

Your Studies at the University of Passau



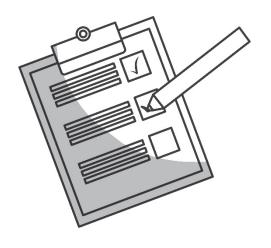
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Topics

- Studying in Passau What do I have to expect?
- Curriculum, ECTS credits and Grades
- Modules and Lectures
- Timetable and Stud IP
- Exams and how to register for the exams
- Additional services
- Additional information and support



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Studying in Passau – What do I have to expect?



- Pro-active students working independently
- You are responsible for:
 - Your timetable
 - Registration deadlines (lectures, exams)
 - Organization of your studies, time management
 - House-keeping and finances
 - Part time jobs and leisure activities



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Curriculum, ECTS points and Grades

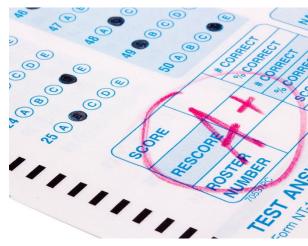


The German grading system

- In general: the smaller the number, the better
 - Pass: 1 ("very good") 4 ("sufficient")
 - Fail: 5 ("inadequate")
- Law: the bigger the number, the better
 - Pass: 18 ("very good") -4 ("sufficient")
 - Fail: 3 ("inadequate") -0 ("insufficient")

https://www.uni-passau.de/en/international/coming-to-passau/information-for-new-students/grading-scale/

Calculate equivalents with the Modified Bavarian Formula: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic grading in Germany



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Curriculum, ECTS credits and Grades



Semester cycle

- Winter term: October 1 March 31
- Summer term: April 1 September 30
- Lecture period:
 - Winter term: midst of October beginning of February
 - Summer term: midst/end of April midst/end of July
 - At the end of the lecture period: (written) exams
- afterwards: "holidays" (term paper, preparation of exams, internships)
- Christmas holidays, public holidays during semester: <u>https://www.uni-passau.de/en/study/getting-organised/academic-calendar/</u>

Date(s)	Description
21 September to 16 October	Orientation Weeks for international students
1 October	Semester begins
17 October	Teaching begins
early December	Application round for summer semester 2016 starts
23 December	No teaching all day
24 December to 6 January	Christmas break
15 January	Application deadline for the following Master's programmes starting in the summer semester: Busines Administration; Business Computing; Computer Science European Studies; Governance and Public Policy; International Cultural and Business Studies; Media and Communication; Semiotics of Culture and Texts; M.Ed. Teaching and Learning Processes Application deadline for the following undergraduate programmes starting in the summer semester: Compu Science; European Studies; European Studies Major;
16 to 27 January	Historical Cultural Studies; Internet Computing; Langua and Text Sciences; Media and Communication; B.Ed. Secondary Education; Teacher Education Programmes Re-registration period for summer semester 2016. Ple
	note: students continuing their studies have to register the beginning of each semester
31 January	Application deadline for aptitude test for Art Education (for teacher education programmes)
11 February	Teaching ends
February to mid-April	Matriculation period: please check your offer letter for exact matriculation date
31 March	Semester ends

Curriculum, ECTS credits and grades



ECTS: European Credit Transfer System

- Awarded in every course of studies (except: Law)
- 1 ECTS credit means a workload of 30 hours
 - 30 ECTS x 30 hs workload = 900 hs/ semester
 - 900/40 hs = 22,5 weeks of full-time work per semester
- In order to complete you studies in time, you should receive an average of 30 ECTS credits every semester.
- For every passed exam you receive:
 - A grade
 - ECTS credits (independent of the grade)



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Standard duration, maximum programme duration

- Standard duration (Regelstudiendauer): the amount of time you need to complete your studies in general
 - Bachelor: 6 semesters
 - Master: 4 semesters
- Maximum duration (Höchststudiendauer): The amount of time you may need at most to complete your studies, e.g.*:
 - Bachelor: 8 semesters
 - Master: 6 semesters



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* Take a look at the Study and examination regulations for degree specific information!!

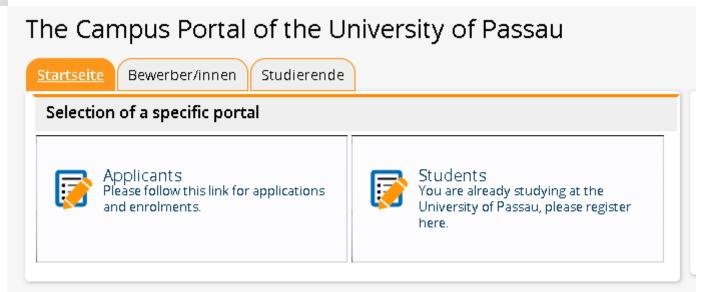
Overview of the most important online platforms



Platform	Functions	Link
	Change personal data	https://campus.uni-
	Download certificates	passau.de
	Registration for courses	https://studip.uni-
	View timetable	passau.de/
Stud.IP	Download files from courses	
	Registration for examinations	https://qisserver.uni-
HISQIS	Overview of grades and exams done	<u>passau.de/</u>
		https://ilias.uni-
Ilias	Attend online courses	passau.de



The Campusportal:



Immatriculation, address changes and retrieve various certificates such as BAföG certificate, matriculation or semester certificate and parking permit.

https://campus.unipassau.de/qisserver/pages/cs/sys/portal/hisinoneStartPage.faces ?chco=y



Which classes do I have to take? How many of them?

- You have to create the timetable on your own!
- Important documents:
 - First insights: Information sheet of the Academic Advice Service
 - Study and examination regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung), module catalogue (Modulkatalog)
 both in German- and the Infosheet (also in English)
 - In some cases there might be a diagram on the webpage of the course of studies
- Many courses of studies provide you with considerable freedom with regard to the classes you have to visit.
- Rule of thumb: 30 ECTS Credits every semester (that means you should visit 3-6 classes)

DOWNLOADS

Infosheet from the Academic Advice Service

Leaflet introducing the programme

🔁 List of courses

Study and examination regulations and module catalogue (German)



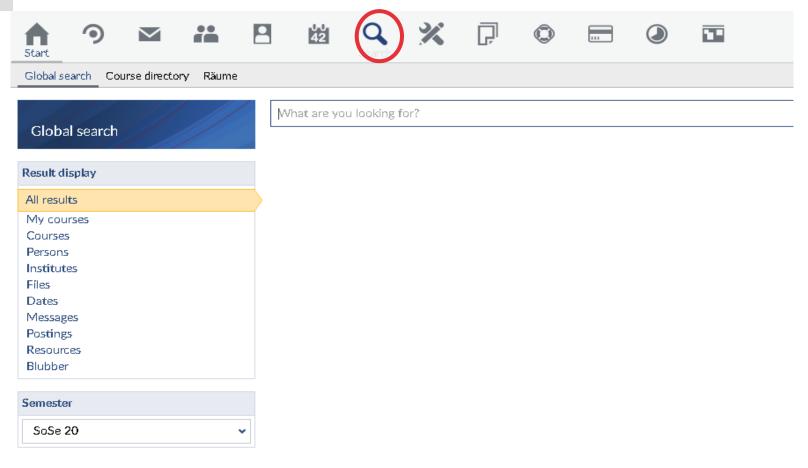
In the detailed **Infosheet** you will find how many ECTS you need for each module group.

- Basic modules must be completed by all students.
- Module group: you have to choose 1 or 2 areas (always pay attention how many ECTS are required for each module group)

In the module catalogue (Modulkatalog) you can find the concrete courses and also information about prerequisites, contents and examination forms of the courses.



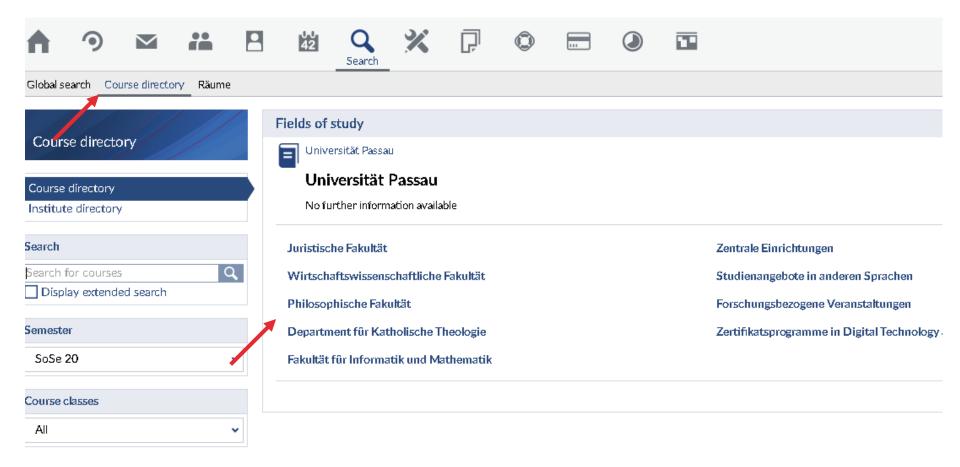
Stud.IP - search a course



https://studip.uni-passau.de



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Modules within the course of studies

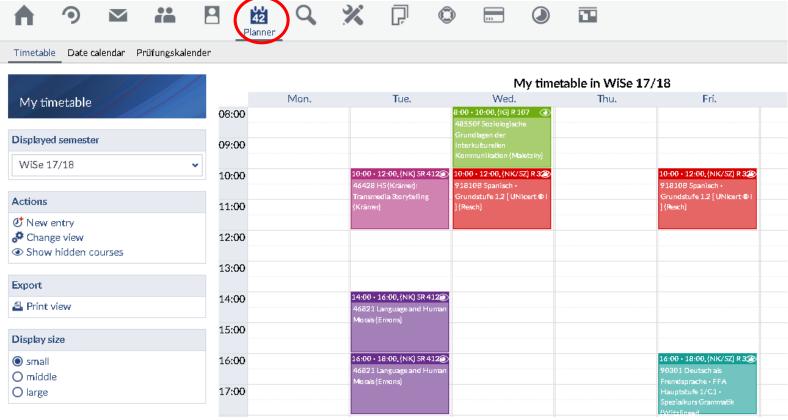


Example: Bachelor International Cultural and Business Studies

Tanja Steinhuber



Stud.IP – How to manage your timetable



If the registration to the course was successful, the course will automatically appear in the timetable. It is also possible to add events yourself.

Modules and Lectures



- Lecture (V/VL): takes place in lecture hall, many participants, little room for discussion
- Basic course (GK): similar to a lecture, scheduled for the first semesters
- Scientific exercise (WÜ): types are varying, very often based on discussions and exercises, structure may resemble to a lecture or a (Pro-) seminar
- Advanced scientific exercise (WÜF): prior experience; specific requirements to attend
- Exercise class/Tutorial (Ü/T): accompanies/supports the lecture or the basic course, in many cases students serve as lecturers
- (Pro-)seminar (PS/S): small groups, time for discussions, presentations, work in groups
- Advanced seminar (HS): similar to a (Pro-) seminar, yet few participants, topics are more specific and in general more ECTS are awarded (=> higher workload)
- "Kompaktseminar" (KS): offered by the Center for Careers and Competencies (ZKK), in general: 1 or 2 days during a weekend
- In Addition: Master Class (MC), Oberseminar (OS), ...







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Exams during your studies

- Types of Exams
 - "Klausuren": written exams, at the end of the lecture period
 - "Referate": oral presentations, during the semester
 - "Hausarbeiten": essays/papers, usually but not always written during the semester breaks
 - "Mündliche Prüfungen": oral examinations, usually at the end of the lecture period
- Period of exams (especially written exams): 2 weeks in advance of the end of the lecture period until 3 weeks after the end of the lecture period.
- You will have to register for every exam!
- In general: Use HISQIS for registration or to sign off. In some cases you may register at the office of the chair.



Dates for registration and cancellation:

https://www.unipassau.de/en/examinatio ns-office/semesterrelated-information//



How to repeat an exam

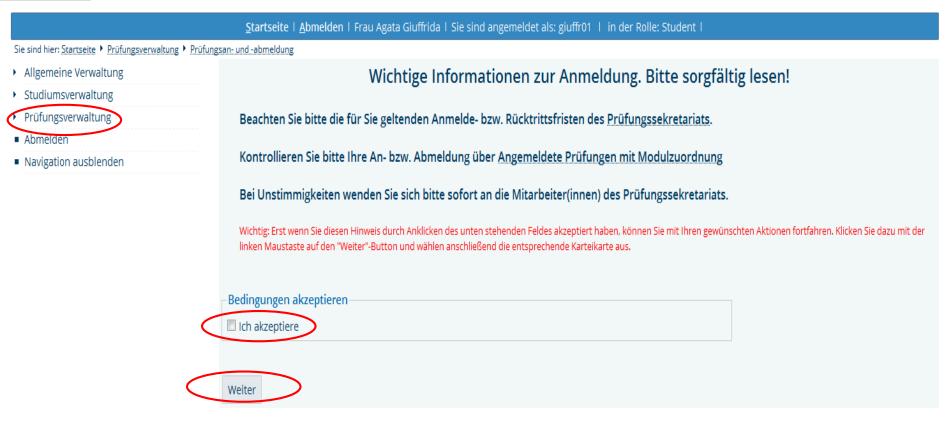
- You may repeat an exam at least for one time*.
- Periods to repeat exams differ according to your degree programme. Talk to your lecturers/ read instructions on Stud.IP/HISQIS
- You may be allowed to repeat an exam voluntarily*. In case you can't sit an exam due to an illness: Submit the certificate at the Examinations Office (Prüfungssekretariat)
 before the exam!
 - In such a case you will have to sit the exam at the next date possible! (Please take a look at the FAQ on the webpage of the examination office)



*Please find all the relevant rules in the study and examination regulations!!



How to register for the exams using HISQIS



https://qisserver.uni-passau.de/



Registration using HISQIS

- Important: Be careful about the examination number (Prüfungsnummer)!
 - You can find it in Stud.IP in the field "fields of study"
 - Sometimes it is also included in the module catalogue
 - The examination number in Stud.IP has to match the number in HISQIS.
- Examination numbers vary between the different versions of the study regulations:
 - Choose the current version at the start of your studies!
 - If you are not sure what you are doing: ASK!



PNr.	Veranstaltungen
651100	Theoretisch-methodisches Kernmodul
651101	V Interkulturelles Management
651102	V Interkulturelle Kommunikation und Kulturvergleich
651103	WÜ Wissenschaftspropädeutikum für Graduierte

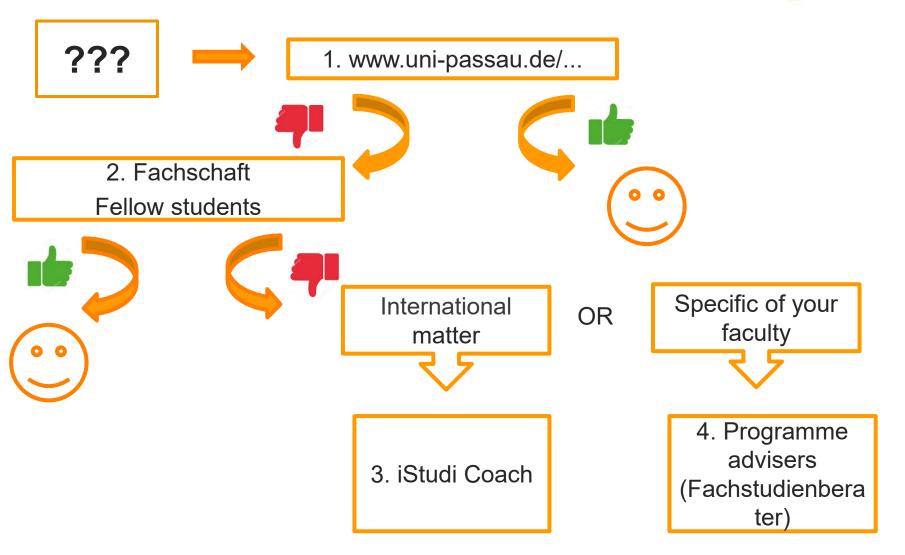


In order to counteract the further spread of the coronavirus as consistently as possible, the University of Passau has decided to restrict some of its services and offers virtual consultation hours. Please keep yourself upto-date here:

https://www.uni-passau.de/en/coronavirus/

Who should I contact if I have questions?







Additional services



Foreign languages – Sprachenzentrum (1/2)

- 14 languages to choose from: Chinese, German as a foreign language, English, French, Bahasa Indonesia, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Czech, Vietnamese, Turkish
- Foreign languages are compulsory in many courses of study. Yet you can also choose them voluntarily.
- In both cases, whether you get ECTS points awarded for it or not, depends on your study regulation. → Ask at the Fachschaft or Sprachenzentrum for details.
- Subject-specific language classes ("FFA") available for Economics, Law, Cultural Science, Computer Science; selected languages only
- Level C2 may be reached in many languages



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Additional information: http://www.sprachenzentrum. uni-passau.de/



Foreign languages – Sprachenzentrum (2/2)

- Placement tests are obligatory for the following languages, in case you have prior knowledge not obtained at the University of Passau.
- Latest tomorrow, April 16:
 - Mandatory placement tests for some languages
 - Mandatory registration for all languages

https://www.sprachenzentrum.unipassau.de/en/course-registrations/



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Information on registration and placement:

https://www.sprachenzentru m.uni-passau.de/en/courseregistrations/



Centre for Careers and Competencies ZKK (1/2)

- Block seminars, often during weekends
- Extensive offer of seminars, free of charge for students e. g. computer- tutorials (like Excel, SPSS), rhetoric, time-management, effective reading, ...
- Some in English: e.g. Authentic Leadership, Management of International Projects
- Some specifically for internationals: e.g. Research and academic paper writing
- Registration at the start of the lecture period via Stud.IP, possible from April 20



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Additional information http://www.uni-passau.de/zkk/



Centre for Careers and Competencies ZKK (2/2)

- Support and advice while searching for internships
- iStudi Pass: Career Orientation programme for international students
- Lecture "Working in Germany your successful application"
- Workshops on CVs, cover letters and job interviews
- Support while searching for your first job (Application documents etc.)
- Annual campus fair with renowned companies in November
- Various talks and meet & greet events with companies and former students



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Additional information http://www.uni-passau.de/zkk/

http://www.unipassau.de/en/istudipass



Sport and leisure activities - Sportzentrum

- Sports center of the University of Passau
 - 40 kinds of sport (e.g. gym, climbing, tennis, beach volleyball, rowing...)
 - Fee and registration
 - Currently Online Programme
 - Additional information:http://www.sportzentrum.uni-passau.de/



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Extracurricular activities

- Student societies (cultural, political, course related...)
 - http://www.uni-passau.de/studium/campus-und-kultur/studentische-gruppen/
 - International focus: http://www.uni-passau.de/
 internationales/internationale-gruppen/
- AEGEE
- i-Tutor @Student Union (Studentenwerk)



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University library

- Literature, workstations
- Compiled literature for lectures and seminars
- Copier, scanner, printer
- Introductions to literature research, working techniques, databanks, software
- (international) newspapers



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Additional information: http://www.ub.uni-passau.de/

https://www.ub.unipassau.de/en/informationcontact/tours-and-training/



Childcare

- Campuskinder e.V. nursery : early registration needed.
 http://www.campuskinder.info/passau/anmeldung-passau (website in German)
- Childcare offers in Passau and region available.



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Additional information:

http://www.uni-

passau.de/universitaet/leitun

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<u>gremien/frauenbeauftragte/fa</u> milienservice/



iStudi Coach

The iStudi Coach is the contact person for international degree-seeking students with regard to the following topics:

- Individual advice
- Career orientation programme: iStudi Pass
- Application documents
- Various events on how to apply for a job in Germany
- And many more...

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http://www.uni-passau.de/iStudi
Appointments via Stud.IP



Academic Advice Service

- Change of degree programme
- Double degree programmes
- Withdrawing from a programme
- Transition from bachelor's to master's study
- Studying with disabilities and chronic illnesses

Contact person for degree seeking international students: Mrs. Tanja Rieger

Innstr. 41, VW 102, 112, 113, 114

Drop-in hours: Wednesday, 9am to noon Or by appointment

Tel.: +49 (0)851 509-1153, 1154

E-Mail: studienberatung@uni-passau.de http://www.uni-passau.de/studienberatung/



Programme advisers - Fachstudienberater

Contact the programme advisers if you have indepth questions about your programme of study http://www.uni-passau.de/index.php?id=390&L=1

Programme coordinators of the faculty of Arts and Humanities (Studiengangskoordinatoren)

- Academic Counseling
- Administrative proceedings: approval of grades received during the stay at a foreign university, preparation of your stay abroad, approval of internships etc.

http://www.phil.unipassau.de/studium/studiengangskoordination/

International Coordinator at the faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics

http://www.fim.uni-passau.de/en/international/



Student committees - Fachschaften

- Law

 fachschaft-jura@uni-passau.de

 Innstr. 39, room 028 JUR
- Business and Economics <u>mail@fs-wiwi.de</u> Innstr. 27, room 025 WIWI
- Arts and Humanities

 fachschaft-philo@uni-passau.de

 Innstr. 40, room 235 NK
- Computer Science and Mathematics <u>fsinfo@fim.uni-passau.de</u>
 Innstr. 33, room 244 IM



International Office

- International Orientation Weeks
- Scholarships for international students
- Visa issues
- Support when looking for accommodation
- Exchange programmes when going abroad during your studies

Stefanie Dallmeier RoomVW 108

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E-mail: Stefanie.Dallmeier@uni-passau.de
Office hours: 08:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Student Registration Office and Examinations Office

Student Registration Office -Studierendensekretariat

- Application, Enrolment, Change of study programme
- Campus Card, study documents
 Admission requirements, language requirements http://www.uni-passau.de/studierendensekretariat/

Examinations Office - Prüfungssekretariat

- Registration for Exams
- Questions with regard to the examination regulations
- Approval of examinations
- Management of examinations

http://www.uni-passau.de/pruefungssekretariat/



Additional Consulting Offers

Ombudsperson for International Students

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http://www.uni-passau.de/studium/

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