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# Graduate school



## Doctoral Studies at the University of Bamberg

University of Bamberg • Bamberg



## Overview

### Description/content

There are generally two different ways to pursue doctoral studies at the University of Bamberg: structured doctoral programmes and individual doctoral studies.

#### Structured Doctoral Programmes

Structured doctoral programmes are organised around specific thematic fields of research in graduate schools. The doctoral thesis takes shape and is written within a community of doctoral candidates and a network of supervising professors. Doctoral candidates attend subject-specific and interdisciplinary training courses and sign supervision agreements defining the rights and duties of doctoral candidates and advisers, respectively. Some doctoral programmes include scholarships. Admission requirements and modalities are provided by these [programmes' websites](#).

#### Individual Doctoral Studies

PhD projects may also be supervised by one professor or a supervising committee. The traditional German expressions, "Doktormutter" or "Doktorvater" (literally "doctor mother" / "doctor father" to denote the PhD adviser), reflect the generally close working relationship between supervisors and candidates. Apart from regular participation in colloquia, individually supervised doctoral studies do not necessarily require a more institutionalised exchange between doctoral candidates, but of course, candidates will have access to courses where they will be able to gain additional skills. The first step towards an individually supervised doctorate is to [identify a potential supervisor and contact her or him directly](#).

#### Support

The Welcome Center offers extensive advice and practical support in the preparation and realisation of doctoral studies in Bamberg. It provides international scholars with information and tailored assistance in all matters related to the non-subject-specific aspects of their stay. The Welcome Center is meant to serve as a service unit connecting university departments and various university and non-university institutions. It offers the University's international PhD candidates personalised support, beginning even before their arrival in Bamberg.

The [Graduate Centre "Trimberg Research Academy"](#) supports PhD candidates and postdocs with individual consultations about academic careers and opportunities for scholarships and external funding. It also offers a qualification programme to develop transferable skills.

Recognising the difficulties that a highly mobile life can bring to couples and families, several institutions at the University of Bamberg work closely together to support newly arrived doctoral students and their partners and children during the settling-in phase.

### Faculties

- [Humanities](#)
- [Social Sciences, Economics, and Business Administration](#)
- [Human Sciences and Education](#)
- [Information Systems and Applied Computer Sciences](#)

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## Services

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**Financial support** Yes

**Structured research and supervision** Yes

**Research training / discussion** Yes

**Career advisory service** Individual career advice

Workshops on

- Administration, management & leadership
- Communication
- Personal career skills
- Research skills
- International competencies

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Welcome event
- Help with finding accommodation
- Support with registration procedures

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Health insurance
- Child care and schools for accompanying children
- Admission to and enrolment in doctoral studies
- German courses
- Intercultural training
- Social activities

## Doctoral Programmes

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**List of doctoral programmes and other offers**

- [Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences \(BAGSS\)](#)
- [Bamberg Graduate School of Affective and Cognitive Sciences \(BaGrACS\)](#)
- [Bamberg Graduate School of Historical Studies \(BaGraHist\)](#)
- [Bamberg Graduate School of Linguistics \(BaGL\)](#)
- [Bamberg Graduate School of Literary, Cultural and Media Studies \(BaGraLCM\)](#)
- [Bamberg Graduate School of Near and Middle Eastern Studies \(BaGOS\)](#)
- [Bamberg Graduate School of Medieval Studies \(BaGraMS\)](#)
- [Bamberg Graduate School of Teacher Education \(BaGraTEd\)](#)
- [Bamberg Graduate School of Business Administration \(BaGSB\)](#)
- [Bamberg Research Training Group on Bounded Rationality, Heterogeneity and Network Effects](#)
- [BayWISS-Verbundkolleg Social Change](#)
- [Structured PhD programme Biopsychology of Pain and Emotions](#)

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# University of Bamberg

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Since the founding of the University of Bamberg in 1647, it is the people who have been its top priority. The close proximity of students and instructors provides for excellent advisory services, personal communication and interdisciplinary studies.

The University of Bamberg, with about 11,000 students, is among Germany's medium-sized universities. The university currently offers roughly 100 programmes at the Bachelor's and Master's level.

The university's main areas of academic focus lie in the humanities, social sciences, economics, business administration and human sciences. These are rounded out by numerous programmes in application-oriented computer science. The premises of the four faculties are concentrated in three main locations that are easily reached by bicycle or via the local network of bus routes.

One of the University of Bamberg's main strengths is its commitment to a focus on international studies. The university's International Office maintains exchange programmes with approximately 350 universities in nearly 60 countries worldwide.

There are currently about 1,900 foreign students from 100 countries enrolled at the University of Bamberg. The range of courses offered at the university reflects this focus on international studies. Degree programmes in fields like international business administration and management, European economic studies, or the joint Master's degree in English and American Studies all require that students spend up to one year studying abroad. Furthermore, international students receive a great deal of support outside the classroom.

In order to help visiting students from around the globe become better integrated and acquainted with daily life, the International Office organises a tandem programme that brings together local and foreign students.

The university's international guests also have the opportunity to participate in an extensive programme of excursions and events meant to present a broader experience of life in Germany, even beyond the city of Bamberg. An international "Stammtisch" provides students with the opportunity to socialise and share experiences.

<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/study/>

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<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/>



## University location

Located in Northern Bavaria, it is easy to travel to and from Bamberg using many different means of transport. For those travelling by car, the city can be reached from all directions via the A70 and A73 motorways. Bamberg's railway station is also a stop on the ICE line between Munich and Berlin, which means that both cities can be reached in about two and a half hours without changing trains. Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city, is approximately 45 minutes away by train, and its international airport provides flights to destinations worldwide.

[www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/mobility/](https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/studies/living-studying/mobility/)

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