



Study at Karlsruhe University of Education

A University with a Unique Profile in the Southwest of Germany

Explore our opportunities for your stay abroad!



Karlsruhe University of Education

Welcome to Karlsruhe University of Education! It is a university that specializes in educational processes in various institutional, social and cultural contexts.

The university was established in its present-day form in 1962. However, the start of teacher training in Karlsruhe can be traced back to 1757. With around 3,700 students and 180 full-time researchers and lecturers as well as 90 administrative staff, Karlsruhe University of Education represents an important center for educational research in the region of Baden-Württemberg. The University's **distinctive profile** is characterized by

its focus on **multilingual education, bilingual teaching and learning**, dealing with diversity and inequality as well as **MINT subjects**, such as Mathematics, Informatics, Natural Sciences and Technology (related to educational processes). Furthermore, **research, teaching and practice** are closely integrated at Karlsruhe University of Education. The university offers the possibility to receive a doctorate as well as to qualify as a professor in educational as well as subject related research. A recently established Institute for Education Related Research Methods additionally fosters research at our university.



Welcome to Karlsruhe University of Education

“Karlsruhe University of Education is an internationally friendly university where you will be inspired how to be a professional educator. It’s also where I’ve discovered my interest, passion and dream to be a children book writer!”

CHRISTINE YIP, EXCHANGE STUDENT, HONG KONG

Well Connected with Other Universities

Karlsruhe University of Education is well connected within the region and especially with other universities in town, such as the KIT, the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (collaboration in MINT subjects) and with the Karlsruhe University of Arts and Design, the State Academy of Fine Arts Karlsruhe as well as the University of Music (collaboration with the Institute of Art).

The University fosters close relations with **partner universities in many other countries** and offers exchange opportunities for students, lecturers, researchers as well as university administrative staff.

The University’s main campus is **located in the centre of Karlsruhe**. All other universities in Karlsruhe are within cycling distance of the University of Education, which helps

to facilitate a connection with a lot of students and enables them to attend many student based events and other cultural as well as social events within the city of Karlsruhe.

Degree Programmes

The degree programmes at our university can be divided in Teacher Training related degree programmes and other Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes, which qualify students for different educational professions. All courses of study leading to teaching certificates can also be taken with the **Bilingual Education** profile in the target languages English or French.

Bachelor’s and Master’s Programmes for Teacher Education

- ▶ B.A. Teacher Educ. (Primary School)
- ▶ B.A. Teacher Educ. (Secondary Level I)
- ▶ M.Ed. Primary School
- ▶ M.Ed. Secondary Level I

Bachelor’s Programmes

- ▶ B.A. Pedagogy of Childhood
- ▶ B.A. Sports-Health-Leisure Education

Master’s Programmes

- ▶ M.A. Adult Education
- ▶ M.A. Biodiversity and Environmental Education
- ▶ M.A. Intercultural Education, Migration and Multilingualism (including a double degree with the University of Palermo)
- ▶ M.A. Cultural Education

Live in a Cultural and Technological Hotspot!

Karlsruhe is an open and tolerant, pleasant, green city in southwest Germany, at the edge of the Black Forest. Situated on the river Rhine and near the French border, it is also known for being **one of Germany's sunniest cities**.

From the Palace Gardens to the many theatres and museums, from the cinemas to the lively pub scene, Karlsruhe offers a **wide range of cultural and leisurely activities**. The city is especially renowned for its Center for Art and Media (ZKM), a museum "founded in 1989 with the mission of continuing the classical arts into the digital age". The festival "Das Fest" encom-

passes everything to do with music and culture in the month July. During the "Fest-weekend" up to 250,000 visitors enjoy music from German artists as well as internationally noted artists on four different stages.

With its **nine universities and twenty-six research institutes**, the city is one of Germany's major research locations. Universities and research institutes are additionally part of the Karlsruhe Technology Region, an Action Group established to strengthen and promote the entire region as a hub for business, science and innovation with the focus on mobility, energy and IT.



Enjoy the Laser Light Show at the Castle - every year during the summer!

Karlsruhe has an **excellent public transport** system and is also one of the most **bike-friendly** cities in Germany. Furthermore the city is conveniently located, **close to major German and European cities** such as Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Stuttgart and Freiburg (within one hour); Bâle (Basel) and Strasbourg within two hours. Munich, Paris and Zürich can be reached within three hours.

Facts and Figures

- ▶ about 300,000 inhabitants
- ▶ nine universities in town with about 43,000 students in total
- ▶ 26 research institutes
- ▶ the seat of important federal government institutions



Traditional Christmas Market in Karlsruhe

"The combination of a small but active city, exceptional student support and facilities provided by the University of Education makes Karlsruhe a worthwhile Erasmus destination. Totally recommend it!"

ADRIAN PIRVAN, EXCHANGE STUDENT, UK

Travelling to Karlsruhe

The nearest airports are Baden-Airpark, Frankfurt/Main, Hahn, Stuttgart and Strasbourg. All five have regular bus or train services to and from Karlsruhe.



Above: view to the main stage of "Das Fest"
Below: the Center for Art and Media (ZKM)

Become an Exchange Student in Karlsruhe

As a **small-sized university** we are able to provide **close and personal support** to our incoming students. Starting with your application you will be guided through administrative and organisational matters. Once you have arrived in Karlsruhe, flexible office hours, a **buddy programme** as well as an **intensive German language course and leisurely activities**, including a variety of activities and trips, ensure a smooth and pleasant start of your semester abroad at Karlsruhe University of Education. The following list provides you with an overview on our disciplines - with only a few exceptions, you are free to select courses from all different disciplines:

- ▶ Arts
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Catholic Theology
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Culture of Daily Life and Health
- ▶ Early Childhood Education
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Educational Sciences
- ▶ English
- ▶ Ethics
- ▶ French
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ German (philology and literature)
- ▶ History
- ▶ Islamic Theology
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Philosophy
- ▶ Physics

- ▶ Political Sciences
- ▶ Protestant Theology
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Technical Education

Please be aware that the working language for most courses is German, with the exception of courses taught in the English or French Department (which are taught in English and French respectively).

“I had a wonderful experience in Karlsruhe with the staff of the International Office, they really made sure that there were many enjoyable social events, and most importantly they ensured that I had valuable academic experiences. I would motivate any student to choose this institution for a semester abroad.”

ZANDER JENSE VAN RENSBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Practice Teaching in a German School

Upon request we are able to offer exchange students opportunities to observe and/or teach lessons at German primary or secondary schools (in German or in English). Practice teaching will be supervised by

a mentor and credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the internship.

Tandem Programme

In order to get in touch with local students from our university and to improve your language skills outside the official lessons, you can sign-up for our language tandem programme, which starts each semester at the beginning of the official lecture period.

Courses Taught in English

Each semester the University of Education offers a new course catalogue with ever-

changing courses taught in English. The courses are either provided by the English Department or are in cooperation with another field such as history or media studies. Please contact us for an up-to-date list.

The Language Learning Center (LLC)

At the LLC you have a choice of interesting courses in German and English as well as other languages such as French, Arabic and Spanish. Courses are free of charge and vary each semester. Plus, students have the opportunity for self-regulated foreign language learning during the open access hours of the LLC.



Personal support and counselling at the International Office

Your Study Options

Study in English

- ▶ Select English lectures from our English Department, e.g. courses about Literature, Linguistics, Cultural Studies, TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) and Didactics.
- ▶ Study modules taught in English outside our English Department and modules especially designed for international students.
- ▶ Carry out an internship at a German school.
- ▶ Learn German - Free of charge courses for different levels are offered.

Study in German

- ▶ Select modules from our B.A. Education (Teacher Education): Different modules including Educational Sciences as well as theory and didactics of one or more content subjects (also French or English as a foreign language).
- ▶ Select models from other B.A. or M.A. programmes, such as Pedagogy of Childhood or Cultural Education.
- ▶ Carry out an internship at a German school.
- ▶ Improve your German - further language courses are offered during the semester.



Enjoy your stay at Karlsruhe University of Education

Extras for Our Exchange Students

One Month of Orientation

- ▶ 6 week intensive German language course (free of charge)
- ▶ “Buddy Programme“
- ▶ Extensive help with administrative issues and with settling in
- ▶ Multitude of activities with the International Club such as daytrips to nearby cities (free of charge) and evening events
- ▶ Official “Welcome Event” together with the University’s President
- ▶ One day workshop “Intercultural Competence”

Karlsruhe. When you arrive she/he will pick you up from the train or bus station in Karlsruhe, take you to your dorm and during the following days assist you with registration and administrative issues. Many times “Buddies” will become friends.

Some More Extras

Once you register at Karlsruhe’s town hall you receive a **Welcome Package** including lots of vouchers for shops and activities in and around Karlsruhe. Also, it is possible to use the public transport system in and around Karlsruhe free of charge in the evenings and during the weekends

Intensive German Language Course

In order to prepare you for the official lecture period and to facilitate communication with locals, two different intensive German language courses are offered during each orientation period. Each semester one language course is offered at **beginners level** and a second course is offered at an **intermediate level**. Exact levels vary depending on the German language level of our incoming students.

Buddy Programme

Before your arrival we will get you in touch with your own personal “Buddy”. This is a student of our university who has offered to take care of you during your first few days in



Exchange students with our President, Prof. Dr. Rippe, at the Welcome Event

Social Life in Karlsruhe

International Club

The international Club organises cultural events, various city trips and other fun activities throughout the entire semester. It provides a great opportunity to meet other international and local students. The activities of the International Club are organised and supported by a team of student helpers who work for the International Office of Karlsruhe University of Education. These regular events are optional and have a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. You will receive a programme with planned activities at the start of your orientation period.

Sports, Music and Theater

- ▶ **Enjoy free sports programmes** at the university, such as Yoga, Ultimate Frisbee, Capoeira and Hip-Hop. Team sports such as football (soccer) and volleyball are also offered.
- ▶ Participate in the **university's choirs, big band or orchestra.**
- ▶ Get free entry to plays at the **"Badisches Staatstheater"**.
- ▶ Receive reduced tickets for students in many theaters, cinemas and museums (on Fridays public museums offer free of charge entry).
- ▶ Enjoy a match of the local soccer club!



Incoming students together with students of the International Club during trips

Preparing a Stay at Our University

Incoming students can **decide to stay for one semester or an entire academic year** at Karlsruhe University of Education. One academic year consists of two semesters: the winter and the summer semester. The table below provides the key dates of our semester. Please pay special attention to our orientation programme which includes not only a free-of-charge German language course but also plenty of activities.

In order to receive our application package, **you must be nominated by your home university.** Please make sure to apply to your university's exchange programme in due time.

Accommodation

We are usually able to accommodate most of our exchange students in the halls of residence close to the university campus. Students have their own room but normally share bathroom and kitchen.

Some Fixed Costs

- ▶ Rent: € 220- € 290 a month (student halls of residence)
- ▶ Student service fee to the Studierendenwerk: € 87.70 each semester
- ▶ Meal at the students' restaurants (Mensa): €2.60 - €4.00

Wintersemester

Application Deadline

31 May

Language Proficiency

A2 German and B2 English or
B1 German (according to CEFRL)

Preferred Arrival

Beginning of September

Orientation and Intensive German Language Course

Beginning of September to mid-October

Lecture Period

Mid-October to mid-February

Summersemester

Application Deadline

30 November

Language Proficiency

A1 German and B2 English or
B1 German (according to CEFRL)

Preferred Arrival

Beginning of March

Orientation and Intensive German Language Course

Beginning of March to mid-April

Lecture Period

Mid-April to end of July



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