

# Saarland University

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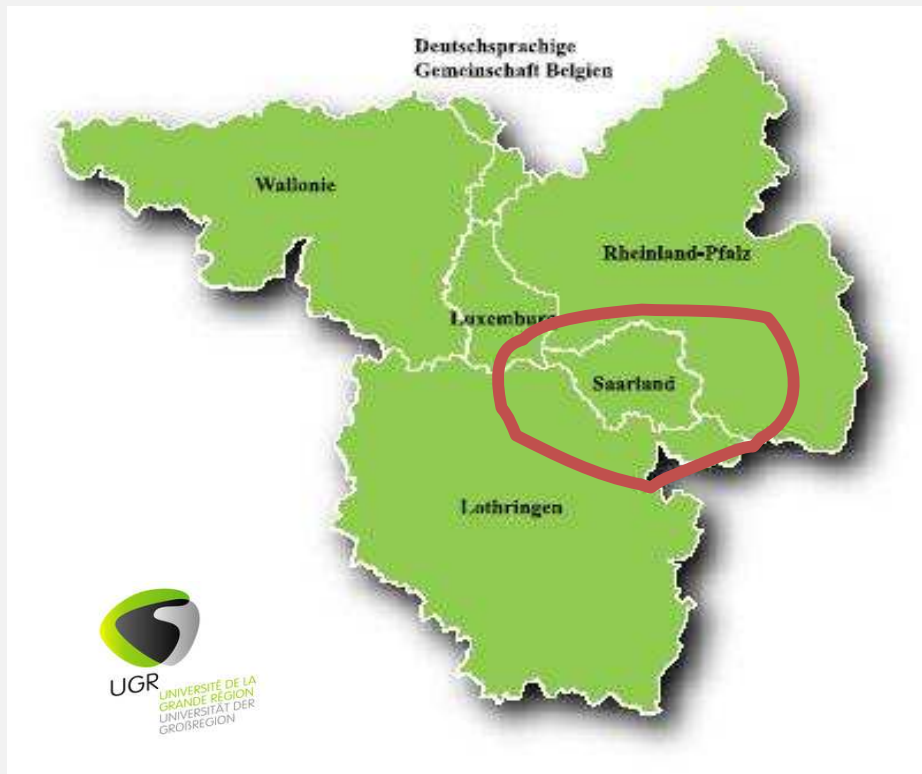
## Saarland

- Saarland Federal State
- 1 million inhabitants
- Neighborhood to France, Luxemburg, Belgium
- Center of the “Greater Region” (11,2 millions de inhabitants)
- Strong mining and metal industry (in proces of reduction)
- strong development of new industries
- dynamic research development





## European dimension



### “Greater region“

- 5 regions
- 4 countries
- 3 languages
- 2 cultural backgrounds
- 11, 2 million inhabitants
- 114 institutions of higher education
- 20 universities
- 370 000 students



## Saarbrücken

Capital of Saarland

~180 000 inhabitants

River *Saar*

Cultural diversity (theaters,  
museums, cinemas, clubs,  
musical events)

Attractive student life

Neighbourhood to France





# Saarland University

Founded in 1948

- Internationally oriented
- *Europa Institute* (MBA, LLM)
- *Centre Juridique Franco-Allemand* (French legal studies),
- *Pôle France* (France Centre), close relations to the German-French University
- Strong international networks (research activities)
- Outstanding research institutes: Max-Planck-Institutes; German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence; Fraunhofer Institutes
- Campus Homburg: university hospital and faculty of medicine
- Campus Saarbrücken: 7 faculties
- ~17.500 students
- Incubator „Starterzentrum“ providing excellent opportunities







## Saarland University



290 chairs  
1300 professors and  
researchers  
1400 persons in administration  
17 500 students  
2700 International students



## Profile of the university

### **Transcending boundaries**

**no matter whether these are geographical borders, cultural boundaries, barriers between academic disciplines, or outmoded divisions between academia and economic and cultural life**

### **Combining top-quality research with excellence in teaching**

**Informatics, nanotechnology, biosciences and Europe are the key disciplines**

### **Combining academic study and business practice**

**Saarland University offers a comprehensive support package for students**



## Areas of excellence

### Informatics

- Nanosciences, Material Sciences
- Focus on Europe

and:

- International Law
- Humanities – Cultural Studies
- Life Sciences
- Sports and sports medicine





## Faculties

- Faculty 1 - Law and Economics ( 34/4455)
- Faculty 2: ( 99/2850)
- Faculty 3 - Humanities I, ( 29/ 2965)
- Faculty 4 - Humanities II, Languages, Literature and Cultural Studies (21/1354)
- Faculty 5 - Humanities III, ( 21/1354)
- Faculty 6 - Natural Sciences and Technology I, Mathematics and Computer Science (33/1381)
- Faculty 7 - Natural Sciences and Technology II, Physics and Mechatronics Engineering (25/664)
- Faculty 8 - Natural Sciences and Technology III, Chemistry, Pharmacy, Bio- and Materials Science (40/1366)



## Faculties and Centers

### **Central and Interdepartmental Institutions**

European Institute: Law Section

European Institute: Economics Section

Centre for Human and Molecular Biology (ZHMB)

Centre for Bioinformatics / Computational Biology



## Faculties and Centers

### **Central and Interdepartmental Institutions**

Cluster of Excellence

Frankreichzentrum

Intel Visual Computing Institute

Kooperationsstelle Wissenschaft und Arbeitswelt

promoting links between the University and professional life

Mental Health Counselling Service (PPB)

Language Centre

ViSU - Saarland Virtual University

Center for lifelong learning

Center for key competences

Teacher Training Centre

# Research



Deutsches  
Forschungszentrum  
für Künstliche Intelligenz



Institut der Gesellschaft  
zur Förderung der Angew.  
Informationsforschung



Medienpsychologisches  
Forschungsinstitut Saarland  
e.V.



Institut für  
Präventivmedizin Homburg



Institut für  
Neue Materialien



Max-Planck-Institut  
für Informatik



Internationales Begegnungs-  
und Forschungszentrum für  
Informatik



Gesellschaft für umwelt-  
kompatible Prozesstechnik



Steinbeis Forschungszentrum  
Material Forschungscenter  
Saarland MECS



Fraunhofer-Institut für  
zerstörungsfreie Prüfverfahren



Korea Institute of Science and  
Technology Europe



Fraunhofer-Institut für  
Biomedizinische Technik



**Helmholtz-Institut für Pharmazeutische Forschung Saarland**



## Research

### **7 Graduate Schools**

Internationales GRK 1457: “Adaptive Minds: Neural and Environmental Constraints on Learning and Memory”

Internationales GRK 532: Europäisches Graduiertenkolleg "Physikalische Methoden in der Strukturellen Charakterisierung Neuer Materialien "

GRK 1326: “Calcium-Signaling and Cellular Nanodomains”

GRK 1276: „Strukturbildung und Transport in komplexen Systemen“

GRK 845: „Molekulare, physiologische und pharmakologische Analyse von zellulärem Membrantransport“

GRK 715: „Sprachtechnologie und kognitive Systeme“

GRK 623: „Leistungsgarantien für Rechnersysteme“

and

GradUS: Support programm for graduate students

GSC 209: Saarbrücker Graduate School in Informatics



# Studying at Saarland University

## Academic programmes

50 Bachelor programmes

34 Master courses (consecutive)

5 state exams

6 Master „Postgraduiert“

4 Certificates





# Studying at Saarland University

## Europaicum

Languages  
Law and Economics  
Locating Europe  
History, Politics, Culture  
Visiting professors  
Experiencing Europe





## Saarland University International

Saarland University has an explicit focus on Internationalization

- Special relationship to France and focus on Europe
- Commitment to the University of the Greater Region
- Participation in international research networks
- International study programmes
- Mobility of students and staff
- Network of good working partnerships



## Saarland University International

### International Research:

150 international guest researchers a year

380 international PhD Students

International Graduate Schools (Informatics, Material Sciences, Life sciences)

International (EU funded) projects (FP, 5,6,7, Tempus, Alfa etc. – 27 projects – 140 Millions €)



## Saarland University International

### International Courses/Teaching → International Campus

6 English taught courses (Master)

4 french taught courses

„Europaicum“

100% of our courses are „Bologna proof“ (Bachelor/Master);

ECTS: 50 Bachelor, 34 Master, 22 Teacher training courses, 5 state exams

18 double diploma courses (economics, physics, chemistry, material sciences, law, mathematics, computer linguistics)

2 of them Erasmus Mundus Courses



## Saarland University International

About 2750 International Students (16%) from 119 countries

Approx. of them 350 mobile students

300 – 350 outgoing students

50 outgoing researchers and teaching staff

15 Students from Tunisia

280 Partner Universities

230 „Erasmus partners“



## Internationalization: actors

### presidency

#### Faculties

International Office  
Bologna Office

Student's affaires

Language Center  
German Courses (IO)

Studienkolleg – preperatory courses

VP Europe and Culture  
Coordination Focus Europe

Project Management  
Office (Eurice)





# Administration UdS

Vice President for Administration and  
economic development

Department1:  
President's Office: Planning,  
Controlling, Press

Department 2 :  
Legal Department Personell  
Development  
Archiv

Department 3 :  
IT → Transition overall  
structure outside of  
administration

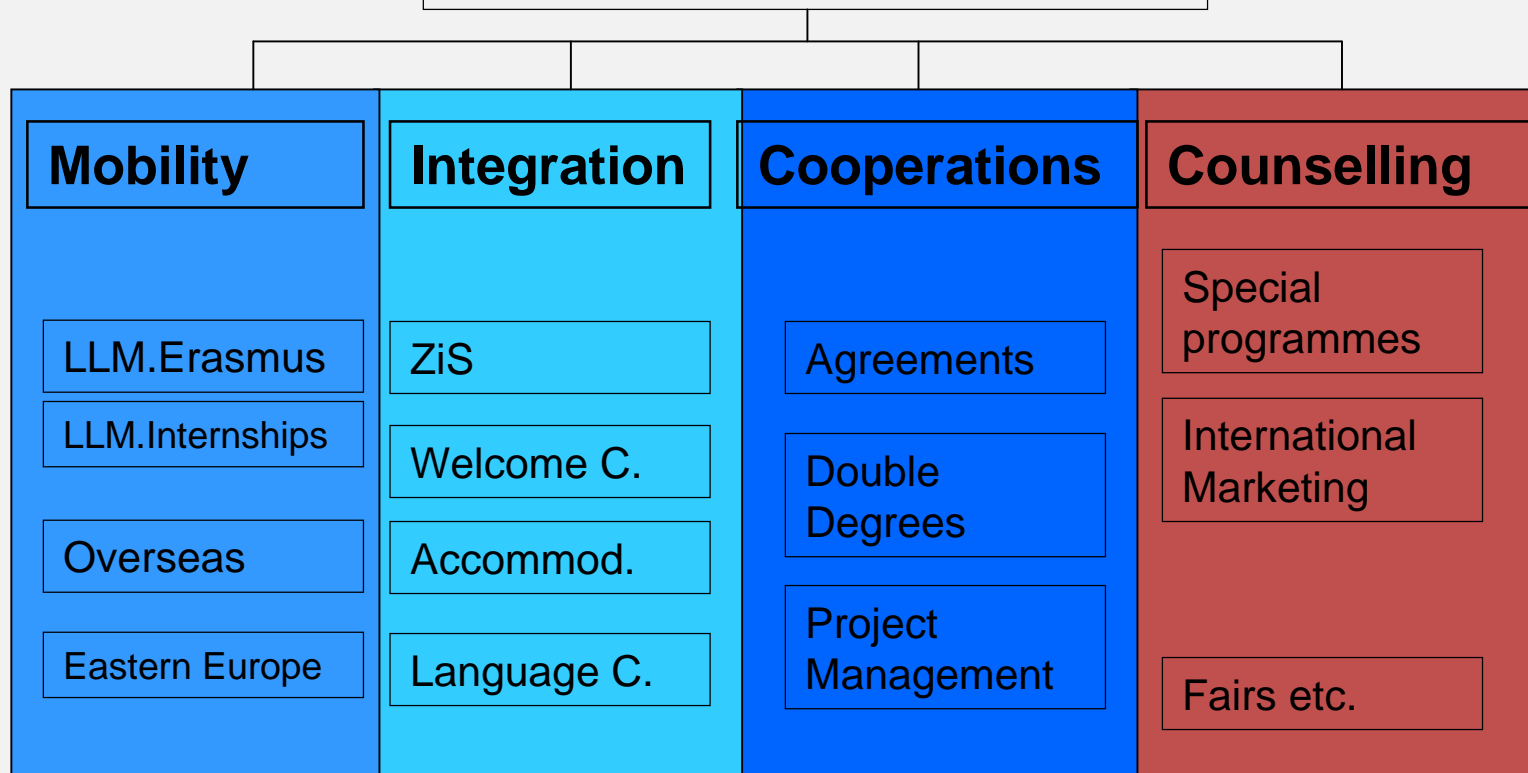
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**International Office**  
**Student's affairs**

Department 5  
Finance and accounts dep.

Department 6  
Facility Management



## International Office





## International Office: tasks and activities

### **Integration**

### **Organization of Mobility**

Cooperation Management/Networking

International Marketing /Alumni

Advisory/Counselling of decision makers in the University

[International Project Management \(Research\)](#)

[Admission/Enrolment](#)



## International Office: tasks and activities

Support and Services:

Housing

Language courses

- Intensive summer courses

- Preparatory courses October/March

- Courses parallel to the regular programme of study



International Office: tasks and activities

## **Organisation and support regarding mobility programmes**

EU exchange programmes: LLP Erasmus (220 contacts)

Exchange programmes with partner universities: Trento, Perugia, Valladolid, Cadiz

DAAD programmes – Eastern Europe: Sofia, Warsaw, Tiflis, Prague, Tver, Rostow

Overseas' Programmes: Australia, Brasil, China, Japan, Canada, Colombia, Korea, USA



International Office: tasks and activities

Organization of Mobility

Outgoing: Information, Counselling, Nomination, Transcript of





## International Office: tasks and activities

### Organization of Mobility: Grants

#### **For Students**

##### DAAD

Undergraduate and graduate students:

- Scholarship für summer language courses

- Group visits (partial support)

Postgraduate students

- Research Grants for doctoral candidates

- scholarships of several political foundations

#### **For professors**

short time visiting professorships (DAAD)

Bilateral exchange of Academics (DAAD)

A.vH., VW professorships



## International Office: tasks and activities

### **Cooperation Management/Networking**

- Documentation of the contacts and agreements
- Provide administrative support for partner universities, professors etc. in getting an agreement signed
- Counselling and guidance for the materialization of an agreement
- Keep the contacts running
- Evaluate the effectiveness of agreements
- Elaborate criteria and categories of different types of agreements
- Organize visits of partner universities for members of the university



International Office: tasks and activities

## **International Marketing**

Advisory for multilingual internet presence

Organisation of participation in publishing projects (DAAD)

Participation in educational fairs (GATE Germany)

Creation of an Alumni WEB-Portal

Organisation of Alumni Summer Courses Seminars



International Office: tasks and activities

**Advisory/Counselling of decision makers and faculties in the University**

Development/Implementation of an Internationalization Strategy

Collaboration in fund raising

Scrutinize support programmes

Help in the design of double degree courses



Thank you for your attention!

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