

Welcome at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology

***Willkommen an der Philosophischen Fakultät
und Fachbereich Theologie***

Welcome

by the Vice Dean for International Affairs

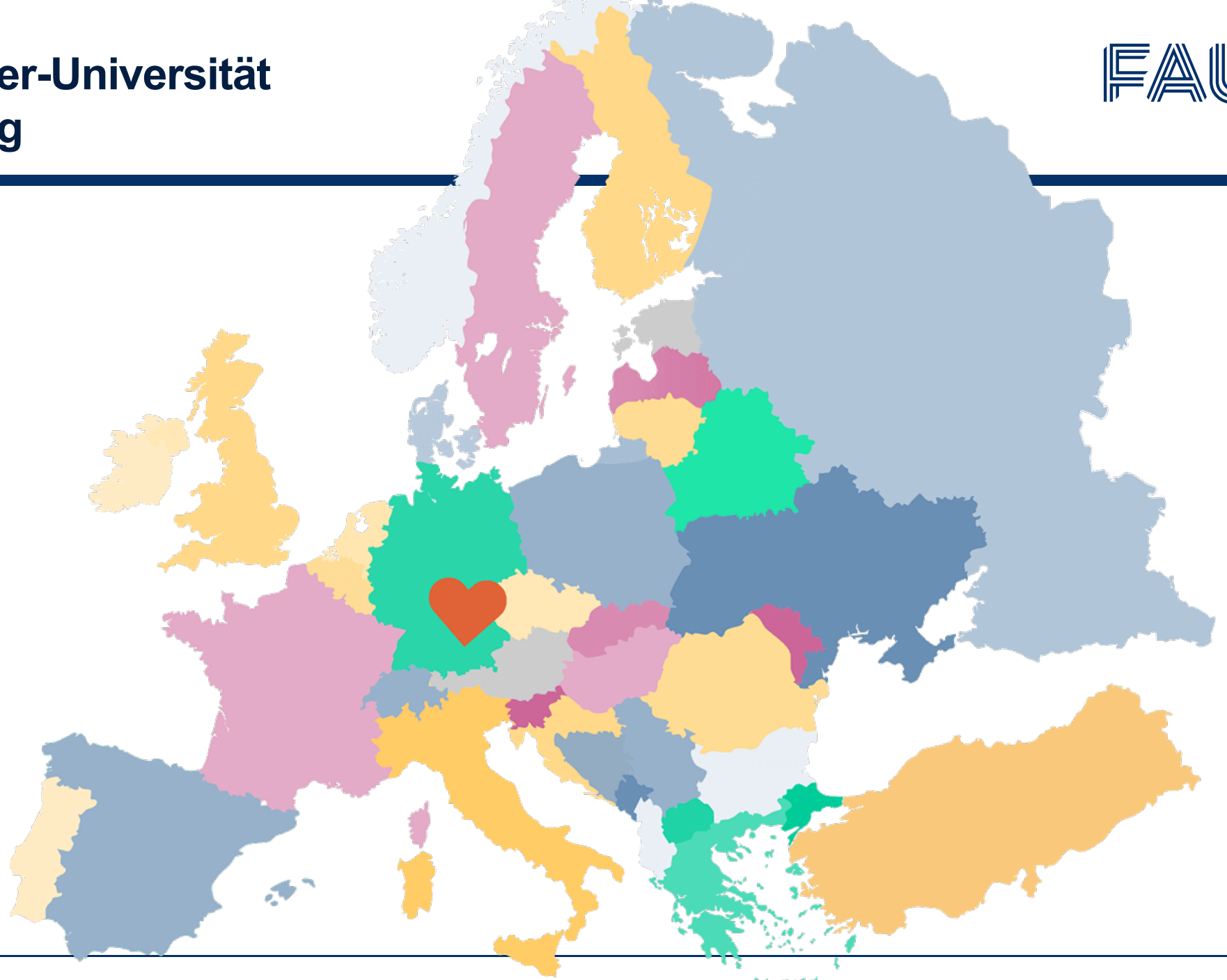
Prof. Dr. Lutz Edzard

***Grußwort des Prodekans
für Internationale Angelegenheiten***

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- Elzbieta Garza, International Office: Welcome and Presentation – *Grußwort und Vorstellung der Fakultät*
 - Eddie Karpenko, Student Council's Initiatives - *Fachschaftsvertretung*
 - Group activity - *Gruppenspiel*
 - Christian Hagen, Language Center - *Sprachenzentrum*
 - Kristine Bischof, Group photo - *Gruppenfoto*
 - Welcome by the Departments – *Fachvorstellungen Germanistik und Anglistik*
 - Rallye
 - Get-together

**Welcome
to the heart
of Europe!**

***Willkommen
im Herzen
Europas!***

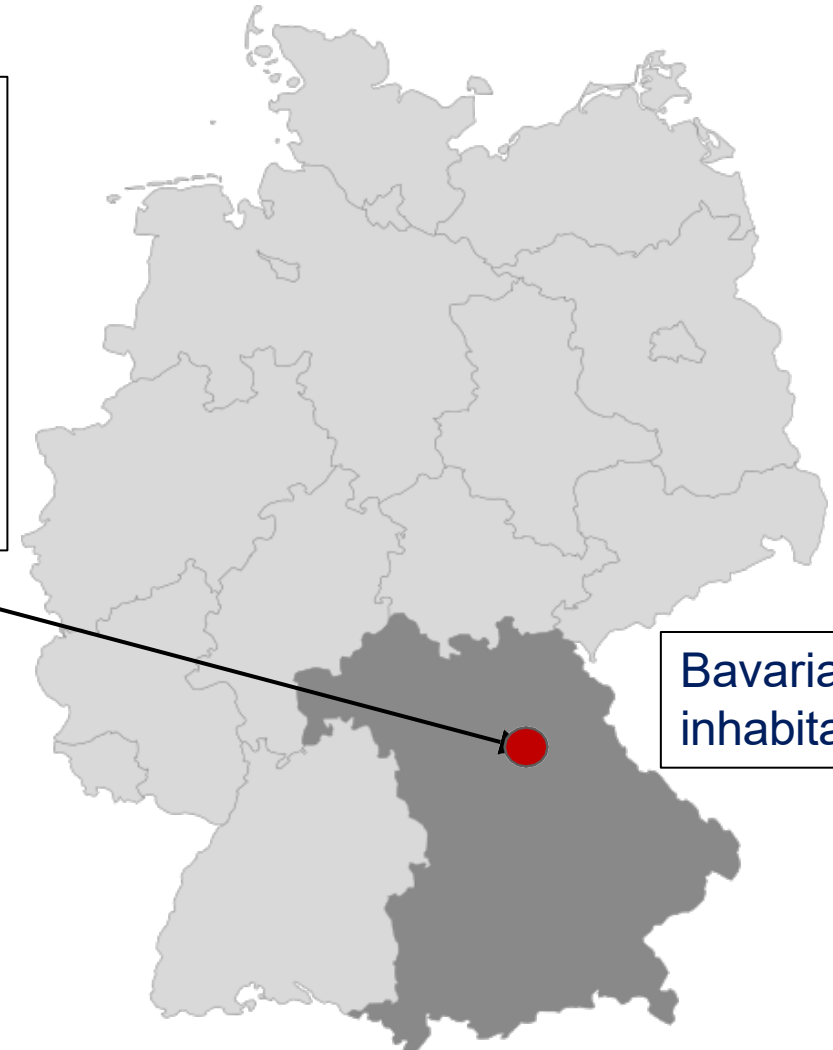




European Metropolitan Region Nürnberg



FAU is located
in the
European
Metropolitan
Region
Nürnberg
(EMN) with
3.5 million inhabitants



Bavaria: 12.5 million
inhabitants

Our Motto: Moving Knowledge – *Unser Motto: Wissen bewegen*
Our Values: Innovation, Diversity and Passion



Founders of the University 1743

FAU founded by Margrave

Friedrich von Bayreuth

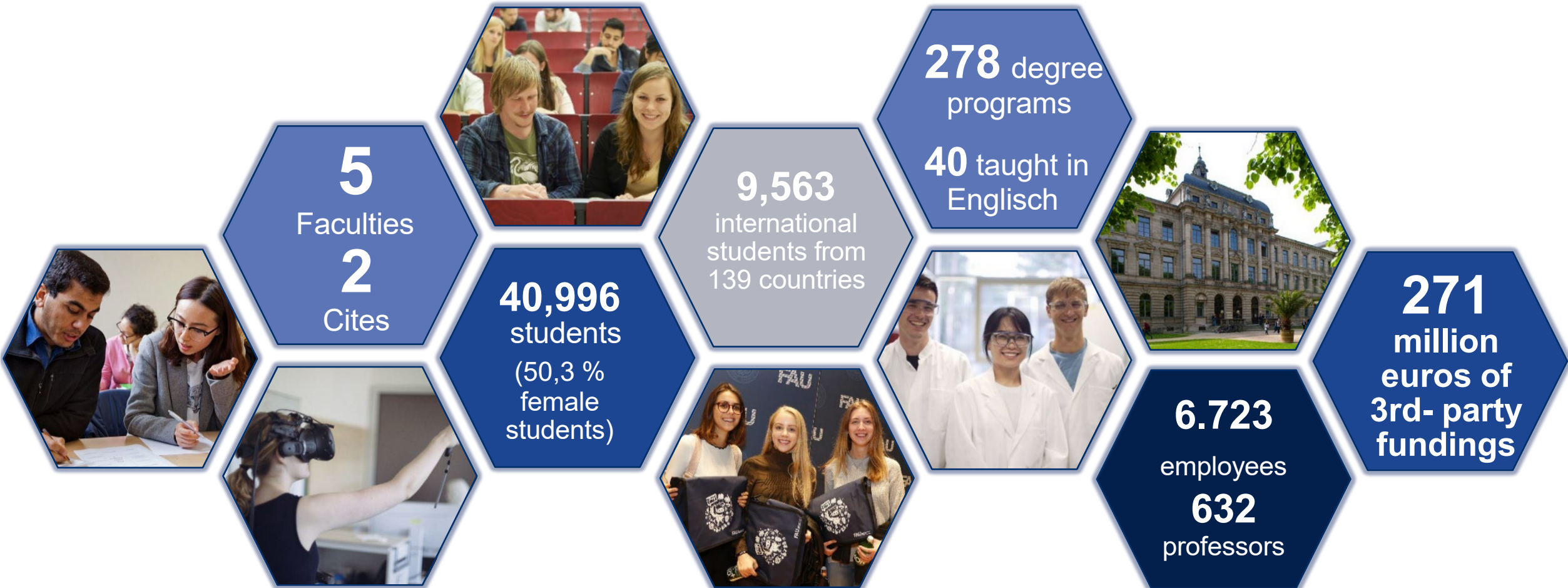
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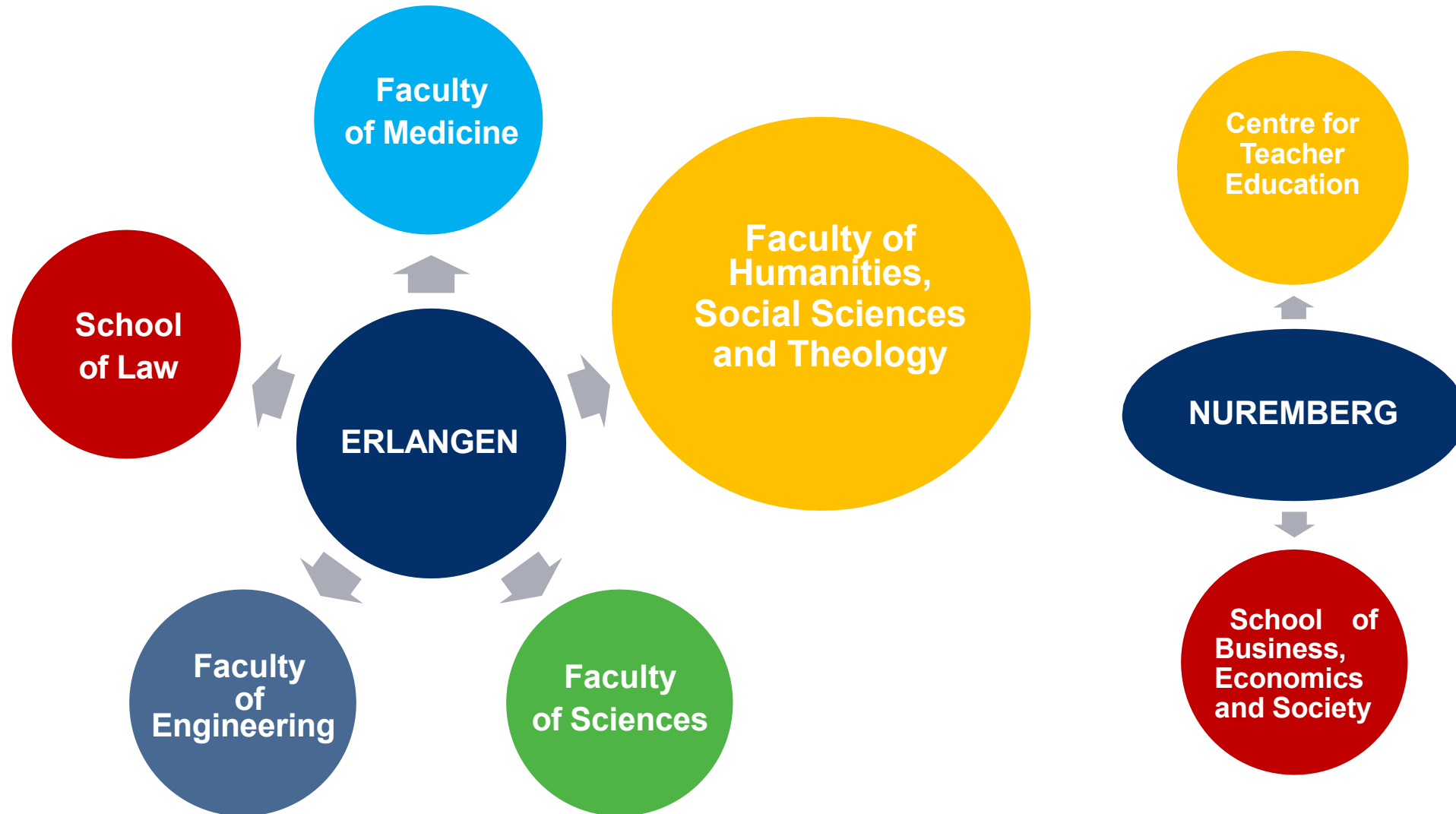
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
Erlangen-Nürnberg



FAU – Full-spectrum university – *FAU als Volluniversität*

Facts and Figures







Erlangen motto:

„open due to our tradition“

- 116.562 inhabitants
- 4 faculties
- very international
- very safe

Kollegienhaus & Schlossgarten



Main Market Square & Orangerie





Beer festival - Bergkirchweih



Main Cafeteria – *Mensa Langemarkplatz*





Nuremberg:

- 523.026 inhabitants
- 1 faculty
- Lots of historic sights
(Nuremberg castle
1415, Albrecht Dürer)



Nürnberg Castle – *Kaiserburg*



Nürnberg: Christmas Market - *Christkindlesmarkt*



Nürnberg: city of peace and human rights – Way of Human Rights

Stadt des Friedens und der Menschenrechte– Straße der Menschenrechte

On the background of its history during the National Socialist reign of terror, the City of Nuremberg feels particularly committed to human rights

FAU Research Center for Human Rights



Franconian Region: cultural heritage and beauty of nature

Franken: Kulturerbe und Schönheit der Natur



FAU as one of the strongest research universities in Germany – key research fields – *Forschungsstärke und Innovation*

Key research priorities



Key research priorities at FAU

Exploring principles of nature	▼
Targeting environmental and economic challenges	▼
Understanding norms, cultural practices and social formations	▼
Developing future technologies	▼
Engineering transformative healthcare	▼

Innovative research as a part of FAU history – *Innovative Forschung als Teil der FAU Geschichte*

FAU
FRIEDRICH-ALEXANDER
UNIVERSITÄT
ERLANGEN-NÜRNBERG

launches the

FAU

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Based on its extant AI research, FAU has compiled five clusters that are presented in the FAU AI Map. Traditionally, FAU is an exemplary location for Artificial Intelligence (AI), pattern recognition and machine learning.

[Read more...](#)

AI.FAU.DIGITAL

MP3

Compressed audio formats are the standard solution for listening to music on the go. The most well-known of them all is MP3, which revolutionised how we listen to music in the late 1990s. The idea and the initial groundwork on the road to audio coding originated at FAU.

[Read more...](#)

SOFTWARE FOR SPACE RESEARCH

The X-ray integral field unit (X-IFU) on board ATHENA (Advanced Telescope for High Energy Astrophysics), a European Space Agency (ESA) space observatory, will one day be able to observe areas of energy in space. FAU has made a significant contribution to this research: special software developed by FAU can be used to simulate the missions.

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EUROPE'S TIME MACHINE

FAU is involved in a large European project together with more than 30 other institutions. Big data, digitalisation and artificial intelligence are to be used to record the social, geographical and cultural development of Europe.

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TISSUE FROM A 3D PRINTER

The Department of Plastic and Hand Surgery at Universitätsklinikum Erlangen has been researching artificial replacement tissues (tissue engineering) and regenerative medicine for years now. Special 3D printers can be used to arrange and place materials in a certain pattern.

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LOHC

One important consideration when transitioning to renewable energy is the question of how to store energy. The LOHC technology developed by scientists such as FAU professor Peter Wasserscheid has a crucial contribution to make. This technology allows hydrogen to be bound to a non-explosive and non-toxic liquid, meaning that it can be used to store renewable energy without incurring losses.



Reuters Top 100 Ranking

- Rank #1 in Germany
- Rank #2 in Europe
- Rank #14 throughout the world



Shanghai Ranking 2022

- 1 Subject in the World's Top 50
- 4 Subjects in the World's Top 100
- 10 Subjects in Germany's Top 10



QS Ranking 2023

- 9 study programmes in the top 15 spots nationally
- 7 study programmes in the top 200 internationally



Also achieved high rankings in the

- THE Ranking
- DFG Funding Atlas
- CHE Masterranking
- Nature Index

THE Impact Ranking 2024

**FAU weltweit auf Platz 1
im SDG
„Industrie, Innovation und
Infrastruktur“**

**#1
national**

**#1
international**

Partners from Local Industry – *Lokale globale Partner*



Sustainability as overall goal and cross-over topic since 2019

Nachhaltigkeit als Querschnittsaufgabe

- SDG of United Nations as guiding character
- Integration into university strategy
- Implementation in practice and benchmark for success
- FAU Green Office – see regular Newsletter



- Office of Equity and Diversity



- **500 partnerships** in more than **70 countries**
- **250 international** research **collaboration projects**
- **Attractive** to international researchers as recognised in the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation rankings
- One of the largest **Language Centers** in Germany
- **1** Bavarian University Center for **Latin America** (BAYLAT)
- **1** Bavaria **California** Technology Center (BaCaTeC)
- **1 Confucius-Institute** Nürnberg-Erlangen



Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology

***Philosophische Fakultät
und Fachbereich Theologie***

<https://www.phil.fau.eu/>

The Faculty in numbers / *Die Fakultät in Zahlen*

9.612 students

1.038 international students

13 departments

79 degree programs

19 interdisciplinary centers

~ 140 professors

~ 650 teaching staff



2 Minuten Wissen – Fremde arabische Sprache?



2 Minuten Wissen – Warum können Worte verletzen?



2 Minuten Wissen – Wo kommt Bernstein eigentlich her?



2 Minuten Wissen – Wie viel Wirklichkeit steckt(e) in Literatur?



2 Minuten Wissen – Gab es Shakespeare wirklich?



2 Minuten Wissen – Reisen im Mittelalter



2 Minuten Wissen – Autokratie

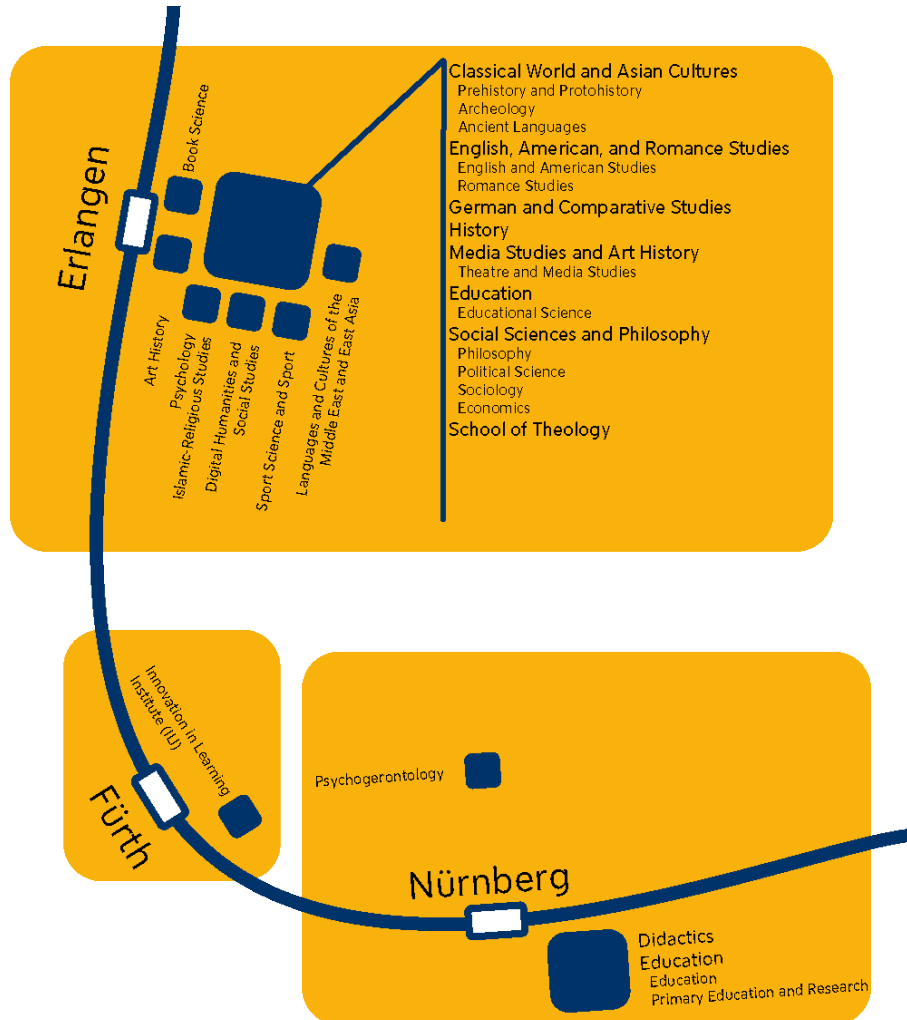


2 Minuten Wissen – Chinesische Schriftzeichen



One Faculty – Three Cities

Eine Fakultät und drei Städte



13 departments

~ 50 disciplines

Classical World and Asian Cultures

English, American and Romance Studies

Didactics

Digital Humanities and Social Studies

German and Comparative Studies

History

Islamic-Religious Studies

Media Studies and Art History

Education

Psychology

Sport Science

Social Sciences and Philosophy

School of Theology



Bachelor's programmes (BA / BSc)

- 33 programmes
- mostly two-subject-combinations
free choice of subject combinations
- Bachelor programmes with double/joint degree

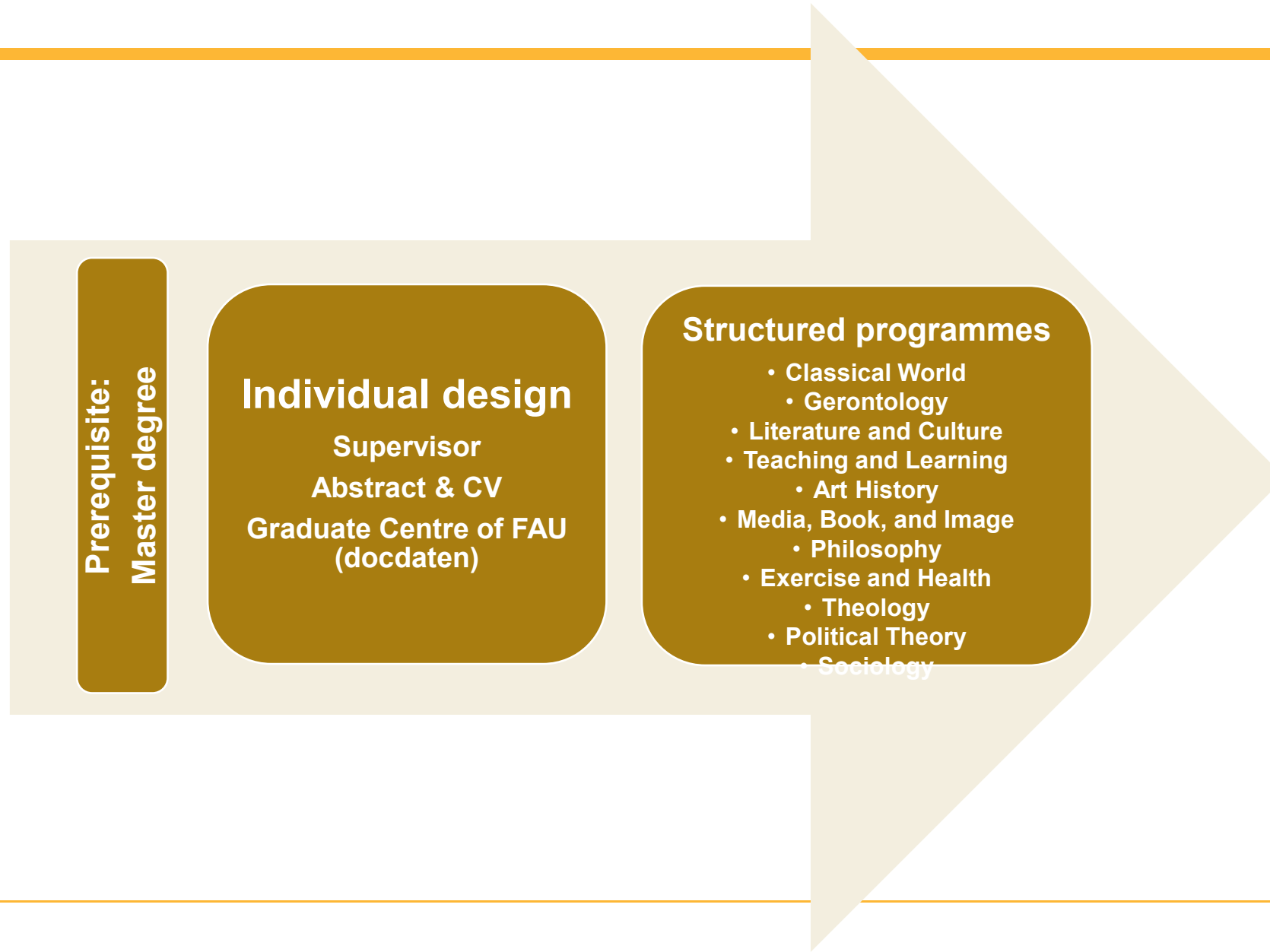
Master's programmes (MA / MSc)

- 36 programmes
- advanced studies / specialization
- often interdisciplinary approach
- some taught in English

Traditional programmes

- 21 State Exam for Teachers, Church Exam





Outreach and Impact – some examples

- **Prof. Vincent Müller: Philosophy and Ethics of AI**

specialist in impact of AI on society and leading philosopher in the field, preparing AI recommendations for the federal government and bridging research and policy, having impact on real-world decisions about the future of intelligent systems

<https://www.pair.fau.eu/>



- **Excellence Cluster “Transforming Human Rights”**

explores how human rights are changing in today’s world — with challenges like technology, climate change, and politics. Researchers from many fields work together to find new ways to protect human rights and make a real difference in society

<https://www.fau.eu/research/collaborative-research/dfg-projects/cluster-of-excellence/>

Your start at the Faculty

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Excellence Strategy: Outstanding in Human Rights Research

(photo: FAU/Bo)

Faculty Day for International Students – 9 October 2025



Make connections right from the start and get all essential information! On 9 October 2025, the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology invites its new international students to Faculty Day – a welcome event full of practical information, networking opportunities, and insights into life at the Faculty. The event aims to give our new members a warm welcome, provide an overview of the Faculty's structures and services, and create a platform for exchange and networking.

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“The concept of human rights has an inner strength”



How can international human rights be defended at a time when their relevance is increasingly being questioned, even in principle? In his new book, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Heiner Bielefeldt, Senior Professor of Human Rights at FAU, together with Prof. Dr. Daniel Bogner (University of Fribourg), calls for greater self-confidence in human rights. Despite all the challenges.

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Events

08
Oct

8 October 2025 – 10 October 2025
Workshops on Fluid Construction Grammar, Frame Semantics, ConstructiCon and Contrastive Construction Grammar (CASA|Plus)
PSG III, 00.3, Kochstr. 6a, Erlangen

08
Oct

10:00 – 16:00
KoWinChi-Workshop: „A Collaborative Exchange Between German and Chinese Researchers”
(Prof. Dr. Doris Fischer and Anastasia Kostromina)
Gebäude D1, Hartmannstraße 14, 91054 Erlangen

09
Oct

8 October 2025 – 10 October 2025
Workshops on Fluid Construction Grammar, Frame Semantics, ConstructiCon and Contrastive Construction Grammar (CASA|Plus)
PSG III, 00.3, Kochstr. 6a, Erlangen

09
Oct

14:00 – 19:00
Faculty Day für internationale Studierende
Hörsaal C, Kochstr. 4, Erlangen

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Bachelor

Master

Studium Philosophicum

Teilzeitstudium

Prospective Students

Programme Start

Current students

Quality management

Studying at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology

At the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology, students and perspective students choose within a unique spectrum of subjects in the humanities and social sciences. Students are offered an enormous range of freely selectable combinations and individual study possibilities with four one-subject and 29 two-subject [Bachelor's degree programmes](#), 36 [Master's degree programmes](#), including three Master's degree programmes for working professionals, and 21 teaching degree programmes for the German school types Grundschule, Mittelschule, Realschule, and Gymnasium.

A large number of Bachelor's and Master's [degree programmes](#) can be studied part time, or even partly part time, partly full time. The faculty therefore enables its students to design their studies according to their individual life situation.

As a student from abroad, look at the range of [degree programmes taught in English](#) or languages other than German.

As an exchange student or a free lancer, have a look at the [English taught courses at the Faculty](#).

- > List of degree programmes (in German)
- > List of international degree programmes
- > List of courses taught in English

Booklets with programme information:

[Bachelor's Degree Programmes, State Exam and Ecclesiastical Exam in German](#)

[Master's Degree Programmes](#)



Courses taught in English

General courses (key qualifications)

Your start at the Faculty

administrative preparation – *administrative Vorbereitung*

- Lease contract and utility costs / *Mietvertrag und laufende Kosten*
- Residents' Registration Office / Name on the Mailbox? *Anmeldung bei der Stadt /Briefkasten mit Namen*
- Bank account - *Bankkonto*
- Residence permit - *Aufenthaltserlaubnis*
- Health insurance / Liability insurance - *Versicherungen*
- FAUcard
- See for details **Central Office for International Affairs**



Your start at the Faculty

academic preparation – *akademische Vorbereitung*

- Already in contact with the departmental coordinator ?
- Learning agreement ready (Erasmus-Program) ?
- Familiar with FAU-Plattformen (Campo, StudOn) ?
- Registration for courses completed?



Your start at the Faculty – services and help – *Hilfe und Servicestellen*

Non-academic questions

[Central Office for International Affairs](#)

[International Office](#)
[at the Faculty of Humanities,](#)
[Social Sciences, and Theology](#)

Academic questions

[Studien-Service-Center](#) (for degree-seeking students)

Departmental Coordinators for Exchange Students

[List of advisory and service centers](#)

< International

International Office

Incoming students

Incoming researchers

Outgoing students

Outgoing researchers

Partnerships worldwide

**Welcome! Bienvenue! Bienvenidos! Benvenuto! 欢迎
迎驾临! добро пожаловать! Herzlich Willkommen!**

Our faculty welcomes students and guest scientists from all over the world. Several programmes out of about 100 altogether on Bachelor, Master and teaching degree level are international degree programmes, completely or partly taught in English and other languages other than German, or offering a double/joint degree. The international office of the faculty helps our students and researchers to realise a stay abroad for the purpose of studying, internship, or a research project, and to establish further international contacts. It is contact point for international students and researchers and closely cooperates with the Central Office for International Affairs.

Your start at the Faculty – networks and friends – *Netzwerke und Freunde*

- Buddy Program <https://fau.matorixmatch.de/>
- [Student Council Initiatives](#) / *Fachschaftsinitiativen*
- [Fachschaftsvertretung FSV PHIL](#)
- Catholic and Protestant university community / [KHG und ESG](#)
- Sportclubs / *Sportvereine*
- Adult Education Centre / *Volkshochschulen*



Thank you for your attention!

Danke für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!

Think about the question – **what do I want to learn during my stay in Germany?**

Please understand the term “learn” in the broadest possible sense; it is not just about the content of your studies, but about everything new that you can learn here. However, please name one specific thing that is particularly important to you. Try to describe it in one sentence.

Denken Sie über die Frage nach - was möchte ich während meines Aufenthalts in Deutschland lernen?

Bitte verstehen Sie den Begriff „lernen“ im weitesten Sinne; es geht nicht nur um den Inhalt Ihres Studiums, sondern um alles Neue, was Sie hier lernen können. Nennen Sie jedoch bitte eine konkrete Sache, die Ihnen besonders wichtig ist. Versuchen Sie, diese in einem Satz zu beschreiben.

Icebreaker game - instruction

Find a game partner in the room. Write down their answer.

Rule to find a partner: go around, check the names, and find a person whose first name contains at least TWO letters of your first name. Wait a moment so that we can form pairs and as many people as possible can find their partners.

You may need to swap partners so that as many pairs as possible are formed.

Suchen Sie einen Spielpartner im Raum. Schreiben Sie seine Antwort auf.

Regel für die Partnersuche: Suchen Sie eine Person, deren Vorname mindestens ZWEI Buchstaben Ihres Vornamens enthält. Wir warten alle, damit wir Paare bilden können und möglichst viele Personen ihren Partner finden.

Example / Beispiel: **B** **A** **R** **B** **A** **R** **A** - **R** **O** **B** **E** **R** **T** **A**

**Ask your partner for the answer, write it down, and pin it to the board.
The material is outside.**

We take the boards with us to the get-together so that we can look at the answers again later.

**Fragen Sie Ihren Partner nach der Antwort.
Schreiben Sie sie auf und heften Sie sie an die Tafel.**

Wir nehmen die Tafeln mit zum Get-Together, damit wir uns die Antworten später nochmal anschauen können.