



During the Semester

When it comes to selecting suitable courses, exchange students at UR have a wide range of options since - with only few exceptions - the majority of courses for degree seeking students are open to exchange students, and it is possible to combine courses from different faculties.

The main language of instruction at UR is German. However, UR has established a large number of courses taught in English throughout the various faculties. Currently we offer more than 250 courses taught in English.

Depending on the language of instruction, you should have a sound level of German or English to accomplish a course. Therefore, if you plan on taking courses taught in English, you should have English language skills on level B2.

The exchange student advisors will get in touch with you in case that they foresee any problems concerning your language skills and advise you on your course selection.

Campus Life

International students will come to a campus of vibrant cultural life with more than 20 theater groups and various choir and orchestra troupes. Annually, the university's main auditorium hosts internationally renowned musical and theatrical ensembles, attracting an audience not only from Regensburg but well beyond. UR's Sports Center organizes a vast selection of recreational courses for all students ranging from aikido and canoeing to rock-climbing and yoga.

City and Student Life

Regensburg has a more than 2000-year long history, but it is by no means an *old city*. Everywhere between the medieval buildings, students can experience Regensburg's charming and dynamic atmosphere. With more than 30,000 students among its 160,000 inhabitants, young people make up one of the dominant parts of Regensburg's population.

Whether students want to enjoy Regensburg's beautiful surroundings, take a short train ride to visit Munich, or venture further abroad, Regensburg's location in the middle of Europe and its well-developed public transport systems make exploring easy.



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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Intensive Language Course for Exchange Students (ILC)



Universität Regensburg

What is the ILC (Intensive Language Course) about?

The ILC is one of our most popular programmes. Every semester, about 130 students from all over the world participate in the course. It takes place during the period right before the academic lectures start. Throughout the ILC, students get the chance to improve their language skills, whilst also having time to explore Regensburg, the region, and get to know the other exchange students. Various excursions and many social activities are organized by our team of tutors, who also help you with orientation and all formalities associated with your time studying abroad.

Why is good to know German?

Don't worry! Even if you don't know any German, you will survive in Germany. However, at least having some basic German skills makes life a lot easier when it comes to everyday tasks, such as grocery shopping, a doctor's appointment, talking to the janitor in your student residence or making German friends.

The ILC Package - What do You Get?

The first three days after your arrival in Regensburg are used for orientation. Our tutors help you with all bureaucratic and administrative tasks, such as setting up a computer account, obtaining an enrollment certificate, registering with the city of Regensburg and much more.

During the ILC, you'll have several excursions and activities and social events to make sure that you have plenty of opportunities to get to know the city of Regensburg, to practice your German and to meet other students.

Duration and ECTS

The ILC is offered every semester and covers 120 hours of language instruction. It takes place usually 5 weeks prior to the start of the semester. You have language instruction for about 6 hours per day including a general language course, as well as conversation and writing courses. Students receive 12 ECTS for the successful completion of the course which will be listed on their transcript of records.

Arrival days: beginning of March / beginning of September

Course ends: early April / early October always about a week before the start of the lecture period.

Language levels offered

We cover all language levels from total beginners to advanced speakers (level A1-B2, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)).

We usually offer about 8 different language classes e.g. B1.1, B1.2, B1+ etc. This way we want to make sure that you get the best out of this intensive course. During the semester you may continue with the next language level.

Term Dates

Winter semester:

Lecture period: mid-October until early/mid-February
Pre-semester Language Course: September until start of lecture period

Summer semester:

Lecture period: mid-April until mid-July
Pre-semester Language Course: March until start of lecture period



Housing

There is no on campus housing in Regensburg but the International Office cooperates with many student residences and can usually guarantee affordable housing in one of these residences. All rooms are fully furnished. The majority of rooms in student residences have shared facilities which means that you share the kitchen and the bath room and other common rooms. The bedrooms are always single rooms.



This way you meet many other students (international and German students) and get easily integrated into the student community.

Costs

The regular course fee for the ILC is currently 550 Euro. However, we are able to grant reduced fees for certain exchange programs:

ERASMUS students: 395 Euro

Overseas exchange students: 475 Euro

Living Expenses in Regensburg

For housing you should plan on spending something between 280 EUR and 350 Euro per month. Students should have approx. 940 Euro total for living in Regensburg (including rent, food and other expenses).

What else is offered during the ILC?

A team of tutors will help you to get integrated and acquainted with campus and Regensburg. They usually offer a day trip to a city nearby e.g. Nuremberg or Passau, shorter excursions around Regensburg e.g. a boat trip to the Walhalla, evening events like a Bavarian dinner, social activities like bowling or karaoke and much more. Twice a week you can meet your tutors during an International Coffee Hour to ask questions, and meet with friends.

Your IO exchange student advisors will hold information sessions on course selection and the registration for courses, to make sure that you are well prepared for your semester in Regensburg.

