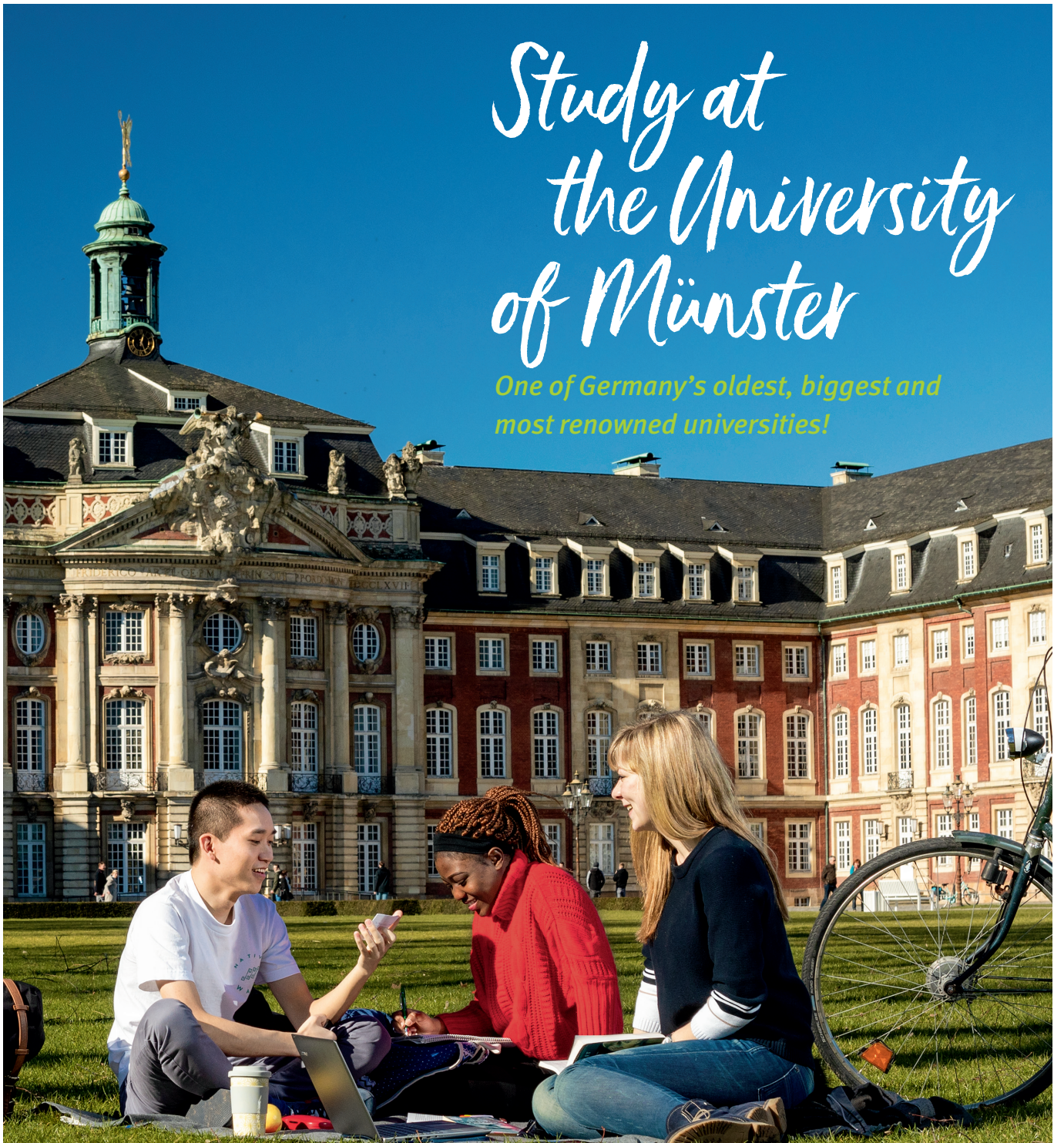


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most renowned universities!*



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# Facts and Figures

Welcome to the next step in your education at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (WWU)!

We are a classical German University with over 45,000 students – among them 3,500 from abroad – in 15 faculties. The University of Münster combines over two hundred years of tradition with modern innovation to provide a unique interdisciplinary education at a top ranked institution in Germany.

Our student population enjoys a huge number of extracurricular activities, events, and student organisations. You'll find everything you need to thrive in Münster. Here you're part of something bigger – you are part of the WWU!

*The City is Our Campus*

**238** University Buildings



**WWU**

**Thousands of Career Paths**

**45,000 Students**

*English-taught Degree Programmes*

**550 Partner Universities**

**15 Faculties**

- Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
- Faculty of History and Philosophy
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy
- Faculty of Biology
- Faculty of Geosciences
- Faculty of Music
- Faculty of Protestant Theology
- Faculty of Catholic Theology
- Faculty of Law
- School of Business and Economics
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Educational and Social Science
- Faculty of Psychology / Sport and Exercise Sciences



› John, USA  
MA Political Science

*»I chose Münster because of the rigorous academics and numerous research opportunities in my field. The young, vibrant city was a bonus that had an impact on making my studies truly life-changing.«*

# The WWU: One of Germany's Top Univer- sities

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*We are looking for students committed  
 to improving their world.*  
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## Studying

We pride ourselves on our eagerness to combine research and teaching to get our students as close to the action as possible, whether it be through research or practical experience. At the WWU, you'll benefit from our wide range of programmes, including nationally and internationally top ranked degree courses in Business, Law, and Medicine. Not sure of your German skills? Come and join our study-preparatory German language courses! Or just choose one of our Bachelor's and Master's programmes conducted in English.

› Group collaboration makes up a key aspect of the learning philosophy at the WWU



## Research

A successful career in academia requires a launch pad that provides researchers more than just financial support: you need a network. The WWU is a research leader in both the natural sciences and humanities and is the perfect place to take the first steps in academia. 26 scientific centres make their home at the WWU, including the Max Planck Research Centre for Molecular Biomedicine, the Fraunhofer Institute for Biomedical Engineering IBMT, the Branch Lab for Plant Biopolymers of the Fraunhofer IME, and the Helmholtz Institute Münster – Ionics in Energy Storage.

We promote internationally renowned, cutting-edge research in all of our main scientific fields – the humanities and social sciences, the natural sciences and life sciences. Moreover, five interdisciplinary research focuses and two emerging fields distinguish our profile: Religion and Politics (Cluster of Excellence), Mathematics Münster (Cluster of Excellence), Cell Dynamics and Innovative Imaging Technologies, Battery Research, Nano Science as well as the emerging fields “Evolution” and “Neural Systems”.



› With an annual budget of over € 600 million, the WWU can provide the resources necessary for cutting edge research.

## International Perspective

The University of Münster understands the need for a global focus in education. With more than 550 university partner-institutions worldwide, we've made it a priority to promote study abroad opportunities for our students in the European Union and around the world. We also try to make the world feel at home in Münster, with our international centres and projects.

## Facilities

Our wide-ranging facilities help pave the way for modern research and successful learning. Whether it be laboratories, our award winning Study Hospital, or our State affiliated University Library with its comprehensive online resources, you can be sure the WWU will provide you with the tools to succeed.

## Careers and Skills

And for your entry into the job market, our Careers Service assists you with workshops, seminars, and advising before and during the job search process. Our WWU degree provides a foot in the door of many prospective employers as our graduates regularly confirm.



› Rosa Zárate, Mexico  
 Senior Manager at UBS  
 and WWU Alumna

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*»The excellent education  
 at the WWU provided me  
 with the necessary skills  
 for a global career.«*  
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› Katy, Brazil  
MA Angewandte Sprachwissenschaft  
MA Applied Linguistics

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»At Münster University, the numerous libraries across its various institutes offer an ideal studying environment. The central university library, for example, is very well equipped and offers a wide range of services, assisting the students with their researching and learning needs.«  
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# Careers and Skills

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*Turn your classroom skills into life success!*  
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## Careers and Skills

As the results of the regular graduate surveys demonstrate, WWU graduates experience a smooth transition into the world of work. High quality study programmes, complemented with our comprehensive Careers Service, pave the way into successful careers. The Careers Service team helps you to give your studies a jobrelated focus, develop your own professional profile, gain necessary experience in the world of work, prepare and evaluate work placements, learn strategies and techniques relating to applications and build up contacts to employers. To this end the Careers Service offers around 120 seminars every year, provides career counselling, cooperates with many employers from various sectors and posts hundreds of job vacancies each month.

## Career Perspectives

KAP.WWU is the university's online career portal and serves as a platform for students, alumni, and employers. Students and alumni of all faculties can post their own candidate profile to present themselves, or browse the employers' offers for interesting vacancies. Employers in turn can also present themselves, as well as publish their vacancies and browse the candidates' profiles. KAP.WWU is exclusively for those enrolled at the University of Münster.



› Getting students in contact with potential employers is a crucial part of our mission in the Careers Service



› Carlos, Mexico  
 MA Musik im Kontext  
 MA Music in Context



› Employers as panelists, engaging in discussion with WWU students

› At events like Career Talk, students can ask a panel of select recruiters what they are looking for in new hires.

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*»The Careers Service taught me to be more conscious about how to express my individual ideas, the importance of the audience as well as the art of communicating precisely, not only with words but also with gestures, emotions and music.«*  
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# Supporting You

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*At the WWU, you will always find advice and guidance throughout your student journey.*  
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## A Comprehensive Network of Support

We have a network of support in place to help you have a smooth start on your study programme at the WWU, and adjust to student life, as well as to make it as easy as possible to find advice on many different issues. Here's a quick guide to some of our centres and institutions that can help you during your time at the WWU:

### International Office

We are here for all of your questions regarding applications, academics, and enrolment. Do not hesitate to seek our help during your studies as well; we are here to put you on the right path towards success! Come meet other students at our international centre, the 'Brücke', a meeting point, a venue for cultural events, readings, international celebrations, exhibitions and concerts. With our international centre and projects we try to make the world feel at home in Münster. We've also made it a priority to promote study abroad opportunities for our students in the European Union and around the world: Take advantage of a semester abroad at one of our 550 partner universities worldwide!



## Faculties

During your studies, questions like 'How do I change a course?' or 'Can I postpone an exam?' may come up. At all faculties, educational units and other institutions we have study advisors to help you with any problem you might have.

### Student Advice and Counselling Centre

Our Student Advice and Counselling Centre offers counselling and support with finding your study programme. It also provides valuable help for enrolled students on topics such as changing subjects, learning disabilities, motivational issues and decision-making. In professional and confidential conversations, they help you find new perspectives and develop solutions.

### Graduate Centre

Our Graduate Centre supports PhD candidates through programming, funding, and interdisciplinary help. It offers advisory services, workshops and comprehensive tips regarding academic qualification. Moreover, they can help plan for your future academic or non-academic career.



› The Studierendenwerk provides affordable apartments for students.



› Our staff are very committed for helping you with your questions and concerns.

› The International Office is next to the University's main building.

## Your Accommodation

In Münster, most of the students live in a "WG", a flat usually shared with fellow students. Others prefer furnished or unfurnished apartments in residence halls. The residence halls of the Studierendenwerk Münster (Student Support Services Münster, a non-profit organisation) offer affordable housing opportunities.

All in all accommodation is highly demanded and not always easy to find. We strongly advise you to start looking for a place to stay well before you come to Münster. Our international centre will assist you with your search.



› Aaron, China  
MA National and Transnational Studies

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*»I couldn't be more grateful for all the advice and information I've received at the university. Staff from the International Centre (Die Brücke) and other institutions helped me with valuable information on how to navigate life in Germany.«*  
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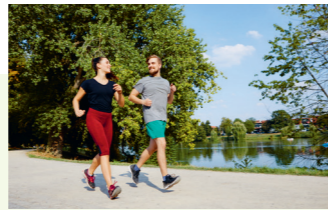
› Viktoria, Estonia  
MA Social Anthropology

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»What I find so appealing  
about Münster is that  
most places can be  
reached by bike and that  
the city is so verdant.  
Moreover, there are plenty  
of leisure activities and  
the international  
community is thriving  
and welcoming.«  
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# Our Campus: The City of Münster



> Jogging at Lake Aasee



> The beautiful townhouses in Münster's historic centre are home to shops and cafés



> Aasee: A small lake at the edge of the city centre. In summer, it seems the whole of Münster can be found soaking up the sun on the wide field next to the Aasee.

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Münster: Your new home.  
Münster-Liebe – learn it  
firsthand.  
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Since its official founding in the 18th century, the University of Münster has grown continuously to establish itself in all parts of the city. In other words, the entire city is our campus!

Münster's cultural and civic life has helped it win many awards for liveability and quality of life.

Fun Fact: Of the 310,000 inhabitants of Münster, around 60,000 are students at one of the eight universities in our city. You'll bike through our city and recognise friends from your seminars and lectures. Shops, cafés and cultural institutions in the city also offer a wide range of discounts and concessions for students.



> December brings with it our world famous Christmas Markets.

*beautiful,  
picturesque  
city centre*



*dancing  
through the  
night clubs*

> Münster's nightlife is perfect: You may even catch your favorite instructor at the turntables during the legendary 'Night of the Profs'



*experience  
the rich  
offer on the  
market*

> A bike is an absolute necessity! The car-free Promenade and the city's many bike lanes help you stay safe and zoom around quickly.



*relaxing  
at the lake*



> Münster has the perfect cafés for both a quick coffee and a long afternoon of studying.

*take a break  
in a lovely  
café*



*hang out  
at the hip  
harbour*

> Local businesses offer many specials for Münster students. Check out the discount cheese bag at the weekly market!



> »Schauraum« one of Münster's citywide culture events



# Beyond Study

## Sports

Our University Sport offers an attractive and varied programme: With more than 150 types of sports, sports tours, training courses, tournaments and international sports competitions, we have the right offer for everyone!

Our new Campus Gym is packed with top class facilities and equipment.

As a partner in the field of top-level sports we also play a special role in promoting elite sport and support our students in participating in national and international competitions. As a result, the University Sport is regularly ranked in the top 3 of Germany's competition ranking published by the general German university sports association.

*Carpe Diem*

## Language Skills

Looking to improve your German or learn a new language? Our Language Centre not only offers German language courses to prepare you for studying in Germany. You can also improve your German language skills at our Language Centre during your studies. Or you can go for another language – to better communicate with international friends!



*Creating and Enjoying Culture*

## Culture

The WWU provides students a once in a lifetime offering of cultural enrichment! Whether you want to make music or enjoy it, act in a play, or sit back and enjoy the performances of others: Over 60 different groups and ensembles from music, drama and arts are enriching the university's day-to-day experience with creativity and new perspectives. Lovers of classical music enjoy the first-class concerts at our faculty of music.

With a broad variety of international, political, economic, religious, and cultural student-run societies and sport groups, you have countless opportunities to make your time at the WWU whatever you want it to be.



› Naivy, Mexico  
PhD student in  
Biotechnology

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*»I decided to do my doctorate at the Institute of Plant Biology and Biotechnology at the WWU, because I wanted to learn from the best, working in a high quality research environment.«*  
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# Financial Matters

Germany has committed itself to being a land of ideas. To accomplish this task, the government has invested significantly in education, keeping university fees low for students.



The German Government funds universities through general taxation, meaning tuition fees are not charged.



## Top Level Education at a Low Price

You do not have to pay tuition fees at the WWU! However, like all German public universities, we charge a semester fee to support our student service institutions. Your fee includes our semester ticket with which you can use all public busses, trams, the underground and regional trains throughout the federal state of North-Rhine Westphalia free of charge. The semester fee currently is about € 300 per semester.

## Living Expenses

The cost of living for students is approx. € 780 per month in Münster. Even though there are many job offers for students in Münster, you should have sufficient financial means to cover these costs. Because studying is very time-consuming, you won't have much time for a student job.

Since there are no tuition fees at most German state universities, there is no comprehensive scholarship system in Germany. However, various German foundations and state insti-

tutions offer study grants for excellent international students! Check the database of the German Academic Exchange Service to see if there is a scholarship programme for you: [www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/). You can also apply for our scholarship programme as soon as you are enrolled at the WWU.

## Visa

If you need a visa to enter Germany, you will have to prove that you have enough money to support yourself. In most cases, applicants have to prove that they have around € 8,700 at their disposal for the first study year.

## Average Monthly Living Costs

For students in Münster and in university cities worldwide

	Münster <sup>1</sup>	Cologne <sup>1</sup>	York, UK <sup>2</sup>	Pittsburg, US <sup>3</sup>
accommodation	€ 305	€ 359	€ 565	€ 706
food and groceries	€ 168	€ 181	€ 148	€ 510
clothes	€ 60	€ 57	-	-
transportation costs	€ 55	€ 65	-	-
phone etc.	€ 31	€ 36	€ 22	-
entertainment/social	€ 68	€ 80	€ 137	-
books and stationary	€ 27	€ 30	€ 54	€ 71
health insurance	€ 80	€ 80	-	€ 81
<b>total</b>	<b>€ 794</b>	<b>€ 888</b>	<b>€ 926</b>	<b>€ 1368</b>

1 <https://ranking.zeit.de/lebenshaltungskosten/>

2 <https://www.yorks.ac.uk/international/international-fees--funding/living-costs/>

3 <http://www.eli.pitt.edu/admission/tuition-fees/estimated-costs-living-studying-pittsburgh-one-term>



› Mark, Kenia  
PhD student in  
Pharmaceutical Chemistry

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»My choice for the doctorate in  
Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
was based on the supportive  
environment to conduct  
toplevel research. This is made  
possible by state-of-the-art  
facilities and a highly  
professional pool of professors  
on the PharmaCampus who  
are among the leading experts  
in their field. The many  
opportunities for collaborative  
research at the WWU have also  
been a great motivator for me.«  
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# Find the Right Course

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 You want to study history or physics?  
 Or maybe both? Or what about communication studies?  
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## A Wide Range of Choice

The University of Münster offers a broad range of courses in the humanities and natural sciences at Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level. Especially at the Master's and PhD level, many degree courses are taught in English. Our programmes in law, medicine, dentistry and pharmacy end with a "state examination". These state examination programmes usually take five to six years and are divided into two or three phases. The standard period of study for Bachelor's degree programmes is three years. Most of our Master's courses are two-year programmes.

## Bachelor's and Master's Programmes

Here is a selection of our undergraduate and graduate degree programme offer:

**Key**

- English-taught Master's Programmes
- Bi- and Tri-National Programmes
- German-taught Master's and Bachelor's Programmes
- German-taught Master's Programmes
- German-taught Bachelor's Programmes + other Degrees

For a comprehensive list of our degree programmes, please check: [www.uni-muenster.de/ZSB/studienfuehrer/](http://www.uni-muenster.de/ZSB/studienfuehrer/)

We offer about 280 degree programmes in over 120 different subjects

Niederlande-Deutschland-Studien (Dutch-German Studies)

**MA European Studies (with the University of Twente)**

Psychologie (Psychology)

**Human Movement in Sports and Exercise (BA programme)**

Zahnmedizin (Dentistry, state examination)

Internationale und Europäische Governance (with the University of Lille)

Betriebswirtschaftslehre

**LLM Deutsches Recht (Business Administration) (LLM German Law)**

Medizin (Medicine, state examination)

Physik

Politikwissenschaft (Political Science)

European Master in Classical Cultures – choose among 12 European Universities

**British, American and Postcolonial Studies**

Arzneimittelwissenschaften (Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Informatik (Computer Science / Informatics)

Musik und Kreativität (Music and Creativity)

Islamische Theologie (Islamic Theology)

**Sports, Exercise and Human Performance**

**Geoinformatics**

Kommunikationswissenschaft (Communication Sciences)

Politik und Wirtschaft (Political Science and Economics)

Romanistik trilingual (Spanish, Italian, French)

**Geospatial Technologies (ERASMUS MUNDUS)**

Germanistik (German Studies)

Kunstgeschichte (Art History)

**Social Anthropology**

**Biowissenschaften (Biosciences/Life Sciences)**

National and Transnational Studies: Literature, Culture, Language

Pharmazie (Pharmacy, state examination)

Molekulare Biomedizin (Molecular Biomedicine)

**Information Systems**

Lebensmittelchemie (Food Chemistry)

Evangelische Theologie (Protestant Theology, 5-year-degree)

Philosophie (Philosophy)

Musik und Vermittlung (Music and Education)

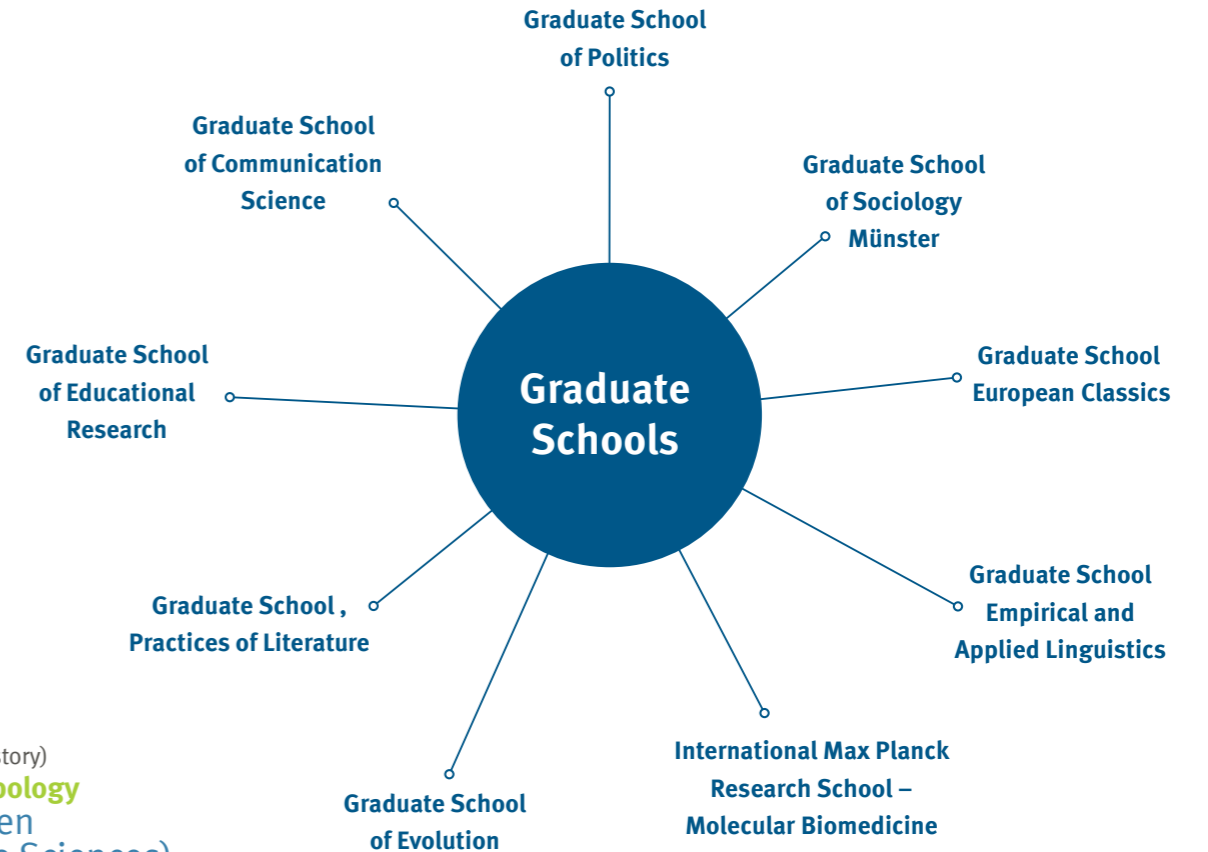
**Public Sector InnOvation and EGovERnance – PIONEER (ERASMUS MUNDUS)**

Katholische Theologie (Catholic Theology, 5-year-degree)

Angewandte Sprachwissenschaft (Applied Linguistics)

**Intensive German Language Courses**

We also offer preparatory intensive German language courses for international applicants wishing to study a German-taught degree course at the WWU. For more information, please check: [www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/studienvoraussetzungen/sprachkurse/](http://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/studienvoraussetzungen/sprachkurse/)



## PhD Studies

If you have shown evidence of outstanding talent in your Bachelor's and Master's degree, you can choose to do a doctoral thesis in any of more than 100 subjects at the WWU! We offer two different kinds of doctoral degree programmes: Individually supervised thesis projects and structured doctoral programmes at our Graduate Schools. Choosing an individually supervised thesis project enables you to carry out your research with a high degree of autonomy and independence. You will write your PhD thesis in close consultation with your academic supervisor. Doctoral candidates at our Graduate Schools on the other hand take a range of courses in their particular discipline and related fields. Each candidate is usually supervised by several supervisors. Above you can find a selection of our Graduate Schools.

For more information, please check: [www.uni-muenster.de/forschung/en/promotion/](http://www.uni-muenster.de/forschung/en/promotion/)

# Check the Admission Requirements

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*For our programmes, different admission requirements apply. Find out more on these pages.*  
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› Just a hint, most classes at the WWU start 15 minutes after their posted time. This goes back to the tradition of when time was kept with church bells.

## What Requirements Do I Have to Meet?

In principle, you need a university entrance qualification recognised in Germany and very good German language skills (for the German-taught courses) if you want to apply for one of our Bachelor's degrees. For Master's programmes, a Bachelor's degree in the same or a similar subject is also required. You don't need German language skills for our English-taught courses, but you do have to prove your very good English language skills.

## University Entrance Qualification

If you would like to study with us, you must have an educational background that the German Ministry of Education recognizes as a university entrance qualification. If you have completed your school education in an EU/EEA country, a secondary school certificate is in most cases sufficient. If you have a secondary school certificate from a country outside the EU/EEA, you will probably have to study in your home country for 1-2 years before you can apply with us. Another possibility would be to attend a Studienkolleg in Germany. You can check whether you have a university entrance qualification for Germany here: [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)

## Language Requirements

For our German-taught degree programmes, you also need very good German language skills, usually at C1-level. Medicine and dentistry require higher German language skills (C2), Physics and Music lower skills. (B2). Here is a list of the certificates we accept: [www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/studienvoraussetzungen/sprachkurse/](http://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/studienvoraussetzungen/sprachkurse/)

## A Bachelor's Degree (for Master's Applications)

Almost all of our Master's programmes are consecutive and build on the knowledge acquired in previous studies. For this reason, you need a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in the same or a similar field if you want to apply for a Master's programme at the WWU. Some Master's programmes require additional knowledge (for instance further language skills) or practical experience.

## Your Application

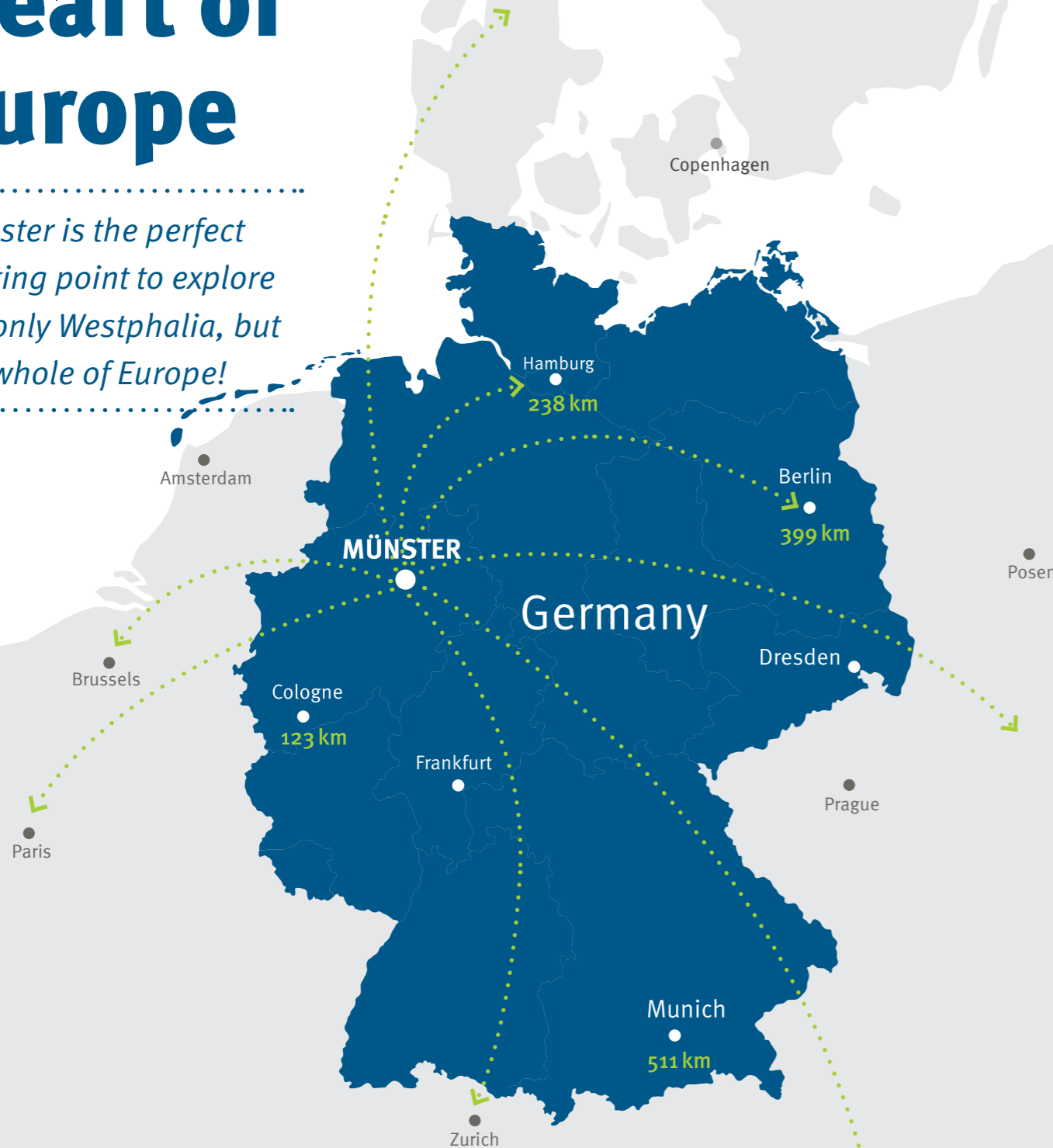
Most of our courses start in the winter semester (October). For some degree programmes, we also offer summer semester intake (April). We distinguish between degree programmes with restricted and non-restricted admission. If you meet all the admission requirements, you can simply register for non-restricted programmes at the beginning of the semester. Here are our deadlines for programmes with restricted admission:

You apply directly to us – through our online application portal! <http://go.wwu.de/applicationinfo>.

Application Periods	Summer semester intake	Winter semester intake
<b>EU/EEA applicants and NON-EU applicants with an EU university entrance qualification</b>	May 1st – July 15th	Nov 2nd – Jan 15th
<b>NON-EU applicants</b>	May 1st – May 31st	Nov 2nd – Nov 30th
<b>German language course applicants</b>	May 1st – May 31st	Nov 2nd – Nov 30th

# In the Heart of Europe

Münster is the perfect starting point to explore not only Westphalia, but the whole of Europe!



## Contact us!

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Advisory Service

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*We are looking  
forward  
to welcoming  
you!*

