

Information for Incoming International *Law Students*



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Study Abroad and Exchange

Guide 2026/27

for Incoming International Law Students

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Welcome to *Bayreuth*

Dear Incoming International Students,

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

The following pages provide important information about your studies in Bayreuth and are designed to help you find your way around more easily: Which courses can I take? How do I register for exams? What should I do if I get sick? These are just some of the questions that may come up before and during your stay.

Together with our International Coordinator, Kirstin Freitag, I am here as your tutor to support you throughout your time in Bayreuth. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time:

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Law Courses

Winter Semester 2026/27

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. The table contains a list of all **foreign language law courses** at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bayreuth in the upcoming semester.

By entering the course number or course name into the search field in [cmlife](#), you will be directed to the course schedule. Once logged in, you can watch a course using the “eye symbol” and add it to your calendar to create your timetable. Please note that registration for lectures via cmlife is usually not required and, therefore, often not possible.

- ✔ **ECTS.** 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.
- ✔ **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).
- ✔ **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.

English

00322	Constitutional Law and Constitutionalism in Africa
00346	Introduction to African Legal Systems
30440	Introduction to German Private Law
00313	Introduction to Public International Law
00321	Methods of the English Common Law

Spanish

31520	Derecho reales
31506	Español jurídico I
31510	Español jurídico III
31500	Introducción al Derecho español
30501	Tutorial: Introducción al Derecho español

French

30634	Droit civil 3 (responsabilité civile)
30124	Droit constitutionell
30690	Culture juridique française 1
30081	Droit administratif 1
30692	Droit pénal
30515	Introduction au droit privé

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

Important Platforms

University Email, cmlife & eLearning

There are two 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. (➤ [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. (➤ [eLearning](#))

- ✓ Additionally, 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. (➤ [UBT Outlook](#))
- ✓ There is also a **UBT app**. This 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](#).





Your first weeks at the *University of Bayreuth*

During the week preceding the start of lectures, the International Office conducts a **mandatory** orientation week.

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

The program includes a city rally, a guided campus tour, a semester opening party at Fabrik – one of Bayreuth’s clubs – as well as a bar tour and a “flat rally.” During the flat rally, you will visit different students’ apartments and compete in a variety of party games, with or without alcohol. To stay up to date and make sure you do not miss any important information, feel free to follow Fachschaft RW on Instagram at [@fsrwbayreuth](#).

✓ In addition to the welcome program for incoming students at the beginning of the semester, the Student Body provides a range of further services throughout the year. These include access to past exam papers, book flea markets, and a variety of events on campus—most notably the legendary RW Party, the largest student party in the region.

Good to know

Before you start your studies

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.

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.

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.

Important Dates

Winter Semester 2026/27

October 1, 2026

Start of the Winter Semester

October 12, 2026

First Day of Lectures

December 24 – January 6, 2027

Christmas Break (No Lectures)

February 5, 2027

Last Day of Lectures

March 30, 2027

End of the Winter Semester



Understanding your Student Identity Card

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



It is always advisable to carry your student ID card with you 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.

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 freely use public transportation within Bayreuth.



Make the Most of Your Study Abroad

Bayreuth, Bavaria & Beyond

When we welcome you to campus, we will also be welcoming you to one of the most beautiful parts of Germany: the **Free State of Bavaria** in the south of the country. Home to the Alps, countless turquoise lakes, and picturesque landscapes, [Bavaria](#) offers plenty to explore, much of it only a few hours away from Bayreuth.

Bavaria is also known for its rich culture – from regional traditions, local restaurants, and festivals to the world's largest folk festival, [Oktoberfest](#) in the Bavarian capital of [Munich](#), there are countless opportunities to experience both Bavarian and German culture. That is why we would like to encourage you not to spend your time in Bayreuth studying only. **Make the most of your stay** by exploring [Bayreuth](#), [Bavaria](#), and perhaps even other parts of [Germany](#) or Europe.

Eibsee Lake



Berchtesgaden National Park



Bamberg – UNESCO World Heritage City



UNESCO Margravial Opera House Bayreuth



Neuschwanstein Castle

In and Around Bayreuth

Things to Do – Part 1

On the following pages, we'd like to share a few suggestions on how to make the most of your time in Bayreuth beyond your studies:

University Sports. The [Sports Centre](#) on campus offers a wide variety of activities – from Aikido to Soccer and Zumba. To participate, you need to register for the university sports programme, which costs €30 per semester. You can find the full list of courses and register [here](#). The university also has its own gym, which is available for an additional €30 per semester.

Leisure Activities. Bayreuth offers plenty of opportunities for your free time. You can go [bowling](#), [ice skating](#), [bouldering](#), play [mini golf](#), visit the [trampoline park](#), or watch the latest movies at [Cineplex](#). Another popular destination is the Röhrensee Tierpark, a small animal park with free admission that is even home to small kangaroos. For a great panoramic view over the city, don't miss the Siegesturm (Victory Tower).

Swimming & Wellness. Bayreuth has several swimming pools and thermal baths where you can relax throughout the year. During summer, both the [Kreuzsteinbad](#) and Altstadtbad outdoor pools are open. While the Altstadtbad is free of charge, it only has a single pool, which is why we recommend the Kreuzsteinbad. For year-round swimming, the Stadtbad is a great option, while the SVB Hallenbad is particularly suitable for sports swimmers. Discounted tickets for the [SVB Hallenbad](#) are available at the checkout in the university cafeteria. If you're looking to unwind, visit [Siebenquell](#) in Weissenstadt, [Lohengrin Thermal Bath](#) in Bayreuth, or take a trip to the [Obernsees Thermal Bath](#), which is easily accessible by bus (line 375, included in your semester ticket).

Maisel's Beer Experience. The Maisel's Beer Experience takes you through the original Maisel brewery, built in 1887. Remarkably, the brewery has remained completely intact and could still be used for brewing today. Beer is an essential part of Bavarian culture, and Bayreuth and its surrounding region have the highest density of breweries in the world. Definitely worth a visit!

Culture & History. Bayreuth has plenty to offer culturally. Visit the Schlosskirche in the city centre, the Margravian Opera House (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) just across the street, the Neues Schloss, the Eremitage, Richard Wagner's Festspielhaus, the Altes Schloss, and Villa Wahnfried, where Richard Wagner once lived. There is no shortage of places to explore.



Ochsenkopf & Nature. If you're spending the winter semester in Bayreuth, we highly recommend hiking up the [Ochsenkopf](#), especially in January when there is usually plenty of snow. It is easy to reach using your semester ticket – simply get off at Bischofsgrün. The hike itself is not particularly demanding, and at the summit you can enjoy traditional German food at the mountain restaurant. In winter, you can also go skiing or sledding. The Ochsenkopf is equally worth visiting in summer. If you're planning longer trips, [the Alps](#) and many other regions offer endless opportunities for hiking, outdoor activities and exploration.

Parties & Student Life. If you're looking for parties and student events, be sure to follow [@fsrwbayreuth](#) and [@studentenleben_bayreuth](#) on Instagram!

Summer Events. If you're studying in Bayreuth during the summer semester, there are several events you definitely shouldn't miss. [Maisel's Weißbierfest](#) (April 29 – May 2, 2027) is a four-day festival at the brewery grounds featuring live performances by well-known German artists, with free admission. During the [Bürgerfest](#) (July 2 – 4, 2027), Bayreuth's entire city centre transforms into one large festival with live music, food and plenty of opportunities to celebrate – also free of charge. The RW Party (most likely in June 2027) turns our faculty building into a party venue for one night with great music. Finally, the [Volksfest](#) (May 14 – 23, 2027) is a traditional fair with rides and attractions, perfect for spending a fun afternoon or evening.

SummerFeeling. If you're studying at the University of Bayreuth during the summer semester, you'll probably experience SummerFeeling. This special event lasts for two weeks and only takes place every two years in *even-numbered* years. During this time, the large Rondell at the heart of campus is covered with sand and transformed into an event area featuring beach volleyball and beach soccer tournaments, live music, and many other activities – a perfect opportunity to enjoy campus life.

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Things to Do – Part 2



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Things to Do – Part 3

Campus Evening. If you're studying at the University of Bayreuth during the winter semester, don't miss the Campus Evening (Mensa-Abend), which normally takes place on the evening of the first day of lectures, usually at 6:00 p.m. Student associations, initiatives, clubs and organisations introduce themselves at information booths across the campus. Whether you're interested in politics, subject-related organisations, volunteering or the university choir, this is the perfect opportunity to discover what interests you – and, most importantly, to get involved.

Bavarian Week. Each year, the University celebrates Bavarian culture with a special themed week. During this time, the university canteen serves a variety of traditional Bavarian dishes, accompanied by regional beer from Maisel's Weisse. The highlight of the week is the final evening, when the canteen is transformed into a lively beer tent with live music, traditional Bavarian attire, and plenty of dancing on chairs and tables.

Travelling Around Germany & Europe. If you'd like to explore Germany or travel across Europe, we have a few tips for you. Nuremberg Airport, only a short journey from Bayreuth, offers flights to many destinations across Europe. To compare ticket prices, we recommend Skyscanner, which helps you find the best deals. From Bayreuth itself, FlixBus provides a convenient and usually inexpensive way to travel to many German and European cities.



Travel throughout Germany!

If you would like to explore more of Bavaria and Germany, we highly recommend the **Deutschlandticket (Germany Ticket)**. As a student, it costs **under €30 per month** (as of March 2025) and allows you to travel throughout Germany on regional public transport. You can purchase the ticket [here](#). Don't be confused if the website initially shows a price of €43.00 – students at the University of Bayreuth **automatically receive an additional discount**, reducing the monthly price to under **€30**. (↗ [Get your ticket here](#))

Please note that the Deutschlandticket is only valid on **regional trains and local public transport**. **ICE** and **IC** long-distance trains are **not** included.

We look forward to
welcoming you to
Bayreuth
very soon!



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