



Study at Karlsruhe University of Education

## A University with a Unique Profile in the Southwest of Germany

Explore our opportunities for your stay abroad!



## Karlsruhe University of Education

Welcome to Karlsruhe University of Education! It is a university that specializes in educational processes in various institutional, social and cultural contexts.

The university was established in its presentday form in 1962. However, the start of teacher training in Karlsruhe can be traced back to 1757. With around 3,600 students and 220 fulltime researchers and lecturers as well as 140 administrative staff, Karlsruhe University of Education represents an important center of educational research in the region of Baden-Württemberg. The University's **distinctive profile** is characterized

by its focus on **multilingual education, bilingual teaching and learning**, dealing with diversity and inequality as well as **MINT subjects**, such as Mathematics, Informatics, Natural Science and Technology (related to educational processes). Furthermore, **research, teaching and practice** are closely integrated at Karlsruhe University of Education. The university offers the possibility to receive a doctorate as well as to qualify as a professor in educational and subject related research. A recently established Institute for Education Related Research Methods additionally fosters research at our university.



Welcome to Karlsruhe University of Education

„Karlsruhe University of Education is an internationally friendly university where you will be inspired how to be a professional educator. It's also where I've discovered my interest, passion and dream to be a children book writer!“

CHRISTINE YIP, EXCHANGE STUDENT, HONG KONG

### Well Connected With Other Universities

Karlsruhe University of Education is well connected within the region and especially with other universities in town, such as the KIT (the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology - collaboration in MINT subjects), the Karlsruhe University of Arts and Design, the State Academy of Fine Arts Karlsruhe as well as the University of Music (collaboration with the Institute of Art).

The university fosters close relations with **partner universities in many other countries** and offers exchange opportunities for students, lecturers, researchers and university administrative staff.

The university's main campus is **located in the centre of Karlsruhe**. All the other universities in Karlsruhe are within cycling distance of the University of Education which helps to facilitate a connection with various students and enables them to attend lots of student-based events as well as cultural and social events within the city of Karlsruhe.

### Degree Programmes

The degree programmes at Karlsruhe University of Education can be divided into Teacher Training related degree programmes and other Bachelor's and Master's programmes, which qualify students for different educational professions.

All courses of study which lead to teaching certificates can also be taken with the **European Teaching Certificate** profile in the target languages English or French.

#### Bachelor's and Master's Programmes for Teaching Certificates

- B.A. Education (Primary Level)
- B.A. Education (Secondary Level I)
- M.Ed. Primary level
- M.Ed. Secondary Level I

#### Bachelor's Programmes

- B.A. Pedagogy of Childhood
- B.A. Sports-Health-Leisure Education

#### Master's Programmes

- M.A. Educational Science
- M.A. Biodiversity and Environmental Education
- M.A. Intercultural Education, Migration and Multilingualism (including a double degree with the University of Palermo)
- M.A. Cultural Education

## Live in a Cultural and Technological Hotspot!

Karlsruhe is an open, tolerant, pleasant and green city in southwest Germany, at the edge of the Black Forest. Located on the Rhine River and close to the French border, it is also known as **one of the sunniest cities in Germany**.

Karlsruhe offers a **wide range of cultural and leisure activities** such as: The Palace Gardens, various theatres, museums and cinemas, a lively pub scene – just to mention a few. The city is especially renowned for its „Center for Art and Media“ (ZKM), a museum „founded in 1989 that stands worldwide for an open concept of art in the digital age.“ The yearly festival “Das Fest” encompasses everything to do with

music and culture in the month of July. Held since 1985, it is the largest family festival in southern Germany. Up to 250,000 visitors enjoy music from German and international artists during three days. The mix of young and old creates the unique atmosphere that is praised and appreciated by many visitors.

With its **nine universities and twenty-six research institutes**, Karlsruhe is one of Germany’s major research locations. They are additionally part of the Karlsruhe Technology Region (TRK), an Action Group established to strengthen and promote the entire region as a hub for business, science and innovation with the focus on mobility, energy and IT/digitalization.



Enjoy the Laser Light Show at the Castle every year during the summer!

Karlsruhe has an excellent public transport system and is one of the most **bike-friendly** cities in Germany. The city is conveniently located and **close to major German and European cities** such as Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Heidelberg and Freiburg (within one hour), Bâle/Basel and Strasbourg (within two hours) and Munich, Paris and Zurich (within three hours).

### Karlsruhe - Facts and Figures

- about 310,000 inhabitants
- nine universities with a total of approx. 43,000 students
- twenty-six research institutes
- seat of some important federal government institutions



Traditional Christmas Market in Karlsruhe

„The combination of a small but active city, exceptional student support and facilities provided by the University of Education makes Karlsruhe a worthwhile destination. Totally recommend it!“

ADRIAN PIRVAN, EXCHANGE STUDENT, GREAT-BRITAIN

### Travelling to Karlsruhe

The nearest airports are Baden-Airpark, Frankfurt/Main, Stuttgart and Strasbourg. They all have regular bus or train services to and from Karlsruhe.



View to the main stage of the festival „Das Fest“



Museum „Center for Art and Media“ (ZKM)

## Become an Exchange Student in Karlsruhe

As a **small-sized university** we are able to provide **close and personal support** to our incoming students. Starting with your application, you will be guided through administrative and organisational matters. Once you have arrived in Karlsruhe, a „Buddy“ programme, an **intensive German language course** as well as **different leisure activities** (including a variety of activities and trips) ensure a smooth and pleasant start of your semester abroad at Karlsruhe University of Education.

The following list provides you with an overview on our disciplines. With only a few exceptions, you are free to select courses from all different disciplines:

- ▶ Political Sciences
- ▶ Protestant Theology
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Technical Education

Please be aware that the working language for most courses is German, with the exception of courses taught in the English or French Department (respectively taught in English and French).

„I had a wonderful experience in Karlsruhe with the staff of the International Office, they really made sure that there were many enjoyable social events, and most importantly they ensured that I had valuable academic experiences. I would motivate any student to choose this institution for a semester abroad.“

ZANDER JENSE VAN RENSBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

### Practice Teaching in a German School

Upon request, we are able to offer exchange students the opportunity to observe and/or teach lessons at German primary or secondary schools (in German or in English). Practice teaching will be supervised by a mentor and credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the internship.

- ▶ Arts
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Catholic Theology
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Culture of Daily Life and Health
- ▶ Early Childhood Education
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Educational Sciences
- ▶ English
- ▶ Ethics
- ▶ French
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ German (philology and literature)
- ▶ History
- ▶ Islamic Theology
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Philosophy
- ▶ Physics

### Tandem Programme

In order to get in touch with local students from Karlsruhe University of Education and to improve your language skills outside the official lessons, you can sign-up for our language tandem programme. It starts each semester at the beginning of the official lecture period and one credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the tandem programme.

### Courses Taught in English

Each semester the University of Education offers a new course catalogue with ever-changing courses taught in English. The courses are either provided by the English

Department or are in cooperation with another field such as history or media studies. Please contact the International Office for an up-to-date list.

### The Language Learning Center (LLC)

At the Language Learning Center you can select from a variety of interesting courses in different languages such as German, English, French, Arabic and Spanish. Courses are free of charge and vary each semester. Moreover, students have the opportunity for self-regulated foreign language learning during the open access hours of the Language Learning Center.



Personal support and counselling at the International Office

## Your Study Options

### Study in English

- Select English lectures from our English Department, e.g. courses about Literature, Linguistics, Cultural Studies, TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) and Didactics.
- Study modules taught in English outside our English Department and modules especially designed for international students.
- Carry out an internship at a German school.
- Learn German – free of charge courses for different levels are offered.

### Study in German

- Select modules from our B.A. Education (Teacher Training): Different modules including Educational Sciences as well as theory and didactics of one or more content subjects (also French or English as a foreign language).
- Select modules from other B.A. or M.A. programmes such as Pedagogy of Childhood or Cultural Education.
- Carry out an internship at a German school.
- Improve your German – further language courses offered during the semester.



Enjoy your stay at Karlsruhe University of Education

## Become an Exchange Student in Karlsruhe

### One Month of Orientation

- 6-week intensive German Language Course (free of charge)
- „Buddy“-Programme
- Extensive help with administrative issues and with settling in
- Multitude of activities with the International Club such as day trips to nearby cities (free of charge) and evening events
- Official „Welcome Event“ together with the University's President
- One-day workshop „Intercultural Competences“

### Intensive German Language Course

In order to prepare you for the official lecture period and to facilitate communication with locals, **different intensive German language courses** are offered during each orientation period. Each semester, language courses are usually offered at two to three different levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced). The exact levels vary depending on the German language level of our incoming students.

### Buddy Programme

Before your arrival, we will put you in touch with your “Buddy”. A Buddy is a local student who has offered to help you during your first few days in Karlsruhe. When you arrive she/he will pick you up from the train or bus station in Karlsruhe, take you to your dorm and assist you with registration and administrative issues during the following days.

### Some More Extras

Once you register at Karlsruhe's town hall you receive a **Welcome Package** including vouchers for shops and activities in and around Karlsruhe.

Furthermore, as a student is possible to use the public transport system in and around Karlsruhe free of charge in the evenings and during the weekends of the official semester.



Exchange students (Winter Semester 2025/26) after the Official Welcome Event

## Social Life in Karlsruhe

### International Club

The International Club – actually, a group of three local students – organises and supports together with the International Office of Karlsruhe University of Education, cultural events, various city trips and more fun activities throughout the entire semester. It provides a great opportunity to meet other international and local students. These regular events are optional and have a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. You will receive a programme with the planned activities at the beginning of your orientation period.



Incoming students together with students of the International Club during leisure activity trips

### Sports, Music and Theater

- ▶ Enjoy free sports programmes at the university, such as Yoga, Ultimate Frisbee, Capoeira and Hip-Hop. Team sports such as soccer and volleyball are also offered.
- ▶ Participate in the university's choirs, big band or orchestra.
- ▶ Get free entry to plays at Karlsruhe's theater „Badisches Staatstheater“.
- ▶ Receive reduced tickets for students in many theaters, cinemas and museums (on Fridays public museums offer free of charge entry).
- ▶ Enjoy a match of the local soccer club Karlsruher SC (KSC)!



## Preparing a Stay at Our University

Incoming students can decide to stay for one semester or an entire academic year at Karlsruhe University of Education. One academic year consists of two semesters: the winter and the summer semester. The table below provides our semester's key dates. Please pay special attention to our orientation programme which includes not only a free of charge intensive German Language Course but also plenty of activities.

In order to receive our application package, you must be nominated by your home university. Please make sure to apply to your university's exchange programme in due time.

### Winter semester 2026/27 (1st semester)

#### Application Deadline

- 31 May 2026

#### Language Proficiency

- A2 German and B2 English  
or
- B1 German (according to CEFRL)

#### Preferred Arrival

- Beginning of September

#### Orientation and Intensive German Language Course

- Beginning of September to mid-October

#### Lecture Period

- Mid-October to beginning of February

### Accommodation

Usually, we are able to accommodate most of our exchange students in a dormitory close to the university campus. In a dormitory, you will have your own room in an appartement that you share with other students.

### Some Fixed Costs

- ▶ Rent: approx. 230 to 400 Euro per month (student dormitory room)
- ▶ Student service fee: 109.50 Euro per semester
- ▶ Meal at the student's dining hall (Mensa): 3.60 to 5.95 Euro

### Summer /Spring semester 2027 (2nd semester)

#### Application Deadline

- 30 November 2026

#### Language Proficiency

- A1 German and B2 English  
or
- B1 German (according to CEFRL)

#### Preferred Arrival

- Beginning of March

#### Orientation and Intensive German Language Course

- Beginning of March to mid-April

#### Lecture Period

- Mid-April to end of July



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