



University of Potsdam



**STUDY AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF POTSDAM**

International Office

Welcome and Willkommen in Potsdam!



in Germany



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**Times Higher Education
Young University Ranking 2018**

Founded in 1991, the University of Potsdam (UP) is a modern and dynamic institution thoroughly focused on innovative teaching and research. In the 2018 Young University Ranking compiled by Times Higher Education we were ranked #1 in Germany and #17 worldwide.

Situated in the multicultural area of Berlin-Brandenburg, UP attracts students from 119 countries. We offer you a broad range of degree programs in various fields, including a large number of master's programs in English. Moreover, you can choose from several specialized programs, such as short-term summer courses or a preparatory year.

With its many charming castles, surrounding woodland and lakes, Potsdam is the perfect choice for studying abroad in an inspiring and history-soaked environment. One of our three campuses is even located right next to the historical castle Neues Palais and Sanssouci Park, which are recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

We're looking forward to accompanying you on your personal journey at the University of Potsdam!

UP at a Glance

20,878 enrolled students **13%** international students
27% master's students **8%** Ph.D. students

(Data from the Winter Term 2018/19)





Choose Your Study Program

The University of Potsdam offers bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degree programs in many fields, including humanities, cultural studies, human sciences, law, social sciences, natural sciences, and computer science.

You can find all our degree programs at www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study.

German-Language Degree Programs

Most of our degree programs at the bachelor's and master's level are conducted in German.

English-Language Degree Programs

We offer a large number of English-language master's degree programs, such as in Data Science, International War Studies, or Astrophysics, thus covering a wide range of subjects.

Exchange Program

As an exchange student you can attend study courses from lots of disciplines. For more information, go to www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/incoming/students/exchange.

International Summer Campus (ISC): The Smartest Summer in Germany!

The ISC is the umbrella brand for three short-term programs with various courses (taught in German and English) outside the regular university calendar. Find out more at www.uni-potsdam.de/en/isc/ and pick the course that suits you best.

Preparatory Year “Studienvorbereitung Brandenburg”

Are you interested in enrolling in one of UP's degree programs but don't yet possess the necessary entry requirements? This one-year program prepares you for acquiring the university entrance qualification and the required level of German.

Before You Apply

Admission Requirements

	BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS	MASTER'S PROGRAMS	PH.D. PROGRAMS
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	University entrance qualification (HZB) recognized in Germany	Completed first academic degree recognized in Germany	Completed master's degree or equivalent recognized in Germany
DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS	Some degree programs require specific entrance tests	Please consult the website of the specific degree program	Please consult the website of the specific Ph.D. program
LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS	Advanced German language skills at the level of DSH-2 (UP accepts several official certificates as proof of your German skills)	German-taught courses: advanced German language skills; English-taught programs: varying requirements regarding the level of English	Please consult the website of the specific Ph.D. program



Application

Application deadlines and procedures vary for bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. programs.

- For bachelor's and master's programs, you will find more information at www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-enrollment.
- If you are interested in Ph.D. programs, please go to www.uni-potsdam.de/en/research/young-academics/doctoral-candidates.

Study & Live in Potsdam

Finances

No tuition fee is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing-education courses). There is only an administrative fee of around €300/semester, which includes a semester ticket entitling you to free use of public transport. Monthly living expenditures for UP students amount on average to €765/month. For information about scholarship providers, go to www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en.

Working

If you want to gain work experience while studying, you can choose from plenty of job opportunities in different fields. Our Career Service can help you find a job and offers advice on how to write a good application.

Accommodation

In Germany students are required to seek accommodation themselves. There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. If you're interested in staying there, you should take a look at the application criteria. Many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share with friends.

Sports, Culture, and Student Associations

After a long day of sitting in lecture halls and libraries, you deserve some free time. Why not enroll in one of UP's 600 sports courses for students or check out the local theaters and cinemas? Of course, you can also join one of our many student associations.



Discover Potsdam



Potsdam can boast 17 royal palaces and grand buildings. Today the city's palaces and its enchanting parks form one of Germany's biggest UNESCO World Heritage sites.

In the town center you can find lots of inspiring theaters, concert halls, and museums. Potsdam is also home to one of the world's oldest film studios, Studio Babelsberg. Famous movies like *Metropolis*, *Inglourious Basterds*, or *The Grand Budapest Hotel* were shot here.

Potsdam has a lot in store for nature addicts. Situated alongside the river Havel and surrounded by lakes and greenery, it is the perfect spot for long strolls, running, and swimming outdoors. If you prefer exploring big cities, then just hop on the next train and within 30 minutes, you'll have reached Germany's bustling capital, Berlin.

10 Reasons to Study at the University of Potsdam



1. *Study at the best young university in Germany (THE Young University Ranking 2018).*
2. *Be part of an international academic community with people from 119 countries.*
3. *Enjoy Potsdam's charming lakes and parks.*
4. *Get an excellent education without paying tuition fees.*
5. *Join one of our 600 sports courses for students.*
6. *Benefit from the University's co-operations with more than 40 research institutes of international acclaim.*
7. *Make new friends through our buddy and language exchange programs.*
8. *Study right next to a UNESCO World Heritage site.*
9. *Get to Berlin in just 30 minutes by train.*
10. *Take in a breath of cinematic air at one of Europe's largest film studios, nearby.*



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