Further information and contact details

Programme profiles on the web
Bachelor of Arts in European Studies
www.uni-passau.de/en/ba-eurstudies
Bachelor of Arts in European Studies Major
www.uni-passau.de/en/ba-eurmaj

Academic Advice Service
Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements
Innstr. 39, 94032 Passau, Germany
E-mail: advice@uni-passau.de
www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice

International Office
Assists international students with immigration formalities and getting settled in Passau
www.uni-passau.de/en/international

Student Registration Office
Contact for enquiries related to your application
www.uni-passau.de/en/student-registration-office

Language Centre
Offers a wide range of language courses
www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en

Centre for Careers and Competencies
Helps students seeking internships or career entry positions and offers transferrable skills courses
www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk

iStudi Coach for job market induction
Provides job market orientation and advice on internship and job search to international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/iStudi

German Courses Passau
German language courses for international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german

kuwi netzwerk international e. V.
The student and alumni network for the degree programmes
www.kuwi.de

This degree programme receives funding from:

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How do I apply for a place on the programme?

Please visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply for details on the application process and the required documents.

Good German language skills are required to study this degree programme, as that is the language of instruction. If you need to learn or perfect your German first, we have just what you need: www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german

The deadline for applications is 15 January for the summer semester intake and 15 July for the winter semester intake.
Why study European Studies with us?
Both the B.A. European Studies and B.A. European Studies Major programmes comprise various disciplines dealing with Europe, its societies and cultures. With a structure that is both multi- and interdisciplinary and combines knowledge, theories and methods from the fields of cultural studies and social science, these study programmes equip you with the necessary prerequisites to investigate European phenomena and problems at various levels and from various perspectives using sound scientific principles.

This is to prepare you for life and work in a Europe of complex, multifaceted interconnections. The European Studies bachelor’s programmes are the foundation for the postgraduate M.A. European Studies programme, which is also offered at the University of Passau.

Both degree programmes have been accredited and carry the Seal of Quality of the Foundation for the Accreditation of Study Programmes in Germany.

If you opt for the eight-semester European Studies Major programme, which provides for two semesters of study abroad, you are eligible for financial support from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) with funds from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for places at certain partner universities.

Programme syllabus
The degree programme is divided into four module groups:

A) European introductory modules
B) European cultural studies
C) European social sciences
D) European languages and internship

A) The European introductory modules convey the foundation for understanding the political and legal systems of Germany and the European Union. In addition, you will gain an overview of topics related to European culture, philosophy and intercultural communication.

B) You will choose one of the following cultural areas: English Studies, French Romance Studies, Spanish Studies or Slavic Studies. Within your chosen cultural area you will acquire knowledge in cultural studies, linguistics and literature.

C) You will study one of the following subjects from the perspective of Europe and its societies and institutions: history, sociology, political science, geography, art history or philosophy. Module groups B and C form the two specialisations of your degree programme, whereby you can determine the weighting yourself. You will write your bachelor’s dissertation on a European issue in one of your chosen focus areas.

D) You will study two of the following foreign languages, taking into account any previous knowledge: Czech, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish or German as a foreign language (for non-native speakers). This module group also includes the compulsory stay abroad.

Your options for the stay abroad are:
• a three-month internship abroad or
• a two-month internship plus university studies abroad

If you opt for one-year study at a university abroad in conjunction with a three-month internship, you have the option of gaining the B.A. European Studies Major degree instead.

Features
• Integrated student exchange year abroad for the B.A. European Studies Major programme
• Gain work experience in a compulsory internship
• Actively shape your own education profile by choosing your own focus areas
• Subject-specific language programmes in nine languages
• Languages of instruction: German and English as well as other foreign languages

Career prospects
Those graduating from the B.A. European Studies or B.A. European Studies Major programme are needed wherever knowledge of Europe or individual cultural areas and their relations to one another, their societies, institutions and cultures is required.

Depending on your chosen focus areas, how you organise your stay abroad and the practical experiences you gather whilst at university, the career options that will present themselves will be in a wide range of different areas. The public sector, national and supranational institutions and organisations are potential employers, as are foundations and companies, for instance in the tourism and advertising sectors, as well as cultural organisations or education providers.

This degree qualifies you for career entry-level positions as well as master’s-level study to broaden and consolidate your knowledge.