



### **Program Information – Updated July 2015**

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**Name of host institution:** University of Regensburg

**Location:** Regensburg, Germany

**Accreditation/Recognition by:**

**Number of international students:** approximately 1,530 (70 US)  
**local students:** approximately 21,400

**Most convenient way to reach host country from Atlanta:**

**How students reach host institution from airport:**

There is no airport in Regensburg. The closest one is Munich Airport but you can also fly to Nürnberg or Frankfurt.

Trains leave regularly from all these airports to Regensburg.

There is also a commercial shuttle service running from Munich Airport to Regensburg.

**Point of contact in International Students Office:**

Ms. Susanne Gschnaidner, tel. 011-49-941-943-2306

**# of staff in International Office:** 16 plus ca. 10 student assistants

**Terms of study:**

**fall** (Wintersemester)    **spring** (Sommersemester)    **summer**    **other (explain)**

\*Ordinarily Berry students would not study during the winter semester if not staying an entire academic year. However, Regensburg offers a special fall program for Business students, in which they take an intensive German language course and no more than four classes in Business.

**Approximate dates of terms:**

Winter semester: mid-October – mid-February

Summer semester: mid-April – late July (students would study during this term)

The university offers a pre-semester intensive language course for exchange students with no, beginner's or intermediate knowledge (responding to levels A1, A2, B1, B1+ and B2 of the CEFR). The course takes place 5-6 weeks before the semester starts (= beginning of March and beginning of September). Student assistants will support and advise the participants during the entire program and help them get organized (including all formalities). The course is taught in German. Activities outside of the classroom: Depending on the German level of the students, either German or English.

Students will be credited with 14-18 ECTS for the regular and successful attendance of the course which covers approx. 160-180 hours of instruction. The course fee for non-Erasmus participants is € 400. The fee includes tuition, orientation, and extra-curricular activities. However, costs for accommodation and other living expenses during the programme are not covered.

Students with a language performance on a good intermediate level (more than 400 hours of German, B2 or higher) should participate in the regular orientation program.

### **Application Process**

**Application form** (online, paper, how to obtain):

Admission forms are available upon request from Berry College.

Housing application and language application can be downloaded from:

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/ur-international/exchange-students/download/index.html>

Additional documents: Copy of High School Diploma, Transcript of Records from High School, SAT or ACT results, College Transcript, Copy of Passport

**Requirements for participation** (gpa, references): high school diploma, college transcripts, 2 years of German

**Application fee:** there is no application fee

**Deadlines:** May 15 for the following winter semester  
November 15 for the following summer semester

**Other:**

### **Academics**

**Credit system** (e.g. ECTS) & **US equivalent:** Today ECTS is widely used throughout almost all departments and disciplines. 1 ECTS = .6 Berry College credits.

**Academic advising** (how do students register for classes):

Talk to Berry adviser, register upon start of summer semester

**Course offerings** (relationship to Berry curriculum: gen ed fulfillments, major courses; classes especially for international students):

Students usually take courses in the Department of German as a Foreign Language (DaF); however, it is possible to take regular university courses taught in German. The university also offers a variety of classes taught in English. Go to <https://lsf.uni-regensburg.de>, select course search, and use the search criteria "Language of instruction" and "department."

**Average courseload** (# of courses & credits): 3-4 classes = 30 ECTS (18 credit hours)

**Instruction** (lecture, seminar, tutoring, online): in German: lectures, seminars, tutoring; currently ~200 courses [taught in English](#).

**Internship opportunities:** N/A

**Form of course assessment:** final paper, final written exam; only 2 absences per course are allowed, any more absences automatically cancel credits

**Support** (“learning center,” etc.): tutors

**Resources** (library, IT): The library holds more than 3 million volumes; about 350 computers in twelve pools are available to students (labs closed on Sundays); wireless available on campus, LAN connection in the dorms

**Should student bring a computer?** Yes, please also bring a network cable

**Major differences in educational system:** N/A

**Transcript & grading system** (explain US equivalents, avg. length of time between end of term and issuing of transcript)

Transcripts are issued by study abroad office upon successful course completion.

Grading system:

<b>German grade</b>	<b>Berry equiv.</b>
1,0	A
1,3	A
1,7	A-
2,0	B+
2,3	B
2,7	B-
3,0	C+
3,3	C
3,7	C-
4,0	D
4,3	F

### **Student Support & Life**

**On-site orientation** (length, items covered): The orientation program begins about two weeks before classes start and offers a general orientation, a survey of Germany, information about studying at the University of Regensburg (registration, choice of courses, etc.), information about the formalities at the immigration office and information about health insurance. The orientation is furthermore a good opportunity to sharpen language skills before the semester begins.

**Does institution have crisis management plan?** General procedures for the university apply

**Excursions/activities:** During the semester excursions to attractions in the vicinity of Regensburg as well as trips to other cities such as Bamberg or Berlin are offered.

All students must pay €131 fee to *Studentenwerk*, the organization responsible for student services; this amount includes a transport pass.

**Health/counseling facilities:** university hospital, students need proof of health insurance before arrival; however, students also need to purchase German statutory health insurance for ca. €80 per month.

### **Student societies:**

There are eleven student theater groups performing regularly on campus, thus benefiting from the fact that the University of Regensburg is one of two universities within Germany that have their own theater.

There are also several orchestras and choruses and a variety of smaller musical groups which perform at the university.

**Sport/recreation:** yes

### **Housing**

**Application process:** Housing application needs to be mailed together with admission application. They should sign up early for housing.

**Damage deposit:** €240 (refundable); €131 non-refundable reservation fee

**Options:** Student dormitories; typically co-ed apartments w/4 or more single bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 kitchen

**If host family, how are families selected?** N/A

**If residence hall, are intl. & host country students mixed?** yes

**Furnishings** (linens, pillow, etc.):

All rooms are furnished with:

- a bed and covers, pillows, and sheets
- a desk with a chair and a bookshelf

Students should bring towels and personal items

**Avg. distance between institution and student housing:** varies - students receive a free bus ticket for Regensburg and surrounding area as part of their tuition

### **Financials**

**Tuition:** No Tuition; pre-semester language course €400

**Room:** Monthly rents usually range from €180 to €260 per month. Some rooms may cost up to €300 per month. (There is also a €131 non-refundable reservation fee). Students must pay rent by transfer from a German bank account but are expected to pay their first month's rent in cash shortly upon arrival.

Some residence halls may require a deposit of €10 - €50 for use of linens.

**Board:** Students may cook in the residence hall or eat in the cafeteria (*Mensa*). Students pay a €10 refundable deposit on a mensa-card to pay for meals. Meals cost roughly €4 each. Kitchen utensils are not provided, but students may share with local students or purchase a basic kitchen set for €50 in supermarkets & department stores.

**Other** (lab, materials computing fees): €131 student services fee, 6€ for internet in the dorms, €100 residence permit fee. The broadcast fee or "Rundfunkbeitrag" must be paid by all residents who own their own room and it is €17,98.

**Personal expenses** (books, spending money, etc. – approximate): Most students need a minimum €650 per month, including rent. They should expect expenses of approx. €100 per semester for books and an additional €50 for other study materials

## Financial summary – University of Regensburg

### FOR STUDENTS COMING IN SOMMER-SEMESTER (APRIL – JULY) (no pre-semester language course)

Item	Amount (in Euros)
Application fee	150
Student services fee	131
Non-refundable housing reservation fee	215
Monthly expenditures (including housing fees)	670 x 4 = 2680
Residence permit fee	100
Public insurance (March- July)	80 x 4 = 320
Insurance (TW Lord)	10 x 4 = \$40
Books & study materials	150
Internet in dorms	6
Kitchen set	50
Linen deposit (est.)	30
Mensa card deposit	10
Refundable damage deposit	240
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	€4362 + \$40 (click <a href="#">here</a> for currency converter)  (ca €280 of which are refundable)

Housing costs €180-300 per month.

### FOR STUDENTS COMING FROM MARCH TO JULY (includes pre-semester language course)

Item	Amount (in Euros)
Application fee	150
Student services fee	131
Pre-semester language course (optional)	450
Non-refundable housing reservation fee	215
Monthly expenditures (including housing fees)	670 x 5 = 3350
Residence permit fee	100
Public insurance (March- July)	80 x 5 = 400
Insurance (TW Lord)	10 x 5 = \$50
Books & study materials	150
Internet in dorms	6
Kitchen set	50
Linen deposit (est.)	30
Mensa card deposit	10
Refundable damage deposit	240
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	€5122 + \$50 (click <a href="#">here</a> for currency converter)  (ca €280 of which are refundable)

Housing costs €180-300 per month.