



Study and research at Saarland University

Saarland's European and international outlook

Saarland is located in the south-west of Germany in the heart of Europe. It is the smallest of Germany's federal states and shares borders with France and Luxembourg. Saarbrücken is the capital city of Saarland and with a population of around 180 000 it is the economic and cultural centre of the region. The main campus at Saarland University is situated just outside Saarbrücken in a pleasant setting with surrounding woodland. The Faculty of Medicine and Saarland University Teaching Hospital are located about 30 km away at the Homburg campus. Together with universities from neighbouring regions in Germany, France, Luxembourg and Belgium, Saarland University is actively establishing a cross-border, interdisciplinary academic network as part of the project 'University of the Greater Region'.

The numerous cafés on campus and the surrounding woodland offer plenty of opportunities to relax between or after classes. The university also offers a very broad range of sporting activities at all levels. The Saarland State Theatre and a number of well-respected film and theatre festivals provide cultural highlights throughout the year. Ballet, dance, classical music and a lively club scene are all part of Saarbrücken's vibrant cultural landscape. The semester travel ticket provides students with free bus and rail travel throughout Saarland. Luxembourg and Paris are only a couple of hours away by train and there are regular flights to Berlin, Hamburg and London. Accommodation and living costs in Saarland are also lower than in Germany as a whole.

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International study programmes:

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Master's programmes:

www.uni-saarland.de/en/master

International graduate programmes:

www.uni-saarland.de/international-graduate-programs

Application and admissions procedure for international students:

www.uni-saarland.de/application

Research in computer science and informatics:

www.cs.uni-saarland.de

European School of Materials:

www.eusmat.net

Europa-Institut:

www.europainstitut.de and www.mba-europe.de

Saarland University videos:

www.uni-saarland.de/en/videos

The "University of the Greater Region":

www.uni-gr.eu

Saarbrücken – official website:

www.saarbruecken.de/en

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Welcome to Saarland University

Located in the south-west of Germany, Saarland University has earned an international reputation for its research in computer science and informatics and for its activities in the life sciences and nanosciences. The university is also distinguished by close ties to France and its strong European focus.

Research on campus

Scholars, scientists and students at Saarland University collaborate closely with the numerous highly respected research institutions situated on and around campus. The university campus in Saarbrücken is home to around 400 research scientists in the field of computer science alone, with more than 600 working in the physical sciences and the life sciences, particularly medicine, pharmaceutical science and biology. Materials science and materials engineering represents another key area in which about 300 researchers are currently active. Internationally recognized research institutions located in the vicinity of the university include:

- _Max Planck Institute for Informatics
- _Max Planck Institute for Software Systems
- _German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI)
- _Intel Visual Computing Institute
- _Centre for IT-Security, Privacy and Accountability (CISPA)
- _Leibniz Centre for Informatics (Dagstuhl Castle)
- _Leibniz Institute for New Materials (INM)
- _Steinbeis Material Engineering Centre Saarland (MECS)
- _Fraunhofer Institute for Nondestructive Testing (IZFP) and Fraunhofer Institute for Biomedical Engineering
- _Korea Institute of Science and Technology Europe
- _Helmholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Research Saarland (HIPS)

High-quality study programmes

The eight faculties within Saarland University offer students a very broad range of academic subjects. There are 52 Bachelor's degree programmes, 54 Master's programmes and six post-graduate training programmes. A total of 22 are international degree programmes in which graduates can obtain a double-degree qualification. The Department of Computer Science consistently achieves a top rating in university league tables.

Academic programmes taught in English

At Saarland University, the Master's programmes in informatics, bioinformatics and computer linguistics are taught in English, as is the interdisciplinary Master's programme 'Visual computing'. The European School of Materials (EUSMAT) supervises international programmes that are taught in the languages of the participating host institutions (English, French, German, Spanish). The Europa-Institut at Saarland University also offers the MBA programme 'European Management' and the Master's programme 'European Integration'.

Applying to join a Master's degree programme

International students wishing to enrol in a Master's degree programme at Saarland University should apply directly to the university. Only a limited number of places are available and competition for certain programmes is high, with only the best applicants gaining admission. Tuition fees are not charged for most of the Master's programmes. University education in Germany is funded by the state.

International graduate programmes

Saarland University has a number of international graduate programmes. The Saarbrücken-based Graduate School of Computer Science receives financial support from Germany's national academic Excellence Initiative. The life sciences also host a variety of government-funded graduate schools. The DocMASE programme coordinated by the European School of Materials enables graduate students to pursue doctoral studies in two countries. The 'GradUS' at Saarland University is a quality assurance and networking initiative that helps doctoral students from all faculties acquire skills needed in research-driven activities within academia and beyond, as well as offering career workshops. Additionally, some of the departments and research groups at the university advertise doctoral research positions worldwide.

Language proficiency

Students wishing to enrol in one of the Bachelor's degree programmes at Saarland University should have a sufficiently good knowledge of the German language. While some Master's programmes are taught in English (see panel on left), the language of instruction in most Master's programmes is German. International students can learn German or improve their existing German skills at Saarland University's Studienkolleg, which provides foundation courses to help international students acquire the necessary skills.

International Office

The International Office is the first point of contact for international students requiring assistance. The staff at the International Office can help students with the necessary administrative formalities and help them to find suitable accommodation.