

Karlsruhe University of Education – Pädagogische Hochschule Karlsruhe

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Background and Mission:

The Karlsruhe University of Education in its present form was established in 1962. As a Liberal Arts College, it is a public institution with full university status. The main focus of the institution is on learning processes in different social, cultural and institutional contexts, as well as on teaching and learning in different subject areas and for different age groups. The students' needs, the internationalisation of all degree programmes as well as the advancement of international partnerships, are all key features of our profile. From the very first semester, all of our degree programmes offer a high level of integrated practical experiences.

Degree Programmes:

The university offers degree courses for initial teacher certification for primary and lower secondary schools, as well as, the European Teacher Course (with a strong CLIL "content and language integrated learning" component) for these school types.

Over the years, the university has expanded its courses both in terms of academic depth, as well as, in terms of diversity with the introduction of Bachelor degree courses in the fields of "Childhood Education" and "Physical Activity, Health and Recreation".

Master's degree programmes like the research-oriented MA in "Intercultural Education, Migration and Plurilingualism" (IMM), the MA in "Philosophy and Science of Education" and the MA in "Biodiversity and Environmental Education" are qualifications with an eye to the future. Another new degree programme is the MA in "Sports and Movement in Childhood and Adolescence", developed and offered by the University of Heidelberg, the KIT (Karlsruhe Institute for Technology) and the Universities of Education of Karlsruhe and Heidelberg.

Finally, the university offers three advanced study programmes: an MA in "Educational Gerontology", an MA in "Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)" and an online MA in "Integrated Gifted Education and Talent Development".



Research:

The PH Karlsruhe has a full university status. This includes the right to award first and second doctoral degrees. Research at the University of Education both includes basic and applied approaches, with particular fields of interest in teaching methodologies of science and mathematics, intercultural education and plurilingualism, gifted education, as well as, health and media education.

Structure and Location:

With about 3,700 students taught and advised by about 180 professors and lecturers the Karlsruhe University of Education is a relatively small and friendly university with particularly high quality standards. The Karlsruhe University of Education is located in the city centre of Karlsruhe and its campus is spread among several academic buildings with a lot of open space creating a tranquil and relaxed environment to study. Dorms and the main city centre are situated within 5-minute walking distance.

Study Opportunities for Exchange Students:

Exchange Students can select their courses from the entire range of courses offered at our university. They are invited to join German language courses free of charge and may make use of the opportunity to complete supervised practice teaching at a local school.

Courses outside the English and French departments are mostly taught in German. However during Semester 2 (March-July), we offer a programme of courses taught through the medium of English. In combination with an intensive German language course for beginners this programme allows students opportunities to study in Karlsruhe without prior knowledge in German.



Academic Calendar

One academic year consists of two semesters: Autumn Semester (*"Wintersemester"*) and Spring Semester (*"Sommersemester"*).

Current semester dates can be accessed on our website:

www.ph-karlsruhe.de/studium-lehre/studien-service-zentrum/termine/ (in German)

www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/en/academic-programmes-courses/academic-calendar/ (in English)

Autumn Semester (*"Wintersemester"*)

Preferred Arrival	beginning of September
Orientation and Intensive German Language Course	beginning of September – mid-October
Lecture Period	mid-October – mid-February

Spring Semester (*"Sommersemester"*)

Preferred Arrival	beginning of March
Orientation and Intensive German Language Course	beginning of March – mid-April
Lecture Period	mid-April – end of July

Application and Registration for Courses:	
Website for International Students	www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de ⇒ International Students
Application Procedure	Your home university will inform you about the selection procedure. After you have been selected and officially nominated by your home university, you will receive our application form as well as additional information. Please return the completed application by mail to our office. Don't forget to include your passport photo, which will be used to issue your future student ID.
Application Deadline	May, 31st: autumn semester and full year November, 30th: spring semester
Courses Offered	<p>Exchange students are allowed to choose their courses from the whole range of courses offered at our university. Students prepare a Learning Agreement.</p> <p>The course catalogue can be accessed on the following website: www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/international/international-office/international-students/exchange-students-from-partner-universities/courses/</p> <p>The course catalogue for each semester is usually published 2 months before the official start of lectures (in February/in August). In order to already prepare your Learning Agreement before that date, please refer to the course catalogue of previous semesters. Courses offered each autumn semester tend to be very similar, as do courses offered each spring semester.</p>
Practice Teaching	Upon request we are able to offer exchange students opportunities 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.
Course Registration	Course registration will be done in the first lesson of each course and directly with the professor.
Language of Instruction	<p>Working language for most courses is German, with the exception of courses taught in the English or French Departments (which are taught in English and French respectively.)</p> <p>Courses outside the English and French departments are mostly taught in German. During Semester 2 (March-July) we offer a programme of courses taught in the medium of English. In combination with an intensive German language course for beginners this programme offers students without prior knowledge of German opportunities to study in Karlsruhe.</p>
Language Proficiency	<p>For Autumn Semester: minimum level of B1 German (intermediate level)</p> <p>For Spring Semester: also possible for beginners, if you chose only courses taught in English, here a minimum B2 level in English is required; GER min. B1 if you plan to attend courses taught in German</p>
Credits and Workload	1 ECTS credit is equivalent to 30 working hours. The standard course load per semester is 30 ECTS credits and 60 ECTS credits for one full academic year.
Grading System	www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/international/international-office/international-students/exchange-students-from-partner-universities/grading-system/
System of assessment	Exams (oral and written), papers, presentations, active participation
Teaching methods (lectures, seminars, self-study)	Lectures and seminars; for the possibility to do individual project work please contact the International Office in advance.
Departments/faculties students are excluded from	for a participation in following courses: P.E., Music and Arts students need to register via the International Office at an early stage of their application
Standard course load for semester	30 ECTS credits (1 ECTS = 30 hours of work)
Standard course load for a year	60 ECTS credits

Practical Information		
Living Expenses	Tuition fees:	waived for exchange students
	Student fee:	77.70 € per semester
	Accommodation:	max. 260 €/month if you stay in a hall of residence for students
	Student cafeteria:	2.40 € - 4.00 € per meal
	Health insurance:	about 60 €/month
	Public transport	about 140 €/semester (if you are not in a nearby hall of residence or don't use a bike to get around)
	Personal expenditure:	Also remember that you will need to include the cost of learning materials and books as well as some travelling in your financial planning.
Insurance	All exchange students have to present a proof of sufficient health insurance at the beginning of their stay in Karlsruhe. This insurance should cover all costs abroad in case of illness or accidents. Non-EU students should purchase German Health Insurance after their arrival in order to have sufficient coverage.	
Visa	www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/international/international-office/international-students/exchange-students-from-partner-universities/visa-information/	
Buddy Programme	Buddy- programme, arrival pick-up service from airport/train station www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/international/international-office/international-students/exchange-students-from-partner-universities/buddy-system/	
Accommodation	Single rooms in halls of residence available www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/international/international-office/international-students/exchange-students-from-partner-universities/accommodation/	
Accommodation contract dates	1 March – 31 August 1 September – 28 February	
Accommodation application	31 May for autumn 30 November for spring	
Meals	Besides the students' canteen and cafeteria where you can eat on campus, you can prepare meals in your group-kitchen at the hall of residence.	

Student Services	
Library	University of Education Library www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/colleges-institutions/university-of-education-library/
Computer Services	The Centre for Information Technology and Media (ZIM) has the mission to advise and support students and academic staff of the Karlsruhe University of Education in all areas of media and computer applications. Students obtain their accounts at the beginning of their stay in Karlsruhe. This account enables the students to access our computer pool, use wireless internet access on campus, to borrow media equipment (e.g. laptops, cameras) and to participate in the courses offered by the centre. www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/colleges-institutions/centre-for-information-technology-and-media/
Students' restaurants	Canteen and students' cafeteria on or very close to campus; the students' restaurants are owned by the <i>Studentenwerk</i> , an Institution that offers diverse social services for students. Meals in the canteen are subsidized and are therefore reasonably priced.
Sports	The Intramural Sport offers a wide range of sports classes and sporting activities that are open to all students and staff members of the Karlsruhe University of Education. Most courses are for free and a good opportunity to meet new people. www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/colleges-institutions/intramural-sports/

International Club	The International Club is organized by students of the Karlsruhe University of Education and supported by the International Office. It organises subsidized social and cultural activities with German and international students. www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/international/international-office/international-club/
Language Tandems	The International Office offers you the opportunity to improve your language and intercultural communication skills by signing up for language partnering tandem programme. You get the chance to improve your foreign language skills, get to know another culture and new people. You will soon improve your language skills by practicing with native speakers in a one-to-one situation. In return, you share your own language and culture with your tandem partner. If you meet regularly and document your improvement you will receive ECTS credits. www.en.ph-karlsruhe.de/international/international-office/international-club/language-tandem-programme/
Counselling	Academic and career advice and counselling: www.ph-karlsruhe.de/studium-lehre/studien-service-zentrum/akademische-studien-und-laufbahnberatung/ Counselling by the "Studentenwerk Karlsruhe" (accessible and for free for all students in Karlsruhe): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychological Help - Social Counselling - Telephone Counselling - Legal Advice www.studentenwerk-karlsruhe.de/en/beratung/
Studying with a child	The University offers counselling for students studying with a child. www.ph-karlsruhe.de/hochschule/gleichstellungsbeauftragte0/ Furthermore, the University offers child care facilities for students www.ph-karlsruhe.de/hochschule/familien/die-krabbelstube-der-ph/
Students with special needs	Students with special needs may contact our Authorised Representative for Students with Special Needs www.ph-karlsruhe.de/studium-lehre/studien-service-zentrum/beauftragter-fuer-menschen-mit-behinderung/

Our University

Faculties (Schools) and Institutes	<p>Faculty I: Humanities</p> <p>Institute of General and Historical Educational Science Institute of Education with a Focus on Extra-Curricular Education Institute of Early Years Education Institute of School and Curricula Development for Primary and Secondary Schools Institute of Psychology Institute of Philosophy/Ethics Institute of Catholic Theology/Religious Education Institute of Protestant Theology/Religious Education Institute of Islamic Theology/Religious Education</p> <p>Faculty II: Languages and Literature Studies and Social Sciences</p> <p>Institute of German Philology and Literature Institute of Multilingualism (English and French Philology) Institute of Economics and it's Didactics Institute of Political Science Institute of Transdisciplinary Social Sciences (History, Geography and Sociology)</p> <p>Faculty III: Natural Sciences, Cultural Studies, Mathematics and Sports</p> <p>Institute of Culture of Daily Life and Health Institute of Movement Education and Sports Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science Institute of Biology Institute of Chemistry Institute of Physics and Technical Education Institute of Art Institute of Music</p>
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University's academic strength	Strong connection between theory and practice as well as a focus on pedagogy, educational sciences and subject didactics.
Research	Teacher Education and Continuous Professional Development; School Development; Early Childhood Education; Gifted Education; Sports and Health Education; MINT; Bilingual Teaching and Learning; Intercultural and Interreligious Communication; Migration Studies.

Location	
City	Karlsruhe
Population	about 300,000
Official Language	German
Characteristics	<p>Karlsruhe is a liberal and pleasantly green city in southwest Germany, at the edge of the Black Forest on the River Rhine and near the French border.</p> <p>It has about 300,000 inhabitants and is the seat of important federal government institutions. From the Palace Gardens to many cinemas, from theatres and museums to a lively pub scene, Karlsruhe offers a wide range of cultural and leisure activities.</p> <p>Karlsruhe has an excellent public transport (www.kvv.de) system, but it is also a bicycle-town, where you can easily get around by bike.</p> <p>Karlsruhe is also well connected to the fast train service. Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Stuttgart and Freiburg are within a short travel distance and with the fast train connections you can reach Bâle (Basel) and Strasbourg within 2 hours. Munich, Paris and Zürich can be reached within 3 hours.</p>
Website Karlsruhe	www.karlsruhe-tourismus.de/en



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