



## Studying at the University of Leipzig

A TRADITION OF CROSSING BOUNDARIES

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### General help and advice before application can be obtained from the following Institutions:

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| Advice, Application, Admission                                      | International Centre at the University of Leipzig<br>Goethestrasse 6<br>04109 Leipzig<br>Germany          | <a href="http://www.uni-leipzig.de/aaa">www.uni-leipzig.de/aaa</a>  |
| Application   | University of Leipzig<br>c/o uni-assist e. V.<br>Helmholtzstraße 2-9<br>10587 Berlin<br>Germany           | <a href="http://www.uni-assist.de">www.uni-assist.de</a>  |
| Study courses offered at the University of Leipzig                  | Course data base of the University of Leipzig   | <a href="http://www.uni-leipzig.de/zsb/studgang.html">www.uni-leipzig.de/zsb/studgang.html</a>  |
| Study courses taught in English                                     | Course list of the University of Leipzig  | <a href="http://www.uni-leipzig.de/international/studyprogrammes">www.uni-leipzig.de/international/studyprogrammes</a>  |
| German Language Course  | interDaF e.V. at the Herder-Institut<br>University of Leipzig   | <a href="http://www.uni-leipzig.de/interdaf">www.uni-leipzig.de/interdaf</a>  |
| German (DSH) + Feststellungsprüfung (Assessment Test)               | Studienkolleg Sachsen (Saxony Preparatory Course)   | <a href="http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~stksachs">www.uni-leipzig.de/~stksachs</a>  |
| Structured PhD Programs   | Research Academy Leipzig  | <a href="http://www.uni-leipzig.de/ral">www.uni-leipzig.de/ral</a>  |
| Scholarships  | DAAD  | <a href="http://www.daad.de/newdelhi.daad.de">www.daad.de/newdelhi.daad.de</a><br>(DAAD Office New Delhi)   |
| Accommodation   | Studentenwerk Leipzig (Student Services Leipzig)  | <a href="http://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de">www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de</a>  |
| Visa and entry regulations  | Information from the International Centre at the University of Leipzig<br><br>German Embassy in New Delhi | <a href="http://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/international/visa">www.uni-leipzig.de/en/international/visa</a><br><br><a href="http://www.india.diplo.de/Vertretung/indien/en/Startseite.html">http://www.india.diplo.de/Vertretung/indien/en/Startseite.html</a> |
| Questions answered by foreign students at the University of Leipzig | RAS – Association of Foreign Students (Page only in German)<br><br>International PhD Students Association | <a href="http://www.stura.uni-leipzig.de/~ras">www.stura.uni-leipzig.de/~ras</a><br><br><a href="http://www.uni-leipzig.de/initiative">www.uni-leipzig.de/initiative</a>  |



post-graduate qualifications. These serve as incubators for new interdisciplinary research projects. Top-Level Research Areas are forms of temporary collaborations that the University supports with personnel and material resources.

The current six Top-Level Research Areas are:

- Multifunctional Materials and Processes from Molecules and Nanodevices
- Mathematical Sciences
- Molecular and Cellular Communication: Biotechnology, Bioinformatics and Biomedical Science in Therapy and Diagnostics
- Brain, Cognition and Language
- Contested Order – Order in Contest
- Environmental Changes and Diseases

In 2011 the research focus Biodiversity and Ecological Services has been institutionalized. For more information about these projects please see:  
[www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/research/top-level-research-areas.html](http://www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/research/top-level-research-areas.html)

co-tutelles program. For additional information about bi-national doctorates, please consult the following website: <http://www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/research/phd/binational-doctoral-degrees.html>  
For more information about the application and admission procedure please see: [www.uni-leipzig.de/international/phd](http://www.uni-leipzig.de/international/phd)  
For information about structured PhD programs please visit the website of the Research Academy Leipzig:  
<http://www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/research/ral>

### Application Deadlines

| Degree aimed for  | Application deadline  |
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| <b>Bachelor's, State Examination &amp; Diploma incl. Studienkolleg Sachsen (Saxony Preparatory Course)</b>  | March – 15 July (for courses beginning in winter semester)<br>October – 31 December (for courses beginning in summer semester)    |
| <b>Master's</b>   | March – 31 May (for courses beginning in winter semester)<br><br>October – 31 December (for courses beginning in summer semester) |
| Please take into account that some institutes have different application deadlines for the aptitude test. Please find out these deadlines by accessing websites of the respective institutes. |   |
| <b>PhD</b>  | no deadline   |

### Welcome to the Research University Leipzig - Top-Level Research Areas

#### Raising the profile

Over the last few years the University of Leipzig has succeeded in raising its research profile by specifically supporting inter-faculty projects.

The University focuses its research expertise in Top-Level Research Areas.

Here, scholars of various Faculties at the University work closely with non-university research institutions on a national and international scale and combine internationally competitive research with attractive

### Additional Admission Requirements

- In addition to the above mentioned requirements, for courses which are in high demand, there exist further admission restrictions. For such courses only a limited number of places of study are available and the allocation of these places depend on the academic grades of the applicant and is decided via a selection process at the University of Leipzig.
- Some study courses require certain foreign language skills or professional experience. Details can be found in the respective program regulations.

### Recognition of Academic Achievements:

There is a possibility that already acquired academic achievements from Indian Universities are acknowledged at the University of Leipzig. It however depends on the individual exam offices of particular Faculties you are applying to. It is highly recommended that you communicate and clarify which of your achievements can be acknowledged prior to the application process.

### For PhD Study

A PhD can be done in all subjects that are offered at the University of Leipzig. Admission as a PhD candidate to the appropriate Faculty is subject to the Doctoral Regulations of the University Faculties. The University of Leipzig offers international students two different ways to earn a doctorate: either individually or within a structured program. In both cases you'll first need a written confirmation from your future advising professor before applying for admission through the International Centre.

In a structured program you'll earn a doctorate working within a Graduate Centre. You'll have a set time frame to earn your doctorate, a clearly defined curriculum and individual support from academic advisors.

Within an individual PhD program you'll work closely with an advising professor (often referred to as your "Doktormutter" or "Doktorvater" in German) to write your dissertation. You earn your PhD at a Faculty of the University on a dissertation topic of your choice. The University of Leipzig also offers a bi-national doctorate using the

- Aptitude tests: Some institutions by checking your documents decide whether or not you are eligible for the study course. Other institutions may have additional evaluations in the form of tests or interviews.
- Language skills: For a Master's degree in the German language you need to have knowledge of the German language equaling level C1 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (eg: DSH-2 or TestDaF TDN 4). For a Master's degree offered in English you need to provide a certificate stating your lingual ability of at least level B2 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (ex: TOEFL iBT 80 or IELTS 6.5)

(2) If you possess a 4 year Bachelor's degree you are eligible to apply for a Master's degree program with following requirements:

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- Language skills: For a Master's degree in the German language you need to have knowledge of the German language equaling level C1 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (eg: DSH-2 or TestDaF TDN 4). For a Master's degree offered in English you need to provide a certificate stating your lingual ability of at least level B2 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (ex: TOEFL iBT 80 or IELTS 6.5)

Your application with the International Centre is usually done via the University Application Service for International Students: uni-assist e.V. However for some Master's programs you can apply directly to the respective institute. For more information please visit the website of the institute offering the study course you would like to apply for. Parallel to submitting your application for a Master's program, you usually must also register for the aptitude test at the respective institute. For further details please visit the following website: [www.uni-leipzig.de/en/international/master](http://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/international/master).



## Where is Leipzig?

Nestled in the heart of Europe, Leipzig is located in central Germany. It is just an hour away from Berlin by train and ninety minutes by plane from Paris and London. Although the city of Leipzig cannot be compared to the size of these metropolitan cities, it has inspired many people. Leipzig is not only known for the peaceful demonstrations of 1989 which led to the reunification of Germany but also a plenty of renowned people have lived, studied and worked here: Bach, Goethe, Leibniz, Mendelssohn to name a few. The city continues to stimulate and attract thinkers, scholars, musicians and creative people from all over the world.

## Why University of Leipzig?

The University of Leipzig offers you:

- **The broad spectrum of study programs of a comprehensive university** 14 faculties ensure a large selection of subjects and qualifications.

- **An academic education at a high level almost for free** with internationally renowned professors and guests from the worlds of science, politics and culture, and early student involvement in research projects at an ultra-modern campus.
- **International study** thanks to international study programs, fellow students from all over the world and an extensive international network for teaching and research.
- **An excellent study environment** Leipzig is a booming major city with charm, a lively cultural scene, cheap accommodation and trendy residential districts. The University of Leipzig campus is in the middle of all this-right in the city centre.
- **Research-oriented and internationally recognised postgraduate education** at a family-friendly university.
- **Best conditions to start your career** in research or the world of work- thanks to the seven universities, around twenty research institutions and major companies such as Porsche, BMW and DHL who are based in Leipzig.

## Never Far from Home – India in Leipzig



Sangeetha Parthasarathi, PhD student in Sustainable Development at the University of Leipzig.

“Upon arrival, the very first thing which struck me in Leipzig was its greenery. No matter which part of the city you live in, a beautiful walk in a park nearby is no big deal at all. Leipzig is basically a student’s city; with a significant number of international students the city has a friendly flair.

When I first took a stroll through the city, I was quite surprised at the number of “Indian Stores” selling all sorts of artifacts, apparels and accessories from India. When it comes to culinary interests in the city dwellers you find all kinds of international cuisines with various restaurants serving regional specialties and beverages. Judging by the number of Indian restaurants it seems Indian kitchen is quite appreciated here. In general people are very curious about India and this interest is quite obviously displayed. It is no wonder that the University of Leipzig also has an Indology department dedicated mainly to ancient Indian history and languages!

Leipzig is very tolerant and open to different cultures and sub-cultures making it quite exciting to live here. Cinema theaters often host international documentary/film festivals and there is something or the other going on in the local museums. The city’s concert hall recently hosted a Bharatanatyam performance. If you are a sports buff, the University of Leipzig offers lots of courses: from fencing and swimming to rock climbing! The most surprising experience was when I found myself sitting amidst a colorful group talking about cricket and how to organize a match during Holi celebrations! This was just the beginning; I got further invitations to Bollywood discos and Deepavali Dhamaka!

All in all the cozy city of Leipzig eases out the irksome home sickness and offers a plethora of interesting opportunities to engage in and savor the city.”

## Studying in Leipzig

The University of Leipzig is the second oldest university in Germany to have maintained uninterrupted teaching activities. Founded in 1409, it has a tradition of fostering knowledge for over 600 years. Nowadays the university offers 140 study courses in 14 different Faculties. The offered study courses cover a spectrum of traditional sciences such as Medicine, Economics, Law, Humanities and Natural Sciences as well as fields of modern research like Biosciences and Media Studies.

Detailed information about the current curriculum of individual programs can be obtained on the University’s website: [www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/study/study-opportunities/study-programmes](http://www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/study/study-opportunities/study-programmes)

## Affordability and Financial Aid

With the exception of few Master’s programs the undergraduate studies at the University of Leipzig is free of charge. As a student one should expect a monthly expense of around 650 Euros. The University of Leipzig does not offer scholarships to cover living expenses. The DAAD provides assistance about available funding agencies. Visit the following webpage for further details: [www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/stipendiendatenbank/00462.en.html](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/stipendiendatenbank/00462.en.html)

## Degrees

Since the academic year 2006/2007 the University of Leipzig offers courses with Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Natural Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences. Future Lawyers, Doctors, Pharmacists take up a so called State Examinations. A Diploma can be completed in three different academic courses (Protestant Theology, Mathematics and Business Mathematics). As part of a far reaching reform of the education system at the University level, academic programs are designed on a three tier system: Bachelor, Master and PhD. Thus, a three year program leads to the first academic and professional degree: the Bachelor. Based on the Bachelor’s degree follows a two year Master’s program with an opportunity to specialize. Afterwards there is the possibility for doctoral study (PhD). Depending on the study course the following degrees are offered at the University of Leipzig:

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| Year | <b>PhD Duration</b> 3-5 Years<br>A doctorate at the University of Leipzig is possible in all the offered subjects. The Research Academy Leipzig offers structured PhD programs. | <b>Master</b><br>Duration 2 Years<br><br>Master of Arts (MA)<br>Master of Science (MSc)<br>Master of Law (LL.M.) | <b>Diploma</b><br>Duration 5 Years<br><br>Protestant Theology<br>Mathematics<br>Business Mathematics | <b>State Examination</b><br>Duration 6 Years<br><br>Medicine Pharmacy<br>Law<br>Veterinary Medicine<br>Dentistry |
|      | <b>Bachelor</b><br>Duration 3 Years<br><br>Bachelor of Arts (BA)<br>Bachelor of Science (BSc)   |  |  |  |

## Application Process and Admission Requirements

The admission requirements and application process depend on the type of degree you want to obtain at the University of Leipzig. From the course database available at the University’s webpage: [www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/study/study-opportunities/study-programmes.html](http://www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/study/study-opportunities/study-programmes.html), it is evident:

- What courses are offered along with their corresponding degrees.
- What specific knowledge and language requirements must be met.
- Whether an aptitude test is required or not.
- Whether there are any admission restrictions.

For study programs fully or partly taught in English please also see: [www.uni-leipzig.de/international/studyprogrammes](http://www.uni-leipzig.de/international/studyprogrammes)

## For Undergraduate Degree (Bachelor, State Examination or Diploma)

(1) If you want to study in Leipzig immediately after completing your secondary school/college (12 years of education) then, before commencing your chosen study course, you must attend the so called ‘Studienkolleg Sachsen’ (Saxony Preparatory Course) for two semesters at the University of Leipzig. The Studienkolleg basically offers subject specific knowledge to help you prepare for an assessment test which entitles you to study at the University of Leipzig. You must have an aggregate of at least 50% or more in your secondary school leaving certificate (12 years of school education) in order to begin your study in Leipzig. An additional requirement to participate in the Studienkolleg Leipzig is that you must possess German language skills equaling level B1 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (about 500 hours of German).

(2) In order to study at the University of Leipzig without attending the Studienkolleg (Saxony Preparatory Course), after secondary education (12 years of education) Indian applicants must have successfully completed one year of university study at a state-recognized university in India. As a prerequisite you must have an aggregate of at least 50% or more in your secondary school leaving certificate (12 years of school education). After having successfully completed one year of university study in India, you can enter the University of Leipzig in the first semester of undergraduate program (Bachelor, Diploma or State Examination). In this case, the field in which you were registered at the Indian University must be maintained at the University of Leipzig.

You must possess German language skills equaling level C1 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (eg: DSH-2 or TestDaF TDN 4).

(3) After completing 12 years of education (school/college) and having successfully passed the Joint Entrance Exam at one of the Indian Institutes of Technology you are eligible to start directly at the University of Leipzig in the same field of study as in India. In this case there are no minimum aggregate requirements in your secondary school education certificate. The university study in Leipzig requires students to have knowledge of the German language equaling level C1 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (eg: DSH-2 or TestDaF TDN 4).

(4) If you have completed a 4 year Bachelor’s Degree, you have the possibility to study at the University of Leipzig directly. In this case you have the possibility to apply for another undergraduate degree in a different field of study/specialization: (If you have completed a 3 year Bachelor’s degree you have the opportunity to study directly at the University of Leipzig maintaining the field of Bachelor study in India). The University study in Leipzig requires students to have knowledge of the German language equaling level C1 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (eg: DSH-2 or TestDaF TDN 4).

Your application should be made to the University Application Service for International Students: uni-assist e.V. Further information regarding application is available under the following link: [www.uni-leipzig.de/international/applicants](http://www.uni-leipzig.de/international/applicants).

## For Graduate Degree (Master)

An undergraduate degree (ex: Bachelor) is a prerequisite to gain admission for a Master’s degree. Information regarding Master’s degree courses offered by the University of Leipzig is available at the following link: [www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/study/study-opportunities/study-programmes.html](http://www.zv.uni-leipzig.de/en/study/study-opportunities/study-programmes.html).

- (1) If you possess a 3 year Bachelor’s degree you are eligible to apply for a Master’s degree program if you fulfill the following requirements:
- Minimum grade: First division/class 60% and above or A = Very Good and above or a GPA from 3.00 onwards.