

Answering Ancient Questions Using Modern Methods

Since the 17th century, the historic Academia Ottoniana and present-day University of Bamberg has seen itself explicitly as a “House of Wisdom.” It was founded in 1647 by Prince Bishop Melchior Otto Voit von Salzburg as a centre of contemporary humanistic education.

The “domus sapientiae” of past centuries is now home to the programmes offered by the university’s four academic faculties:

- Humanities
- Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration
- Human Sciences
- Information Systems and Applied Computer Science.

The academic disciplines are closely linked to the focal areas of our overall profile:

- Education & Life Planning
- The Individual & Society
- Languages & Cultures
- Business & Markets

Interdisciplinary issues and methods are highly networked and benefit each other reciprocally: In this way, the methods employed in our applied computer sciences, for instance, range from digital editions of medieval texts and cognitive modelling used in psychology to reconstructive 3D imaging for building and architectural research.

From among our doctoral programmes (German Research Foundation research training groups, graduate schools), the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS) is sponsored by the German Excellence Initiative.

Facts and Figures

Professorships (approx.)	160
Academic Staff (approx.)	700
Academic Support Staff (approx.)	500
Total Budget (approx. in millions of euros)	80
Of which external funding represents (approx. in millions of euros)	30
Students (approx.)	13,000
Doctorates Conferred	63 *
Habilitations Conferred	5 *

* five-year average



Academic Support and Real-World Education

It is our belief that quality 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 more than 100 predominantly 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 necessary individual freedom and is our answer to changing living conditions in a globalized 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, promoted 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 foreign universities and research institutions.

Each year, over 500 Bamberg students take advantage of opportunities to pursue foreign studies at one of nearly 300 partner institutions in 60 countries. Looking only at the EU’s popular Erasmus Programme, an average of approximately 25% of the students in each year’s class participate in an exchange, making the University of Bamberg the most active of Bavaria’s universities.

Guest professorships 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.

Facts and Figures

Foreign students in Bamberg (approx.)	750
Bamberg participants in foreign exchange programmes (approx.)	500
ERASMUS scholarships, in euros, for Bamberg students (approx.)	425,000

High-Tech Resources, Service and Individual Support

Technology connecting people: thanks to the comprehensive modernization of all university service processes and the expansion of information systems in recent decades, studying and working at the University of Bamberg is faster and more flexible than ever – but not less personal.

A total of 1.6 million books and other media, many in electronic form, are available in our six university library branches.



1800 computer-equipped workstations and 700 laptops are available to university employees. Materials required for lectures and seminars can be accessed on the university’s e-learning platform, the Virtual Campus (VC).

This modern IT infrastructure and other innovations like numerous online services and a personalised chip card that functions not only as student identification and university library card, but also as a semester ticket for public transport and a method of payment at the university all save a great deal of time – time that we invest in all aspects of individual counselling, service and support.

1647 establishment of the Academia Ottoniana

1773 four-faculty university with the name Universitas Ottoniano-Fredericiana

1983 first international academic partnership with the University of South Carolina in Columbia (USA)

1986 creation of the poetics professorship

2005 accreditation of the first BA/MA degree programmes in „European Economic Studies“

2005 introduction of the personalised chip card

2007 four interdisciplinary, networked faculties

2010 establishment of the university’s Welcome Center

Since the 2011/12 winter semester, part-time studies possible in all degree programmes

2012 University of Bamberg open access declaration

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The University of Bamberg

Steeped in Tradition
And Committed to the Future



We are proud to be an educational centre and university town.

With the University of Bamberg, 65 schools and numerous other educational institutions, Bamberg is an attractive educational hub with a broad sphere of influence.

Andreas Starke,
Lord Mayor of the City of Bamberg

Regionally Rooted – Partners and Networks

With its various cooperative projects, the University of Bamberg exerts considerable influence on the region and is a source of knowledge and specialists ideally suited for the local labour market. In this way, the University 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 alliance of its kind in Germany was laid by the cooperation agreement of the “Technology Alliance Oberfranken.” 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.

The Competence Centre for Applied Personnel Psychology (KAP), for example, provides support for local and trans-regionally operating companies like Haba, Loewe and OFA in aspects of business such as coaching, training and psychological diagnostics services.

But the University of Bamberg is also culturally well networked and has a broad influence on social life in the region and beyond. The university cooperates with the Villa Concordia International Artists’ House, the E.T.A.-Hoffmann-Theater 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 our commitment to equal opportunity.

Our commitment to family issues has been rewarded since 2005 with our certification as a family-friendly university. The most recent re-certification (2012) 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 just a vision, it’s 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.