143 professors
- Total staff figure: 1,293







**1,684 international students** (about 16% of the total student body) from more than 100 countries.

Top ten list (by numbers) of international students' home countries:

- 1) Austria
- 2) India
- 3) Iran
- 4) Tunisia
- 5) Russian Federation
- 6) Türkiye
- 7) China
- 8) Pakistan
- 9) France
- 10) Italy



The University of Passau owes its strong visibility and renown to excellent research, innovative education and its tight-knit global academic networks.

The University's academic profile is shaped by its five faculties and the overarching research themes spanning state, society, business and economy, the legal system, languages and cultural regions, media and communication, the education system, and computer science and mathematics.

Our research is strongly aligned with the overarching themes of Europe, Sustainability and Digitalisation, which underscore the interdisciplinary identity of our University and the long tradition of inter-faculty collaboration.



Doctoral degrees are awarded by all five faculties.

All doctoral projects are research projects.

Doctoral research can be conducted:

- as an individually supervised project
- working as a graduate research assistant
- In a structured, international doctoral programme, e.g.
  - ✓ *DFG Research Training Group 2720: "Digital Platform Ecosystems (DPE)"*
  - ✓ *Tri-national Graduate Research Training Group on Multimedia Distributed and Pervasive Systems* (double-doctorate opportunities)
  - ✓ *Incentives – Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics* (part of the Bavarian Elite Network)

The Graduate Centre is a cross-faculty umbrella organisation for all doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

It provides information and seminars on:

- research methods
- principles of good academic research
- teaching in a higher education setting
- management of academic organisations
- academic and non-academic careers

The Graduate Centre also administers grants for travel expenses and thesis publications.





We believe that an organisational culture which respects diversity among staff and students is crucial for achieving excellence in research and teaching.

This includes giving students and staff the possibility to reconcile education, career and family life, e.g. by providing excellent childcare services and offering dual career opportunities.





Close-knit network of worldwide academic and research partnerships.

Numerous international double degree programmes.

Welcome Services for international academics and visiting scholars.

Language Centre offering 13 Asian and European languages (free for enrolled students).

Alumni sections all over the world.

German Courses Passau: paid preparatory German courses (semester or year).



Among the best 25% of universities and in the top 10% of *young* universities worldwide (THE World University Ranking 2023 and Young University Ranking 2022 respectively).

Sustainability: Among the best 15% in the worldwide UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2022.

THE Impact Ranking 2022: Passau among the leading 25% in “Quality Education”, “Reduced Inequalities” and “Gender Equality”.



State exam preparation: some 60% of our graduates achieve top marks in their final examination.

Rated one of the best law faculties in the German-speaking world.

Outstanding **specialisations** offered in addition to the foundation subjects:

- foreign, European and international law
- international economic, business and tax law
- IT, media and internet law





23 professors

Approximately 2,000 students

**Degree programmes:**

- Law undergraduate programme (state examination)
- LL.B. Legal Tech
- LL.M. German Law for foreign graduates
- LL.M. Legal Informatics

Double degree programmes with universities in France,  
Spain and the United Kingdom

Doctoral study



The faculty enjoys an outstanding reputation among personnel managers.

Excellent research output, a focus on entrepreneurship as well as an innovative and practice-oriented teaching approach.

## **Focus areas:**

- Accounting, Finance and Taxation
- Economics
- Information Systems
- International Management and Marketing
- Quantitative Methods



26 professors

Approximately 1,400 students

## **Degree programmes:**

- B.Sc. Business Administration and Economics
- B.Sc. Digital Transformation in Business and Society
- B.Sc. Information Systems
- M.Sc. Business Administration
- M.Sc. Int'l Economics and Business (English-taught)
- M.Sc. Information Systems

Double master's programmes with universities in China, Finland, France, Hungary, India and the United States

Doctoral study





Unique characteristics: interdisciplinary programmes in social science, teacher training, journalism, geography and political science.

Students have great freedom of choice of modules to give their studies a distinct profile.

Double-degree programmes with universities in Italy, Hungary and Slovenia.



## Focus areas:

- Empirical education research, subject-specific teaching and learning research
- Geography
- Strategic communication
- Journalism
- Politics and governance
- Psychology
- Sociology



26 professors

Approximately 3,400 students

12 undergraduate and master's programmes, including:

- Communication in Digital Societies
- Development Studies
- Governance and Public Policy
- Journalism and Strategic Communication
- Teacher Education Programmes

Double-degree programmes with universities in Hungary, Italy and Slovenia

Doctoral study





Unique characteristics: interdisciplinary programmes in linguistics, cultural studies, history, media studies, semiotics and charity studies.

Students have great freedom of choice of modules to give their studies a distinct profile.

Double-degree programmes with universities in Argentina, France, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom.



## **Focus areas:**

- Cultural development, cultural heritage, regional cultural studies, cultural transformation
- History
- Intercultural communication
- Literary studies, linguistics and philology
- Media and media ethics
- Semiotics



36 professors

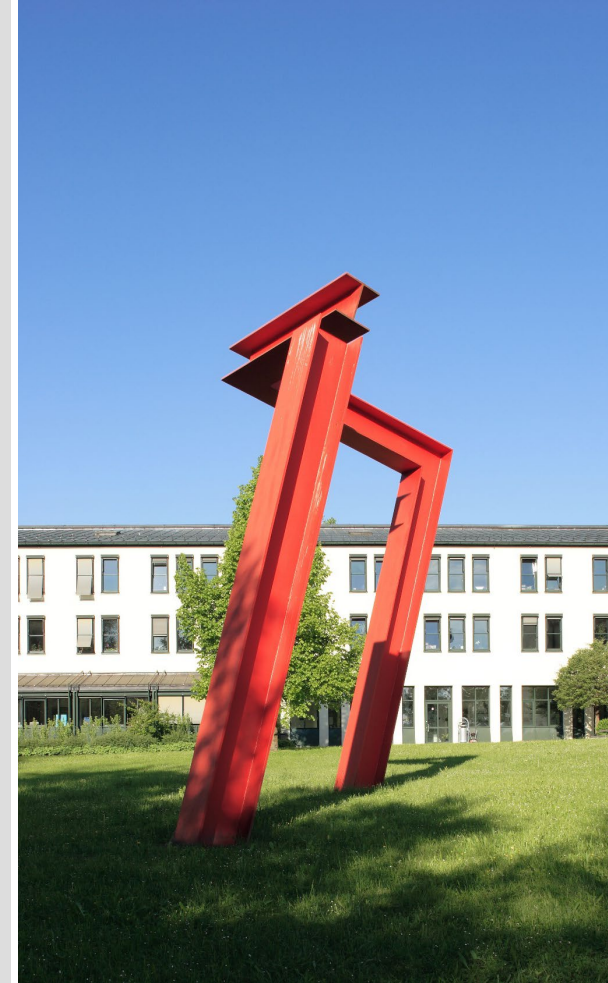
Approximately 2,500 students

11 bachelor's and master's programmes, including:

- European Studies
- Historical Sciences
- International Cultural and Business Studies
- Media and Communication
- Semiotics of Texts and Culture

Double-degree programmes with universities in Argentina, Czechia, France, Spain, Turkey and the United States

Doctoral study





Among the leading 20% of computer science faculties worldwide (2022 Times Higher Education Subject Ranking for Computer Science).

Strong linkages between computer science and mathematics.

Excellent research and knowledge transfer projects with regional companies and Global Players alike.





## Focus areas:

- Algorithmics, modelling and approximation
- Artificial intelligence engineering
- Data as a raw material
- Efficient and reliable software systems
- Security and cryptography

32 professors

Approximately 1,100 students

## Degree programmes:

- B.Sc. Computer Science
- B.Sc. Internet Computing
- B.Sc. Mathematics
- M.Sc. AI Engineering (English-taught)
- M.Sc. Computational Mathematics (English-taught)
- M.Sc. Computer Science (with English-taught track)

Double master's programmes with universities abroad

Doctoral study



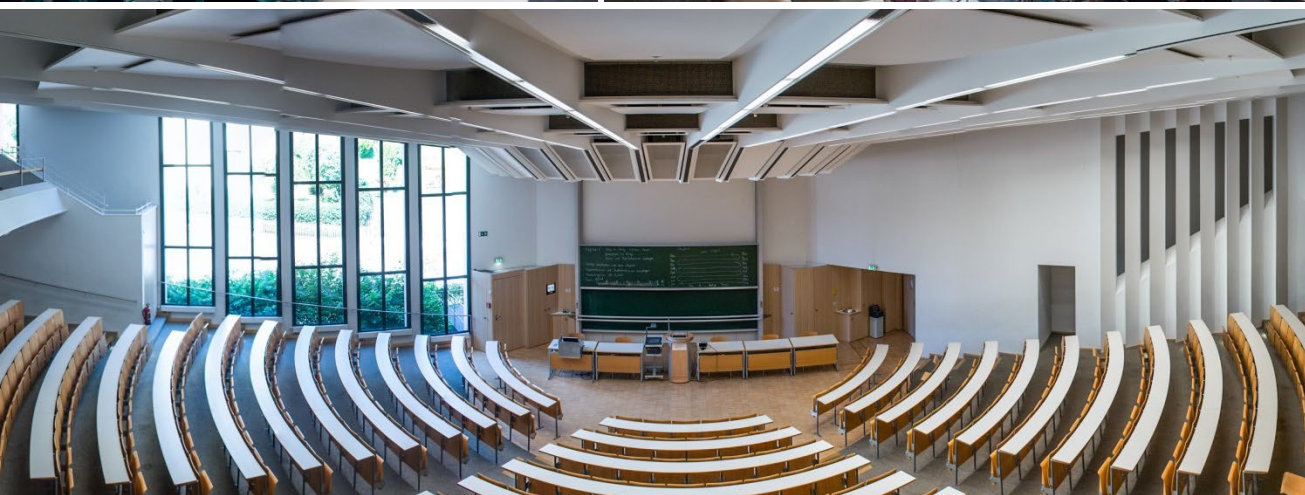


# *Impressions: Passau, City of Three Rivers*

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## Getting a grasp on maths (using both hands)

