



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst  
German Academic Exchange Service



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# Doctorate



## Bielefeld Graduate School in Theoretical Sciences

Bielefeld University • Bielefeld

### Overview

Degree	Doctoral degree
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses for doctoral students are usually held in English.
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Only for doctoral programmes: any time
Application deadline	Please consult the respective websites for current information on open positions: <a href="#">PhD Positions - Bielefeld University (uni-bielefeld.de)</a>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Bielefeld Graduate School in Theoretical Sciences (BGTS) is a joint institution of the Departments of Business Administration and Economics, Mathematics, Physics, and the Center for Mathematical Economics at Bielefeld University.</p> <p>As an umbrella organisation of several structured research programmes in theoretical sciences at Bielefeld University, the BGTS provides a structured, internationally oriented doctoral study programme comprising courses, seminars, international workshops, soft skills training and social events.</p> <p>Doctoral candidates in the BGTS study programme can pursue their doctoral studies within the programme of a participating research training group (<a href="https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bgts/graduate-education/participating-program/">https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bgts/graduate-education/participating-program/</a>) as well as independently and under supervision from a BGTS scientist.</p> <p>Further information about the BGTS (list of scientists, research training groups, cooperation partners, etc.) can be found on the BGTS website (<a href="https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bgts/">https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bgts/</a>).</p>

### Course Details

International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> </ul>
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Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
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Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No
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## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
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Semester contribution	<p>Since Bielefeld University does not charge tuition fees, every student only has to pay a social fee. The <b>social fee</b> includes the contribution to the <b>social ticket</b> for free public transport in the city and area of Bielefeld and on regional trains and buses in North-Rhine Westphalia for the whole semester.</p>
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The current semester contribution is approximately 300 EUR.

### Costs of living

Costs for studying in Germany are relatively high due to the living expenses.

- Rent in a room in student halls of residence or a private student hall, in a room or flat comes to approx. 280 EUR per month.
- The expected costs for student health insurance and other medical fees are about 80 EUR per month.
- Depending on your lifestyle, you might spend about 150 EUR on food each month.
- Altogether, monthly costs for food, clothes, leisure activities, social fees, travel expenses, telephone bills, and the other mentioned expenses add up to approx. 850 EUR.

There are several ways of cutting expenses in Bielefeld. For example, it is possible to rent a room in a student residence for about 230 EUR, and a meal at the student canteen (Mensa) costs only about 2.60 EUR.

Funding opportunities within the university	No
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## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Please consult the web pages of the participating structured research programmes for specific information about admission requirements: <a href="https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bgts/graduate-education/participating-program/">https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bgts/graduate-education/participating-program/</a>
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Language requirements	Please consult the web pages of the participating structured research programmes for specific information about language requirements: <a href="https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bgts/graduate-education/participating-program/">https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bgts/graduate-education/participating-program/</a>
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Application deadline	Please consult the respective websites for current information on open positions: <a href="#">PhD Positions</a> -
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Submit application to [bgts@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:bgts@uni-bielefeld.de)

## Services

### Possibility of finding part-time employment

Basically, with your residence permit (stamp in your passport), you will receive a work permit for 120 work days per year. This allows you to work 120 full days (eight hours per day) or 240 half days (up to four hours per day). This condition must be noted expressly in the passport by the authorities.

### Accommodation

Please try to secure accommodation in Bielefeld as early as possible. In Bielefeld, a broad range of accommodation options can be found at affordable prices. Students residences are run by the public "Studierendenwerk" or private organisations, and shared flats are very common.

Offers of accommodation can be found online by following the links below:

- [Studierendenwerk Bielefeld](#) (dormitories)
- [WG-gesucht.de](http://WG-gesucht.de) (private shared accommodation)

The International Office supports students who are searching for accommodation.

### Research training / discussion

No

### Career advisory service

Career planning is a step-by-step development and clarification process that requires individual strategies. Based on a strengths- and resource-oriented approach, we support you in developing your own career prospects.

Depending on your needs, our Career Service at Bielefeld University will accompany you throughout the entire process or in individual steps.

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/themen/career-service>

### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

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

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

At PunktUm, our German Learning Centre, we offer a comprehensive range of academic support programmes that are designed to meet the needs of international members of the Bielefeld University. These include the Academic Mentoring Programme for Master's students, the Peer Mentoring Programme for Bachelor's students, and semester-long workshops designed to help all students and researchers with academic writing. We also offer individual consultations on academic writing in German as a Foreign Language (DaF) or German as a Second Language (DaZ).

The International Office provides an orientation programme for all international members of Bielefeld University, including degree seekers (BA and MA), double degree students, Erasmus/cooperation students, doctoral students, scholars, interns, and refugees/preparing

applicants. Example of activities include Café International, campus tour, introductions to digital services and administrative procedures.

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📘 <https://de-de.facebook.com/BielefeldUniversity/>

🐦 <https://twitter.com/unibielefeld?lang=en>

📷 <https://www.instagram.com/bielefelduniversity>

📺 <https://www.youtube.com/bielefelduniversity>

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