The University of Passau

In Bavaria and at the Heart of Europe

UNIVERSITY OF PASSAU

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.

Overall Facts and Figures

Five faculties (enrolment figures in brackets):

- Law (2,317)
- Business, Economics and Information Systems (1,412)
- Social and Educational Sciences (3,585)
- Humanities and Cultural Studies (2,238)
- Computer Science and Mathematics (1,127)

Students and doctoral researchers:

10,679 students are currently enrolled in:

- Bachelor's programmes: 4,240
- Master's programmes: 1,974
- Teacher training programmes: 2,407
- Law state examination programme: 1,880
- Enrolled doctoral students: 276

Staff:

- 144 professors
- Total staff figure: 1,330

International Students

1,747 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) Tunisia
4) Türkiye
5) Iran
6) China
7) Pakistan
8) Russian Federation
9) Hungary
10) Ukraine

Excellence in Research and Teaching

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.

Support for Early Career Researchers

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

The Graduate Centre

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.

Diversity

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.

A Global Outlook: International Exposure

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).

A Global Outlook: Rankings

Among the best 25% of universities and in the top 10% of *young* universities worldwide (THE World University Ranking 2025 and Young University Ranking 2024 respectively).

Sustainability: Among the best 15% in the worldwide UI GreenMetric Ranking 2024.

THE Impact Ranking 2024: Passau among the leading 10% in the category "Reduced Inequalities", in the top 15% in "Quality Education", and among the best 25% in "Sustainable Cities and Communities" and "Gender Equality".

State exam preparation: Some 50% of our students attain top marks in the state 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

24 professors

Approximately 2,300 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

Business, Economics and Information Systems

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

Business, Economics and Information Systems

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 (new: English-taught from October 2025)
- 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

Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences

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

Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences

26 professors

Approximately 3,600 students

12 undergraduate and master's programmes, including:

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

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

Doctoral study

Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies

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, Türkiye and the United Kingdom.

Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies

Focus areas:

- Cultural development, cultural heritage,
  regional cultural studies, cultural transformation

- History

- Intercultural communication

- Literary studies, linguistics and philology

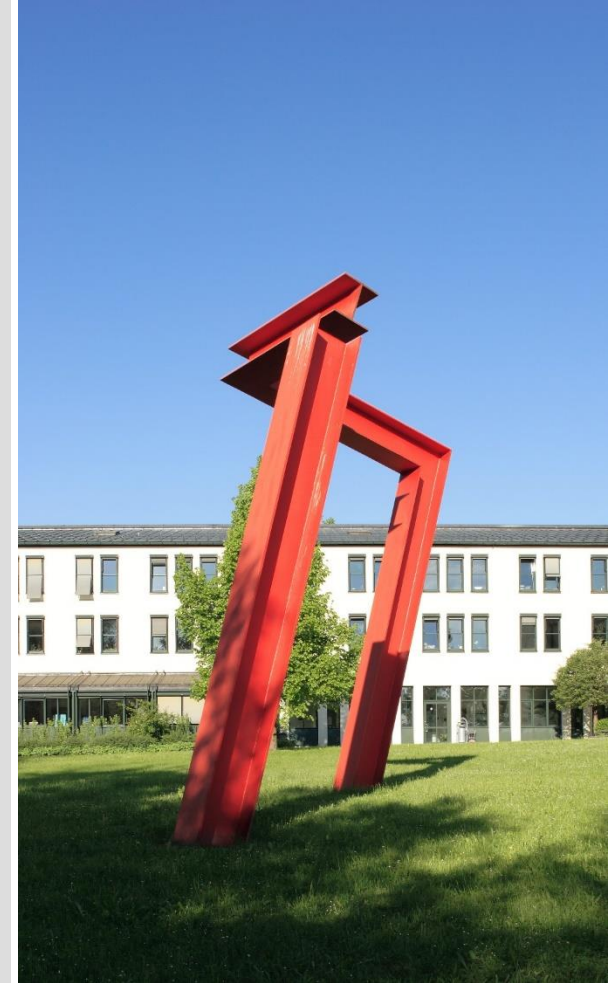- Media and media ethics

- Semiotics

36 professors

Approximately 2,200 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

Doctoral study

Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics

Among the best Computer Science faculties in the German-speaking world.

Strong linkages between computer science and mathematics.

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

Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics

Focus areas:

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

Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics

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

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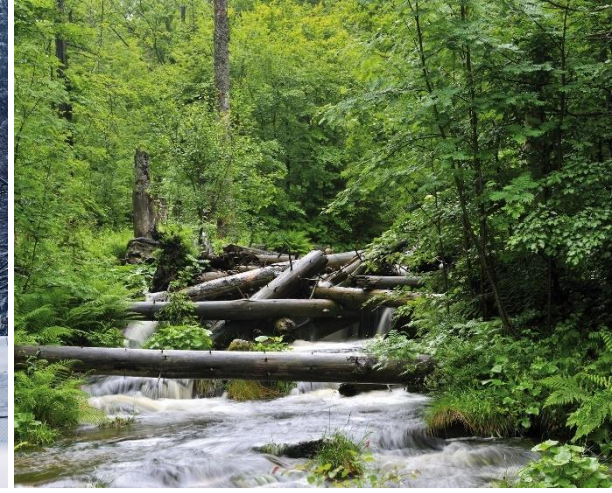
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Impressions: the District of Passau

Getting a grasp on maths (using both hands)