Study at the KU
Ten reasons... to study at the KU

- personal supervision (p. 7)
- outstanding research (p. 21)
- wide range of degree programs (p. 56)
- strong values (p. 9, 29)
- attractive location (p. 41, 45)
- green campus (p. 31, 49)
- low cost of living (p. 41, 45)
- family-friendly environment (p. 33)
excellent facilities
p. 53

extensive network
p. 13, 15, 25
The KU is always concerned with people and society as a whole. It is important to us to be involved in the community beyond our campus, to engage in dialogue and to take on responsibility.

Prof. Dr. Gabriele Gien, President of the KU
Welcome

I am proud to present the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, KU) to you in this brochure. The KU is an excellent place of teaching and learning, and it is also a community. As the only Catholic university in the German-speaking world, it has a unique profile in the higher education sector.

A broad range of subjects, committed lecturers and excellent facilities create ideal study conditions. At our University we believe our role is to go beyond simply providing young people with knowledge and enabling them to gain professional qualifications. We are also committed to excellent teaching, strong research and social responsibility.

The term ‘Catholic’ means ‘universal’, ‘all embracing’. With this in mind, the KU is always concerned with people and society as a whole. It is important to us to be involved in the community beyond our campus, to engage in dialogue and to take on responsibility. We therefore place great importance on interdisciplinary and international networking. We encourage and promote voluntary work and are involved in a wide range of partnerships that connect the University with wider society. This makes the KU a unique place for people to come together in an excellent research and teaching environment.

This brochure aims to give you an initial impression of the KU and its philosophy. We would also be pleased to welcome you to Eichstätt and Ingolstadt where you can find out more. I would like to now invite you to read on – and to join us at the KU to learn, teach and research.

Kind regards,

Prof. Dr. Gabriele Gien
President of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt
The KU... in summary

The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt in south Germany is the first and only Catholic university in the German-speaking world. Located in the heart of Bavaria, it combines the advantages of being a small university with an international and interdisciplinary perspective.

Personal supervision and a compact campus

With around 5000 students, the KU is currently the smallest university in Bavaria. Studying, teaching and researching in Eichstätt means working in a welcoming atmosphere where small groups, individual consultation and close working relationships are the norm. These fantastic conditions are made possible by 111 professors, over 330 research associates and a large number of lecturers with industry experience.

The short distances between university buildings and the excellent library and computer center also contribute to the high-quality study conditions. Rankings such as the CHE Ranking and the Study Quality Monitor published by the German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies confirm the above-average student satisfaction at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

A small university with big opportunities

The KU offers a wide range of different degree programs to suit many different interests and talents. Being a small university, it provides an excellent environment for interdisciplinary exchange between the eight faculties and their subjects. The KU also has a strong global network with over 260 partner universities in Europe, North and South America, Asia and Oceania where students can spend time studying abroad.

The KU’s faculties

- Theology
- Philosophy and Education
- Languages and Literature
- History and Social Sciences
- Mathematics and Geography
- Management
- Religious Education
- Social Work
Also make use of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt with its faculty of Catholic theology and range of academic disciplines. As the only Catholic university in the country, this institution is of great importance for Germany.

Pope Francis, November 20, 2015
The KU… Catholic

The KU is a state-approved university that is supported by a Catholic foundation. It is open to students of all faiths. Christian values form the basis of teaching, research and the university community here. The University respects and promotes the freedom of research and teaching.

State approved and supported by the Church

The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt is supported by a Catholic foundation that was established by the bishops of Bavaria. The foundation is chaired by the auxiliary bishop of Augsburg, Anton Losinger. The grand chancellor of the University is Cardinal Reinhard Marx, archbishop of Munich and Freising and chairman of the Freising Bishops’ Conference.

The University is funded by the Bavarian government and the dioceses of Bavaria. As a member of the global Catholic Church, the KU collaborates with Catholic universities all over the world.

Open to students of all faiths

As the KU is a state-approved university, the degrees and qualifications that it awards are equivalent to those issued by state universities in Germany. The KU also has the right to award doctoral degrees and habilitations. It welcomes students of all faiths.

Guided by Christian values and the Christian view of human life

The KU sees itself as an academic community that conveys knowledge and teaches social skills on the basis of Christian values and the Christian view of human life. It respects and promotes the freedom of research and teaching. Open dialogue and critical thinking are key characteristics of the University’s community and of the learning and teaching that take place here. The KU is especially committed to the dialogue between science and religion, and between the Church and the world, which makes it a unique place for research, teaching and learning. Based on these fundamental principles, the University is committed to contributing to development in wider society, to sustainability, to equality of opportunity, and to interdisciplinary and international exchange.
The topping out ceremony for the Main Library, constructed between 1984 and 1987.
The KU… traditional

The KU has existed in its current form for just under four decades, but its origins can be traced back to educational institutions in Eichstätt and Ingolstadt that were established several hundred years ago. It was elevated to university status by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

Over 450 years of history
The KU is a modern university with a long tradition. It has existed in its current form since 1980, but its roots go back to the year 1564 and the foundation of the Collegium Willibaldinum, the first priest seminary north of the Alps. The seminary became a theological college in 1924. Another historical institution that later became part of the KU was the college of education in Eichstätt, which was established by the bishops of Bavaria in 1958. These two Catholic institutions were unified to form a single college in 1972 and several new degree programs were added. In 1980, the chairman of the Bavarian Bishops’ Conference, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who later became Pope Benedict XVI, elevated the college to university status.

Ingolstadt as a second location
The Ingolstadt School of Management (WFI) was added in 1989. To reflect the addition of this location, the University’s name was changed to Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt in 2001. Ingolstadt also has a long tradition as a university town – Bavaria’s first university was established there in 1472 with the Pope’s approval.

The patron saint of the KU is Saint Catherine, who lived in Alexandria in Egypt in the third and early fourth century. Saint Catherine’s Day is on November 25 and it is around this date that the KU celebrates the Dies Academicus, an event which commemorates the founding of the University.

My wish for the KU

My wish for the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt is that it will bring these spiritual origins of our culture to bear in the education sector and thereby have a positive influence on the whole which goes far beyond just its teachers and students, as such powers are urgently needed in critical situations.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (on the occasion of the foundation of the KU in 1980)
The KU... interdisciplinary

Collaboration between disciplines and an open approach to dialog are of great importance at the KU. Research is not the only area that is interdisciplinary – students also benefit from the interdisciplinary nature of the Studium.Pro offer, as well as several specific interdisciplinary degree programs.

Considering the whole picture
The KU makes sure it always considers the whole picture. It is conscious of the different conventions of individual disciplines and promotes exchange between them, both in research and in teaching. Since the 2017/18 winter semester, students at the KU have the possibility to expand on their studies beyond their main subjects with the offers of the Studium.Pro program which supports students in tailoring their studies to their individual profile. The program’s aim is to encourage students to develop their personality and enrich their studies by broadening their knowledge.

Studium.Pro is divided into five categories: “Pro Discourse” focuses on the interdisciplinary exchange on social issues. The lecture series “K’Universale” deals with a different big topic each year, e.g. trust, failure or flight. “Pro Society” offers project-oriented study formats which focus on social engagement. “Pro Horizons” enables students to combine different interdisciplinary courses and to broaden their horizon by gaining an insight into areas beyond their main subjects. Core skills for the students’ later careers can be acquired in the “Pro Career” program. Last but not least, “Pro International” was designed to support international students during their preparation and study phase.

Interdisciplinary degree programs
The KU has ensured that after the Bologna reform students are still able to combine different subjects through interdisciplinary Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programs. This allows them to develop and strengthen their own unique profiles. Students can combine individual subjects from a selection of over 30 to create the degree program of their choice. This leads to individual degree programs that provide students with transferable skills and teach them how to think and act in an interdisciplinary way. The KU also offers several degree programs with a specific interdisciplinary focus, such as the programs in Journalism, Tourism and European Studies.
The KU is a very international university. A large number of partnerships give students access to study opportunities all over the world and we offer international students a unique environment: a compact campus, an open culture and a friendly atmosphere. One of the great features of our degree program is the solidarity among the students.

Dr. Christina Rüther, coordinator of the degree program in German and French Political Science
The KU is committed to promoting and employing an international perspective. International students contribute to intercultural and international exchange, while the University’s global network provides students with a wide range of study abroad opportunities.

At home in Bavaria and in the world

Spending a semester studying or doing an internship abroad offers students the chance to get to know another country, its culture and its people, enabling them to gain valuable experiences. They are able to develop their initiative and open-mindedness and strengthen their intercultural skills on the basis of Christian values.

KU students are at home in Bavaria and in the world. Whether it is in China, Russia, the USA, Australia or South Africa, the University maintains partnerships with universities all over the globe. In addition to its connections with state universities, the KU is part of a unique international network of Catholic universities. Students currently have access to around 400 exchange opportunities with 265 partner universities in 57 countries. Thanks to university agreements, in most cases tuition fees are waived at the host universities abroad. This means that studying abroad is an option for all students; in certain degree programs a stay abroad is actually a fixed component.

The KU’s International Office is the main point of contact for all questions regarding stays abroad. It provides advice and support for students who want to go abroad, as well as for incoming students from other countries. The International Internship Service offers students opportunities to gain practical experience in another country to enhance their future career prospects.

International degree programs

The KU also has several degree programs with a specific international focus. The double degree programs in German and French Political Science, and German and Chinese International Business Administration, and the German-Finish degree program InterculturAd/Intercultural Advertising are binational programs in which students obtain academic qualifications in two countries.
International summer courses with German language classes and an extensive leisure program
Students from all over the world
There are many opportunities for international and intercultural exchange at the KU. There are over 450 international students enrolled at the University, including a particularly high number of students from France, Ukraine and China.

Each year the University welcomes around 200 visiting students who are supported by KU students in both Eichstätt and Ingolstadt who act as tutors. International visiting lecturers also provide insights into other countries in presentations and seminars.

International summer courses
Once a year, the KU invites students and professionals from all over the world to take part in an international summer course in Eichstätt. During the four-week course they take German language classes and study a range of topics from the field of German studies, as well as the humanities. There is also an extensive leisure program with trips, theater and dance courses, and film evenings.

For business students, there is a two-week summer school at the Ingolstadt campus with courses on business, economics and law, as well as visits to companies and talks with experts.
The KU... and its partner institutions

- 191 partner universities in Europe
- 60 partner universities in North America, Middle America, and South America
- 191 partner universities in Europe
- 24 partner universities in Asia
- 2 partner universities in Australia
Research at the KU has great potential, as the foundations for effective research are commitment, initiative and, of course, skill. A small university has the added advantage of an environment that makes it simpler to initiate research collaborations – not least at the international level. These conditions are essential for collaborative and interdisciplinary research, which is incredibly important for the future.

Prof. Dr. Harald Pechlaner, Chair of Tourism, Center for Entrepreneurship
The KU…*strong in research*

The KU’s research covers a wide range of disciplines and topics. Interdisciplinary and innovative approaches play an important role in the research units of the university. Young researchers at the KU are supported by research training groups and scholarships.

**Interdisciplinary and diverse**

Research is conducted at all of the KU’s faculties and institutes, as well as several interdisciplinary research centers and groups. The KU places a particular focus on interdisciplinary collaboration – for example in its Center for Flight and Migration where the University combines research projects, teaching, professional development programs and practical work with refugees. The Center specializes in academic study of asylum policy, integration measures, flight and migration, as well as the development and analysis of new forms of initial and advanced training. It involves the fields of business and economics, cultural studies, education, and the social sciences, allowing the participating researchers to take a holistic approach.

The KU established the Center for Ethics of the Media and Digital Society in collaboration with the Katholische Stiftungshochschule München in 2016. It coordinates existing initiatives in the fields of media ethics and media education, and develops new cooperation projects. The University currently plans to establish two new centers: the “KU Center Church, Religion & Society” and a “KU Center for Ethics” at its Ingolstadt location.

**Promoting young researchers**

The KU attaches particular importance to the promotion of young researchers and offers an accompanying program for doctoral candidates in its Graduate Academy. The research training group “Inklusive Bildung” (inclusive education) and the doctoral program “Ethik, Kultur und Bildung für das 21. Jahrhundert” (ethics, culture and education for the 21st century), which was founded in collaboration with the Katholische Stiftungshochschule München and the Munich School of Philosophy, enables interdisciplinary exchange across institutional borders. Furthermore, the KU supports young researchers working on a doctoral or habilitation project with an internal funding program.
Central research institutes

In addition to its faculties, the KU has several well-established research institutes and groups. The central institutes at the KU, the Center for Marriage and Family in Society (ZFG) and the Center for Latin American Studies (ZILAS), have carried out research for many years. The Center for Marriage and Family in Society primarily focuses on empirical family studies but also on providing advice and professional development programs. The Center for Latin American Studies aims to improve the understanding of Latin American countries and closely cooperates with Latin American scientists.

In addition to these institutes, the KU has several research groups, such as the Floodplain Institute Neuburg (Aueninstitut Neuburg) where the professor of applied physical geography is based. Its research focuses on the ecology of flood plains and rivers, as well as renaturation.

Coordination and promotion

The Center for Research Promotion (ZFF), established in 2016, coordinates and supports the many different research activities at the KU. One of its key responsibilities is the acquisition of third-party funding, the amount of which has already risen by more than 70 percent since 2009 and now lies at nearly 7.5 million euros.

Innovation and transfer

In 2018, the KU has established a cooperation with the Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt (THI) in the context of the innovation alliance “Mensch in Bewegung”. Its aim is to carry out research with and for the region and thus promote a sustainable economic and social development. The project team mainly focuses on topics such as mobility, digitalization, sustainability and social engagement. In the context of the initiative “Innovative Hochschule”, the project is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) with 15 million euros.
As a business student you have the opportunity to benefit from the KU’s good connections every day. The Summer Challenge is good example of the University’s excellent long-term partnerships with leading companies which give you the chance to make strong contacts during your studies to ensure you will succeed after you graduate.

Florian Mielenz, WFI Summer Challenge coordinator
The KU…connected

The KU sees connecting with wider society as a third mission. It places great importance on collaborating with social, Christian and cultural institutions, and with industry as part of its commitment to social responsibility and in order to ensure students have the best possible start to their careers.

Knowledge transfer as a third academic mission

The KU aims to conduct research with society and for society. It sees knowledge transfer as a third academic mission alongside research and teaching. Constructive discussion with society has an economic, cultural, social, political and Christian dimension at the KU. Research and teaching, the two traditional missions, provide the basis for social action as a third mission and benefit in return from contacts outside the University.

For example, the KU works closely with Bund Katholischer Unternehmer, an association of Catholic entrepreneurs. Each year the University and the association organize the Eichstätter Gespräche where practical business experience is combined with economically valuable academic knowledge. KU researchers are also involved in a variety of high-level commissions such as the Bundestag’s study commissions and the Central Committee of German Catholics. Last but not least, the University connects with the community through the Kinder-Uni project which provides school children in fourth to sixth grade with insights into topics in the natural and social sciences and the humanities. Since 2017, the Department of Education Innovation and Knowledge Transfer has been responsible for coordinating transfer activities of all University members.

Study with a practical focus

The KU believes that preparing its students for their future careers is just as important as their academic education. They have access to a wide range of opportunities to put the theory that they have learned into practice. For example, the University explicitly encourages students to prepare their final theses in cooperation with companies. Furthermore, the KU has a high number of lecturers from practical fields who enrich various degree programs with their experience.
Partners in society

The Ingolstadt School of Management (WFI) collaborates particularly closely with major companies in Germany and abroad, providing its students with excellent opportunities when it comes to finding internships and starting their careers. Firms introduce themselves on campus during the School’s Company Day. Recruiting and sport are combined in the WFI Summer Challenge which is organized by students. In addition, the WFI-Talente career portal helps students get in touch with potential employers.

In the Master’s degree program in Journalism: Innovation and Management, students regularly collaborate on research projects with media companies such as Bayerischer Rundfunk, Deutschlandfunk and weekly newspaper Die Zeit.

The Faculty of Social Work has excellent contacts with social institutions on all five continents. Important partners include Christian charities and the diocese of Eichstätt’s international partnerships office. Students can choose from over 150 internship places and spend a semester supporting a literacy program in Tanzania, caring for victims of domestic violence in India or doing street work in Bolivia, for example.

International teacher training

In its teaching degree programs the KU places great importance on enabling students to experience different educational contexts. Each year, with funding from the DAAD, students and lecturers travel to Kampala as part of the K Uganda project where they hold workshops with local teachers, develop teaching materials and test educational concepts.

The KU Career Service also builds a bridge to the world of employment by putting faculties in touch with possible future employers, by offering workshops in which they help students prepare for their future careers and also by supporting alumni after their graduation.
Students involved in the tun.starthlife initiative give refugees German lessons
The KU… socially active

The KU gives students opportunities for personal development that go beyond study and research, and encourages them to become socially active. There are a variety of political, Christian, social and creative groups for students to get involved in at the KU.

Promoting volunteer work

The KU is not just a place of research, teaching and learning; it is also a community. The University sees itself as an important component of society with its own responsibilities and therefore encourages its students to get involved in voluntary projects. Since 2013, students have been able to carry out volunteer work as part of their studies, contributing to the development of their unique profiles. In this way, the University connects with wider society.

A wide range of student groups, working groups and projects offer opportunities for students to get involved in political, Christian, social and creative initiatives. Alongside their studies KU students campaign for human rights, support conservation and represent the interests of their fellow students. They sing in the choir and play in the orchestra, hold debates, run a university radio station, organize an intercultural open air festival and put on plays.

Student groups at the KU

- tun.starhilfe für Flüchtlinge supports refugees’ right to participate in society. The working group, founded in 2012, supports refugees in the district of Eichstätt through language teaching.

- Shalom für Gerechtigkeit und Frieden aims to contribute to the maintenance of peace. Since 1982, it has awarded the Shalom Prize to people and projects that campaign for human rights on an annual basis.

- Respecting the environment is the main focus of Kapuzinergarten Eden. The group plants, tends and harvest its own fruit and vegetables in a shared garden.

- DenkNachhaltig! at the Ingolstadt School of Management (WFI) organizes the annual Dialogue of Sustainability, the largest student sustainability conference in the German-speaking world.

Further information and a complete list of student groups are available at www.ku-konvent.de.
The KU... sustainable

The KU sees sustainable development as a task for research, teaching and campus management. The University aims to be a role model for society and to contribute to changing society’s way of thinking. The KU is the first university in Bavaria to receive the EMAS certificate.

A leader in sustainability

Preserving creation is one of the KU’s key principles. The University developed its own sustainability concept in 2010. It also became the first Bavarian university to be awarded the EMAS certificate as part of the European Union’s European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme for developing and establishing an environmental management system in 2015. The KU was recognized by UNESCO as an outstanding place of learning for sustainable development in 2016. The KU was certified as a fairtrade university for its commitment to promoting the use of fairtrade products on campus in 2017.

In teaching the University has set itself the task of promoting knowledge and skills that enable students to grasp all aspects of sustainability in order to act responsibly. Sustainability is the subject of elective modules and a lecture series on the environment. The KU’s Master’s degree program in Education for Sustainable Development is the only one of its kind in Germany. In recent years, around 100 KU research projects have focused on issues of sustainability. A dozen young researchers take an interdisciplinary approach to the topic in the doctoral program ‘Sustainability in the Environment, Business and Society’.

A sustainable campus

Sustainability is not just taught and researched at the KU; it is also put into practice on campus. The KU has only used electricity produced from renewable sources since the beginning of 2012 and, as of 2016, no longer uses any fossil fuels for its heating. Members of the University are encouraged to sort their rubbish using waste separating systems. Cafeterias only sell fair-trade coffee. Thermos cups are sold as an environmentally friendly alternative to single-use cups. The green campus is now home to several bee hives which are cared for by students to produce KU honey.
The KU… family friendly

The KU works to ensure that students and staff are able to balance studying and working at the University with family life. The campus is a family-friendly environment with a crèche, baby changing facilities and a playground. The KU has been certified as a family-friendly university for over ten years.

Certified as family friendly

In view of its Catholic tradition, the KU sees ensuring a family-friendly environment as an important part of its mission. In 2004, it became the first Bavarian university to be certified as a family-friendly university with the Familiengerechte Hochschule certificate, awarded by the Hertie Foundation in recognition of its success in creating a family-friendly atmosphere for students, researchers and administrative staff. The KU is always working on creating even better conditions to allow members of the University to balance their studies and work with family life. As part of this commitment it signed the Familie in der Hochschule charter in September 2016.

Child-friendly infrastructure

The University’s crèche, Uni-Kinderhaus, plays a key role in ensuring parents are able to study successfully. It offers students with children the opportunity to have their children looked after by professionals both during and outside of lectures. The KU’s campus also has family-friendly infrastructure. Many buildings have baby changing facilities, the Main Library has a family room with toys and there is a large playground in the Hofgarten. Children under 11 receive a child’s portion free of charge when their parents eat in the canteen.

Studying as a parent

Students are able to take a semester of leave while pregnant or after the birth of a child. Certain degree programs can be studied part-time, making it easier for parents to organize their studies. The Center for Marriage and Family in Society (ZFG) and the equal opportunities officer of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt are available to provide support and advice for students with children.
The German Bundestag
The locations… Germany

The KU is located in the south of Germany which, with its flourishing economy, high level of safety, diverse landscapes and rich culture, has one of the highest standards of living in the world. The German higher education system is internationally renowned.

Excellent research

Germany is a country that has produced many great poets, thinkers and Nobel laureates. It has a long history of academia and research which continue to be valued highly to this day. German universities have an excellent reputation throughout the world. And this quality does not come at a high cost – Germany is one of the least expensive places to study in Europe. The KU, like most of the country’s universities, does not charge tuition fees.

High standard of living

Germany is a modern, cosmopolitan country with a population of around 82.5 million. One in five people have a migrant background. German society is characterized by diversity, freedom and fairness. In the United Nation’s Human Development Index, which rates how desirable countries are to live in, Germany is ranked at number 6 out of 188. This is due to its very high standard of living.

Germany is the fourth largest economy in the world. It has one of the lowest unemployment rates of any country in the EU. Germany also ranks among the safest countries in the world. Whether you live in the countryside or in the city, you do not need to take any special precautions when out and about.

Diverse nature and culture

Each region has its own unique attractions, whether it is breath-taking landscapes, impressive architecture or vibrant night life. Germany’s different natural landscapes range from the island chains of the North Sea to the thick forests in the center of the country and the mountain lakes in the south. It has a rich history and culture: countless castles, palaces, churches, city walls and many more sights are just waiting to be explored. Germany is situated at the heart of Europe – be it Paris, Prague, Venice or Vienna, many major European cities are just a short journey away.
Neuschwanstein Castle in the Bavarian Alps
The locations… Bavaria

The Free State of Bavaria is in the very south of Germany and is the largest of the country’s states. It is known throughout the world for its beautiful landscapes, its rich culture and the famous Bavarian Gemütlichkeit. Eichstätt and Ingolstadt are situated at the heart of Bavaria.

A diverse region

Bavaria is one of the most beautiful regions in Germany. Year after year, tourists from all over the world come here to enjoy the nature, explore the cities and experience the unique traditions. In the south you will find the majestic Alps and crystal-clear rivers and lakes, while the north is characterized by romantic rolling hills and vineyards. This range means that there are many different opportunities for sports enthusiasts, from climbing and skiing to sailing.

Tangible history

Bavaria’s long history is visible in the Limes, the wall that marked the border of the Roman Empire 2000 years ago, as well as the many medieval cities, impressive churches, monasteries and castles, and ornate palaces.

The state is home to Neuschwanstein, the world-famous fairy-tale castle built by King Ludwig II. It also has many UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Würzburg Residence, the Wieskirche church on the edge of the Alps, the medieval old towns of Regensburg and Bamberg, and the Margravial Opera House in Bayreuth.

Beer festivals and Christmas markets

Beer festivals are the ideal place to experience the famous Bavarian Gemütlichkeit. Here you will see many people in Dirndl dresses and Lederhosen, the region’s traditional dress. The largest and most well-known beer festival is Oktoberfest in Munich, which receives around six million visitors from all over the world each year.

Another essential part of Bavarian culture is the beer gardens where people gather in summer to enjoy smooth beer and delicious traditional dishes in the open air. In December visitors are drawn to the traditional Christmas markets with their mulled wine – especially the Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg.
45 minutes to... Nuremberg

... with the Christkindlesmarkt, Germany’s most famous Christmas market

... with Nuremberg sausages and lebkuchen

... with a historic old town including the Imperial Castle

... with the documentation centre at the former Nazi party rally grounds

... with the house of the famous renaissance artist Albrecht Dürer
60 minutes to... Munich

... with Oktoberfest, the world’s largest beer festival, and Hofbräuhaus, the famous beer hall

... with the Deutsches Museum, the largest science museum in the world

... with the Allianzarena, home of the Bayern Munich soccer team

... with the world’s best known river surfing spot, the Eisbach

... with the Alps at its doorstep
The locations… **Eichstätt**

A picturesque natural park and a vibrant old town, imposing baroque buildings and modern architecture, a bishop’s seat and university town – there are many sides to Eichstätt. Studying here means living in one of the regions in Germany with the best quality of life.

Eichstätt is situated at the heart of Bavaria. With a population of around 13,400, it is the smallest university town in Europe. This means that KU students based in Eichstätt benefit from a friendly atmosphere not only on campus but also around the town. Whether it is on the way to a lecture in the morning, in a café in the afternoon or in the pub in the evening, you will often come across people you know. It is easy to meet people in Eichstätt.

**Historic yet modern**

If you ever feel like a change from the small-town feel in Eichstätt, there are several bigger and busier cities close by – Munich, the capital of Bavaria, and Nuremberg, the biggest city in Franconia, are both just an hour away by car or train. But there is plenty to see in Eichstätt too. Traces of Eichstätt’s 1100-year history can be seen all over the town. Imposing baroque buildings designed by Jakob Engel, Gabriel de Gabrieli and Maurizio Pedetti give the old town an element of Italian flair. The Willibaldsburg castle with its famous Archaeopteryx fossil and Hortus Eytettensis garden towers over the town. As a bishop’s seat, Eichstätt has various churches and monasteries, the most magnificent of which are the cathedral and the monastery church of St. Walburg. The simple beauty of the *Jura-Häuser*, a style of building that is typical of the area, provides an interesting contrast. The modern architecture of some of the University’s buildings, designed by well-known architects such as Karljosef Schattner and Günter Behnisch, has won several awards.

**A green place to live and study**

The town is situated inside the Altmühltal natural park with its Jurassic rock formations, picturesque river banks and juniper heaths. It is a paradise for nature lovers with many opportunities for cycling, walking, climbing and canoeing. The Hofgarten park in the center of the Eichstätt campus and the nearby banks of the Altmühltal river are the perfect places to relax. The outdoor swimming pool and beer
gardens are popular destinations in summer. After dark the pubs and student parties are the places to go. There is also a cinema and a night club. Theke, a bar run by students for students, is the heart of the student scene and the ideal location for a round of drinks.

Low costs and high standard of living

According to a ranking by Focus magazine, the district of Eichstätt is the best place to live in Germany. This is thanks to the region’s strong economy. Eichstätt has had the lowest unemployment rate of any district in Germany for many years (September 2018: 1.3 percent). Alongside the University, the Church and government authorities, the main employers are the large companies based in Ingolstadt. And the region’s security is not just economic: the district of Eichstätt is among the safest in Upper Bavaria.

The cost of this high standard of living is comparatively low. You can find regional specialties at low prices in restaurants and cafés and at the weekly market. Some places even offer student discounts. Accommodation is also affordable on a student budget. In addition to apartments and rooms offered by private providers, there are 17 student residences run by non-profit and private providers. The International Office provides assistance for international students looking for accommodation.

Elements of Eichstätt:
- Altmühl river, Residenzplatz, cathedral, cycling and walking trail, pub culture and the staircase in the former prince-bishop’s residence
The former anatomical institute, part of a former university, which dates from the 18th century.
The locations… Ingolstadt

A young city and a dynamic economic region: Ingolstadt is one of the fastest developing cities in Germany and has a history that stretches back over 1200 years. The KU’s Ingolstadt School of Management, which has almost 1100 students, is based here.

With a population of around 135,000, Ingolstadt is the fifth largest city in Bavaria. From here it is around 15 miles to Eichstätt and around 50 to Munich. The city has experienced unique development in recent years and is now one of Germany’s fastest growing cities.

A strong economy and excellent sport

World-famous companies such as Audi, Airbus, Media-Saturn and Hipp are based in Ingolstadt and the surrounding area, making the region one of the most economically active in the whole of Germany. The city has also made a name for itself in the sporting world: ERC Ingolstadt became German ice hockey champion in 2014 and the FC Ingolstadt 04 soccer team played in the Bundesliga until 2017.

Ingolstadt is a modern industrial city with an eventful history. It was the seat of the Wittelsbach dynasty, home of Bavaria’s first university, a key location in the Counter-Reformation and the birth place of the 1516 German Beer Purity Law. It is also the home of Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein and the secret society known as the Illuminati. The city’s history is still visible today: the Church of Our Lady and the New Castle date from the time of the duchy of Bavaria-Ingolstadt, the former anatomical institute is a reminder of the first university, the Maria de Victoria Church is the most magnificent work by the Asam brothers, and parts of the 19th century fortifications have been preserved, including the Reduit Tilly.

Rich culture

The city’s theater, the Georgian Chamber Orchestra, concert series such as the Audi-Sommerkonzerte, Jazztage and Kabarettage, and museums like the Museum für Konkrete Kunst and the Audi Forum are just some of the cultural highlights that Ingolstadt has to offer. The historic old town is home to many restaurants, clubs and pubs where you can enjoy some time out after your lectures and seminars, many of which are just around the corner from the campus. In summer the Donaustrand beach by the
Images of Ingolstadt: Old Town Hall, Maria de Victoria Church and Audi Forum

river is a great place to relax with a cocktail in your hand and your feet in the sand. The many beer gardens are also ideal locations to enjoy a traditional Bavarian meal to finish off the day.

Nature in the city

Ingolstadt is one of the greenest cities in Bavaria. The city center is encircled by the Glacis, a green belt with serval parks. The large Klenzepark on the south bank of the Danube is popular with both students and locals. There are several lakes which are the ideal destinations in summer to enjoy a swim and catch some sun.

If all this nature is still not enough, just outside the city you will find the Altmühltal natural park to the north and the Hallertau, the world’s largest hop-growing region, to the south.

Excellent quality of life

Ingolstadt also offers excellent quality of life. With its strong economy and social stability, it has the lowest unemployment rate of any German city (September 2018: 2.0 percent). Although Ingolstadt has become a highly desirable place to live and work in recent years, students are still able to find accommodation here that is close to the University and to the city center. This is made possible through subsidized student residences and other types of accommodation owned by the University and private providers.
My initial concerns about studying in a small Bavarian town soon disappeared. Whether it’s relaxing by the river with friends, taking a boat trip or walking in the surrounding woods, settling in to life in Eichstätt is easy. The pubs are always lively in the evenings and the day often ends with a legendary house party. You get to know people quickly which is great.

Clara Ramos da Silva Stiefel, student
The campus… in summary

The KU has two compact, green campuses, one in Eichstätt and one in Ingolstadt, both of which are located close to the town centers. The University’s buildings display a unique mixture of baroque and modern architecture.

A compact campus

The KU’s buildings were planned according to the campus principle and are situated on the edge of the old town in both Eichstätt and Ingolstadt. This saves time and avoids stress, as everything you need is just a few minutes’ walk away: seminar rooms, the library, computer work stations and canteens.

Green spaces

There are several green spaces on campus where you can spend time between lectures and seminars. In Eichstätt the Hofgarten is the green heart of the KU – a park where you can relax and find inspiration, play frisbee or do a bit of slacklining. The Kapuzinergarten is also a good place to unwind. The campus in Ingolstadt, home to the Ingolstadt School of Management (WFI), consists of one large and one smaller building separated by a peaceful courtyard. If you prefer to spend your breaks in town, Ingolstadt’s city center is just a few minutes’ walk away. The Eichstätt campus is also just around the corner from the town’s main square.

Masterpieces of baroque and modern architecture

The KU’s architecture is truly unique. Historic eighteenth century buildings such as the former summer residence of the prince-bishops, a former riding school and a former orphanage are now used for lectures and seminars and the offices of the University Administration.

Today’s interesting mix of old and new was created by architects Karljosef Schattner and Karl Frey who added concrete, glass and metal to the baroque buildings, making Eichstätt home to some outstanding modern architecture. The Main Library, designed by star architect Günter Behnisch, is a masterpiece of glass and steel situated on the green banks of the Altmühl river.

Take a virtual campus tour at ku.de/campustour
The KU provides excellent facilities for its students. Canteens, cafeterias and the Sports Center ensure their physical well-being, while the University Library, Computer Center and Language Center provide important resources for additional training.

Library

Over 1.9 million books, thousands of journals, a comprehensive selection of online media and a place to concentrate on your work – all of this is on offer at the KU’s University Library, which has five branches that stock media for specific subjects. The reading room in Ingolstadt is particularly exceptional: it is housed in a former church. Students only have to wait around 30 minutes for orders from the closed stacks and can request interlibrary loans free of charge. All library locations have computer work stations, copiers, book scanners and free WiFi.

Language Center

Whether it is for a semester abroad, for your future career or for your next vacation, being able to communicate in a foreign language is more important than ever. At the KU’s Language Center students can take a wide range of beginners’ and advanced courses in various languages.

There are courses available in a dozen languages, from Arabic to Italian and Russian to Swedish. German courses are offered for international students. In addition, the Ingolstadt School of Management offers special business language courses in English, French, Spanish and Chinese.

Computer Center

The Computer Center provides computer work stations in eight locations, five in Eichstätt and three in Ingolstadt. You can also connect to the University’s WiFi network on campus with your laptop, tablet or smartphone.

Students are able to install many programs that the KU has purchased on their personal devices at no extra cost. The Computer Center also offers a range of training courses for different types of software. In addition, it provides all students and staff with access to the University’s own file sharing service.

Sports
KU students are able to work on their physical as well as their mental fitness. There are many opportunities to get active on campus. The Sports Centre offers over 120 sports and fitness courses each semester – from aerobics to basketball, swimming, martial arts and athletics, to yoga and ballroom dancing. The sports building on the Eichstätt campus has a gym and there are also canoes available for hire. Soccer is particularly popular at the KU and each year teams from different degree programs compete in the University’s Präsi-Cup.

While students’ appetite for knowledge is satisfied in lectures and seminars, they can satisfy their hunger in the KU’s canteens. From Monday to Friday the canteens in Eichstätt and Ingolstadt offer three different hot meals at student-friendly prices, at least one of which is vegetarian or vegan. They also provide a range of side dishes, soups and desserts, as well as a salad bar. Outside the canteen opening hours, students can find cold drinks, coffee, freshly made sandwiches and homemade cake at the smaller cafeterias in both locations.

Canteens and cafeterias
Bachelor’s degree programs

Applied Musicology and Music Education

This Bachelor’s degree program, which combines musicology and music education with an applied approach, is currently the only one of its kind in Germany. During the program students have the opportunity to apply the skills that they have learned in practical projects where they create their own arrangements, organize concerts, carry out music education projects or create podcasts, for example. Students learn theories of non-school music teaching for all age groups as well as how to apply these theories in practice. The combination of musicology and music education enables students to learn how to convey their knowledge in a way that is suitable for their target group and increases their awareness of the similarities between the two disciplines.

Business Administration

Business Administration is an intense degree program which offers excellent study conditions. At the start of the program, which is run by the Ingolstadt School of Management, students learn the basics of a wide range of areas in business administration. They can then choose between nine different specializations, allowing them to decide which area they wish to focus on at an early stage in their studies. The degree program prepares students to progress to a Master’s degree program or to start a career in a wide range of industries. Lecturers provide students with intensive support to ensure excellent study conditions. The Ingolstadt School of Management has ranked among the best of its kind in Germany for many years and consistently receives excellent marks in various rankings.

Childhood Education

The aim of the degree program Childhood Education is for graduates to be able to apply academic knowledge and methods, Christian values and ethical considerations to work independently in the field of education. Students gain fundamental knowledge of the field of childhood education. They learn how to reflect upon, analyze and improve individual, family and social development processes, social and political conditions, religious, denominational and interdenominational considerations, and the organizational and economic design of childhood education measures.
European Studies: Language, Literature and Culture

This degree program provides students with fundamental knowledge of cultural similarities and differences in Europe, the requirements and conditions for the development of closer ties between the different peoples of Europe, and the links between European and non-European cultures. It focuses on European encounters and experiences, cultural contact and cultural conflict as opportunities for intercultural learning. It also teaches students skills for dealing with language and texts, with a particular focus on literary texts. The content of the degree program includes fundamental aspects of cultural studies, literary studies and linguistics, and provides students with the opportunity to study two languages and their philology, as well as elements of art history.

Geography

Geography is an interdisciplinary science that involves studying questions related to the environment and development using perspectives from both the natural and social sciences. This includes considering and analyzing natural phenomena, as well as social and economic structures and interactions. The Bachelor’s degree program in Geography provides students with knowledge of various areas, including the latest methods, and offers them the option to choose a specialization after completing two foundation semesters. The specializations available are Leisure, Tourism and the Environment, Physical Geography, and General Geography.

German and French Political Science

Students of this integrated Bachelor’s and Master’s degree program spend time studying both in Eichstätt (the first and second years of study) and at the renowned Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Rennes (Sciences Po) in France. While the main focus of the program is political science, students also choose two other areas of study (usually business administration, sociology or law), take courses in foreign languages and learn a variety of methods. The content covered in Eichstätt and Rennes is carefully coordinated and each year group is made up of students from both countries. Graduates of the Master’s degree program of the same name receive both a German and a French degree (see p. 73 for further information).

International Business Administration

As an emerging economic power, China is taking on an increasingly important role in the world. Students of this international degree program gain valuable knowledge that enables them to understand the economic processes happening on all continents. It is a double degree program that prepares students to work in areas related to business, culture and language through an intense initial phase in Ingolstadt and an advanced phase (one to two years) at a partner university in China. In addition to studying business administration in depth, students take intensive Chinese language courses. After eight semesters they obtain a degree from the KU and from a partner university in China.
**International Sociology**

Sociology is about analyzing social processes, social inequalities and social change. This degree program provides students with knowledge of social theories and methods that can be used to examine a broad spectrum of situations in society. It equips students with fundamental knowledge of sociology and gives them the opportunity to conduct independent sociological research at an early stage in their academic careers. In addition, students gain methodological skills and knowledge in selected fields of sociology such as culture, abnormal behavior and social structure. The fifth semester of the degree program is spent abroad.

**Journalism**

This Bachelor's degree program enables students to enter the diverse field of journalism. Its unique concept has been a success ever since the program was established at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt over 30 years ago. Students acquire fundamental knowledge of communication science, ethics, politics and business which enables them to better understand and question complicated situations and social contexts. These topics are combined with practical training in all areas of media. Students write news and reports, produce videos and radio programs, and design websites. They spend their fifth semester studying at a university in another country.

**Latin American Studies**

This degree program's combination of different approaches from the field of cultural studies enables students to gain a comprehensive understanding of Latin America. In addition to language skills (mainly in Spanish and optionally in Portuguese) and knowledge of literature and linguistics, students gain fundamental insights into the history, socio-political structures and geographical reality of the subcontinent. The aim is to analyze the cultural identity of Latin America – a topic which currently lacks wide public awareness in Europe – on the basis of broad knowledge and skills.

**Mathematics**

What makes the KU's Mathematics degree program unique is its focus on applied content, the flexibility of the examination regulations that gives students a high degree of freedom when choosing which areas they wish to study, and the opportunity to combine mathematics with philosophy. Other possible focuses are mathematical economics, empirical social science and geography, which prepare students to deal with challenges in practical fields. The KU's Mathematics program is characterized by a friendly atmosphere, an excellent staff-to-student ratio, small tutorial groups and good communication between students, professors and staff.
One of the goals of my subject, psychology, is to find out what human beings need. This includes not getting lost among the masses in an anonymous environment, which certainly doesn’t happen at our university. If you ever need a break from the quiet small-town setting, you can take a trip to nearby Munich – and look forward to coming home… and realizing once again that we experience the great wide world in our minds.

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Kals, professor of social and organizational psychology
**Nursing**

This degree program is a part-time program aimed at students who are also undertaking vocational training in nursing. The KU offers this degree programme in response to the increasing complexity and increasingly demanding requirements of the healthcare sector and in doing so aims to contribute to development in social work, nursing and healthcare. Students learn to work independently in intra- and interdisciplinary contexts, making them suitable for a wider range of tasks in healthcare and social work. Qualified nurses can also participate in the part-time program alongside their work.

**Politics and Society**

The interdisciplinary degree program in Politics and Society combines the study of international, national and regional dimensions of politics from the perspective of political science with a sociological view of social structures, players and problems. After acquiring fundamental knowledge of political science and sociology, students can choose from three specializations: The World and Europe; Politics and Communication; and Society and Social Processes. The degree program also includes various practical elements, such as a compulsory internship and rhetoric courses.

**Psychology**

The focus of the Psychology degree program is human experience and behavior. Psychology is an empirical science that combines features from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. It deals with issues in basic research as well as practical questions. Students who decide to study psychology should have an interest in the principles of human experience and behavior, and enjoy academic work. A unique aspect of the Psychology degree program at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt is that, in addition to gaining empirical knowledge, students have the opportunity to reflect upon the purpose of actions and the values on which they are based.

**Religious Education**

This seven-semester Bachelor’s degree program prepares students for pastoral work in individual parishes, groups of parishes and interparish contexts. It provides students with knowledge and skills in religious education at kindergartens, elementary schools, middle schools and schools for children with special needs. The first three semesters provide students with fundamental knowledge of biblical, systematic and practical subjects, as well as subjects in the humanities. In the following semesters they gain advanced knowledge in specializations of their choosing. The degree program includes practical phases that are completed partly at the University and partly in the students’ home dioceses.
Social Work

The aim of this seven-semester degree program is to provide students with academic knowledge and methodological skills for a career in social work and social education. They gain academic insights and practical skills that enable them to describe, analyze and explain living situations, develop and implement action plans, and reflect upon and justify their professional work on the basis of academic theory. Throughout the degree program the focus is on the people that social work is about.
New building at the Ingolstadt School of Management
Interdisciplinary degree programs and teaching degrees

In the interdisciplinary degree programs students may choose their own subject combinations. In both the Bachelor’s and Master’s programs students can choose their own focuses by specializing in one subject or choosing to study several. They have the opportunity to strengthen their individual profiles through internships or a stay abroad. There are two types of program available: the flexible Bachelor’s and Master’s degree program, and the Bachelor’s and Master’s degree program in Culture and Media. Students enrolled in the KU’s teaching degrees also have the opportunity to obtain an interdisciplinary Bachelor’s degree. The subjects that may be combined in the interdisciplinary degree programs are described from page 64 onwards.

Flexible Bachelor’s and Master’s degree program

Students can choose up to four of the subjects that are offered as part of the interdisciplinary degree program. Students of this degree program may also participate in Studium Individuale, a selection of modules in which they can expand their subject knowledge and gain core and transferable skills. In a compulsory part of the degree program called Studium Generale students learn about the links between their chosen subjects and develop their skills in independent, critical thinking. This part of the program focuses in particular on questions related to philosophy, conceptual history, ethics, society, religion and the environment. Students also complete an internship lasting at least four weeks.

Bachelor’s and Master’s degree program in Culture and Media

Students choose two subjects from a fixed selection on offer, which are complemented by basic courses in cultural and media studies. Modules in journalism and communication science are a key part of the program. In addition to acquiring knowledge and skills in their chosen subjects, students learn how to work in interdisciplinary teaching and learning groups with people from other areas of cultural studies. The aim is to combine specialist knowledge with a broad interdisciplinary perspective. Students are taught how to study cultural works and artefacts using academic methods, and how to recognize and reflect upon different interpretations from different disciplines. They learn to work independently in their subjects and to develop their own research questions. Studium Generale and an internship lasting at least four weeks are also compulsory parts of this program.
Teaching degree programs: LehramtPlus

The KU’s teaching degree program model LehramtPlus enables students to acquire the standard Staatsexamen degree as well as a Bachelor’s degree. As a result, students obtain qualifications that enable them to enter the teaching profession and to work in other fields, without studying for any longer than they would in a standard teaching degree program. The KU offers teaching degree programs for elementary school (Grundschule) and several types of secondary school (Mittelschule, Realschule, Gymnasium). All teaching degrees include modules in education science and teaching methodology, modules in the subjects that students will later teach, and placements at schools. Students choose two teaching subjects. In the programs for Grundschule and Mittelschule, the second subject is subdivided into three minor subjects (Didaktikfächer). After six semesters LehramtPlus students can complete a two-subject Bachelor’s degree and have the opportunity to progress to a two-subject Master’s degree program. Students of all of KU’s teaching degree programs can study a third subject if they wish. The possible subject combinations are set by the Bavarian State Ministry of Education, Science and the Arts.

Combinable subjects

Ancient Greek

In the teaching degree program in Ancient Greek, students gain fundamental knowledge and learn teaching methods and theories on the basis of selected literature and linguistic periods, and various literary genres and forms. The program also includes interdisciplinary elements, which link to disciplines such as ancient history and archeology. Ancient Greek as a teaching degree program subject is studied in combination with Latin and is offered by the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt in collaboration with the classical philology department at the University of Bamberg.

Art Education

Students of art education learn the basics of traditional artistic media such as painting, drawing and sculpture, as well as new media, action and performance. The areas in which the acquired skills can be applied cover all objects in every-day visual culture. Students experiment with a wide range of artistic forms of expression, develop their skills in these artistic methods, and learn how to use and present them effectively. The diverse range of fields in which art education can be applied include exhibition and museum education, aesthetic projects in public spaces, cultural days, social work, leisure education, art therapy, and religious and progressive education.
Art History/Visual Culture

Art history is the study of the history of visual media and art. Content includes not only cathedrals, Michelangelo, engravings and impressionism, but also the history of illustrated visual media, photography, film and global visual culture since the beginnings of colonialism. Students of art history at the KU gain skills that prepare them to work in various areas related to art, such as in research, at museums, exhibitions centers, galleries or cultural institutions, in heritage preservation, in the art trade, or in art journalism.

Business Administration

Management, accounting, macro- and microeconomics, law, marketing and business ethics – these are just some of the topics that students who choose business administration as a minor subject will study. They learn the basics of a broad range of topics which cover all the relevant areas of business, economics and law. There are nine specializations on offer, allowing students to focus on areas such as accounting and controlling, human resources and organization, international management, taxation and accounting, or marketing and service management.

Catholic Theology

Students of theology investigate questions regarding the reality of God and his revelation in Jesus. They reflect upon God’s relationship with human beings and their response, faith and lack of faith, and the Church. Due to the broad and open nature of these questions, a combination of methods from different academic disciplines in required. Accordingly, students learn how to approach the fundamental questions in philosophy, gain knowledge of the historical foundations of biblical and historical theology, and acquire skills in systematic and practical reflection. Students learn how to represent the Catholic faith in religious and theological discussions in church and in society on the basis of solid arguments.

Classical Archaeology

Classical archaeology deals with the artefacts left behind by cultures in the Mediterranean region between around 900 and 400 BC. The area that is studied and researched in this discipline extends from Spain to Italy, Greece and Turkey, and also includes North African countries and the historic region of Mesopotamia, modern-day Iraq. Students develop an eye for detail and learn how to evaluate the historical development of different types of art and materials. In addition, they acquire knowledge of architecture and city layouts, as well as architectural sculpture. These skills also enable them to understand newer forms of art, as almost all trends since the Renaissance have been influenced by Greek and Roman art.
**English and American Studies**

English and American studies at the KU is divided into the areas of English linguistics, English literature, American studies and English teaching methodology. In English linguistics students study the development of the English language from the time of the Anglo-Saxons to the present day, as well as the linguistic analysis of modern varieties of English. English literature focuses on the literature and culture of the British Isles from the early modern period to the 21st century. American studies is an interdisciplinary field that aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of North American literatures and cultures from the colonial period to the present day.

**European Ethnology**

European ethnology is a discipline of cultural studies which analyses every-day, popular and mass cultural phenomena in European societies in the past and present. Students gain insights into the diversity and complexity of cultures that have developed during the course of Europe’s history, as well as their social conditions and their regional characteristics. This enables them to understand intercultural and transcultural processes in present-day Europe. During the degree program students have the opportunity to specialize in areas such as custom and ritual research, religious and piety research, migration research, the social history of regional cultures, and material cultures and their representations.

**German as a Second Language**

The main aim of this subject is to teach students the basics of dealing with the German language as a second language and the German culture as a foreign culture on the basis of academic theory and reflection, as well as the basics of comparative linguistics and cultural studies. In this way, students are prepared for professional work in related fields. The subject is aimed at both German and international students.

**German Studies**

German studies is the study of the German language and German literature. Modern German literature covers the period from the Reformation to the present day, while early German literature focuses on German texts from the Middle Ages to the early modern period. Literary studies involves studying the history of literature and learning how to work independently with literary texts, and also includes elements of literary theory, cultural studies and media studies. German linguistics looks at the development of the German language, the current form of the German language and the usage of different varieties.
History

History deals with changes in society, the economy, the state, politics and culture from early times up to the present day. It is not about simply learning dates off by heart but about learning how to handle historical sources and questions. The aim is to be able to understand and explain developments throughout history up to the present day. The degree program content is generally divided into the main periods of ancient history, medieval history and modern history. In addition, the KU also offers the following sub-disciplines: comparative regional history and early modern history, economic and social history, Latin American history, and historical theory and history teaching methodology.

Latin Studies

The KU’s Latin studies curriculum covers the literature of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, Latin linguistics, Latin teaching methodology, the main historical, cultural and social aspects of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, and the historical effects of these ancient societies on European cultures. The main focus of courses on literary studies is on Ancient Greek and Roman literature from its beginnings to Late Antiquity, and Latin literature of the early modern period. Courses on linguistics look at the history of the development of Latin up to Late Antiquity, with a particular focus on the classical period.

Mathematics

Students who choose to study mathematics as part of the interdisciplinary Master’s degree program take a variety of lectures and seminars. The topics on offer include statistics and probability theory, optimization and computational science, and pure mathematics. In addition, students can choose to broaden their knowledge by studying mathematical economics or mathematics with applications in physical geography. A unique feature of mathematics at the KU is the focus on applied content.

Music Education

Music education focuses on the processes involved in education in the field of music, including music teaching methodology which covers the theory and practice of teaching and learning in musical contexts. Students of this subject also gain knowledge of related disciplines such as musicology, sociomusicology, music psychology, ethnomusicology, general education and psychology. On the basis of a wide range of music which encompasses traditional and current, as well as European and non-European forms and practices, students of music education at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt look at current challenges and questions, with a particular focus on a broad range of musical and teaching practices, and on close links between theory and practice.
Musicology

The aim of musicology is to understand and explain the development and nature of music. It is not limited in terms of style or culture: musicologists should have an understanding of rock and baroque, as well as jazz, pop, folk music and non-European music. Musicology deals with a wide range of questions. There are lectures, seminars and tutorials on topics such as the history of music from early civilizations to the present, analysis of works, music theory, notation, organology, music psychology, acoustics, sociomusicology and ethnomusicology. Students can also take courses in performance and complete internships.

Philosophy

Philosophy deals with fundamental ways of thinking in our culture and among the whole human race. It deals with the foundations of all other academic disciplines, with the questions of the meaning of life and human activity and the requirements and conditions of belief systems that are passed on through culture. In the first two semesters of the Bachelor’s degree program students are given a systematic introduction to fundamental areas of philosophy such as ethics, theoretical philosophy and anthropology. In the subsequent semesters they develop their knowledge of theoretical and practical philosophy and learn important approaches and methods. The KU is one of the only universities in Germany with a professor of bioethics.

Political Science

Political science is the study of political ideas, processes, structures, institutions and content. Students learn how to carry out in-depth academic analysis and discussion of the political and social conditions of our every-day reality. At the KU political science is divided into the traditional areas of political theory, comparative political science and international relations. In addition, the Chair of Political Education and Social Studies Teaching Methodology focuses on teacher training and non-school political education, and also covers political rhetoric in teaching.

Romance Studies: French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese

In addition to taking language courses, students of Romance studies learn about the relevant cultures and their history, and discover how to interpret literature and language using academic methods. In literary studies they gain in-depth knowledge of epochal delineation, genre theory and fields of cultural research in Romance-speaking countries. Students learn how to interpret literary works. The study of linguistics focuses on historical and contemporary analysis of the phonological structure, grammar and lexicon of Romance languages. In addition, it involves investigating the differences between dialects and standard varieties, as well as processes of language change and language acquisition. Students can choose to specialize in French Studies, Italian Studies, Spanish Studies or Portuguese Studies.
Sociology

Why is society the way it is? Why do people do what they do? To what extent does society influence people’s behavior, and what are the consequences of their behavior for society? Sociology questions social processes and phenomena that often appear self-evident, such as traditions, customs and public opinions. It also aims to find explanations of how these phenomena and processes arise. Sociology analyses social processes, social inequalities and social change. Students of sociology learn theories of society and methods that can be used to investigate life in society in a broad range of situations.

School Social Work

This subject is centered on the needs, interests and desires of school pupils. Social problems that they may experience and the challenges of growing up are analyzed, and social counselling and therapy is offered in response. Professional perspectives in youth work and school education are examined individually, and analyzed as the foundations of interdisciplinary coordination, cooperation and development work. Through practical research projects and applied teaching methods, students develop their knowledge of theories in teaching and youth work and how they are related to one another. Current issues in school social work such as violence, drugs and social inclusion are also examined.

Theater Education

In this subject students learn the basics of theater education and performing arts. They study various forms and methods in performing arts, as well as the theories behind them, enabling them to plan, carry out and reflect upon their own performances. This minor subject is particularly suitable in combination with German studies, Romance studies or theology, and provides an introduction to theater work with children and adults.
A compact campus, a good staff-to-student ratio and a strong international focus – all this creates the best possible study conditions. The KU was definitely the right choice for my studies!

Fabio Jacob, speaker of the Student Representatives Council
Master’s degree programs

Business Administration

In this Master’s degree program students develop and expand their knowledge of business administration. A broad selection of elective modules allows them to choose which area or areas they wish to focus on. When applying for the program students choose one of the following specializations: MARKT (Market-oriented Management); FACT (Finance, Accounting, Controlling, Taxation and Business Law); Management Science; Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation; International Business Administration (German-French or German-Indian double degree program). In the latter specialization students spend one or two semesters studying abroad at a partner university and obtain two degrees.

Conflict, Memory and Peace

The binational Master’s degree program Conflict, Memory and Peace offers students the possibility to gain fundamental analytical and practical skills in the area of peace and conflict studies. The program content is conveyed to students by theory-based peace and conflict (resolution) models, a comprehensive methods training as well as courses with a practical and research-based focus. It is offered in cooperation with Universidad del Rosario (UR), Bogotá, Colombia. The students spent one year in Germany and one year in Colombia. The binational design deepens the students’ intercultural skills and language proficiency and enables mutual exchange of experiences, ideas and approaches. Following successful completion of the degree program, students are awarded a Master of Arts degree of the KU as well as a Magíster en Conflicto, Memoria y Paz of the UR.

European Studies

This interdisciplinary degree program provides students with in-depth knowledge of cultural similarities and differences in Europe, the requirements for the development of closer ties between the different peoples of Europe, and the links between European and non-European cultures. It focuses on cultural contact and cultural conflict as areas that hold great potential for intercultural learning through advanced study of Western European cultures. Students acquire in-depth knowledge of cultural periods in European history and the relationship between European and non-European cultures. They also gain intercultural, academic and foreign language skills. Students can choose to specialize in one of the following areas: literary studies, linguistics, history, European ethnology, political science or art history.
Geography: Education for Sustainable Development

The aim of sustainable development is to create a foundation to preserve the environment and to find ways of improving quality of life, social cohesion and economic development in conjunction with one another. Education for sustainable development enables sustainable processes to be analyzed, allows unsustainable developments to be recognized and promotes skills for shaping the future. This degree program prepares students to deal with these challenges. Relevant areas of geography are combined with topics in education, teaching methodology and ethics. Particular importance is placed on the relationships between the environment, the economy and society, as well as on reflective skills.

Geography: Environmental Processes and Natural Hazards

Sustainable use of the planet’s resources and the resulting conflicts will become increasingly significant for humanity in the future. Students of this Master’s degree program learn how to analyze these problems on a local and regional level and develop appropriate solutions. Links to practice are an important part of the program. Samples and measurements are taken in the field using state-of-the-art technology such as drone photogrammetry or terrestrial laser scanning, and then analyzed in the geography laboratory or using computer-based geoinformation systems.

German and French Political Science

This degree program is a binational, integrated Bachelor’s and Master’s degree program during which students spend three years of their studies at the KU, one year at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques (IEP) de Rennes and one year at an institution in the IEP network. In addition to political science, students choose two minor subjects. In the first year they can choose between sociology, business administration and law, while in the third year they can choose from a wider range of subjects. In the Master’s part of the program the courses on offer are based on areas where students may later work, such as administration; European policy and international relations; culture, communication and media; research and education; management and business; and social work and healthcare.

Inclusive Music Education / Community Music

The KU is the first university in Europe to offer a Master’s degree program in the field of music education with a special focus on inclusion, a basic human right. Drawing strongly on the concept of community music, the program aims to enable students to perceive, recognize and value diversity and the potential that it holds for breaking down barriers, and to provide them with an understanding of how constructive, democratic interaction between people with diverse backgrounds and experiences can be promoted through music education. The content is discussed from the perspective of both schools and non-school settings. The program can be studied full- or part-time.
InterculturAd – Intercultural Advertising

This degree program is offered in collaboration with Åbo Akademi University in Turku, Finland. It is an interdisciplinary and international program which combines knowledge and skills in different subjects that can be used to design and evaluate advertising strategies, content and impact. Particular importance is placed on issues in intercultural communication. The first year of study is spent in Eichstätt while the second is spent in Turku. The teaching languages are German and English. In addition to courses on advertising and business communication, students attend courses on topics such as visual communication and ethical aspects of advertising. Graduates receive both a German and a Finnish degree.

International Relations

Students of this Master's degree program deepen their knowledge of international politics, political order, economics, recent history and international law. This interdisciplinary program attracts students from all over the world and has graduates from around 30 different countries. As an interdisciplinary program it includes elements of political science, international law, economics, history and sociology. Students may specialize in one or more areas through their choice of modules. Graduates of the program are qualified for positions of responsibility at international organizations, constitutional bodies, administrative authorities, research institutions, media companies and NGOs.

Journalism: Innovation and Management

Which opportunities does the media market offer? Which ideas are likely to be successful? These are the kinds of questions at the heart of this research-oriented Master's degree program, which focuses on current changes in journalism and media, specifically changes in media formats and organizational forms. Students develop new formats and concepts in practical projects carried out in collaboration with renowned media companies, and consider how they can be implemented successfully in editorial departments. At the same time, they consider social responsibility and ethical issues. Methodological skills are also a key part of the program.

Psychology

This Master's degree program builds on the Bachelor's degree program in the same subject and provides students with more advanced knowledge of content and methods. It has an applied approach and covers all areas of psychology. Students gain knowledge and key methodological skills that are required for the main areas in which psychology is applied, and also study selected research topics. This flexible degree program allows students to combine psychology with other subjects offered by the KU in an interdisciplinary manner. Students also benefit from the excellent links between the psychology department and clinical facilities, as well as renowned companies in the region and major employers in the social sector.
**Social Work**

Growing challenges in social work and tight public budgets make it clear that social policy and the social economy need to examine the results and effectiveness of interventional programs more closely. There will be increasing demand for specialists in this area in the future. This research-oriented Master’s degree program aims to provide students with exactly the right skills and knowledge for this task. The focus is on learning, applying and developing methods for evaluating and measuring the effects of socio-political programs, as well as forms of intervention in social welfare and social work.

**School Social Work/Youth Work in Schools**

This degree program is centered on the needs, interests and desires of school pupils. Professional perspectives in youth work and school education are examined individually, and analyzed as the foundations of interdisciplinary coordination, cooperation and development work. This makes the program the first Master’s degree program in Germany to focus on working in an interprofessional context in schools. Through practical research projects and applied teaching methods, students develop and expand their knowledge of theories in teaching and youth work and how they are related to one another. Current issues in school social work such as violence, drugs and social inclusion are also examined.

**Tourism and Regional Planning – Management and Geography**

Tourism is an area that is experiencing dynamic development and is particularly important from the perspective of regional planning and local development. In the face of strong competition for tourists, innovative products, sustainable spatial planning and flexible concepts are required. This Master’s degree program prepares students to work on these challenges. As an interdisciplinary program it aims to familiarize students with research findings and provide them with the skills to apply theoretical concepts in practice. Topics in economics, business, economic geography and cultural geography are covered, enabling students to understand economic development processes and their sociocultural effects from a regional perspective.
# Professional development programs

## Master of Business Administration (MBA)

This general management degree program covers all of the most important aspects of business administration. It also offers students the opportunity to specialize in a particular area according to their interests or their professional requirements, providing them with the knowledge and skills that they need to take on management tasks. In addition to gaining theoretical knowledge, students acquire important practical skills that enable them to find solutions for specific challenges in management. The degree program is designed to meet the needs of students who are in full-time employment. Applicants must have an undergraduate degree and several years of professional experience.

## Master’s degree program in Community Informatics

Community informatics covers all aspects of computer-aided information processing in the field of social services. Social management, social work and applied computer science are important points of reference. This program covers the scientific and technical design, introduction and use of devices in information technology, and methods used to research the associated effects, possibilities and limits. The curriculum is created in consultation with leading companies in the social and IT sectors. The degree program is aimed at working professionals with an undergraduate degree, at least one year of relevant work experience and knowledge of information technology use.

## Teaching art at Catholic and private schools (Gymnasium)

The professional development Master’s degree program for working professionals provides students with the academic requirements for obtaining the teaching authorization for art at Christian and private schools. Graduates of the program are awarded the Master of Education and can apply for a permanent position at a Christian or private Gymnasium or a private specialized secondary design school. Interested students qualify for the program if they hold a first degree in an art-related subject and have already gathered work experience, e.g. in the field of teaching art as a subject at a Gymnasium, for at least two years and with at least 14 hours a week.
Adult Education/Non-school Youth Education

Many people who work in adult education have previously gained a qualification in a specific subject. However, their work requires skills that go beyond pure subject knowledge. This program offers professionals who are already working in adult education and individuals who have recently graduated the opportunity to gain a qualification in education that complements their previous degree. The program links theory and practice, and provides students with research-based knowledge and practical skills in teaching, counselling, methodology, personal development, coaching, education consulting, mediation, discussion and education management.

Catholic Progressive Education with special consideration of the Marchtaler Plan

In the Marchtaler Plan, lessons and every-day life in schools are shaped by a combination of concepts in progressive education and the Christian view of human life. An increasing number of schools in Germany and Austria are implementing the principles of progressive education on the basis of the Marchtaler Plan. This requires teachers to carry out additional conceptual work and to demonstrate a high level of expertise, excellent teaching skills and significant personal commitment. To ensure that these challenges are met and to provide support for schools that are pursuing this path, the KU offers a one-year professional development course that is completed alongside full-time work. The course content includes the specific elements of the Marchtaler Plan, and the key concepts in progressive education and the Christian faith with regard to human life.
The team at the International Office (from left): Katharina Mergl, Suzanna Kisekka-Hirsch, Alessia Tressoldi
Join us at the KU

Are you interested in studying at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt? If you have any questions about completing a semester abroad or studying for a full degree at the KU, you can contact our International Office or our Student Advisory Service.

There are several different options for international students at the KU. The University offers students the opportunity to spend a semester abroad here as part of an exchange program such as Erasmus or as part of a double degree program. Even if your home university is not one of the KU’s partner universities, you can apply independently to spend a semester abroad here as a free mover. It is also possible to visit the KU by participating in one of its international summer schools in Eichstätt or Ingolstadt.

If you are interested in completing a full degree at the KU, you should not only contact the International Office but also the Student Advisory Service. The advisors can provide information on all issues relating to applying for a degree program, admission requirements and enrollment. They are also available to help you with any questions you may have about finding accommodation, financing your studies, organising your studies or starting your career.

Contact

**International Office**
Marktplatz 7
85072 Eichstätt
incoming@ku.de

Exchange students – Eichstätt:
Alessia Tressoldi
Tel.: +49 8421 9321069

Exchange students – Ingolstadt:
Katharina Mergl
Tel.: +49 8421 9321915

International applicants:
Suzanna Kisekka-Hirsch
Tel.: +49 8421 9321790

**Student Advisory Service**
Marie-Anne Eder
Marktplatz 7
85072 Eichstätt
Tel.: +49 8421 9321283
studierendenberatung@ku.de