Regionally Rooted – Partners and Networks

With its various cooperative projects, the University of Bamberg exerts considerable influence on the local region and is a source of knowledge and highly trained specialists. The university therefore contributes significantly to assuring the competitiveness of the Upper Franconian region and to meeting demands for generations of qualified staff.

The cornerstone for the only German partnership of its kind was laid by the cooperation agreement of the “Technology Alliance of Upper Franconia”. For the first time, all universities in one region – in this case Bamberg, Bayreuth, Hof and Coburg – joined forces to promote their common interests and strengthen their expertise in the areas of research, teaching and continuing education.

Among other programmes, networking endeavours have been institutionalised in the KMUni event series in which the university and both city and regional business development partners invite the involvement of small and medium-sized companies. KMUni is both a showcase of current, practically relevant research projects and a valuable networking opportunity. Together with both the Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Upper Franconian Chamber of Skilled Crafts, the university organises a so-called “tandem” series that provides a platform for exchange between scholarly theory and practical application. Additionally, involvement in the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship programme creates ever stronger bonds between the university and regional businesses and institutions.

But the University of Bamberg is also a cultural networking hub and has a broad influence on social life in the region and beyond. The university cooperates with cultural institutions like the Villa Concordia International Artists’ House, the E.T.A.-Hoffmann-Theatre and the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra.

A Commitment to Social Responsibility

Social responsibility has characterised our self-conception from the very beginning. It is expressed today in family-friendly working structures and universal equal opportunity.

Our commitment to family issues has been rewarded since 2005 with certification as a family-friendly university. The most recent re-certification (2015) specifically honours the increased flexibility of study programmes: It is currently possible to pursue almost every degree offered in Bamberg as a part-time student or in modular study programmes. In Bamberg, lifelong learning is no longer merely a vision; it’s a reality.

A further milestone is represented by the 2012 establishment of the Kinder-Villa which provides day care and kindergarten education for the children of both university students and staff.
## Facts and Figures

**Students (approx.)** 13,300

**Academic Staff** (approx.) 700

**Professorships (approx.)** 160

**Total Expenditures (approx. in millions of euros)** 75

**Of which external funding represents** 37

**Habilitations Conferred** 6 *

**Foreign students in Bamberg (approx.)** 1,145

**Bamberg participants in foreign exchange programmes (approx.)** 500

**ERASMUS scholarships, in euros, for Bamberg students (approx.)** 454,000

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### Academic Support and Real-World Education

It is our belief that an outstanding university education is defined by qualification programmes and opportunities that motivate and inspire students to individually pursue their interests. For this reason, students in our nearly 80 accredited bachelor’s, master’s and teaching degree programmes are encouraged to work as independently as possible. The application of theoretical knowledge to practical experience is ensured by curricula featuring practice-based seminars, training courses and degree-related internships.

Our flexible course offering allows for individual freedom and is our answer to changing living conditions in a globalised world: Nearly every degree offered in Bamberg can be pursued part-time or in modular study programmes.

### Internationality as a Way of Life – Open-Minded and Open to the World

At the University of Bamberg, internationality is more than a mere formality; it is desired, encouraged and is indeed a way of life. As an internationally renowned research centre, the University of Bamberg is committed to the academic exchange of knowledge and ideas, and it promotes networking and partnerships with numerous foreign universities and research institutions.

Each year, over 400 Bamberg students take advantage of opportunities to pursue foreign studies at one of nearly 800-partner institutions in 45 countries. Looking only at the EU’s popular Erasmus Programme, an average of approximately 25% of students in each year’s class participate in an exchange, making the University of Bamberg the most active of Bavaria’s universities.

Guest professorships also facilitate the intensive transfer of knowledge and ideas from abroad to Bamberg. Our university’s Welcome Center, which was founded in 2010, provides support and assistance for our foreign guests.

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**Professorships (approx.)** 160

**Academic Staff (approx.)** 700

**Academic Support Staff (approx.)** 330

**Total Expenditures (approx. in millions of euros)** 75

**Of which external funding represents** 37

**Students (approx.)** 15,100

**Doctoral Degrees Confirmed** 73 *

**Habilitation Confirmed** 6 *

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* (Future concept)