Erfurt, a city of approximately 200,000 inhabitants and the capital of the free state of Thuringia, looks back over more than 1250 years of history. Located at the crossroads of important medieval trade routes, Erfurt was the region’s commercial, political, and cultural center. The biographies of many prominent thinkers, such as Meister Eckhart, Martin Luther, Ulrich von Hutten, Adam Ries, and Wilhelm von Humboldt, were closely connected to Erfurt’s history.

The immediate vicinity offers many cultural treasures, too. Weimar, the city of Goethe, Schiller, Herder, Nietzsche and Liszt, as well as Eisenach, birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach, are among the famous places nearby. Erfurt is located at approx. 3 hours by car from Berlin, Frankfurt/Main, Munich and Prague, and only 5 hours away from Brussels, Paris, Amsterdam and Warsaw.

10 REASONS TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT:

• among the highest-ranked German universities
• Bachelor-/Master-system, continuous assessment, experiential learning
• no tuition fees (except for continuing education study programs)
• campus university with on-campus accommodations and student restaurants, family-friendly facilities and childcare
• modern, well-equipped library, 6 PC pools, language center and self-access area for independent study
• German language classes during the semester/
• 3-week preparatory course for exchange students
• “semester ticket”: the student ID entitles students to use public transportation within and around Erfurt free of charge
• award-winning support program which enables students to meet German and international students and people outside the university
• affordable cost of living at a centrally located, culturally lively and historically interesting city
• close by where Johann Sebastian Bach, Martin Luther, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Friedrich Schiller lived and worked

FURTHER INFORMATION

• www.daad.de (German Academic Exchange Service)
• www.stw-thueringen.de (Student Services)
• www.erfurt.de (City of Erfurt)
• www.hs-nordhausen.de/international/staatliches-studienkolleg (Pre-university Program)
The University of Erfurt is a campus university with more than 150 professorships and approximately 6,000 students. The reform university for the arts and humanities with a particular focus on cultural and social sciences offers an inspiring atmosphere for studying and conducting academic work. The close ties between the Faculty of Humanities; Faculty of Education; Faculty of Economics, Law, and Social Sciences; Faculty of Catholic Theology and the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies help the university as a whole to forge new paths in teaching and research. Forward-looking academic programs that combine subject-specific knowledge and professionalization, modern forms of teacher training, and the interdisciplinary general education program are particular distinctions of the University of Erfurt. Our mentoring program and excellent student-faculty ratio guarantee a high-quality education. Refounded in 1994 the University of Erfurt is one of the youngest public universities in Germany and stands out for not charging tuition fees and its certified family-friendly policy.

THE PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

• The International Office offers help and advice regarding bureaucratic matters prior to and during your stay at the University of Erfurt.
• A 3-week comprehensive language and orientation course prior to every semester helps exchange students settle in in the new place of study.
• Every international student is assigned a German student as an international student advisor who will meet you upon your arrival, show you round the campus and help you particularly during the first weeks in Erfurt.
• Every student is assigned a faculty member as an academic advisor who will support you in planning your personal curriculum.
• Supporting German language courses are offered throughout the semester.
• The “Strangers become Friends” program enables international students to meet people outside the university; the “Springboard to Learning” program offers teach placements in local schools.
• The cultural program includes theater visits and excursions to places of interest.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Bachelor programs
- Art
- Catholic Religious Education
- Communication Science
- Economics
- Educational Science
- Education for Special Schools Needs Pedagogy
- English and American Studies
- German Studies
- History
- International Relations
- Law
- Literacy Studies
- Management (minor only)
- Mathematics (minor only)
- Music Education (minor only)
- Music Mediation
- Philosophy
- Physical Education (minor only)

Master programs
- Catholic Theology
- Education, School, and Behaviour
- Religion, Society, and the World Relations
- Knowledge, Space, and Media
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RESEARCH

Research at the University of Erfurt is characterized by close ties between the four faculties and the Max Weber Centre as well as numerous interdisciplinary projects. The university-wide areas of specialization “Education, School, and Behaviour”, “Religion, Society, and the World Relations”, and “Knowledge, Space, and Media” are of key importance in shaping the university’s diverse research profile. These areas of specialization have been intensified by the creation of graduate schools and centers.