

Universität Regensburg (D REGENSB01) Fact Sheet for Incoming Exchange Students and their Advisors Academic Year 2016-17

I. Dates

nomination/application deadline (for admission, housing and intensive language course):	Winter semester 16-17: May 15, 2016	Summer semester 17: November 15, 2016
<i>Date of receipt by UR.</i>		
sending of info package/letters of admission	Ca. June 15 st	Ca. December 15 st
<i>Students who need a visa will be given preferential treatment. The info package is sent to the students' addresses unless otherwise specified on the application for admission (mailing address field).</i>		
arrival dates for intensive language course	September 5 and 6	March 6 and 7
course dates intensive language course	September 12- October 10	March 13 - April 7
arrival dates for orientation course	October 5 and 6	April 4 and 5
course dates of orientation course	October 10 - October 14	April 6 – April 12
Lecture period	October 17 – February 11	April 24 - July 29
Examination period	Last week of lecture period& following week	Last week of lecture period& following week
<i>Exceptions: Business and Economics students may have exams as late as mid-March (for WS) and mid-August (for SS)</i>		
<i>Essays can often be handed in until the end of the semester, cf. below.</i>		
Official Semester Period	October 1 – March 31	April 1 – September 30

II. Nomination/ Application documents

Please send the following application documents together with your official nomination:

- Application for Admission for Exchange Students
- Housing Application Form
- Copy of passport or ID card (uncertified, only the page with personal details)
- Language Course Application (optional)
- Proof of English knowledge (if student wants to take courses from the English-taught course program)
- Preliminary Learning Agreement (for ERASMUS students) issued by your home university
- Preliminary Learning Agreement (for Non- ERASMUS students)

All forms can be **downloaded** from:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/application/index.html>

All documents are PDF-forms and should be completely filled in **using a computer**, printed, signed by the student (and the coordinator where applicable) and sent **as hardcopies** to the following **address**:

UR International Office
Susanne Gschnaidner
Universitätsstr. 31
D- 93053 Regensburg
GERMANY

III. Admission Requirements /Language Pre-requisites

Admission requirements:

All exchange students have to be in good academic standing and need to be officially nominated by their home university.

German language pre-requisites:

We recommend a level of **B2 in German** in order to follow academic courses **taught in German**.

Please note that the medical faculty regards a German level of end of B2/beginning of C1 as the minimum language requirement for their students, especially if they have patient contact. A separate proof of German knowledge is not required. Similar the department of German (not German as a Foreign Language of course) asks for German language knowledge on level B2/C1 since their courses are aimed towards native speakers.

Therefore:

- a) Students with German knowledge of **B2** (according to CEFR) **or higher**:
 - These students can come directly for the German-taught orientation program.
 - They can choose courses from both the German and the English-taught course program during the semester (for language pre-requisites in English, please see below).

- b) Students with **no German knowledge or German knowledge between A1 and B2** (according to CEFR) at the time of arrival:
 - These students are urgently advised to take part in the pre-semester intensive language course (ILC) that takes place in September/October and March/April. The course will take place on at least six different levels. For details and application form, please refer to:
<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/application/index.html>
<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/application/planning-your-stay/index.html>
 - Even after the ILC, the students will in all likelihood lack the necessary pre-requisites to successfully follow courses in German. They should therefore take courses from the English-taught program and/or further classes in German as a Foreign Language. We recommend that students have at least level B2 before they attend German-taught courses.
 - Students that cannot attend the ILC (due to e.g. an internship or incompatible term dates) can take part in the English-taught orientation program that takes place ca. two weeks before the start of the lecture period.

English language pre-requisites:

Students wishing to take courses from the English-taught course program should have English knowledge at **level B2** (according to CEFR) or better. Please note:

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 C1** (according to CEFR) or better.

Students need to submit **proof of their English** knowledge together with their application. All official tests such as TOEFL, IELTS etc. are accepted, as well as confirmations by a language teacher or the International Office of the partner university, or the ERASMUS language test.

IV. Visa and Residence Permit

1. Visa

Students with passports from following countries **do not need a visa** to enter Germany:

All EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, USA, and Brazil. These students can apply for a residence permit after they have arrived in Regensburg (see below).

Students from all other countries need to apply for a visa ("Visum zu Studienzwecken", "Nationales Visum") at their nearest German embassy/consulate.

Exception: Future ERASMUS- exchange students who already have a residence permit *for study purposes* issued by another *full member* of the "Schengen area" (because they study at a university within the "Schengen area") may enter Germany without a visa and apply for a German residence permit in Regensburg (see below).

Students applying for a visa usually need to prove acceptance by a German university (via the "Zulassungsbescheid", letter of acceptance), health insurance for the first three months, and funding of their stay.

Detailed information on the visa process is provided by your local German Embassy/Consulate:

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Laenderinformationen/DtAuslandsvertretungenA-Z-Laenderauswahlseite_node.html

The visa process takes at least 6 weeks or longer. Therefore students should inform themselves of all visa requirements and **start preparing their documents as soon as they are selected** as exchange students, so that once they receive their letter of acceptance they can immediately start the application process.

2. Residence permit /Registering of address

Once in Regensburg, all students have to register with the local "Ausländeramt" (Foreigners' Registration Office), a part of the Regensburg City Administration. This office will change the visa (usually only valid for 90 days) into a residence permit that is valid for the whole of their exchange student stay in Regensburg. They will also register the students' local address.

UR International guides all students through the application process and even accompanies them to the Foreigners Registration Office.

The fee for issuing the residence permit is currently EUR 100 per person.

EU citizens only need to register their address and do not pay any fee.

V. Courses

1. Course Information / Course Registration / Course Load

Information on all courses can be accessed via the course catalogue:

<https://sf.uni-regensburg.de>

Since our course catalogue is always published rather late (end of January for summer semester, end of June for winter semester) students should please **use the old course catalogues** for their course choice and then finalize their courses during the orientation program:

<https://sf.uni-regensburg.de>

→ "Choose Term" (upper right-hand corner of the page.)

Students can **sign up** for the courses during the orientation program.

The normal **course load** is 30 ECTS credits per semester.

Courses can take place in the time frame of Mon-Sat between 8:00 and 20:00.
(However, courses on Saturdays are a rare exception.)

2. Course offer in English

Many of UR's faculties have begun to offer several English-taught courses to cater to the needs of those exchange students that have no or only basic knowledge of German. These are not special exchange student courses but regular degree courses taught in English, mostly **3rd year Bachelor** or **1st year master** courses.

You can find information on these at:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/english-taught-degree-courses/index.html>

For a list of courses taught in English, please go to the course catalogue:

<https://sf.uni-regensburg.de>

→ Search for lectures

→ Choose "English" or "English/Deutsch" (for the courses taught in English on demand) from the menu at "Language of instruction"

→ To further narrow your search you can choose a faculty or department

→ Click "search"

3. Learning German:

Students can improve their German before the lecture period starts by participating in the pre-semester intensive language course. This course comprises of ca. **120 hrs** of instruction and carries 12 ECTS. Possible levels are A1, A2, B1, B1+ and B2, if there is enough demand, we will also organize a C1 level course (all levels according to CEFR).

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/application/index.html>

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/application/planning-your-stay/index.html>

During the lecture period, UR's German as a Foreign Language Unit offers an extensive program of German courses, free of charge. A detailed program can be found here:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/zentrum-sprache-kommunikation/daf/kurse/studienbegleitende-deutschkurse/index.html>

The levels are A1, A2, B1, B1+, B2, C1 and C2 (according to CEFR).

Students can obtain credits for all of these courses.

The German as a Foreign Language Unit also offers the following official language certificates:

For the levels A1- B2: Students can obtain a [telc](#) certificate (additional fees apply).

For the levels C1 and C2: Students can obtain a [UNicert](#) certificate (additional fees apply).

4. Learning other languages

Besides learning German, exchange students are also welcome to take courses from the Languages Unit ("SFA") which teaches all kinds of languages from Arabic to Ukrainian on a credit basis.

Unfortunately, these courses can no longer be offered for free as of summer semester 2015. The fee will be 12.50 EUR per contact hour (1 contact hour being 45min.). I.e. a course that takes place every Monday from 9.00- 10.30 am during the whole of the lecture period will be EUR 25.

The course offered are listed in the course catalogue (cf. V.1, under the header: "Sprache und Kommunikation (ZSK)" – "Studienbegleitende Fremdsprachenausbildung (SFA)".

5. Grading System / Instruction

Grading System I (all faculties except Law Faculty):

Regensburg Grades in words	Regensburg Grades	Definition
1 = sehr gut	1,0 1,3	excellent: outstanding performance with only minor errors
2 = gut	1,7 2,0 2,3	very good: above the average standard but with some errors
3 = befriedigend	2,7 3,0 3,3	good: generally sound work with a number of notable errors
4 = ausreichend	3,7	satisfactory: fair but with significant shortcomings
4 = ausreichend	4,0	sufficient: performance meets the minimum criteria
5 = nicht genügend	4,3	fail: some more work required before the credit can be awarded
5 = nicht genügend	4,7 5,0	fail: considerable further work is required

Grading System II (Law Faculty):

Law Grade	Definition (according to exam regulations for German law students)
18 - 16 = sehr gut	a particularly outstanding achievement
15- 14 = gut	an achievement that lies significantly above the average standard
12 - 10 = vollbefriedigend	an achievement that surpasses the average standard
9 - 7 = befriedigend	an achievement that in every regard fulfils the average standard
6 - 5 = ausreichend	an achievement that fulfils the average standard despite deficiencies
4 = ausreichend	

3 - 1 = mangelhaft	an achievement that suffers considerably from deficiencies, as a whole no longer useful
0 = ungenügend	a wholly poor performance

UR does not use ECTS grading. But if you need a conversion table that also includes letter grades, please contact susanne.gschnaidner@ur.de

The winter semester consists of 15 weeks of instruction.
The summer semester consists of 14 weeks of instruction.

VI. Student Life

1. Housing

All exchange students are guaranteed a room in one of the dormitories provided that

- they apply within the deadline and
- they come within UR's semester rhythm.

Please note: We will only make a room reservation for students for the duration of their stay (one or two semesters) **as indicated on the housing form**. Students who have been nominated for one semester only and then apply for an extension **cannot be guaranteed further housing**.

UR does not have on-campus accommodation. The dormitories are located throughout Regensburg but all have good bus connections to campus (a bus ticket is included in the student ID).

Rooms are single rooms with shared kitchen and bathroom. A limited number of rooms with own kitchen and bathroom are available. If students want/or need such a room, they should please add this info to the housing application form.

A very limited amount of double rooms are available. This is not one room shared by two people, but a flat with two individual rooms, bathroom, and kitchen. Therefore a double room is not cheaper than a single room; it is in fact twice as expensive.

The deposit for the room is € 260. The reservation fee is €165.

Rent is paid via direct debit from a German bank account at the beginning of each month. Rent can vary between 180EUR and 300EUR (depending on the size, location and amenities of the room).

Further information on accommodation:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/accommodation/index.html>

2. Health Insurance

All students need to prove adequate health insurance to UR (once in Regensburg).

Additionally non-EU citizens need to prove adequate insurance to the Foreigners' Registration Office and the embassy/consulate when applying for a visa.

Students from EU-countries that have a **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** do not need to obtain any additional health insurance or proof of health insurance.

Students from Turkey should bring an "AT11" confirmation and are urgently advised to take out additional Turkish private insurance to top up what is covered via the "AT11"

All other students need to buy either the German statutory health insurance for students or a private German health insurance, or need to bring health insurance that is accepted by the local Foreigners Registration Office.

In order to be accepted, there must not be any maximum on the coverage. Co-payments are acceptable but the rest has to be covered by the insurance to 100%. Insurances also need to cover medical and dental treatment, prescription medication, bandages and other materials necessary in aiding recovery, treatment in a hospital, medical treatment with regard to rehabilitation (physical therapy), and treatment for pregnancy and birth.

Please note: Some private health insurances that may be accepted by the embassy or consulate for a 90 day period, do not necessarily have to be accepted by the Foreigners Registration Office in Regensburg for a semester or year-long stay. When in doubt, please contact susanne.gschnaidner@ur.de and attach details of the insurance plan (in English or German), before taking out private health insurance.

3. Living Costs/ Fees

The **minimum living costs** are 670EUR per month. This includes rent and health insurance.

Meals: a meal at the university restaurant ("Mensa") costs ca. 4 EUR.

Student Service Fee: Although exchange students are exempt from paying tuition, every student enrolled at UR needs to pay the so-called "semester fee" or "student services fee".

This fee is currently being negotiated. The actual amount will be announced as soon as possible.

German Broadcast Fee:

On January 1, 2013 Germany introduced the "Rundfunkbeitrag". This is a broadcast fee that **all residents** of Germany who have their own room **have to pay**, regardless of whether they use their TV/radio/internet or not.

The amount is currently EUR 17,98 per month. Students should please take this payment seriously and be very conscientious in paying this.

4. Computer Access:

All exchange students are issued their own computer account at UR and will receive their login upon arrival. The internet can be accessed via WiFi throughout our campus after a short registration of the students' computer. The up and download volume on campus is unlimited.

All dorms have computer access. Students might need a couple of days to set up their connection and have to pay a small fee to use internet in their dorms (currently 6EUR per semester). Students are advised to bring their own network cable.

There is a daily up- and download restriction in the dormitories (3.0- 4.7 GB/day). No additional up or download volume can be bought since these restrictions are caused by the infrastructure.

5. Public Transport

Campus, all dormitories and the city center are connected by bus. During rush-hours buses run every ten minutes, some stops are even served every five minutes.

6. Airport Pickup

UR does not offer an airport-pickup. Students arriving at the Munich Airport can either take a commercial shuttle or the train to get to Regensburg. Details can be found here:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/arrival-information/transportation-information/index.html>

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UR general homepage: <http://www.ur.de>

UR International homepage: <http://www.ur.de/international> (German version)

<http://www.ur.de/ur-international> (English version)

UR International Exchange Students Information:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/international/austausch-programmstudierende/index.html> (German version)

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/index.html> (English version)

UR International Office, contact details for all IO staff:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/international-office/index.html>