The University of Bamberg is both the newest and one of the oldest universities in Bavaria. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Prince Bishop Melchior Otto Voit von Salzburg and Prince Bishop Friedrich Karl von Schönborn transformed the town’s former Jesuit College into a fully fledged university. In honor of these two main supporters, the university still bears their names. After a tumultuous period of secularization and closure during the era of National Socialism, the university was re-opened in 1972.

Over 13,000 students are currently enrolled, taught by 150 professors.

The University of Bamberg is known for its focus on the humanities and the social sciences, economics and business administration. The corresponding two faculties are the largest on campus. They are complemented by the Faculty of Human Sciences and Education and the Faculty of Information Systems and Applied Computer Sciences.

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Bamberg is a small yet lively university city. Its unique Old Town, which is more than 1000 years old, was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1993.

It is easy to feel at home in Bamberg. The city boasts outstanding architecture with a combination of medieval, baroque and modern styles. Many of these historic buildings are used by the university and its departments. Bamberg’s comfortable size creates a personal and hospitable atmosphere conducive to socializing and networking.

The quality of life in Bamberg is exceptionally high. The city is home to numerous cultural institutions such as the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, the Internationales Künstlerhaus Villa Concordia (International Artists’ House) and the E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater, as well as annual cultural events such as the “Magical Weekend” street fair (Bamberg zaubert) and the Short Film Festival.

With regard to outdoor get-togethers, the city’s famous beer gardens, the university’s summer party or the annual fair in the old town are well worth a visit. For those interested in hiking and other outdoor activities, the numerous nearby nature reserves such as the Franconian “Little Switzerland” and the Steigerwald and Hassberge Nature Parks offer countless recreational possibilities.

The Welcome Center is a service facility for all international PhD students, international faculty and visiting scholars at the University of Bamberg. We offer extensive advice as well as practical and personalized support in matters of preparing and realizing your stay.

By coordinating our services with your supervisor or host and with various university and non-university institutions, we will make sure that you have an easy start and help you settle in smoothly.

Some of our services require some advanced planning. Thus, we would encourage you to get in touch with us as soon as your stay in Bamberg has been confirmed.

**Our services for international PhD students and visiting scholars include:**

**Before your arrival**

**Personalized support with regard to**

- visa and entry requirements
- financing your stay and research funding
- finding living accommodation
- health insurance and other insurance
- employment, taxes, social security, banking
- childcare and schooling
- and much more ...

**During your stay**

- a welcome package
- support with the registration with local authorities
- access to the University’s IT and library services
- information about German language courses and intercultural courses
- networking opportunities and support with social integration
- a first point of contact for all future questions and problems

**At the end of your stay and after your departure**

The Welcome Center will

- support you with deregistration with the local authorities and with other cancellations (e.g. rental contract, insurance, bank account)
- invite you to join our alumni network