



Universität Regensburg

Fact Sheet for Incoming Exchange Students and their Advisors – Academic Year 2026-2027

1) Dates for the Winter semester 2026/27

Nomination deadline:	May 1, 2026
Application deadline (for admission, housing and intensive language course):	May 15, 2026
Sending of info package / letters of admission:	approx. June 15–July 15

Students who need a visa will be given preferential treatment.

ILC

Arrival dates for intensive language course/check-in into student residences:	September 1 and 2
Orientation on campus and in town / placement test for language course / administrative matters:	September 3 to 6
Course dates of the intensive language course:	September 7 to October 2

Orientation Course

Arrival dates for orientation course (attention: October 3 is a bank holiday – the university will be closed):	October 1 and October 2
Course dates of orientation course including orientation on campus and in town:	October 5 to October 9
	October 12 to February 12

Important Dates für the Semester

Lecture period:	October 12 to February 12
Christmas break	December 24 – January 06

Examination period:	last week of lecture period & following week (Exceptions: Business and Economics students may have exams until late March (for the winter semester). Essays can often be handed in until the end of the semester, cf. below.
Official semester period:	October 1 until March 31

2) Dates for the Summer Semester 2027

Nomination deadline:	November 1, 2026
Application deadline (for admission, housing and intensive language course):	November 15, 2026
Sending of info package / letters of admission:	approx. December 15

ILC

Arrival dates for intensive language course/check-in into student residences:	March 1 and March 2
Orientation on campus and in town/placement test for language course/administrative matters:	March 3 until March 7
Course dates of the intensive language course:	March 8 until April 8
Easter break:	March 25 – March 31

Orientation Course

Arrival dates for orientation course:	April 1 and April 2
Course dates of orientation course including orientation on campus and in town:	April 5 until April 9

Important Dates for the Semester

Lecture period:	April 12 until July 16
Lecture free days/bank holidays:	May 06 / May 17-18 / May 27
Examination period:	last week of lecture period & following week (Exceptions: Business and Economics students may have exams until late August (for the summer semester). Essays can often be handed in until the end of the semester, cf. below
Official semester period:	April 1 until September 30

3) Application Documents – Online Application Form

After having received the official nomination, students will receive further information from us on the application process. The online registration form and all other important information on the application process can be found on our website:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international>

Please note that the online application form is only open within a certain time frame. It will be closed after our application deadlines. A late registration is therefore not possible unless we have made special individual arrangements.

This is what students have to do:

Fill in the online application form (either the German or the English version) and upload the following documents:

- Scan of passport / ID card
- Proof of health insurance (if available at the time of the application)
- Proof of German knowledge – for students who want to take courses taught in German
- Proof of English knowledge – for students who want to take courses in English
- Transcript of records
- Preliminary Learning Agreement (if it is not possible to get the coordinator's signature at this time, students can send it without)

Only complete applications will be accepted. Please do not wait until the last minute to fill in the online application, as it takes some time to get all documents collected.

4) Admission Requirements/Language Pre-Requisites

Admission requirements: All exchange students have to be in good academic standing to be officially nominated by their home university.

With their application, students have to hand in proof of their language skills:

In general, all official tests such as Goethe-Certificates, Test-DaF, TOEFL, IELTS etc. are accepted, as well as confirmations by a language teacher or the International Office of the partner university, or the ERASMUS language test. Students should have language skills on level B2 in order to follow academic courses in the respective language. This proof of language skills should not be older than two years at the time of application.

4.1) German Language Skills:

In order to follow academic courses taught in German, students should have a sound level of B2 in German. Please note that the Medical Faculty requires a German level of upper B2 at the time of application as the minimum language requirement for students, especially if they have patient contact. This also applies to the Department of German (NOT German as a Foreign Language but German Language and Literature).

Therefore:

Students with German knowledge of B2 (according to CEFR) or higher can choose courses from both the German and the English-taught course program during the semester (for language pre-requisites in English, please see below). These students are advised to arrive in Regensburg for the regular orientation course.

Students with no German knowledge or German knowledge between A1 and B2 (according to CEFR) at the time of arrival:

These students may apply for the pre-semester intensive language course (ILC) that takes place in September/October and March/April. The course will take place on at least six different levels (A1.1-B2.2) as long as we have enough participants for each language level.

ILC course costs: 395 Euros for ERASMUS students, 475 Euros for all other exchange students (costs may be subject to change).

As the course is quite popular with exchange students, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to offer a place to all applicants, especially if too many students apply for the same course level. Applicants will be informed by the beginning of December/June whether they have been selected.

Students who are officially accepted into the ILC will have to participate in a mandatory placement test after arrival in Regensburg. Absolute beginners do not need to submit any language certificates or take any of the placement tests.

Even after the ILC, most students will probably lack the necessary pre-requisites to successfully follow courses in German. They should therefore take courses from the English-taught program and/or further classes in German as a Foreign Language. We recommend that students have a sound level B2 before they attend German-taught courses.

Students who cannot or do not want to attend the ILC can take German language courses during the semester. The International Office offers orientation programs for these students in English and German about a week before the start of the lecture period.

4.2) English Language Skills:

Students wishing to take courses from the English-taught course program should have English knowledge at level B2 (according to CEFR) or higher.

Please note:

Students wishing to take courses from the English-taught course program in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Management Information Systems should have a sound level of English at level B2 (according to CEFR) or higher.

5) Visa and Residence Permit

Students with passports from the following countries currently do not need a visa to enter Germany: All EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.

Students from e.g. Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, United Kingdom, and the USA also do not need a visa to enter Germany and can apply for a residence permit after they have arrived in Regensburg (see below).

Caution: The EU will introduce a new online entry system called **EES (Entry/Exit System)** in October 2025. We will keep students informed about any new regulations.

Students from all other countries need to apply for a visa ("Visum zu Studienzwecken", "Nationales Visum") at the German embassy/consulate, responsible for their place of residence.

Students applying for a visa usually need to prove acceptance by a German university (via the "Zulassungsbescheid", letter of acceptance), valid health insurance, and funding for their stay.

Detailed information on the visa process is provided by your local German embassy/consulate:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service>

The visa process takes at least 6 weeks or longer. Therefore, students should inform themselves of all visa requirements and start preparing their documents as soon as they have been nominated for the exchange program. Once they receive their letter of acceptance, they should immediately start the application process.

Exception: ERASMUS- exchange students who already have a residence permit for study purposes issued by another full member of the "Schengen Area" (because they study at a university within the "Schengen Area") may enter Germany under the EU Directive (2016/801) for Researchers and Students (called REST). In that case they neither need to apply for a visa nor for a residence permit in Germany. However, this applies to students only if they can present the following documents to the International Office of UR beforehand:

- A valid residence permit issued by the other EU-member country covering the entire study period of their time in Regensburg
- A valid passport copy
- A valid proof of health insurance covering the entire duration of their study period in Germany

- A proof that they have sufficient financial means for their exchange stay in Regensburg (currently 992 per month)

Students applying for a visa usually need to prove acceptance by a German university (via the "Zulassungsbescheid", letter of acceptance), valid health insurance, and funding of their stay.

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<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service>

5.1) Registration of Address / Residence Permit

Once in Regensburg, all students have to register with the local Foreigners' Registration Office, a part of the Regensburg City Administration.

1) EU citizens as well as students with a long-term visa: Students only need to register their new address in Regensburg and do not have to pay any fees

2) Non-EU citizens: Students who do not have a long-term visa (= covering the whole exchange period in Regensburg) need to apply for a German residence permit. The fee for issuing the residence permit is currently EUR 100 per person.

The International Office guides all students through the entire application process.

6) Courses

6.1) Course Information /Course Registration/Course Load

Information can be accessed via the course catalog.

The online course system is called SPUR: Go to the English version of the university's homepage (<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/en/>) and click on "Quicklinks".

Direct link to the course catalog: <https://campusportal.uni-regensburg.de/qisserver/pages/cs/sys/portal/hisinoneStartPage.faces?chco=y&noDBAction=y&init=y>

As the course catalog is always published very late, students will have to work with former semesters for preparing their learning agreement.

Registration for courses usually takes place after arrival in Regensburg during the Intensive Language Course and/or the Orientation Program. The normal course load is 30 ECTS credits per semester. However, this may vary according to the guidelines by the home institution.

6.2.) Courses in English

UR offers many courses taught in English throughout most faculties. Exceptions are. Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Fine Arts/History of Arts, and Sports Sciences.

Courses taught in English are not special exchange student courses but regular degree courses taught in English and in most cases targeted at 3rd year Bachelor or Master students (especially in Business and Economics, and Biology).

6.3) Learning German

Students can improve their German before the lecture period starts by participating in the pre-semester intensive language course (ILC, also see above). Students will receive 12 ECTS for regular attendance and successful participation. Possible course levels are A1, A2, B1, and B2 (all levels according to CEFR).

During the lecture period, UR's Language Center offers an extensive program of German courses (A1-C2), free of charge: <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/center-language-communication/center-of-language-and-communication/index.html>

Students can obtain credits for all of these courses. The German as a Foreign Language Unit also offers the following official language certificates for the levels C1 and C2 (UNIcert certificates - additional fees apply).

6.4) Learning Other Languages

Besides learning German, exchange students are also welcome to take courses from the Languages Unit ("SFA"), which teaches all kinds of languages from Arabic to Turkish. Unfortunately, these courses are not free of charge. The language center charges a small fee based on the number of contact hours per semester.

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/center-language-communication/center-of-language-and-communication/index.html>

6.5) Grading System

6.5.1) Grading System I (all faculties except Law Faculty)

Regensburg Grades in Words	Regensburg Grades in Numbers	Definition
very good	1,0; 1,3	Excellent: outstanding performance with only minor errors
good	1,7; 2,0; 2,3	Very good: above the average standard but with some errors
satisfactory	2,7; 3,0; 3,3	Good: generally sound work with a number of notable errors
sufficient	3,7	Sufficient: fair but with significant shortcomings

sufficient	4,0	Sufficient: performance meets the minimum criteria
insufficient	4,3	Fail: some more work required before the credit can be awarded
insufficient	4,7; 5,0	Fail: considerable further work is required

6.5.2) Grading System II (Law Faculty)

Juristic Points	General Grade	Definition
18 -16 = very good	1,0 (very good)	Outstanding performance
15-13 = good	1,3 (very good)	Far above average performance
12 = very satisfactory	1,7 (good)	Above average performance
11 = very satisfactory	2,0 (good)	Above average performance
10 = very satisfactory	2,3 (good)	Above average performance
9 = satisfactory	2,7 (satisfactory)	Average performance
8 = satisfactory	3,0 (satisfactory)	Average performance
7 = satisfactory	3,3 (satisfactory)	Average performance
6 – 5 = sufficient	3,7 (sufficient)	Meets the minimum criteria
4 = sufficient	4 (sufficient)	Meets the minimum criteria
3-1 = insufficient	5 (insufficient)	Fail; does not meet the minimum criteria
0 = insufficient	5 (insufficient)	Fail; major shortcomings, below minimum criteria

Please note that UR is not using the ECTS grading scheme.

The winter semester consists of 15 weeks of instruction.

The summer semester consists of 14 weeks of instruction.

7) Student Life

7.1) Housing

All exchange students should apply for student housing in one of the dormitories through the online application portal. The International Office will do its best to reserve rooms for all exchange students provided that

- they apply and send their documents within the deadline and
- they come for full semester(s).

Short term stays can only be accommodated subject to availability.

Please note: We will only make a room reservation for students for the duration of their stay (one or two semesters) according to their nomination.

UR does not have on-campus accommodation. The dormitories are located throughout Regensburg but all have good bus connections to campus (a bus ticket is included in the student ID).

Rooms are usually single rooms with shared kitchens and bathrooms. A limited number of rooms with own kitchen and bathroom are available. If students want/or need such a room, they should please provide this information in their housing application.

Students can inform the Accommodation Office about special needs in the application form. The Accommodation Office will do its best to fulfill all needs, although it is not always possible. The deposit for the room is currently € 350 (subject to change).

The reservation fee is currently € 210 (costs may be subject to change). Rents have to be paid via direct debit from a German bank account at the beginning of each month. Monthly rents can vary between € 280 and € 450. For further information on accommodation please see our website:

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international>

7.2) Health Insurance

All students need to prove adequate health insurance to UR.

Additionally, non-EU citizens need to prove adequate insurance to the embassy/consulate when applying for a visa and to the Foreigners' Registration Office in Regensburg. Students from EU-countries who have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) do not need to obtain any additional health insurance. Students from Turkey should bring an "AT-11" confirmation and are urgently advised to take out additional private insurance to top up what is covered via the "AT-11". All other students need to buy either the German statutory health insurance for students (approx. € 135 per month) or a private German health insurance.

Private insurances need to cover the following treatments up to 100%: medical and dental treatment, prescription medication, bandages and other materials necessary in aiding recovery, treatment in a hospital, medical treatment with regards to rehabilitation (physical therapy), and treatment for pregnancy and birth, as well as mental health counselling.

Students who want to bring their own private health insurance to Germany need to contact International.exchange-student@ur.de to get approval of their insurance.

7.3) Living Costs/ Fees

The minimum living costs are approx. 1000 EUR per month. This includes rent and health insurance.

Student Service Fee: Although exchange students are exempt from paying tuition, every student enrolled at UR needs to pay the so-called "semester fee" or "student services fee". This fee will be approx. 200 Euro (subject to change). This fee includes a semester ticket for public transport in Regensburg. An exemption is not possible.

German Broadcasting License Fee: The broadcasting license fee is a fee that all residents of Germany who have their own room have to pay, regardless of whether they use their TV/radio/internet or not. The amount is currently EUR 18.36 per month. This fee is mandatory.

7.4.) Student Account /WiFi

All exchange students receive their own UR student account and login information upon arrival. Almost all student residences provide WiFi. On campus, students can connect to EDUROAM and Bayern WiFi.

7.5.) Public Transport

The campus, all dormitories and the city center are well connected by bus. During rush-hours buses run every ten minutes, some stops are even served every five minutes. The UR student ID card serves as a bus ticket for local buses (see above, no. 3).

Participants of the ILC should know that they have to buy bus tickets for public transportation for September/March, as the UR card which includes public transportation is not valid until the start of the semester (October 1 for the winter semester; April 1 for the summer semester).

7.6.) Airport Pickup

UR does not offer an airport-pickup. Students arriving at Munich Airport can either take a commercial shuttle (Airportliner) or the train to get to Regensburg. There is a direct train from Munich Airport to Regensburg, running every hour.

Information on trains: <https://www.bahn.de>

Private airport shuttle: <https://www.airportliner.com/>

Important links and contacts

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UR international	https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international
UR international exchange students information:	We are currently preparing for a relaunch of our websites. For the moment, please go to the main website of UR International: https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international
Information for partner universities:	https://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/partner-institutions/index.html