

A young woman with long blonde hair and a young man with short brown hair are sitting in a lecture hall. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The woman is wearing a white t-shirt and a dark cardigan. The man is wearing a white t-shirt. They are sitting at wooden desks. The background is a blurred lecture hall with other students and a blue wall.

**UNIVERSITÄT
ERFURT**

**Let's move the world together!
Welcome to the university
of Thuringia's state capital**

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT!

The University of Erfurt is a *reform university* in the humanities with a unique *cultural and social science* profile.

It's one of the oldest German universities. Since its reopening in 1994, we have been leading our students to *Bachelor's and Master's degrees* in all courses of study. At the heart of the university's campus is a modern library with more than one million books and media. In addition, our approximately *6,000 students* appreciate the manageable distances to teaching buildings, student residences, sports facilities and cafés.

The campus is located close to the inner city of Erfurt making the university, which is certified as a *fami-ly-friendly university*, a lively part of the state capital. Erfurt is a city with a comparatively low cost of living and a wide range of cultural and leisure activities.



RESEARCH FOCI

The University of Erfurt's profile is also reflected in its research activities within the three focus areas "**Bildung. Schule. Verhalten.**"; **Religion. Gesellschaft. Weltbeziehungen.**" and "**Wissen. Räume. Medien.**" (*"Education, School, and Behaviour"; "Religion, Society, and our Relations to the World" and "Knowledge, Spaces, and Media"*):

"BILDUNG. SCHULE. VERHALTEN."

Educational research at the University of Erfurt approaches education as the process and result of an individual's efforts to act intelligently, competently and self-reflectively in a socially, globally and historically interconnected, dynamic knowledge society, as well as the influence of systematically organised programmes, structures and activities within institutional frameworks. Research topics in this focus area include individual language development and support, the development and support of decision-making competence and scientific thinking, the promotion of professional teaching competence among student teachers, the qualification of personnel and training managers in companies, the construction of knowledge across the lifespan and the analysis of educational success as a function of social origin. Closely linked to this is research on schools and teaching, which examines, among other things, questions of inclusive education, the teaching of digital skills and the promotion of the particularly gifted.

“RELIGION. GESELLSCHAFT. WELTBEZIEHUNGEN.”

In this field, academics examine relationships of self and transcendence, relationships between community and individual, but also ritual communication and its meaning. The focus is also on societal-institutional orders, processes of social change, concepts of value and meaning as well as plurality models that link religion, society and world relations. The researchers focus on historical and current phenomena in different cultural and social contexts. The faculties, the Max-Weber-Kolleg, the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy and other research groups are involved in these projects. The research is characterised by a special interest in making the research results applicable to contemporary issues.

“WISSEN. RÄUME. MEDIEN.”

The priority area “Knowledge, Spaces, and Media“ was developed in order to provide a common basis for the history of knowledge and science, which is primarily associated with the Gotha Research Centre, for historical-cultural studies of space and for media-related research. This research focus examines the reciprocal relationships between knowledge, spaces and media. Connecting questions arise from each of these three perspectives: How is knowledge constituted, ordered and historicised in practices, media and objects? How is knowledge spatialised and how are spaces produced through practices, knowledge and media? How does media contribute to the production, storage, transmission and transformation of knowledge? And to what extent does media create spaces? The focus area “Knowledge, Spaces, and Media” thus forms the core of





a specifically Erfurt cultural studies that also incorporates approaches from the social sciences.

SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS

With the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies (Max-Weber-Kolleg), the Gotha Research Library with the Perthes Collection, which has been housed in the new Research Centre for Transcultural Studies / Perthes Collection since 2021, and the Gotha Research Centre, the University of Erfurt has renowned institutions that are dedicated exclusively to tasks in research and the promotion of young academics in their respective fields. In addition, the Erfurt Laboratory for Empirical Research (ErfurtLab) was founded in 2019, in which experimental laboratory research at the university is not only brought together centrally and further expanded, but which now also anchors it institutionally. And in 2022, the Institute for Planetary Health Behaviour was founded, which is dedicated to researching climate-healthy behaviour.

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The University of Erfurt also has two professional schools based on the American model: The Willy Brandt School of Public Policy offers the two-year English-language Master's programme in Public Policy.

The Erfurt School of Education is responsible for coordinating the nationwide exemplary teacher training at the University of Erfurt in the Bachelor's/Master's system.

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COURSE OFFERINGS

Our range of courses includes Bachelor's and Master's programmes (BA/MA). In the BA, a major and a minor field of study are studied. Almost all subjects can be freely combined. A special component of the major field of study is the *Studium Fundamentale*, in which a wide range of methodological skills and key competences are acquired in interdisciplinary courses and career-oriented practical experiences are made possible. In addition, a mentoring system guarantees personal support for our students by a professor from the first semester onwards.

A course-related examination system replaces the traditional final examination. After three years, our students achieve their first academic degree with the Bachelor's degree. This can serve as an entry into professional practice.

Master's and doctoral programmes also enable students to deepen their knowledge of a subject or to specialise in an application-oriented professional field. In addition to continuing education courses and the possibility of guest auditors, our offers for lifelong learning also include the series of events "Catholic Theology – Studies in Old Age". An overview of the study programmes offered can be found on our website at:

www.uni-erfurt.de/en/studies/course-offerings





FACULTIES

By closely networking the offerings of faculties as well as colleges and professional schools, we are breaking new ground in teaching and research at the University of Erfurt.

In the **Faculty of Philosophy**, different forms of culture and society are studied. Lifestyles, literature, forms of knowledge or media – they are all examined from the time of their emergence to the present day. The degree programme in Communication Science is particularly successful and has already achieved a top position in the university rankings of the newspaper *DIE ZEIT* several times.

The **Faculty of Economics, Law and Social Sciences** offers an innovative degree programme that is unique in Germany. The focus here is on linking different disciplines (law, social sciences with sociology and political science as well as economics). The interdisciplinary aspect of the programme, i.e. the “interlocking” of the disciplines, provides an excellent basis for later specialisation.

The wide range of courses offered by the **Faculty of Education** includes BA and MA programmes in Education and Psychology. A variety of professional orientations beyond the teaching profession is made possible by Bachelor programmes such as Primary Education, Special Education and Inclusive Pedagogy, Technology and Music.

The only **Faculty of Catholic Theology** in the new federal states is at home on the *Domberg*. From the perspective of biblical, historical, systematic and practical theology, it leads its students to the theological questions of the present and future. With the Bachelor's or Master's degree, theology students can realise their career goals in church, school or society.

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RESEARCH

Our unique profile in the cultural and social sciences is also reflected in our research activities. As a member of the German Research Foundation (DFG), our target and guiding project for the coming years is to further raise our profile as a research university.

As a university, we face the social challenges of our time and are committed to international scientific cooperation in the sense of global participation in knowledge and science. We set standards in basic research and strive to transfer scientific findings to society. In doing so, our four faculties, the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies and the Gotha research institutions contribute their structural and task-related diversity to this overall concept, thus enabling interdisciplinary, international and cooperative research. Moreover, we attach particular importance to academic freedom and the promotion of junior academics. With the establishment of the Christoph Martin Wieland Graduate Forum, we have therefore created a service structure to enhance the quality of all doctoral and postdoctoral formats.

ERFURT – UNIVERSITY TOWN WITH HISTORICAL FLAIR

From the campus of the University of Erfurt you can reach the historical old town in ten minutes by tram or bicycle. It is one of the most beautiful medieval city centres in Germany. As the capital of Thuringia with around 200,000 inhabitants, Erfurt is a modern city with historical flair.

Student life in cosy cafés, pubs and clubs, an opera house as well as parks, museums and galleries characterise the city's rich cultural offerings. Among Erfurt's many industries, you will find mechanical engineering, horticulture and media.

BUCKET LIST FOR ERFURT

- take part in the duck race
- dangle your feet into the water at the *Krämerbrücke*
- eat *Bratwurst* on the cathedral steps
- enjoy advent on the Christmas market
- take a selfie with the *Sandmann*
- start the New Year on the *Petersberg*
- dancing in the *Zughafen*
- swimming on the *Nordstrand*
- looking out for Clueso at the Fête de la Musique





UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT – FOR GOOD REASON

- ✓ wide range of courses with the best conditions and practical relevance
- ✓ excellent support
- ✓ short distances and personal mentoring
- ✓ modern and well-equipped library
- ✓ good opportunities to study abroad
- ✓ good public transit
- ✓ inexpensive housing
- ✓ certified family-friendly university
- ✓ study location with a wide range of cultural and recreational opportunities

See you on Campus...

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