The University of Konstanz - an Overview
Young university

1966 Founding of the university and first lectures
1972 Opening of the newly built university campus
since 2006 / 2007 Success in the German Excellence Initiative

Reform university

- departmental structure and a flat hierarchies
- interdisciplinary approach to research as a ‘campus university’
- strict performance-based internal funding allocation
- efficient centralised research and administrative services
Studying in Konstanz means...

- excellent teaching and research
- 11,700 students from more than 90 countries
- more than 100 study programmes in 13 departments
  (humanities, mathematics and natural sciences, law, economics, politics and administration)
- interdisciplinary study programmes
- international exchange programmes with 350 universities worldwide
- close ties between research and teaching
- optimal student-to-staff ratio
- ideal studying and working conditions
- excellent service facilities
Study between Lake and Alps

- next to Lake Constance with a view on the Alps
- located outside the city of Konstanz on the Giessberg hill
City of Konstanz

- mid-sized city with 86,000 inhabitants (110,000 incl. the Swiss town of Kreuzlingen)
- historic city centre with many shopping and entertainment options
- a wide range of cultural activities
- high standard of living and high quality leisure activities
- great public transportation system
- bike-friendly city
- near the European Alps, on the shores of Lake Constance and the Rhine river
- international location near the borders to both Switzerland and Austria
Lake Constance – border triangle
Distances from Konstanz

- 60 km to Zürich, Switzerland
- 70 km to Black Forest
- 170 km to Stuttgart
- 190 km to Munich
- 270 km to Frankfurt
- 360 km to Venice, Italy
- 250 km to Milan, Italy
- 520 km to Paris, France
- 630 km to Berlin
City of Konstanz
Studying without borders

- Live and study in the university cities of Konstanz and Kreuzlingen?
- Visit the **online guide** for helpful information about living in the border cities
- It provides valuable tips on
  - accommodation and job search
  - shopping and transportation
  - restaurants, bars and cafes
  - culture, sports and leisure activities
  - the legendary carnival and much more

- [studying-without-borders.com](http://studying-without-borders.com)
Arts and culture
Campus university

- clear structures
- centralised services
- short distances
Facts and figures

Students

- Students: 11,700
- International students: 1,520 (13%)

Study Programmes

- 27 Bachelor’s programmes (major)
- 19 Bachelor’s programmes (minor)
- 31 Master’s programmes (19 international)
- 33 Bachelor’s and Master’s of Education
- 1 State Examination in Law
- 23 Doctoral programmes
Faculties and departments

**Faculty of Sciences**
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Computer and Information Science
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Psychology

**Faculty of Humanities**
- Philosophy
- History and Sociology
- Literary Studies
- Linguistics

**Faculty of Politics, Law and Economics**
- Politics and Public Administrations
- Law
- Economics
Excellence Initiative

- since 2007, successful in all three funding lines

Cluster of Excellence
"Cultural Foundations of Social Integration"

Institutional Strategy
"Modell Konstanz – Towards a Culture of Creativity"

Graduate Schools
1. Konstanz Research School "Chemical Biology"
2. Graduate School of "Decision Sciences"

- for the current German Excellence Strategy programme, three of four research cluster initiatives have been invited to submit a full proposal
Rankings

According to the 2016 Times Higher Education (THE) Ranking “THE 150 under 50”, the University of Konstanz placed 7th in the world and 1st among German universities.
International links

- approx. **350** international exchange programmes:
- **230** ERASMUS+ partner universities in Europe
- **77** university and subject-specific partnerships
- **32** overseas student exchange cooperations
Tuition fees for some international students

Beginning in the winter semester 2017/18, the state of Baden-Württemberg will require some international students to pay university tuition fees for their first degree studies.

- 1,500 € per semester for non EU- and non EEA-states

These funds will be used to finance support services for international students at the university and secure long-term financing of university education in Baden-Württemberg.

- uni.kn/tuitionfees
Open doors – Excellent service facilities

- Departmental study programme coordinators
- Central Student Advisory Service (ZSB)
- Student Service Centre (SSZ)
- Career Service
- International Office
- Seezeit student services
- Binational School of Education
- Writing Centre
- Language Institute (SLI)
Prize-winning library

- open 24 hours a day, including weekends
- two million media items: 1,7 million printed books, 135,000 e-books, 50,000 journal subscriptions and other media
- extensive modern work and learning space: 1,600 workplaces + 200 PC and multimedia work stations
Career support

- Central Student Advisory Service (ZSB)
- Career Service: internship and job database

Guidance on the following topics:
- next steps: career entry or doctoral studies?
- career planning
- creating a professional profile
- application documents
- internship and job-search
- preparing for job interviews and assessment centres
- questions about working in Germany and abroad

– uni.kn/career-service
Advancement of junior researchers

Structures and procedures
- university-wide doctoral and postdoctoral regulations
- tenure-track junior professorships
- Code of Practice for Researchers between Doctoral Studies and Professorship
- status as an “independent young researcher from Konstanz”

Programmes and institutions
- 23 doctoral programmes
- Zukunftskolleg: interdisciplinary support programme for post-doctoral students

Support
- Academic Staff Development: to develop academics, staff, teaching competencies
- Young Scholar Fund (YSF)
- Welcome Center and other services
- family-friendly university
Family-friendly university

Certification: twice certified by the Hertie Foundation

Gender-Kodex: university has committed itself to follow ten standards on gender equality and family orientation

Measures:

- child care, emergency child care
- part-time study
- Kinderhaus daycare centre on campus
- Kinderzimmer (KiZ) for flexible short-term child care
- attractiveness for students with child (incl. student-parents card)
Campus life around the clock

- lectures and presentations
- Campus Café
- canteen
- 24-hour library
- big band, choir, orchestra, theatre
- water sports centre, fitness centre
First-rate physical fitness activities

Sports programme

- uniEvent: sporting events
- uniFamily: family sports
- uniFit: health
- uniMotion: fitness centre
- uniNature: mountain, snow and water
- uniSport: ball and other popular sports, fitness, martial arts, dancing
- uniTournament: competitions
- uniVenture: adventure-based learning

hsp.uni.kn
First-rate physical fitness activities

More than 150 courses per semester from A as in Aikido to Z as in Zen meditation, including:

**Mountain sports:** bouldering, climbing, hiking, trekking, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing …

**Water sports:** canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing, standup paddleboarding, swimming, diving …

**Team sports:** basketball, football, handball, floorball, lacrosse, rugby, underwater rugby, volleyball …

**Racket games:** badminton, table tennis, tennis …

**Individual sports:** archery, track and field, boxing, cycling, dancing, fencing, gymnastics, martial arts …

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Thank you for your attention!

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