

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

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The International Office is a central service unit of the Faculty, offering guidance on all international affairs and supporting FAU and international students in planning and organizing their stays abroad.

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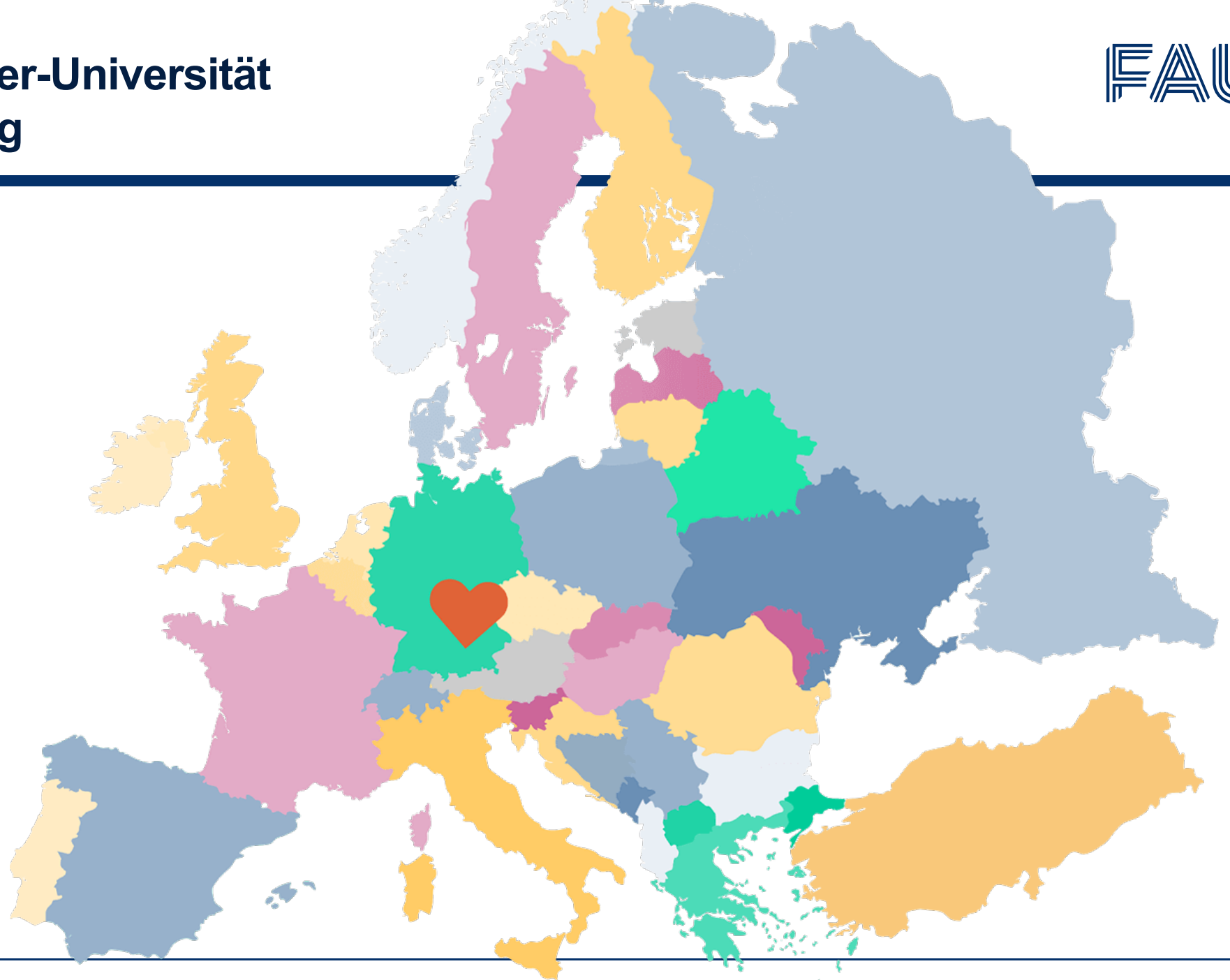
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**Welcome
to the heart
of Europe!**

***Willkommen
im Herzen
Europas!***

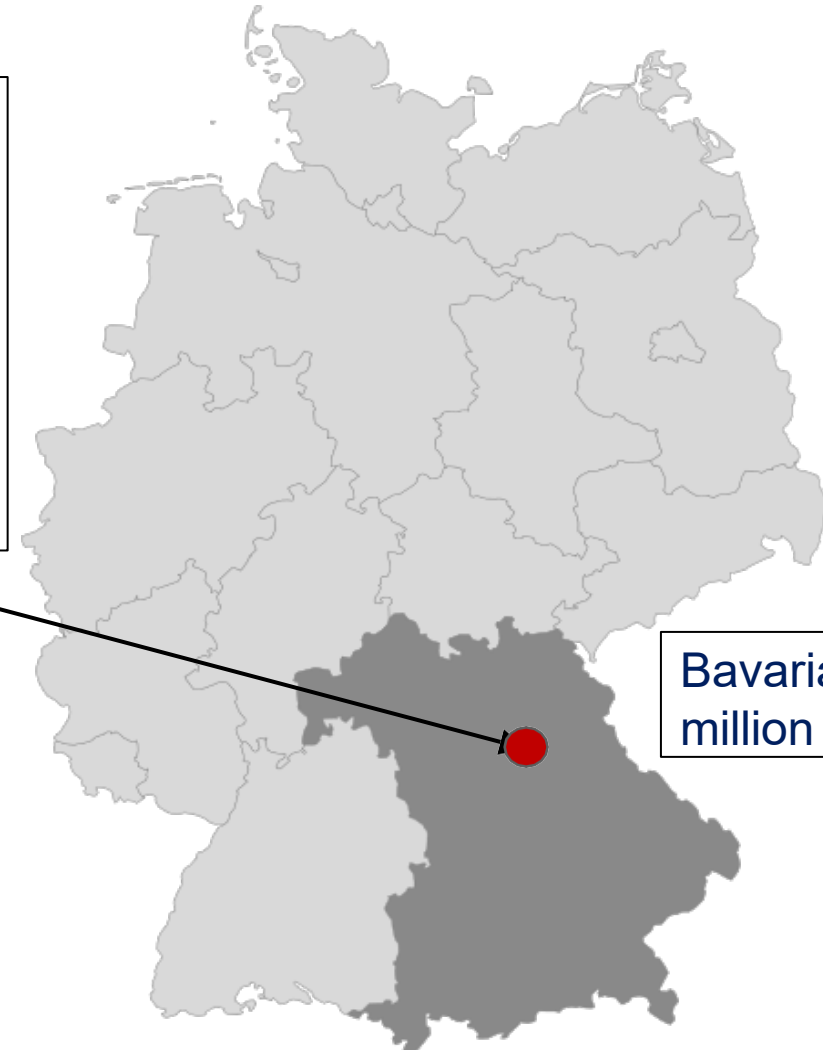




European Metropolitan Region Nürnberg



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



Bavaria: 13.25 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

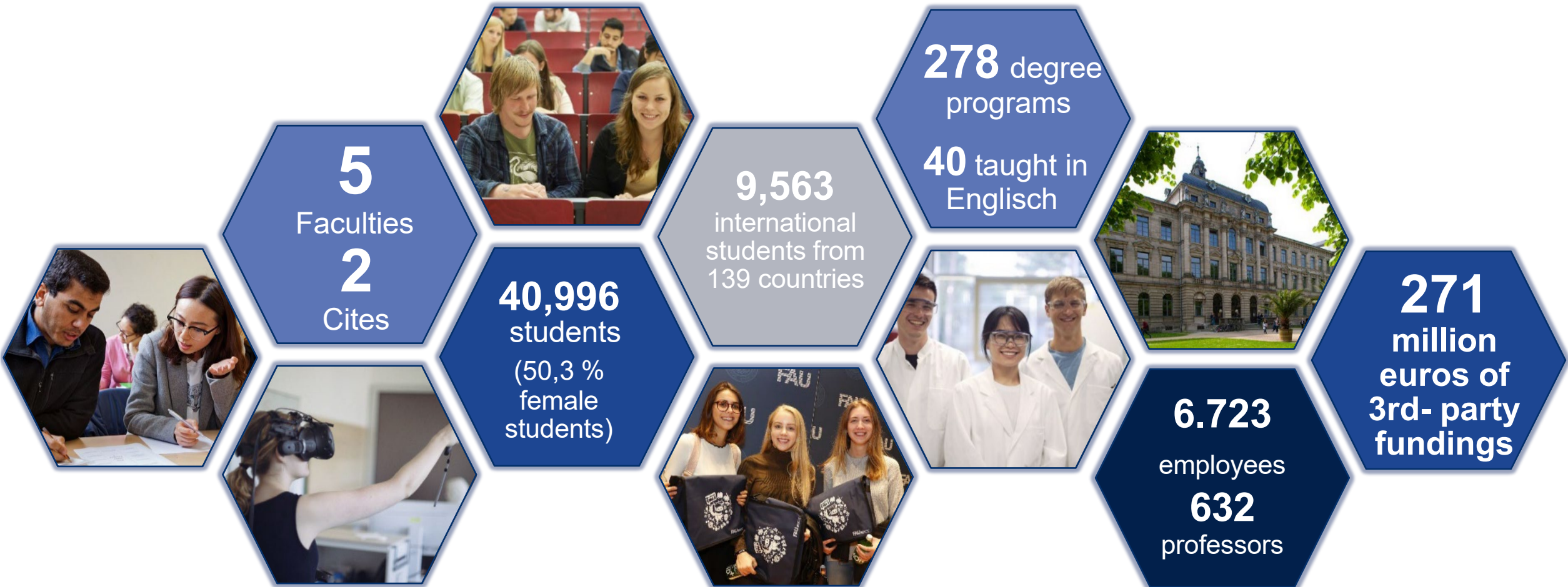
1769 The name of the University is changed to mark Margrave **Alexander** von Ansbach und Bayreuth's patronage:

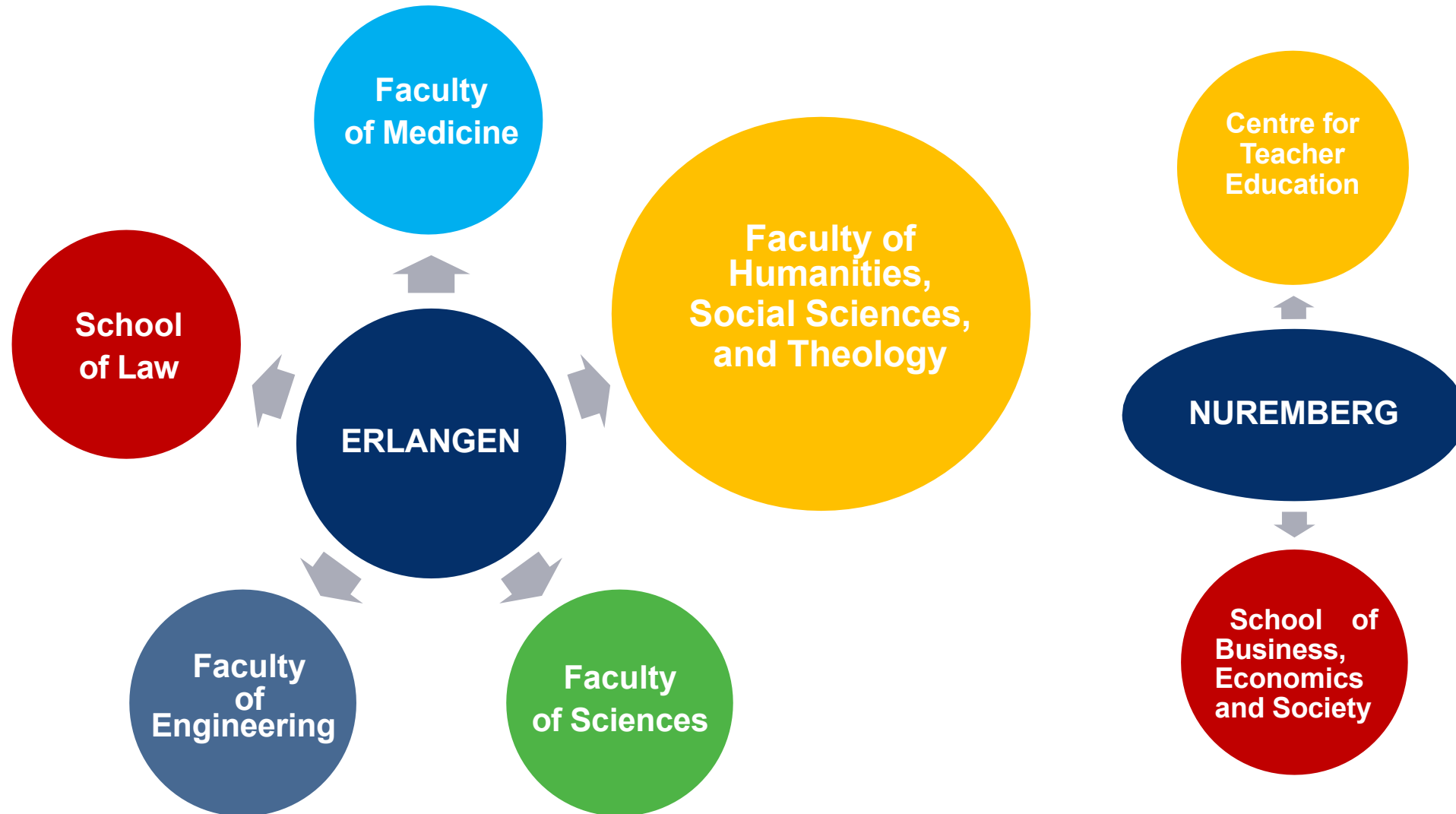
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Erlangen-Nürnberg



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**
- **Cluster of Excellence “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/exzellenzcluster-transforming-human-rights/>



Franconian Region: cultural heritage and beauty of nature

Franken: Kulturerbe und Schönheit der Natur



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

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ERLANGEN-NÜRNBERG

launches the

FAU

AI MAP

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.

[Read more...](#)

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.

[Read more...](#)

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.

Partners from Local Industry – *Lokale globale Partner*



- **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 Confucius-Institute** Nürnberg-Erlangen



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The Faculty in numbers / *Die Fakultät in Zahlen*

~ 10.000 students

~ 1.000 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

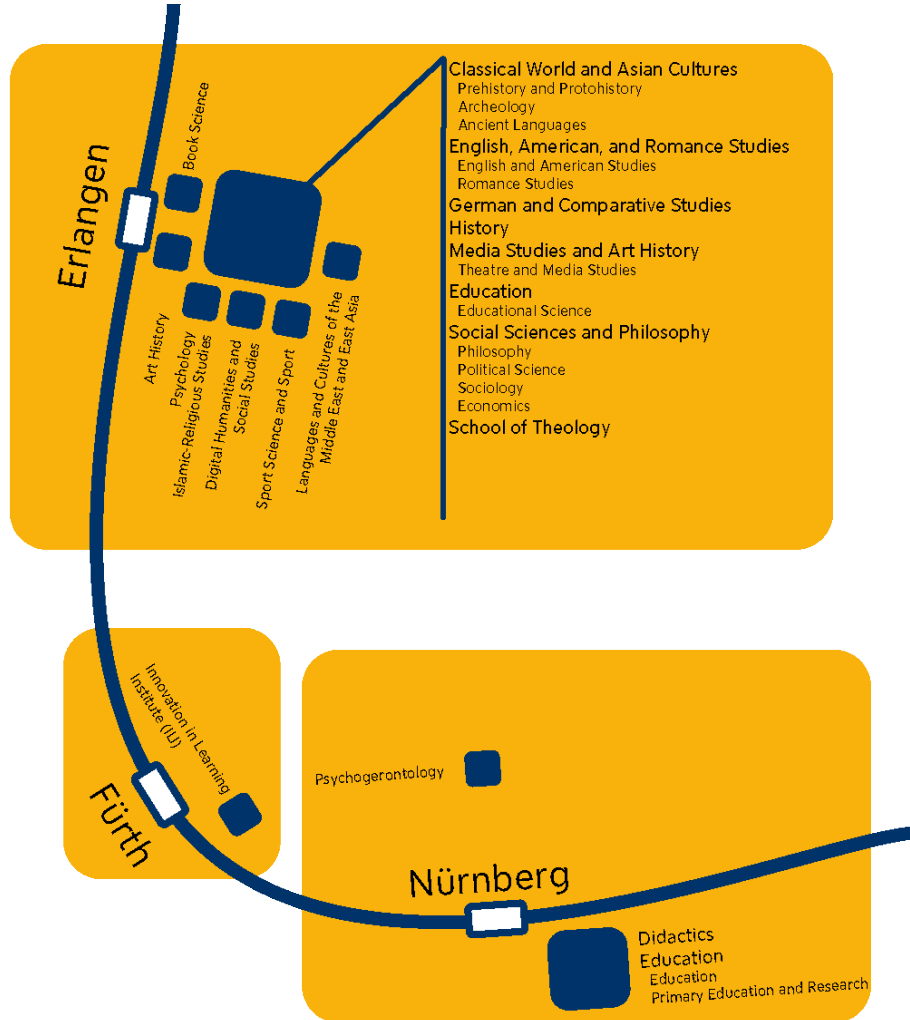


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One Faculty – Three Cities

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 programs (BA / BSc)

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

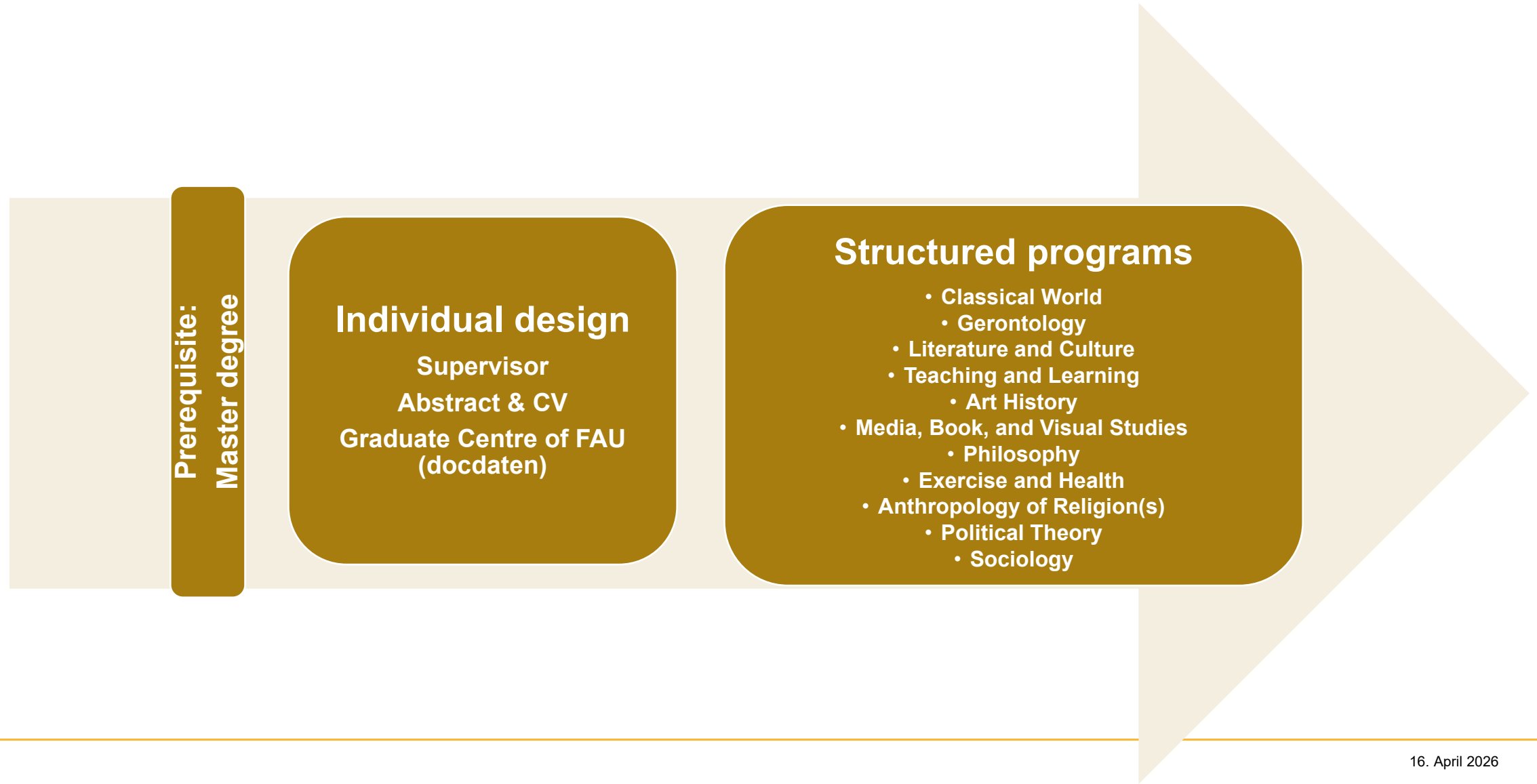
Master's programs (MA / MSc)

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

Traditional programs

- 21 State Exam for Teachers, Church Exam





Your start at the Faculty

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Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology

With around 10,000 students, the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology is one of the largest faculties at FAU. It is unique in Germany in terms of its diversity of subjects: its research and teaching areas cover the humanities, cultural studies, social sciences and behavioural sciences as well as religion-related disciplines.

[Find out more →](#)



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Mar 2026

Faculty Day
for international students



April 9th, 2026, 2 – 7 p.m.

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TEDx Nuremberg

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FAU doctoral candidate Milena

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Study

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The Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Theology and its service facilities in the field of teaching and studies provide a wide range of offers for pupils, prospective students, students and graduates. On the following pages, the faculty presents the target group-specific offers and the most important information in a clear and compact manner.

- Degree Programmes →
- Prospective Students →
- Programme Start →
- Current students →
- Quality management →

Your start at the Faculty



<https://www.phil.fau.eu/international/incoming-students/courses-taught-in-english/>



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Courses taught in English

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

A number of subjects offer single courses taught in English. If you are interested in one of the subjects listed (see below), you can scan the links and register to the courses of your choice.

Please pay attention:

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Courses are imported from the campus information system campo. The import will take a few seconds.

The result of your research depends on how and when information is delivered by the lecturers offering the particular courses. If there are no results shown for the next term yet, please try again after a while.

Course details are visible only for the running term.

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[Media Studies](#)

[Political Science](#)

[Psychology](#)

[Sinology](#)

[Sociology](#)

[Sport Science](#)

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

**Welcome! Bienvenue! Bienvenidos! Benvenuto! 欢迎驾临! 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!