

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Fact Sheet 2026/27

SEMESTER DATES	Winter Semester:	01 October - 31 March
	Summer Semester:	01 April - 30 September
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/academic-year	
NOMINATION PERIOD	Winter Semester:	15 March - 01 May
	Summer Semester:	15 September - 01 November
APPLICATION PERIOD	Winter Semester:	15 March - 15 May
	Summer Semester:	15 September - 15 November

WINTER SEMESTER 2026/27	Beginning of semester:	01 October 2026
	Arrival period:	starting 01 October 2026
	Orientation week:	TBA
	Course period:	12 October 2026 - 05 February 2027
	Winter break:	24 December 2026 - 06 January 2027
	End of semester:	31 March 2027
SUMMER SEMESTER 2027	Beginning of semester:	01 April 2027
	Arrival period:	TBA
	Orientation week:	TBA
	Course period:	mid-April - mid-July 2027
	End of semester:	30 September 2027

EXAMS	Please note: Exams can take place during the course period or until the official end of semester in March (winter semester) / September (summer semester).	
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EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES An overview on our available programmes can be found on the following page. The chosen exchange programme must be in coherence with the study programme at the home university (i.e. a student from Biology cannot join an exchange programme for Law students). Please also keep potential programme restrictions in mind that might be specified within the bilateral agreement between our institutions.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION German is the main language of instruction at the University of Bayreuth. Some programmes and courses are also taught in English. The availability of English-taught courses may vary between study programmes. Please find an overview on our exchange programmes and their language of instruction on the following page.

MODE OF TEACHING The current mode of teaching at the University of Bayreuth is in-person / on campus.

The University of Bayreuth has seven faculties:

Faculty I: [Faculty of Mathematics, Physics & Computer Science](#)

Faculty II: [Faculty of Biology, Chemistry & Earth Sciences](#)

Faculty III: [Faculty of Law, Business & Economics](#)

Faculty IV:
[Faculty of Languages & Literatures](#)
Faculty V:
[Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences](#)
Faculty VI:
[Faculty of Engineering Science](#)
Faculty VII:
[Faculty of Life Sciences: Food, Nutrition & Health](#)

BACHELOR'S LEVEL

MASTER'S LEVEL

AFRICAN ARTS

African Verbal and Visual Arts (B.A.) (English)

African Verbal and Visual Arts (M.A.) (English)

AFRICAN STUDIES

Interdisciplinary African Studies (B.A.) (German)

African Studies: Critical Perspectives on Society, Politics, Culture (M.A.) (English)

BIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY

Biology (B.Sc.) (German)
Biochemistry (B.Sc.) (German)

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (M.Sc.) (German)
Environment, Climate Change and Health (M.Sc.) (English)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business Administration (B.Sc.) (German & English)

Business Administration (M.Sc.) (German & English)

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry (B.Sc.) (German)

Natural Products & Drug Chemistry (M.Sc.) (English)
Environmental Chemistry (M.Sc.) (English)
Materials Chemistry & Catalysis (English)

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science (B.Sc.) (German & English)

Computer Science (M.Sc.) (English)
Scientific Computing (M.Sc.) (English)

ECONOMICS

Economics (B.Sc.) (German & English)

Economics (M.Sc.) (German & English)

ENGINEERING

Engineering Science (B.Sc.) (German)

Automotive Components Engineering (M.Sc.) (German)
Mechanical Engineering (M.Sc.) (German)
Electrical Engineering & Information Systems Technology (M.Sc.) (German)
Digitalization & Sustainability in Materials Science & Engineering (M.Sc.) (English)

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental & Resource Technology (B.Sc.)(German)

Environment, Climate Change and Health (M.Sc.) (English)
Biodiversity & Ecology (M.Sc.) (German & English)

GEO-ECOLOGY

Ecology and the Environmental Sciences (B.Sc.)(German)

Global Change Ecology (M.Sc.) (English)
Experimental Geosciences (M.Sc.) (English)

GEOGRAPHY	Geography: Society and Environment (B.Sc.) (German)	Environmental Geography (M.Sc.) (English)	
HISTORY	History (B.A.) (German & English)	History & Economics (M.A.) (English) Global History (M.A.) (English)	
LANGUAGES & LITERATURE	English and American Studies (B.A.) (English)*	Intercultural Anglophone Studies (M.A.) (English)*	F
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LAW	Law (German & English)*	Law (German & English)*
LIFE & HEALTH	Food and Health Sciences (B.Sc.) (German) **	Food Quality and Safety (M.Sc.) (English) ** Food System Sciences (English) ** Global Food, Nutrition and Health (M.Sc.) (English) **
MATERIALS	Materials Science & Engineering (B.Sc.) (German)	Battery Materials and Technology (M.Sc.) (English) Materials Science & Engineering (M.Sc.) (German) Polymer Science (M.Sc.) (German & English)
MATHEMATICS	Mathematics (B.Sc.) (German)	Mathematics (M.Sc.) (German)
MEDIA	Media Studies (B.A.) (German)	Media Culture & Media Economy (M.A.) (German) Literature und Media (M.A.) (German)
MUSIC & THEATRE	Music Theatre Studies (B.A.) (German)	Music und Performance (M.A.) (German) Opera und Performance (M.A.) (German)
PHILOSOPHY	Philosophy & Economics (B.A.) (German & English)	Philosophy & Economics (M.A.) (German & English) Philosophy & Computer Science (English)
PHYSICS	Physics (B.Sc.) (German)	Physics (M.Sc.) (German & English)
RELIGION	/	Religion & Global Futures (M.A.) (German & English)*

SOCIOLOGY & ETHNOLOGY	Social & Cultural Anthropology (B.A.) (German)	Development Studies (M.A.) (German & English) Social & Cultural Anthropology (M.A.) (English)
SPORTS	Sport, Business and Law (B.Sc.) (German & English)	Sport, Business & Law (M.Sc.) (German & English)

Please note: The exchange programme must be in coherence with the study programme at the home university. Therefore, the selected major should be relevant for the studies at the home university.

* **Official language certificate required for these programmes (specified in 'Language requirements').**

** Classes on Food&Health Sciences take place at our [new campus in Kulmbach](#).

NOMINATION	In order to officially nominate students for the exchange programme, coordinators must complete an official online nomination through our nomination platform. Before nominating, please make sure that our universities have a valid and active agreement. Having reviewed and confirmed the nominations, we will send out the application details to the nominated students via e-mail.
APPLICATION PROCESS	After the official nomination, students will receive an email containing all necessary information concerning the application procedure. UBT uses an online application system (MoveON). The link to the application portal will be sent to the students with the nomination confirmation e-mail.
APPLICATION DOCUMENTS	The following documents are requested in the online form: • Copy of passport (or ID card) • Confirmation form signed by student and coordinator • Official transcript of records • Motivation letter • Language certificate (if applicable - see 'Language requirements')
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	• Official nomination: Students must be officially nominated for the exchange programme by their home university. • Student status: To be eligible to apply for the exchange programme, applicants must currently be enrolled as students at the home university. • Academic background: The exchange programme must be in coherence with the current study programme at the home university (i.e. a student from Biology cannot join the exchange programme for Law students). • Language requirements: There are language requirements that apply to some study programmes. Please see 'Language requirements' listed below.
LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS	Generally, we recommend at least a B2-level language proficiency in English or German (depending on the language of instruction). However, it is only required to upload a language certificate for the following three study programmes: • Study of Religion (German or English) • English Studies (English) • Law (German or English) Accepted language certificates: For German: • Goethe Certificate, at least B2 • TestDaF, at least 12 points, but no area below 3 points • Telc, at least B2 For English: • TOEFL iBT, at least 75 (or 4.0 on the new score scale) • IELTS, at least 5.5 • Cambridge Proficiency: Pass or better • Cambridge Advanced: Grade C or better • Cambridge First: Grade B or better • TOEFL ITP: at least 543 • TOEIC: at least 785
ADMISSION	Admission letters will be sent out via e-mail by the student administration office (studierendenkanzlei@uni-bayreuth.de) approximately 4-6 weeks after the end of the application period.

ACCOMMODATION If students wish to apply for a room in our student dormitories, they need to fill in the online application form of the [Studentenwerk Oberfranken \(SWO\)](#). The International Office cannot guarantee a place in a dormitory. The regional Association for Student Affairs (SWO) is a third-party provider and responsible for allocating rooms in the student dormitory. Detailed information on accommodation alternatives can be found [here](#).

COURSE CATALOGUE On our [cmlife](#) platform students can browse for courses (e.g. by faculty, study programme and language of instruction). Exchange students at UBT are relatively free to choose from all available courses. Please note however, that the exchange nomination, application and admission to the University of Bayreuth **must be in coherence** with the study programme at the home institution. As the University of Bayreuth always tries to provide up-to-date learning experiences with new and interesting topics, the final course catalogue for each semester is only available shortly before the beginning of the semester (winter semester courses - from end of August / beginning of September, summer semester courses - from end of January / beginning of February). Previous semesters can be used as a reference.

GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES Students will have the opportunity to attend free German language courses at our **Language Center (Sprachenzentrum)** during the semester once they enroll at the University of Bayreuth. Additionally, intensive German language courses (fee-based) will be held by the IIK Bayreuth (Institute for International Communication and Foreign Cultural Exchange), an institute linked to the university. Please visit the [IIK website](#) for more detailed information or contact our [Welcome Services](#).

ARRIVAL AND FIRST STEPS IN BAYREUTH Our [Welcome Services](#) will guide you through arrival planning as well as your first steps in Bayreuth. FAQ sessions and mandatory orientation events for international exchange students will provide you with detailed information on:

- arrival planning, visa
- health insurance
- enrolment procedure & registration for courses
- buddy programme and student network events ([ESN Bayreuth](#))



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