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## WELCOME TO BAYREUTH – WILLKOMMEN IN BAYREUTH!

Dear international students,

We warmly welcome you to the University of Bayreuth and look forward to seeing you on the campus soon!

The following pages contain important information regarding your studies in Bayreuth, intended to make it easier and quicker for you to get oriented: Which courses can I take? How do I register for exams? What should I do if I get sick? — Many questions may arise before and during your stay.

Along with our International Coordinator, Kirstin Freitag, we – Marvin Stülcken and Lukas Wintmölle – are here as your tutors and are available to help at any time. Please don't hesitate to message us anytime if you have questions:

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To make communication even easier, we'd be happy if you joined our WhatsApp group (see QR-code below). This way, we can answer questions and exchange information anytime.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the campus soon!

Best,

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## I. Courses

### 1. Law courses offered in the Summer Semester 2025

At the University of Bayreuth, international students are generally permitted to take courses from all faculties (see [course catalog](#)). However, be sure to consider the requirements of your home university. Alongside courses in German, the University of Bayreuth provides law courses in English, French, and Spanish as well (see the list below).

Semester		Courses
Winter	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Introduction to data protection law</li> <li>› International Trade Law</li> <li>› Introduction to German Private Law</li> <li>› Methods of the English Common Law</li> <li>› Constitutional Law and Constitutionalism in Africa</li> <li>› Introduction to African Legal systems</li> </ul>
	Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Introducción al Derecho español</li> <li>› Español jurídico I</li> <li>› Derecho civil II</li> <li>› Español jurídico III</li> </ul>
	French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Culture juridique française 1</li> <li>› Introduction au droit privé</li> <li>› Introduction au droit constitutionnel</li> <li>› Droit civil 2</li> <li>› Droit administratif 1</li> <li>› Droit pénal</li> </ul>
Summer	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Comparative Law</li> <li>› International Commercial Law I</li> <li>› Capital Markets Law</li> <li>› International Environmental and Sustainable Development Law (<i>block course</i>)</li> <li>› Human Rights in Africa (<i>block course</i>)</li> <li>› Elements of Contract and Tort Law (<i>block course</i>)</li> <li>› Seminar: Researching key issues in African Law</li> </ul>
	Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Derecho civil I</li> <li>› Español jurídico II</li> <li>› Derecho civil II</li> <li>› Español jurídico IV</li> </ul>
	French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Culture juridique française 2</li> <li>› Droit civil 1</li> <li>› Droit constitutionnel</li> <li>› Droit civil 3</li> <li>› Droit administratif 2</li> </ul>

Please note that some courses are offered as block courses held only once (e.g., over two full days) instead of being held weekly.

## 2. Credits

For each course, you will earn 6 ECTS after passing an exam.

For seminars, you will earn 10-12 ECTS. However, please be aware that a seminar paper and presentation is an academic achievement and can be demanding.

## 3. Learning Agreement

Kirstin Freitag will advise you on Learning Agreements and sign them on your behalf. This also applies to Certificates of Departure/Arrival. You can email her anytime or arrange a personal meeting (office hours: Mon – Thu, 8:00 – 12:00 am).

## 4. Course Registration and Attendance Policy

At German universities, it's unusual to register for lectures or other classes as attendance is **usually** not required. However, please note that some courses are attendance-based courses, meaning that attendance is mandatory since participation counts towards your grade. This is especially the case for all language courses offered by the Language Center, where attendance is compulsory.

To find out if a course has an attendance requirement, please refer to the course description on *cmlife* and/or eLearning or ask the course instructor.

## II. Important platforms

There are several important platforms for your studies:

- › **cmlife** helps you organize your studies. While course registration is not required or intended on *cmlife*, you can use *cmlife* in order to create your timetable. To get an overview of all course dates, you can search for your courses in the search field and mark them using the "eye" symbol. This will add them to your timetable so you can see if a class is canceled, rescheduled or if the room has changed. To take exams, you need to register through *cmlife*. Additionally, you can download your Certificate of Enrollment and your Transcript of Records on *cmlife*.
- › On **eLearning**, you will receive important information about the course and access to all course materials. Some courses require an enrollment key, usually shared by the lecturer on the first of class.

## III. University E-Mail Account

Every student at the University of Bayreuth is given a 'bt-identifier' and a matriculation number at the beginning of their studies. The university will send official notifications to the university e-mail address set up for you. As soon as you receive your login credentials, please make sure to check your inbox regularly to avoid missing any important information.

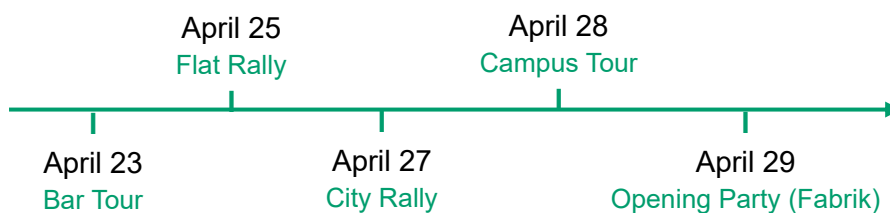
## IV. UBT app

The UBT app helps you to organize your everyday study life more easily and to access a lot of important information quickly. In the app, you can see the canteen menu, manage your borrowed books, view your individual exam results, read your university emails, view your timetable and much more. To activate the individual functions, you must log in using the corresponding data. If you encounter any problems, please contact us. You can download the UBT app free of charge from both the Google Play and the Apple store.

## V. Student Body of the Faculty: Events for Incoming Students

Alongside the [programs provided by the International Office](#) (orientation week etc.), the [Student Body](#) of the Faculty of Law and Economics also organizes a number of events aimed at helping you become more familiar with the university and the city.

Starting with the bar tour on the evening of April 23, 2025, a "flat rally" will follow on April 25. During this, you'll move from apartment to apartment of different students, competing in various party games (with or without alcohol). The city rally will take place on April 27, followed by a campus tour in the morning on April 28, and the semester opening party at Fabrik (one of the clubs in Bayreuth) on the evening of April 29. To make sure you don't miss any information, feel free to follow the '[Fachschaft RW](#)' on Instagram.



Apart from the program for incoming students during the first weeks of the semester, the Student Body offers further services for students. These include, for example, providing past exams, organizing book flea markets, and hosting a variety of events on campus, such as the legendary RW Party – the largest party in the region.

## VI. Student Associations on Campus

From the Law Students' Association to the University Orchestra and CampusTV – countless student groups are an integral part of campus life and are always happy to meet new people!

Listing them all would be too much but follow [this link](#) to find out more about the student groups.

To make the most of your time in Bayreuth, we encourage you to learn about the student groups and get involved!

## VII. Student Identity Card

During your studies at the University of Bayreuth, you will receive a student ID card:



- ① Matriculation Number
  - › Your Matriculation Number is essential, particularly when taking exams.
- ② bt-identifier
  - › With your bt-identifier, you can access all essential university platforms, including email, cmlife, and eLearning.
- ③ Barcode for the Library
  - › This barcode is used when you want to borrow books from the library.
- ④ Semester ticket
  - › With the semester ticket, you can use public transportation.

It is always advisable to carry your student ID card with you to university, as it serves a variety of purposes:

- › **Library Card:** Your student ID card also serves as your library card and allows you to borrow books from all university libraries at University Bayreuth. Books labelled with '32' can be borrowed without any limitations, while books marked with '31' may only be used on site and are not available for borrowing. Please make sure that you bring your ID with you every time you borrow a book and that you stick to the return deadlines to avoid fees.
- › **University wallet:** Your student ID card can also be used as a payment card on campus. It has two separate electronic accounts that operate independently and must be topped up separately:
  - . **SWO-Account.** This account is used for payments at the *Mensa*, *Frischraum*, *Cafeteria* and the snack and drinks vending machines on campus
  - . **Uni Bayreuth-Account.** This account is used for paying at the copy machines, purchasing products at the Uni Shop, and for covering university library fees.

Please make sure to add money to the correct account, as transfers between the accounts are not possible. To add money to one of the accounts, you must use the correct top-up machine at the university: While the top-up machines in the library can be used to add money to your Uni Bayreuth account, the machines in the canteen can only be used to top up your Uni Bayreuth account.

## VIII. Good to know

### 1. Academic quarter hour

You will often find the abbreviation c.t., the so-called academic quarter hour, in course details. It indicates that the course scheduled for "10 c.t." does not actually start until 10:15 am. The abbreviation s.t., on the other hand, stands for "sine tempore", meaning that the course scheduled for "10 s.t." actually starts at 10:00 am.

### 2. Library use

Information for first-time users can be found on the [University of Bayreuth's Library website](#). Much of the content is also available to university members (including students) electronically from off campus, such as the extensive range of e-books, electronic journals and databases. We recommend taking a tour of the library at the beginning of the semester to learn about everything it has to offer. Besides the tours of the libraries, courses and workshops on different topics, for example the best way to search for literature or working with systems that manage references. All information and dates for these courses can be found on the website.

### 3. Language Center

The Language Center offers a wide range of language courses that you can take alongside your studies. Currently, courses are available in 23 languages. Please note that attendance is usually mandatory in language courses. While most courses take place during the semester, some are also offered as block courses during the semester break (in March and September).

Please visit the [Language Center's website](#) for more information on placement tests and available courses.

### 4. Leisure time


Last but not least, we would like to mention a few things you can do beyond your studies so you can make the most of your time in Bayreuth:

- › The **Sports Centre** on campus offers many different sports that you can try out. From A for Aikido, S for Soccer to Z for Zumba. If you would like to attend any of the courses, you must register for university sports. This costs an extra fee of 30 € for the entire semester. For the list of sports courses and to register [click here](#). Our university also has a small gym, which you can use for the entire semester for an additional fee of 30 €.
- › In Bayreuth, you can also go **bowling**, **ice skating**, **bouldering**, play **minigolf**, visit a **trampoline park** or go to the **cinema** called Cineplex. There is also the **Röhrensee Tierpark** - a small animal park with free admission, which has small kangaroos. Not to forget the victory tower (**Siegesturm**) on a mountain, which offers a unique view of Bayreuth.

- › There are several **swimming pools** and **thermal baths** in Bayreuth that offer a great opportunity to relax. The [Kreuzsteinbad](#) outdoor pool and the *Altstadtbad* outdoor pool invite you to swim in summer. Although the *Altstadtbad* is free of charge, it only has one simple pool which is why we recommend the Kreuzsteinbad. The *Stadtbad* offers a good alternative for year-round swimming, while the [SVB Hallenbad](#) is particularly suitable for sports swimmers. Cheaper tickets for the *SVB Hallenbad* are available at the checkout in the cafeteria of our university. The [Lohengrin Therme](#) offers relaxation, and the *Obernsees* thermal bath outside Bayreuth is worth a visit for a slightly further excursion (bus ticket included in the semester ticket, use bus 375).
- › The [Maisel's Beer Experience World](#) tour will guide you through the old beer brewery from 1887 of Maisel's, which is a well-known beer company from Bayreuth. In fact, the brewery is still completely intact and could be used for brewing at any time. Beer is an essential part of Bavarian culture, and Bayreuth and the region have the highest density of breweries in the world. Definitely worth a visit.
- › Bayreuth also has a lot to offer culturally – from the Schlosskirche in the city center and the the Markgräflichen Opernhaus right across from it, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, along with the Neues Schloss and the Eremitage, to Richard Wagner's Festspielhaus, the Altes Schloss and the Villa Wahnfried where Richard Wagner lived – there's lots to explore!
- › If you are studying in Bayreuth in the winter, we would like to highlight **hiking up to the Ochsenkopf**, especially in January when there is plenty of snow. The Ochsenkopf is easily accessible with your semester ticket (student ID) – simply get off at the "Bischofsgrün" bus station. It's not a long hike, and once you reach the top, you can enjoy German food at the mountain restaurant. You can ski or go sledding on the mountain too. However, we can also recommend the Ochsenkopf in summer. For longer trips, the Alps and many other regions are also highly recommendable, offering even more opportunities for adventure and exploration.
- › If you're in the mood for a party and don't want to miss anything, you can follow [@fsrwbayreuth](#) and [@studentenleben\\_bayreuth](#) on Instagram or join this [WhatsApp Group](#).
- › If you are studying in Bayreuth in the summer, there are a few events you should know about and not miss out to enjoy the culture and leisure time in Bayreuth: The **Maisel's Weißbierfest** (May 22 – May 25, 2025) is a four-day event held at the brewery grounds, featuring live music with top artists from Germany – and entry is free of charge. During the **Bürgerfest** (July 4 – July 6, 2025), the entire city center of Bayreuth turns into a festival area for the weekend, with plenty of music and party vibes, also with free entry. The **RW-Party** (June 13, 2025) transforms the entire building of our faculty into a party venue for one night, with great party music. Lastly, the **Volksfest** is a small traditional fair with a few rides, perfect for a fun afternoon or evening.
- › If you are studying at the University of Bayreuth in the summer semester, you should be familiar with the SummerFeeling. This special event lasts two weeks and only takes place once every two years in even calendar years. During the warmer days, the large Rondell in the heart of our campus is filled with sand and transforms into an event area. Volleyball and beach soccer tournaments, live music and many other events. Perfect to enjoy your time during your studies in Bayreuth.








- › If you are studying at the University of Bayreuth in the winter semester, you should be familiar with the Bavarian week („Bayrische Woche“) and the campus evening („Campus-Abend“): The campus evening always takes place on the evening of the first day of lectures in winter, usually at 6 pm. Many associations, initiatives and organizations in which students can participate present themselves at individual information stands. Whether it is political groups, subject-related groups or the university choir - inform yourself and find out about what interests you most. And - most importantly - get involved. That way you can make the most out of your semester.
- › The Bavarian Week always takes place in November. During this time, the canteen serves Bavarian food and the local brewery Maisel's Weisse serves beer there. The week's highlight is on Friday, when the canteen turns into a beer tent - live music, lots of students in the traditional Bavarian costume and dancing on the chairs are all part of it.
- › If you want to **travel** around in Germany or Europe, we have a few tips for you. Nuremberg, just a short drive from Bayreuth, has its own airport from where you can easily fly to other countries. To compare flight prices, we recommend the website [skyscanner.de](https://www.skyscanner.de), which helps to find the best deals. In Bayreuth itself, FlixBus is a convenient and usually inexpensive way to travel to other cities.
- › For those who want to see more of Bavaria and Germany, we have another recommendation: With the **Germany Ticket** (*Deutschlandticket*), you can travel around Germany for 25.33 € per month as a student (as of March 2025). You can get the ticket [here](#). Don't be confused if you see 38.00 € listed; students at the University of Bayreuth receive an extra discount reducing the price to 25.33 €.

 Please note that the ticket only covers regional trains and buses, so ICE or IC trains are not included.

## IX. Summer Semester 2025 – Important Dates

The following calendar contains important dates for the summer semester 2025:

April 01, 2025	Start of Summer Semester 
April 23, 2025	First Day of Lectures 
May 22 – May 25, 2025	Maisel's Weißbierfest 
June 10, 2025	Non-lecture Day (Tuesday after Withsun) 
June 13, 2025	RW Party 
July 04 – July 06, 2025	Bayreuther Bürgerfest 
July 19, 2025	UNIKAT Summer event  
July 25, 2025	Last Day of Lectures 
September 30, 2025	End of the Winter Semester 