Universität Regensburg

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Universität Regensburg is a campus university which was founded in 1962 and is located in the UNESCO World Heritage City of Regensburg, Germany. Over 20,000 students attend the university and more than 1,600 of these are international students.

- The academic year runs from October to July.
- There are two semesters in the year separated by a two month holiday from March to April.
- Student accommodation is off-site and is spread around the city.



About the City

Regensburg lies within the state of Bavaria on the bank of the Danube River and is only 65 miles from Munich.

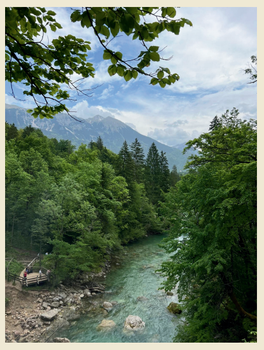
The city has a rich history and was largely undamaged by the bombings of World War II, leaving many of the medieval buildings intact. As a result, the Old Town of Regensburg was named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2006.

Travelling Europe!

Germany's location in Central Europe makes it the perfect place for travel and you can get to all border countries via train/coach; great for saving money on a student budget!

Countries I visited on my SYA:
France, Switzerland, Slovenia, Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Hungary, the Netherlands and Scotland. Plus many towns & cities within Germany itself.









Life in Germany



Accommodation, Expenses & Transportation

Accommodation is really affordable - only €380 pcm.

Food shopping is slightly more expensive, however, eating out is roughly the same, or less, than in the UK.

There are many bus and train links and you can travel all over Germany and into surrounding countries on a €11,33 monthly ticket!





Festivals

Bavaria is well known for it's many seasonal festivals, which include Oktoberfest, Frühlings Fest and the Dult (in Regensburg).

Traditional Dirndl and Lederhosen are worn.

These festivals are perfect for drinking German beer, eating lots of food and dancing on tables!





Language Barriers

Most Germans (particularly young people) know some English. However, it is much easier to get around if you know some German!

The university offers a language course (one month long, prior to semester start).

I would definitely recommend this course; it really boosted my confidence and is where I made some of my best friends!



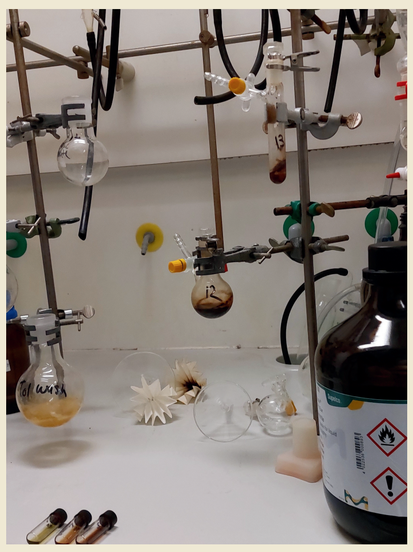
Research Internship



In my first semester I worked in an academic research group within the inorganic chemistry department. Here I worked with some really friendly PhD students on new ways to functionalise white phosphorus catalytically.

My favourite parts of the research were the practical elements where I learnt to run NMRs and how to work in the glove box!







Modules

I took a range of chemistry and biochemistry units from both the BSc and MChem programs (**in English**). These modules are run very similarly to lectures in Bath but the number of students is usually far fewer!

I also took a number of German classes throughout the semester.

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