The University of Konstanz

The University of Konstanz is one of Germany’s top research universities. It is a young, modern campus university with more than 10,600 students located in spacious grounds. Both students and the academic staff value the excellent working conditions which are rounded off by first-class services.

One of the Top Eleven

Konstanz is one of the eleven universities whose institutional strategy to promote top-level research is being supported by the Excellence Initiative of the German federal and state governments.

In the current Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings «THE 100 under 50», the University of Konstanz has achieved an outstanding 14th position in the worldwide comparison. This excellent international position makes Konstanz the best German university amongst those assessed, all of which are under 50 years old.

Internationality

Students from more than 90 countries are registered at the University of Konstanz. Students and researchers at Konstanz enjoy exchange possibilities with more than 250 collaborating universities worldwide.

International Triangle

The University of Konstanz lies in the international triangle of Germany – Switzerland – Austria, an ideal starting point to discover Europe. Cooperation projects beyond the borders expand the study options, attractive travel destinations and trips enrich personal experience.

Zurich international airport is within quick and easy reach.

The catalogue of courses includes over 100 study options in the fields of mathematics and the natural sciences, the humanities, politics, law and economics. These include interdisciplinary courses and study programmes held in English, all options being offered at the bachelor, master and PhD level. Excellent ranking results regularly confirm the high quality of study in Konstanz.

Research Profile

Cooperation across the boundaries of departments and sections is the key principle of research at the University of Konstanz. Research focuses at the University of Konstanz are on the Humanities and the Social Sciences: Cultural Studies and Decision Sciences; in the Life and Natural Sciences: Chemical Biology and Ecology, along with Nano and Materials Sciences. The facilities funded by the Excellence Initiative, the two graduate schools Chemical Biology and Decision Sciences, the Cluster of Excellence »Cultural Foundations of Social Integration« and the outstanding promotion of young talent in the »Zukunftskolleg« sharpen the research profile of the University.

Fields of Study

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Career Service
The Career Service at the University of Konstanz uses its long-standing connections with companies and employers to help students find placements for practical experience and graduates starting their careers.

Degrees taught in English
The University of Konstanz offers a number of international, English-language master's degree programmes, such as the European Master in Government, International Sport Studies, Economics and Information Engineering, and a variety of dual-degree options.

Student Support
Introductory programmes and integration schemes offer you a warm welcome so you can quickly adapt to German university life. The International Office provides comprehensive support services at all stages – from the very first contact, throughout the stay and beyond departure.

Pre-Semester Courses
Ensure yourself a good start to your successful study abroad experience in Germany. Join one of our pre-semester orientation options dealing with formalities and German academic culture: 4 weeks with German intensive language training or a one week crash course.

24/7 Library
The library at the University of Konstanz is open seven days a week and 24 hours a day. It is one of the best libraries in the German-speaking area and offers excellent services with an open-stack system.

Buddy Programme
Enjoy a personal welcome by a local: A local student picks you up on arrival and supports you in finding your way around the University and town. For academic advice, we have a network of student tutors with study-abroad experience for each region.

Leisure Activities
There are many ways to spend your free time in the city of Konstanz. A fascinating cultural scene, many lively pubs and cafés, numerous sports activities and the surrounding nature offer great variety for relaxation.

Excursions
The student group LEI organises culture and leisure activities providing you with experiences unique to Germany. Get on the bus with them and discover the Lake Constance surroundings, German cultural heritage, the Alps and nearby cities like Zurich or Munich.

Teaching and Research
Many research projects at the University of Konstanz thrive from the active participation of the students. No matter which subject you choose, you always benefit from the first-class research which flows directly into teaching.

Campus University
The University of Konstanz is a modern campus university with a clear and excellent profile. In brief: distances on campus are short, university life is lively, working conditions are excellent and there are many recreation possibilities.