Welcome to Konstanz!

Combine your B.A./M.A. studies with an enriching experience in the heart of Europe.

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Konstanz: Studying in the heart of Europe – between Lake and Alps
Your exchange to Konstanz: Main advantages

Combine your studies at home with an exchange to Konstanz and enjoy a multitude of advantages:

1. **Study at a highly ranked university and department with close ties between teaching and research**
   - University ranked No. 1 in Germany and No. 7 worldwide among young universities (Times Higher Education ranking 2016: “THE 150 under 50”)
   - Department ranked among the top-3 political-science departments in Germany

2. **Study in the heart of Europe – between Lake and Alps**
   - Distance to selected European destinations:
     - Lake Constance: walking distance! | Black Forest: 1 hr |
     - Zurich: 1 hr | Basel: 1.5 hrs | Alps: 1.5 hrs | Stuttgart: 2 hrs |
     - Strasbourg: 2.5 hrs | Frankfurt: 3.5 hrs | Munich: 3.5 hrs | …
Your exchange to Konstanz: Main advantages

Combine your studies at home with an exchange to Konstanz and enjoy a multitude of advantages:

3. Course instruction predominantly in English (M.A. level) or both in English and German (B.A. level)
   → Possible combination with German language courses and German cultural studies

4. Work as a student assistant at the Department / University or find an internship through our large internship database
   → Your benefit: practical experience + some remuneration!

5. Personal support by our academic and administrative staff
   → 16 professors | approx. 70 junior and senior researchers | 8 administrative officers, including 4 student advisers!
Your exchange to Konstanz: Main features

All roads lead to Konstanz:

1. Undergraduate students: (Erasmus+) exchange for $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 academic year
   - No tuition fees in Germany!
   - Modules in English and German
   - German language courses and German cultural studies
   - Work at university or find an internship

2. Graduate students: M.A. studies ($1^{st}$ or $2^{nd}$ year)
   - No tuition fees in Germany!
   - Modules in English
   - German language courses and German cultural studies
   - Work at university or find an internship
   - Receive a Master’s degree from Konstanz
   - Prepare for your PhD studies (in Konstanz or elsewhere)
The Department

19 (junior) professorships, representing a broad array of studies:

- **International Politics**
  - → Prof. Dr. Dirk Leuffen, Prof. Dr. Gerald Schneider

- **International Politics and Conflict Management**
  - → Prof. Dr. Katharina Holzinger

- **Political Economy**
  - → Jun.-Prof. Dr. Michael Becher

- **Comparative Politics**
  - → Prof. Dr. Christian Breunig

- **Comparative Politics of Non-democratic States**
  - → Prof. Dr. Nils Weidmann

- **German Politics and Public Administration**
  - → Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Seibel, Jun.-Prof. Dr. Christina Zuber
The Department

19 (junior) professorships, representing a broad array of studies:

- Public Administration
  → Prof. Dr. Nathalie Behnke, Prof. Dr. Ines Mergel

- Management, esp. Strategy and Leadership
  → Prof. Dr. Sabine Boerner

- Management, esp. Organisational Studies
  → Prof. Dr. Florian Kunze

- Policy Analysis and Political Theory
  → Prof. Dr. Marius Busemeyer

- Empirical Theory of the State
  → Prof. Dr. Volker Schneider

- Empirical and Normative Democratic Theory
  → apl. Prof. Dr. Sven Jochem
The Department

19 (junior) professorships, representing a broad array of studies:

- **Empirical Research Methods**  
  → Prof. Dr. Susumu Shikano

- **Survey Research**  
  → Prof. Dr. Peter Selb

- **International Administration and Conflict Management**  
  → Dr. Alexander de Juan (temporary professorship)

- **European Governance**  
  → Prof. Dr. Gijs Jan Brandsma (permanent guest professorship)

+ **Interdisciplinary orientation:** close ties to neighbouring disciplines  
  → law, economics, sociology, history, philosophy, psychology, …

+ **Research orientation:** close ties between research and teaching
The Programmes

B.A.
Politics and Public Administration

M.A.
Politics and Public Administration

Double degree options:
- UPF Barcelona (ES)
- IEP Grenoble (FR)
- Essex (GB)
- Gothenburg (SE)
- ChU Prague (CZ)
- Utrecht (NL)
- Warwick (GB)
- Rutgers (USA)

M.Sc.
Social and Economic Data Analysis (SEDA)

PhD
Politics and Public Administration

M.Sc.
Political Economy (PolEcon)
English-language course offerings: B.A. level

Examples from Summer Semester 2016 and Winter Semester 2016/2017:

- Decision-Making in the European Union
- Data Analysis with R
- Ethical Leadership Theories: Practice what you Preach
- Applied Bayesian Statistics
- Introduction to Survey Methodology
- Organizational Behavior
- Diplomacy and Armed Conflict
- Using Digital Trace Data in the Social Sciences
- Corporate Social Responsibility: Why Do Corporations Assume Social Responsibility?
- Conceptualizing and Measuring Effects of Political Communication in International Comparison
- Data Sources in Peace and Conflict Research
- Digital Media Ethics and Corporate Responsibility
- Good Government: Political Regimes, Public Administration and Well-Being
- International Territorial Administrations and Security Sector Management
- Introduction to Party Politics
English-language course offerings: M.A. level

Examples from Summer Semester 2016 and Winter Semester 2016/2017:

- Research Design I & II
- Basic Seminar: International Relations and European Integration
- Basic seminar: Conflict, Conflict Management and Post-Conflict Reconstruction
- Parties, Public Opinion, and Democracy
- Perspectives on Political Violence: Top-Down vs. Bottom-Up
- Political Theories Across the Globe: International and Comparative Perspectives
- Resilience in (Post-) Conflict Societies
- Sovereignty Referendums in Comparative Politics
- Transforming Politics in Central and Eastern Europe after 1989
- Consequences of EU Membership for the Nation States of Europe
- Corporate Social Responsibility & Corporate Citizenship
- Crises and European Integration in Theory and Practice
- Democracy in Divided Societies
- Diplomacy and Armed Conflict
- European Union Politics, Administration and Law
- Globalization, Global Governance, and Public Administration
- International Security Studies: Concepts, Approaches, and Challenges
- Introduction to Methods in Political Geography
- Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies
The Programmes

Usual expenses in Konstanz:

- Accommodation: 270 – 390 € / month
  (student accommodation)
  300 – 450 € / month
  (private accommodation)
- Food, clothes, …: ca. 400 € / month
- University fees: 150 € / semester
  (waiver for Erasmus+ students)
- Public transportation: 52 € / semester
- Health insurance: 80 € / month
- Broadcasting fees: 18 € / month

+ Leisure activities: travelling, skiing, …
- Remuneration from a job?
The practical dimension: Job opportunities inside and outside the University

Option 1: You work at the University
- There are a number of student jobs: in the departmental administration, the International Office, research projects, …
- Contracts of between 20 and 50 hours per month
- Gross hourly wages of 9.16 € (B.A.) or 10.68 € (M.A.)
- Usually, all students interested in a job are able to find a job

Option 2: You look for an internship
- Our department maintains a large internship database
- Hundreds of job offerings exclusive to our students!
- Internship positions at international organizations, NGOs, public authorities, private enterprises – in Germany, Europe, and worldwide
The international dimension: Studying abroad

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The international dimension: Studying abroad

Double degree options (M.A. level):

- Rutgers (USA)
- Essex & Warwick (UK)
- Utrecht (NL)
- Gothenburg (SE)
- Erasmus
- Prague (CZ)
- Erasmus
- Barcelona (ES)
- Grenoble (FR)
- Rhône-Alpes
- DAAD
- Konstanz
The service dimension: Central service facilities

University Library
- Open access + open 24/7 (!)
- More than 2 million media: 1.7 million printed books, 135,000 e-books, 50,000 journal subscriptions, DVDs, and other media
- 1,000 workplaces + 200 PC and multimedia workplaces

Language Institute (SLI)
- Course instruction in more than 20 modern languages, including German as a foreign language
- Self-access Study Centre (SLZ)
- Tandem learning
- Language testing in German, English, French, Spanish
The service dimension: Central service facilities

Competence Centre for Key Skills (SQ-Z)
- Training on communicative, social and personal skills
- Training on job-related skills
- Training on writing skills

Career Service
- Counselling on job application and career planning
- Job application training
- Internship and job database

International Office
- Counselling on administrative matters (housing, visa, health insurance, …)
- Organization of orientation programmes
A sound mind in a sound body: University sports

Loads of indoor and outdoor sports (uniSport):

- **Team sports**: basketball, football, handball, floorball, lacrosse, rugby, underwater rugby, volleyball, …
- **Racket games**: badminton, table tennis, tennis, …
- **Individual sports**: archery, athletics, boxing, cycling, dancing, fencing, gymnastics, martial arts, running, …
- **Mountain sports**: bouldering, climbing, hiking, trekking, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, …
- **Water sports**: canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing, standup paddleboarding, swimming, diving, …

+ fitness centre (uniMotion)
+ fitness, health, and relaxation classes (uniFit)
+ national and international tournaments (uniTournament)
+ special events (uniEvent)
Inhabitants (in 2015)

- **Total**: 84,290
- **Foreign**: 12,004 (14.2%)

**Coastline**: 34 kilometres

**Sunshine**: 1858.6 hrs / year

**Twin cities**: Fontainebleau (FR),
Lodi (IT), Richmond (UK),
Suzhou (CN), Tabor (CZ)
Science in Paradise: The City of Konstanz

Cultural institutions:
- 1 theatre (3 venues/stages)
- 2 cinemas
- 3 cultural centres
- 1 aquarium
- 5 museums
- 2 indoor swimming pools
- 100 sports clubs
Science in Paradise: The surroundings

**Meersburg:** Medieval town, home to an Old Castle and a New Castle

**Rhine Falls:** Largest plain waterfall in Europe

**Reichenau:** Island in Lake Constance, UNESCO World Heritage!
Science in Paradise: The surroundings

**Säntis**: Highest mountain (2,502 m) in the nearby Alpstein massif

**Birnau**: Cloister church with stunning views on Lake Constance, Säntis and the Alpstein massif

**Pfahlbauten**: Neolithic pile dwellings, UNESCO World Heritage!

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Thank you for your attention!

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