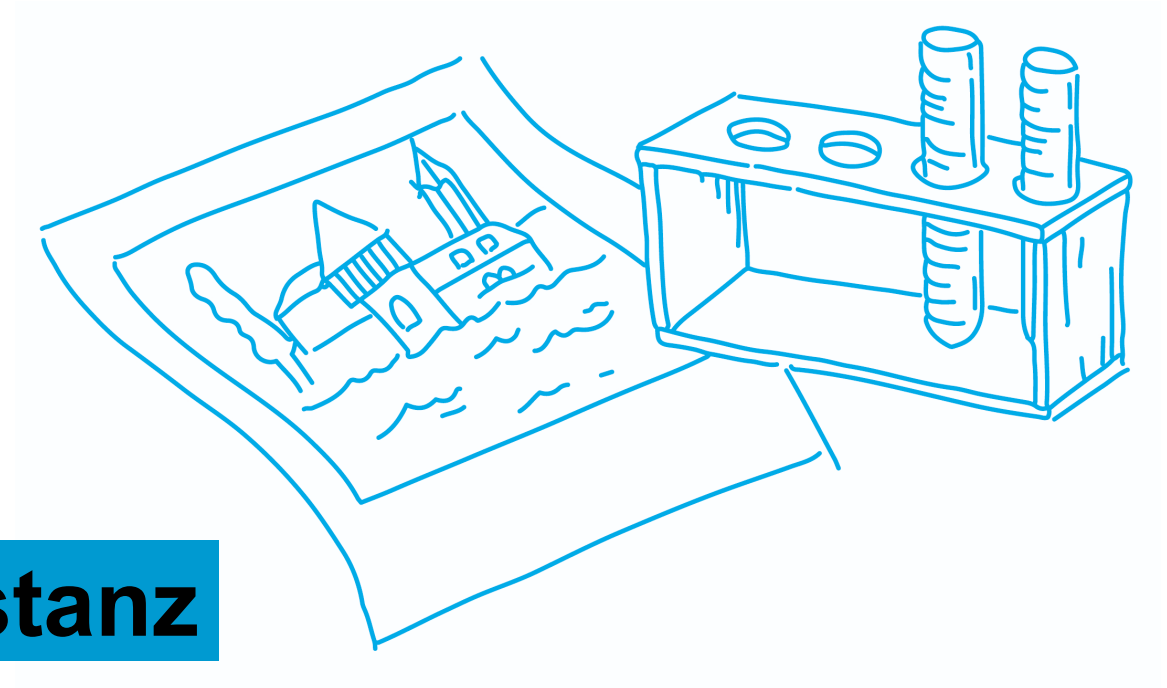


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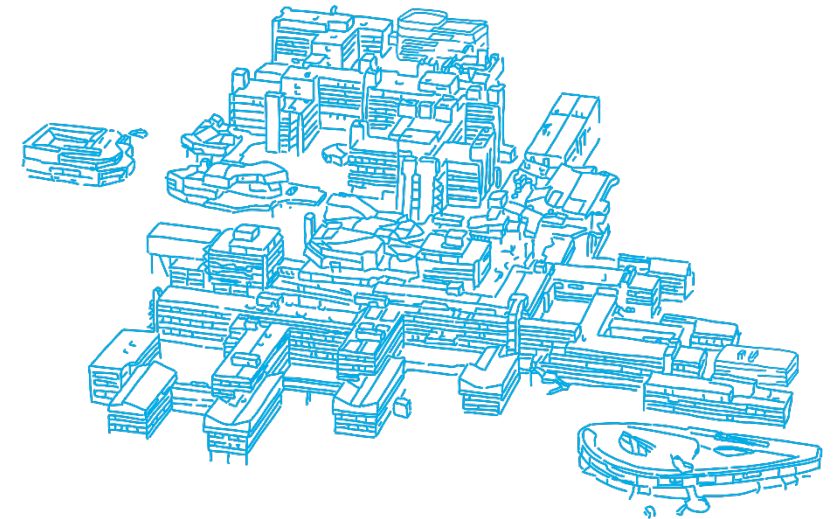
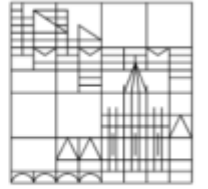


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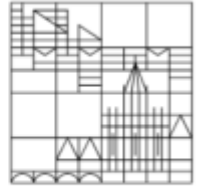
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Warm up

- [Link to Quiz](#)
- <https://antworte.jetzt/quiz/QuizSekl>



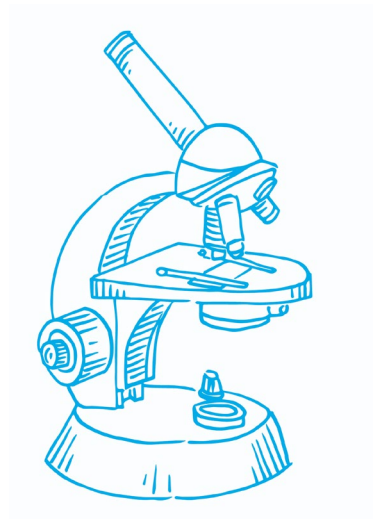
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The Faculty of Sciences



General information and research

- biggest faculty at the University of Konstanz: around 100 professors and 700 academic employees
- high percentage of international staff and students
- consists of six departments: Mathematics and Statistics, Computer and Information Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Psychology
- cutting-edge research in many fields
- small research groups and warm welcome culture with direct contact to professors and supervisors



The Faculty of Sciences



Six departments and Erasmus+ coordination

- each department has its own Erasmus+ coordination
- is in charge of
 - general academic advice e.g. course selection
 - Erasmus+/Exchange programme related forms
 - signing learning agreements
 - helping you with general questions related to your studies
- useful additional information and office hours on Landing Page
[Link: Faculty of Sciences - International](#)

Faculty of Sciences

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**Mathematics and
Statistics**

Dr. Volker Bürkel

**Computer and
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Maria Hesse, Katrin
Winkler

Physics

Anke Sieb

Chemistry

Jutta Gutser-Bleuel

Biology

Sascha Beneke

Psychology

Serpil Hummel

Calendar and important dates

Academic year, study periods

- academic year overview: [Link](#)
- winter semester 2023/2024 study period: 1 October 2023 – 31 March 2024
- lecture period: 23 October 2023 – 10 February 2024
- lecture-free period: around Christmas and New Year's: 23 December 2023 – 7 January 2024
- exam period: last two weeks of the lecture period (plus: eventually first week of lecture-free period)
- **Important!** Have a close look at the exact exam period at your department.



Courses

Course types

- lectures with homework assignments and tutorials (Mathematics, Physics, Biology)
 - teaching in large groups
 - tutorials provide a platform for discussions of exercises
- seminars (Mathematics, Psychology, Biology)
 - student-centred teaching in smaller groups
- courses with practical parts (Biology, Physics)
 - self-directed lab work
- **Important!** Attendance in all sessions of a course is mandatory except from lectures.
Missing more than two sessions unexcused may result in failing the course.



Courses

Course catalogue platform

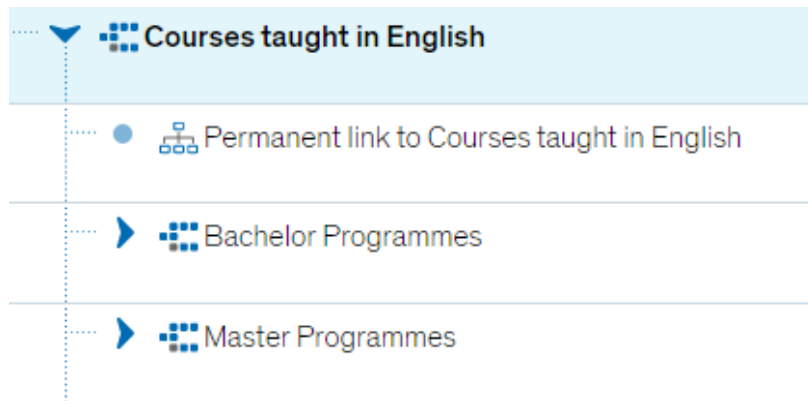
– ZEuS

Welcome to ZEuS!

ZEuS is the University of Konstanz's central enrolment and student portal.

– Courses taught in English

– choose your study level and department: [Link](#)



Courses

Course registration



- updated course information available in ZEuS, especially on teaching methods, literature and workload
- course registration is only possible after ZEuS log-in with university ID
- course registration period: starts approximately on 1 October or 1 November and lasts at least for four weeks
- when problems arise with the registration contact the departmental Examination Office or your coordinator



Courses

Interdisciplinary course selection



- in principle possible to take courses from other departments
- **Important!** There are departmental-specific regulations and some exceptions regarding seminars.
- carefully read through prerequisites for the course in ZEuS
- if interested, contact the lecturer and ask whether it is possible to participate
- in case of a positive answer, normal course registration via ZEuS
- with technical problems, contact your departmental Erasmus+ coordinator or the departmental Examination Office

Courses

E-learning platform

- **Ilias:** [Link to Ilias](#)
- log-in with your university account
- register for your courses you attend
- electronic learning material from all the departments is provided
- Ilias is only for literature, lecture materials, assignments, ...
- **Important!** Official registration for your course is via **ZEuS**.

Please **login** with your university account (**name.surname**)

Login to ILIAS

Username *

Password *

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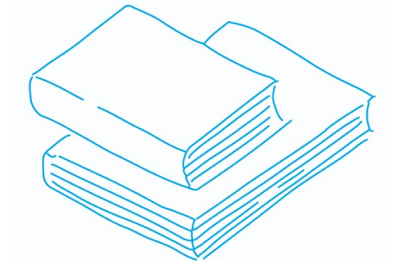
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Examinations

Examination registration



- information about exam types are available in ZEuS
- examination registration period: starts approximately on 1 November 2023 or later and lasts at least for four weeks
- **Important!** Examination registration periods differ between the departments within the Faculty of Sciences.
- **Important!** Examination registration via ZEuS is obligatory for all study achievements for which you want to gain ECTS.
- when technical problems arise with the registration contact the departmental Examination Office



Examinations

Attendance

- **Important!** You don't receive ECTS for an exam without having registered in advance.
- **Important!** If you don't show up without valid reason will result in course failure.
- when ill on the day of the exam inform the departmental Examination Office immediately by email that you will not be able to participate
- hand in a medical certificate without any delay
- form for download on the webpage of the Central Examination Office: [Link](#)

Reexamination and grading

- there are individual regulations in each department
- get in touch with the Erasmus+ coordinator or the student advisor in your department



Interdisciplinary course offers

The language Institute (SLI)

- responsible for all practical language courses
- for international students there are German language courses at basic, intermediate and advanced level
- registration is possible after language placement test of the SLI
- **Important!** Registration is not possible in advance or online.



Interdisciplinary course offers



The Centre for Transferable Skills

- offers courses to gather interdisciplinary qualifications e.g. academic writing, giving an oral presentation, ...
- current courses are listed in the course catalogue in ZEuS, also Courses Taught in English under the branch Transferable Skills
- **Important!** Registration in advance in ZEuS is needed.
- **Important!** Registration to the course means automatic registration for the exam.
- if you do not want to take part it is obligatory to deregister from the course

Extension of your stay



Extension is possible from the winter semester 2023/24 into the summer semester 2024

- application deadline: 1 December 2023
- it is not guaranteed to live in a Seezeit student accommodation in the extended period
- written permission from the International Office of your home university is needed
- departmental Erasmus+ coordinator at the University of Konstanz has to accept the extension
- all signed documents have to be submitted at the International Office of the University of Konstanz
- all important information and documents are available on the webpage of the International Office of the University of Konstanz: [Link](#)



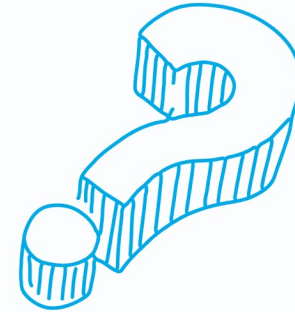
Useful background knowledge

Who to ask for what?

Departmental Study Advisors

Erasmus+ Coordinators

- Erasmus+/Exchange programme related forms
- general academic advice for courses of their departments



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- always available by e-mail
- for office hours have a look at the departmental homepage or the central homepage for the Faculty of Sciences: [Link](#)

International Office

Inbound Team

- Tina Bebensee, Frank Lutzenberger et al.
- organisation of your stay, e.g. housing, orientation programme
- transcripts

Student Council

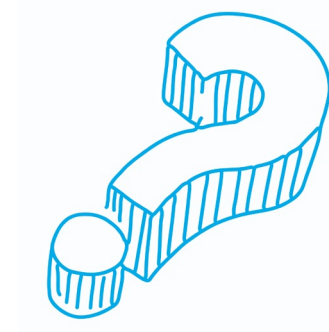
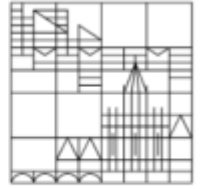
- inside information about level of courses and professors
- sometimes provide old exam papers

Useful background knowledge

Erasmus+ coordinators

- Mathematics and Statistics: Dr. Volker Bürkel
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- Computer and Information Science: Maria Hesse/Katrin Winkler
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- Chemistry: Jutta Gutser-Bleuel
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- Biology: Sascha Beneke
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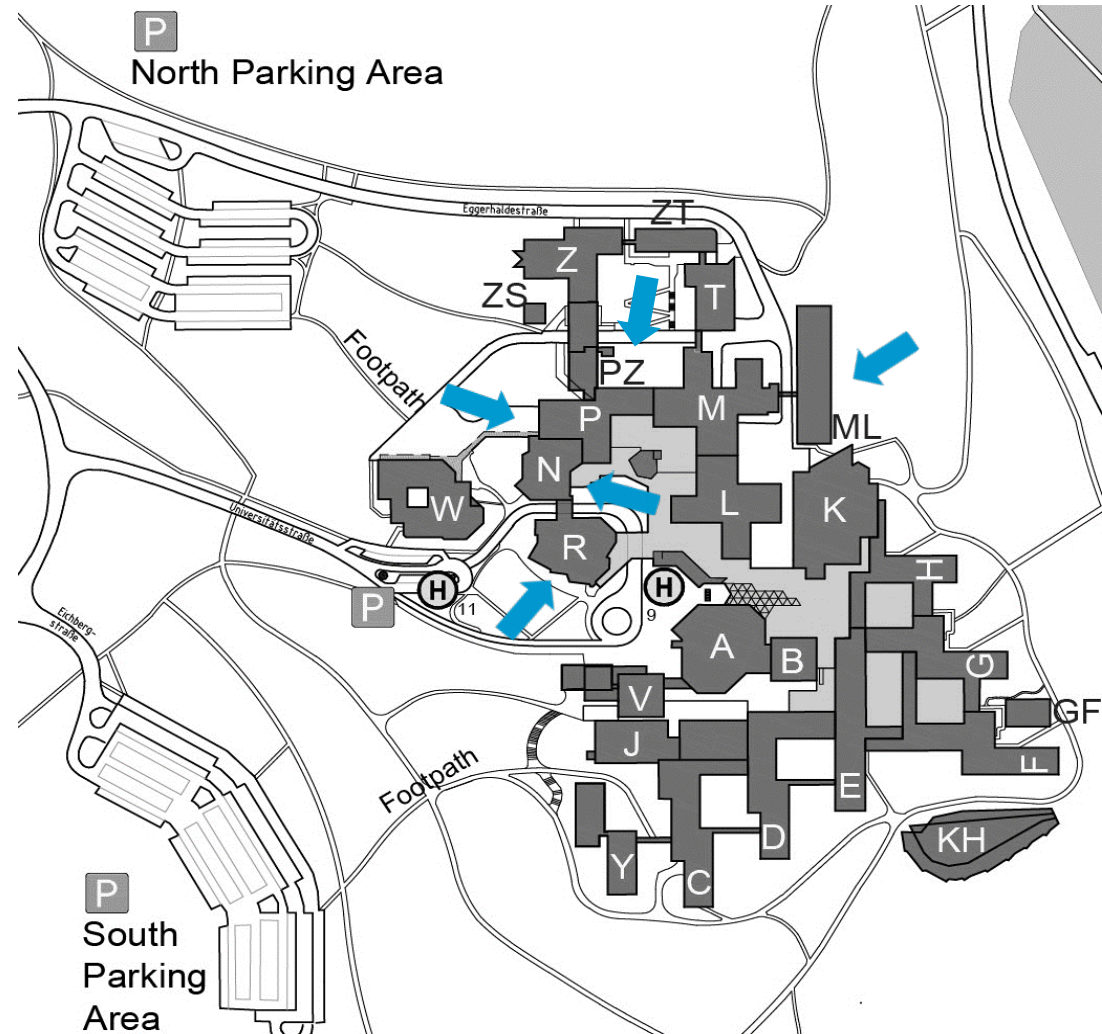
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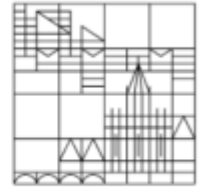
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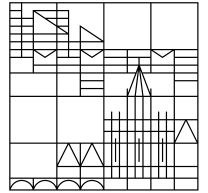
Most important buildings

- **M & ML**: Biology
- **N**: library
- **P**: Physics
- **PZ**: Computer and Information Science
- **R**: big lecture rooms; office coordination for exchange mobilities Faculty of Sciences



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Enjoy your study exchange and your time in Konstanz!

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