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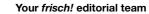
# Welcome to FAU



you can get help and advice if you need it, how you can arrange a semester abroad, and what career opportunities are on offer in the Nuremberg Metropolitan Region. And, of course, we can give you loads of tips about all the important stuff that has nothing to do with your course. By that we mean accommodation, food, and fun - and how to afford it all. You should also know that FAU has all kinds of great further training courses and recreational activities on offer. You can take language courses at the Language Centre, take up a sport at the Hochschulsport, dive into the world of music, or be part of FAU's campus media crew. If you're interested in being politically active and helping to shape FAU, a whole host of university committees would love you to get involved. And if, after graduating, you can't bear the thought of leaving, FAU's doors are always open to talented young researchers.

Also: our editorial team wants to make life easy for you, so we've collected all the links from this magazine and posted them online at <a href="https://www.fau.info/new-to-fau">www.fau.info/new-to-fau</a>. Scan the QR code on the left – it's even easier than typing out the URL!

We wish you a lot of fun and success for your time at FAU. And if you don't know it yet, you're sure to know it once you've finished reading this issue: FAU is the place for you!





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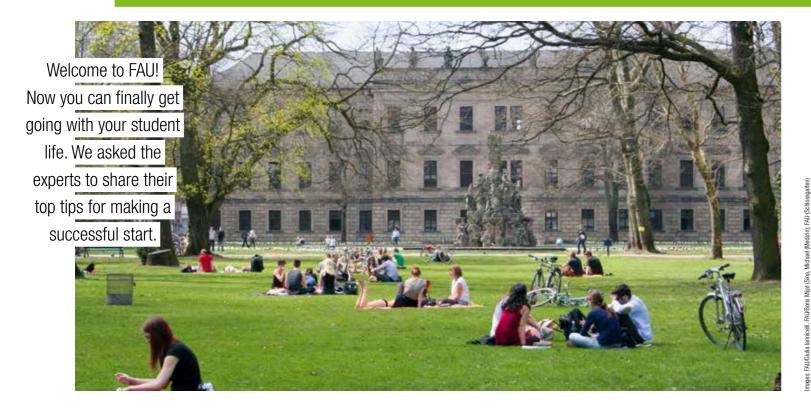


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### Dayana, International Business

It can be challenging for a foreigner to settle in to a new environment. I recommend living in student accommodation in Nuremberg or Erlangen. They very often organise meetings for new students. This will help you to meet people from different cultures, improve your German and learn more about the city and the university from experienced students. It will also help you to settle in quickly and deal with all the official things which need to be done without any extra hassle.



### Nina, Media, Ethics and Religion

When you first start university, everything is new and you are bombarded with a huge amount of information. I felt quite lost and rather overwhelmed with everything at the beginning. Don't stress too much about your study plan or whether you have written down all the important points from a lecture. Things will sort themselves out in a little while and you will soon realise what fun being a student actually is.



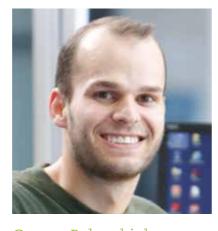
### Michael, Physics

The student associations arrange various fun events such as parties, movie nights, or board game evenings. This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends, meet new people or get to know students from higher semesters. You can also join a student association yourself and contribute your own ideas.



### Stefan, Law

The best way to meet new people are definitely student parties. Parties at the student accommodation are great, it doesn't cost a lot to get in and the drinks are cheap. Whether you choose to party at Dutzendteich, Ave, St. Peter or Kade, you can be sure to meet someone you know. Just check online to see when the next parties are being held, or ask some other students.



### Gregor, Palaeobiology

I have any books or media I need from the University Library sent online to the branch library nearest to where I am. If you live in Nuremberg, for example, but study in Erlangen, this means that you can save yourself a trip to the University Library outside the lecture period. Together with the VPN service offered by FAU, it's the perfect way to work from home on all the stuff I need for uni.



### Silvana, Medical Engineering

Erlangen is a really welcoming city. The different events like the Laufgelage and the 1000 Miles Run organised annually by Technik ohne Grenzen are a great way to get to know people or just have a nice time with friends. I also recommend the free language courses at the Language Centre. In my free time, I enjoy going to cosy coffee shops in Erlangen and having cake with friends. In the summer, I love picnicking or having a barbecue in the Schlossgarten, Exerzierplatz or Bürgermeistersteg.



### Sina, Teaching

If you are taking a teaching degree, then I would definitely recommend the Lehr:werkstatt. This allows you to shadow a teacher specially chosen for you for a whole school year whilst continuing to study. I was able to discuss my questions, uncertainties and objectives with my mentor. This helped me to learn a lot about teaching and procedures at school. I'll always remember this year and the people I met.



### Michael, Medicine

A bike is worth its weight in gold in Erlangen, there's an extensive network of cycle paths which make it the best way to get from A to B. If your bike needs fixing, you can take it to the bike workshop or 'Fahrradwerkstatt' between E-Werk and Kaufland. Here you can fix everything yourself, the tools are available and volunteers are there to give tips or even lend a hand if you get stuck. It's fun, and doesn't cost a lot!

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### Vital STATISTICS!

Things you should know about FAU.

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The University's main locations are Erlangen and Nuremberg, But FAU is also present elsewhere - for instance, it has a materials research centre in Fürth, an astronomical institute and observatory in Bamberg, and a water sports centre in



comes from Erlangen and was developed by researchers from FAU and the Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits.



make up FAU: the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology; the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law; the Faculty of Medicine; the Faculty of Sciences; and the Faculty of Engineering.

sailboats are anchored at the University's water sports centre on the Großer Brombachsee. The centre also runs regular courses that teach you how to sail skiffs like a pro.

metres is the height of FAU's tallest building: the Wolfgang-Händler tower on the South Campus in Erlangen. In second place are the 'philosophers' towers' on Bismarckstraße, which are each 30.5 metres tall



percent of FAU students are working towards a Bachelor's degree.

was the year the University was founded. Back then, it was called Friedrichs-Universität after its founder Frederick, Margrave of Brandenburg-Bayreuth. In 1769, it was renamed Friedrich-Alexander-Universität in honour of its great patron Alexander, Margrave of Ansbach and Bayreuth.

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portions of food are served up every day during teaching periods in the canteens and cafeterias run by Student Services in Erlangen and Nurembera.

**ALMOST** 40,00

During the University's very first semester in 1743, there were just 64.

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### A guide for new students

There are lots of new things waiting for you as a first-year student at FAU.

You can find useful tips and information about the most important contact points here.

### New at FAU

Congratulations, you're now a student at FAU! As proof of your new status as a student, you've been given your own FAUcard. Your FAUcard is your student ID and will get you discounts at places like museums and cinemas. You can also use it to borrow books from the University Library, pay at Student Services' cafeterias and vending machines, and use the University's copying facilities. Your FAUcard is also used for access to certain areas of the University with electronic access control. The period for which it is valid is printed on the card. You will need to update this every semester using one of the validation machines. You can find details of the locations of these machines and more information on the FAUcard at

www.fau.info/faucard-english

### Getting the right advice

In your first few weeks at university you will be confronted with a lot of new things. But don't worry, FAU provides students with a range of services that can help. The first point of contact for any questions about your studies is the Student Ad-

vice and Career Service (IBZ), which offers information about planning your studies, tips on studying abroad and advice on how to find the right Master's degree programme once you've completed your Bachelor's degree. The team can also provide advice if you have any problems during your studies or if you want to change your subject or transfer to another university. The Student Advice and Career Service is located in room 0.021 at Halbmondstraße 6, Erlangen. It is open Monday to Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. www.ibz.fau.eu

If you have any questions about the content of your degree programme or require advice about which courses to take, you can contact your subject advisor. The Student Advice and Career Service will be happy to provide you with their contact details. Information and support is also available

such as through the student associations (FSI). Most departments have an FSI. You can go to them with any questions or problems and receive advice from student to student: www.stuve.fau. de/stuve/fak-dep/fsien (German).

from www.fau.info/ssc-english. And your fellow students are there to help too -

The mein campus portal will save you making lots of trips to the Student Records Office and the Examinations Office during your studies. Via www. campus.fau.de (German) you can print out your own documents, such as certificates of enrolment, proof of which courses you have attended, and grade transcripts. You can register for lectures and seminars via mein campus, and it also functions as FAU's virtual examinations office. You can use the portal to register for examinations (and cancel your registration if necessary), and it provides you with an overview of your studies to date. (

### Organising your studies

The Student Records Office is in charge of student data. You will receive an e-mail from the Student Records Office each semester reminding you to re-register (so don't forget to activate your FAU e-mail address!). These e-mails are sent in June for the winter semester and in January for the summer semester. After receiving the e-mail, you need to transfer your semester fees by the given deadline, otherwise you will be de-registered. As soon as the University receives the money, you will be re-registered and you can print your certificate of enrolment for the next semester yourself.

If you decide to spend a semester abroad or do an internship, or if you are ill for an extended period of time or are pregnant, you will need to apply for leave in time. If you are granted leave for a semester, it will not count as a semester in your degree programme so you won't risk exceeding the standard duration of studies. The Student Records Office is also the place to apply for leave. If you would like to find out more first, you can contact the Student Advice and Career Service for infor-

During your time at FAU you will have to take examinations at regular intervals. Make sure you read the examination regulations for your subject at the start of your studies. These regulations provide information on important aspects of your degree programme, such as which requirements you have to fulfil to be eligible to sit examinations, and which examinations you need to pass before certain deadlines.

www.fau.info/examination





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### Always there to help the Student Advice and

Career Service

Leaving school and starting

university can be quite a shock,

and sometimes you would like

nothing better than to just pull the covers over your head and hide.

Don't worry! If you have any problems,

please do not hesitate to contact the

Student Advice and Career Service straightaway.

The advisors are always happy to help.



get you started, we have included answers to the three most-asked questions by students to the Student Advice and Career Ser-

### How do I draw up my study plan?

First of all, you should find out which courses you have to take. You can check in the degree programme and examination regulations or the module handbook for your degree programme. Next, you should refer to the course catalogue at www.univis.fau.de, where you can add the courses that you want to attend to your draft study plan by clicking 'Sammlung/Stundenplan' (collection/study plan). Print this off and take it to the introductory event for your degree programme, where you will find out what to do next. Further information on the study plan can be found at www.fau.info/studyplan.

### I'm not enjoying my degree programme. How can I change?

First of all you should think about why you're not enjoying your degree programme. The best thing to do is arrange a meeting with a study advisor from the Student Advice and Career Service. Together, you can think about which other degree programmes would interest you. Do you want to study something completely different or a similar degree programme? What do you have to do to change your degree programme?

### What should I do after my Bachelor's degree? Should I study a Master's degree and if so,

The Student Advice and Career Service offers a Master's information day every year with presentations and information on programmes offered at FAU. You should also talk to an advisor to work out which Master's degree programmes would be suitable and which requirements have to be met. It might even turn out to be a subject you haven't actually thought about yet.

Answers to a number of other questions can be found in the Student A-Z: www.fau.eu/study/. And if you still have questions, you can arrange an appointment at www.ibz.fau.eu or come to one of the open consultations. (( kg



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# Where? How? Why?

Missed a lecture? Can't decipher your notes? Don't worry!

FAU has a wide range of online services and portals that will support you throughout your studies.

### The first step

In order to use the many online services and the University's computer rooms you have to activate your Idm account. You will find your Idm username www.idm.fau.eu. Once you have done this your student ID card - your FAUcard - will be created automatically and sent to you by post. But you'll still need to remember the web address for the future, as this is where to go to reset your password or change your address.

### me@fau.de

When you activate your account at www.idm.fau.eu it is important that you activate your FAU e-mail address. Important information from the Student Records Office and the Examinations Office, for example, on topics such as re-registration dates will be sent to this address. You can choose to have e-mails that are sent to this address forwarded to another e-mail address. You can also use your FAU e-mail address on applications or in other situations where you need a professional address.

### Safe in the university cloud

Cloud storage is very practical, but it needs to be secure. With the FAUbox at https://faubox.rrze. uni-erlangen.de/ (German) you can save documents, images, music, videos and more, and synchronise them across several devices - easily, securely and reliably. You can access your files from anywhere and share them with other people.

### Computer skills

Whether it's compiling PowerPoint slides for a presentation or formatting a written assignment, you can learn a variety of tips and tricks for using different programmes on www.kurse.rrze.fau.de

StudOn allows you to study from home, go over material from lectures and seminars, and prepare for exams. At www.studon.fau.de (German) you'll and activation password in the letter you received find lecture notes, timetables, material for tutorials when you enrolled. Use these details to log in at and exams, recordings of complete lectures and much more. You can also discuss things with other students and lectures through the forums and chat function.

The FAU website is the place to go for updates on current developments in teaching and research, as well as news for students. You will find information about courses and lectures that aren't part of the regular programme, degree programmes and scholarships, as well as current notices from the Examinations Office and Student Records Office there. You can also subscribe to news via RSS feed. Take a look at www.fau.de / www.fau.eu. You'll also receive the FAU newsletter with key information and dates around once every two weeks. You don't need to subscribe to this - it will be sent to your FAU e-mail address automatically.

What's my professor's e-mail address? Which room is my seminar in? What's on the menu today at the restaurants? With the free FAU app everything from addresses, restaurant menus and study plans to the FAU social media channels is available on your phone wherever and whenever you need it. You can even use it to research books or find your way around using the navigation function (see

www.fau.eu/study/programme-start/fau-app

### Your Prof in MP3 format

Missed a lecture? Can't decipher your notes? Don't worry! You can find a wide range of video and audio recordings of FAU lectures and presentations on the FAU video portal www.fau.tv (German) and in the Apple iTunes store under 'iTunes U' - free of charge, of course. You can download them to listen to or watch on your computer at home or on a portable device while you're on the move. If you're not a Mac user, you'll need to download iTunes to make use of the service. The video portal can be accessed via any browser.

### Everything according to tuďy) plan

You can find all courses that are offered at FAU in a given semester and can create your own study plan at www.univis.fau.de (German). There is also a complete telephone and e-mail directory of all staff at the University.

### Into the wireless network

To ensure you can access the online services any time, there are 1,600 WiFi access points at FAU. They cover all locations in the city centre and the Southern Campus in Erlangen, as well as locations in Nuremberg, Fürth, Tennenlohe, and Bamberg.

### he perfect tool

You can find the right software for your studies at www.software.rrze.fau.de (German). Many of the products are also available for private use. \*\*

# +++ Your university in 3 minutes +++



What's new at FAU? FAU News has the answer.

In short videos, it presents the latest news about studying and research at our University.

The presenter is a student called Nina.

### You're in front of the camera for FAU News. How did it come about?

I have been presenting radio programmes for FAU's funklust for several years now. When I heard about FAU News, I thought it would be exciting to be in front of the camera. I was quite nervous the first time we filmed, but now I thoroughly enjoy it.

### When did FAU News start?

The first programme was broadcast in October 2018. There's been a new programme every two weeks since then.

### Where can students watch FAU News?

FAU News is available on FAU's YouTube channel. In addition, we also post the videos on FAU's Facebook page and Instagram account.

### What topics do you report about?

We cover an extremely wide range of issues. This includes everything from reminding students to register for examinations or re-register at the beginning of the semester to the latest research and exciting events. We also often report about issues relevant to life as a student outside the lecture theatre.

### How do you choose which topics to cover?

We have a team meeting every two weeks where we choose the most relevant topics from a list. We always make sure that we choose a wide range of different topics so that there's something for everyone.

### What have you learnt about FAU that you didn't know before you started reporting for FAU News?

Even though I have been studying at FAU for five years now, I am still learning new things about the University with FAU News. Above all, the large range of services and advice available to students surprised me. There are so many ways you can get support while studying at FAU. I wasn't really aware of that

### Imagine you are in front of the camera now: why should students watch FAU News?

The best thing about FAU News is that you get to hear all the latest information about studying at FAU in around 2 to 3 minutes. You not only get reminders about important dates at FAU, but also some useful tips that certainly make studying here easier. There are so many great events, parties and leisure activities going on - tune in to find out what's going on when and make the most of your time as a student. ;)) (( Im

www.youtube.com/unifau

You'd like even more up-to-date information about FAU? Just take a look at our other channels. We post daily to our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts with information about all the things going on at our University.



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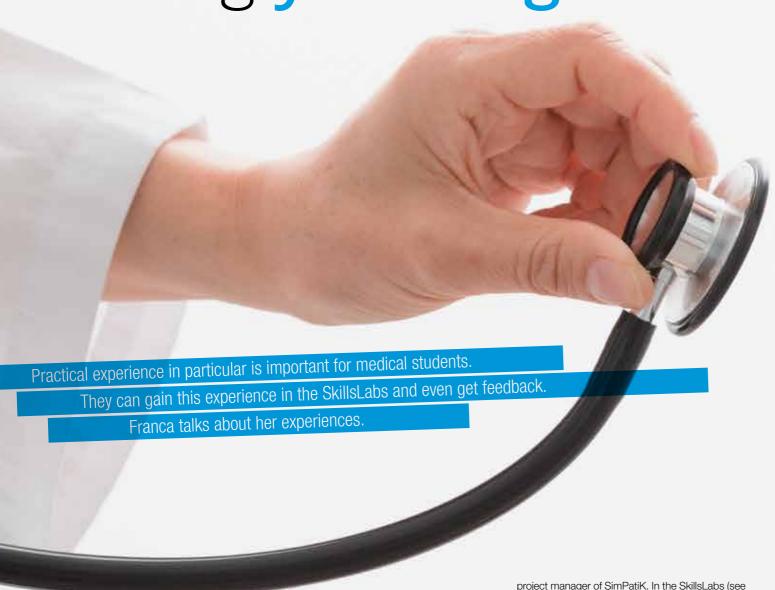
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# Treating patients during your degree



nere's a hospital bed in one room and an examination couch in another. Both rooms are painted white and have an almost sterile atmosphere. There are dispensers for disinfectant on the doors. Everything looks like it would in a hospital, were it not for the cameras on the ceiling and the one-way mirrors that allow people to look in. This is not a real hospital, but the simulated patient hospital of FAU, or SimPatiK for short, which is part of the SkillsLabs at the Faculty of

Franca is in the sixth semester of her degree in medicine at FAU and has already treated several patients - but not real ones. Her 'patients' are socalled simulated patients, people who have received training from psychologists and doctors and can simulate various medical conditions. The

focus is not only on the symptoms, but also on the patients themselves. Their concern and anxiety influence their actions and how they react to the medical students. In contrast to the role plays students take part in themselves, the exercises at SimPatiK are closer to the real thing. 'It's not as realistic when we practice with other students because we all know each other. But when I'm treating an old man I don't know, I almost forget that he's not really ill. It really is like treating a real pa-

Medical students need a great deal of practical experience to become good doctors. 'Students can't practice some situations on genuine patients, even though they need the preparation. This is where the SkillsLabs, and SimPatiK in particular, come in,' explains Veronika Dannhardt-Thiem, the box), students can learn important skills for their future careers as they not only put their theoretical knowledge to use, but also hone their practical skills and learn how to deal with patients.

Franca remembers one case in particular. A patient with back pain came to see her and wanted an injection for the pain. However, doctors can't just give injections without first conducting a thorough medical examination. The patient, who was also drunk, didn't make things easy for Franca though. 'I really wanted to do everything perfectly, but the patient insisted on having this injection and quickly became quite unfriendly and even aggressive. I had to come up with a strategy of how to deal with the situation and how emotionally involved I could become in the conversation with

Cameras on the ceiling are used to record the exercises. This enables students to see what they









did right and what they should do differently in future. The feedback they receive from the simulated patients is also vital. They provide feedback not often available during a doctor's busy day. Lecturers also provide their feedback to the stu-

The range of symptoms acted out by the simulated patients is very broad. 'These can be anything from neck, stomach and back pain, or any condition that a general practitioner has to treat. In their surgical bedside teaching module, students could students. 'It's really worth taking part, as we don't encounter a case of appendicitis. In the Depart- often have the opportunity to do a lot of practical ment of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, simulated training during our degrees. There is a lot on offer patients take on the role of patients with mental disorders. It all depends on the context,' explains

Faculty of Medicine are now using simulated patients in their teaching.

An enviable range of equipment is available for from the patients' point of view - an opportunity the medical examinations, including an ultrasound machine, an electrocardiogram machine and several trolleys for bandages. If required, the medical students can also take blood samples, even if they don't do this on a real patient but on a model arm. 'On this arm, students can feel where each vein is located, just as on a real patient and practice taking blood samples before they have to do it on a real person,' explains Franca.

Franca recommends the SkillsLabs to all medical and we can practice in a safe environment and make mistakes that we then don't make on real Veronika Dannhardt-Thiem. Ten institutes of the patients. And it's a lot of fun, of course.' ((Im

### More SkillsLabs:

How do I stitch a wound properly? How do I take blood samples? How do I perform a medical examination on a heart? The courses offered at the PERLE SkillsLab, advice with these and other questions.

Students can practice their surgical skills and skills required for emergencies on a dummy in the simulation and training centre at the Department of Anaesthesiology.

Once a year, medical students and nursing students go on a 'night shift' during the Skills Night, where they treat simulation patients in medical emergencies in

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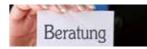




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# Almost as good as home

For many new students, starting at

university means leaving home for the first time.

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there's no need to worry –

Student Services is here to help.

Student Services has six cafeterias in Erlangen and

Nuremberg that usually offer three meals each

lunchtime including one vegetarian option. There is

sel Schütt cafeteria in the city centre. In Erlangen,

teria meals, also has a grill and wok station, a piz-

the cafeterias and menus is available online.

If you just need a little snack or want to take a

coffee break, you can visit one of the 16 cafés.

Here you will find sandwiches, cake, sweets and,

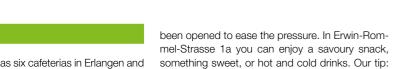
of course, drinks. Some of the cafés are open in

the mornings for breakfast and have special offers

in the afternoons. There are also vending machi-

nes at various locations around the University





try the frozen yoghurt!

a vegan dish on offer once a week and fish is served on Fridays. You can also find soup, sides and a range of delicious desserts at the cafeterias. There's also a salad buffet for when you're in need of a Finding somewhere to live isn't always easy, but vitamin fix. Despite the trend for healthy eating, the Student Services can help you with this too. It has most popular items on the menu are still chips and student accommodation at 16 locations in Erlangen currywurst. Main meals are often available for unand Nuremberg with space for around 3,900 studer two euros for students. For the budget-conscidents. The newest addition is the housing area ous, a large portion of stew or the soup of the day Campus Süd which was completed in 2018. The and a bread role is available for just 1.20 euros. You advantages of student accommodation are that the can pay at all cafeterias and cafés with your rooms and apartments are inexpensive and you are FAUcard. And with regard to coffee: Student Serguaranteed to meet a lot of your fellow students. Devices only sells fair-trade, organic coffee. mand is high though, so you will need to apply early. You can apply online through the Student Services The best place to meet up in Nuremberg is the In-

the Langemarckplatz cafeteria has been renovated If you don't get a place in student accommodation three years ago and, as well as the standard cafeor would like to live somewhere smaller, it's worth checking the private accommodation on offer at za/pasta and salad bar, and the new vitamin-rich, the referral service, which has offices on the low-fat mensaVital menu. The cafeteria on the ground floor of the Studentenhaus at Langemar-Southern Campus in Erlangen is also worth a visit. ckplatz 4 in Erlangen and at Andreij-Sacha-There you will find a daily deals counter and an orrow-Platz in Nuremberg. You can also find the adganic veggie point offering crunchy veg and soup dresses of student accommodation run by other operators in the WERKsWeiser brochure (German) made from only organic ingredients. Information on and on the Student Services website.

> If you're willing to spend a few hours of your free time volunteering, you might be interested in the Wohnen für Hilfe project. Students who take part help their landlord - a senior citizen or a family, for example - with shopping or gardening, help their children with their homework or walk their dog. In return, they are charged very low rent and often become good friends with their hosts.

> Various websites such as www.wg-gesucht.de or www.nordbayern.de (German) are also a good place to find accommodation. You can also contact the Mitwohnzentrale service or look out for the

many notices on the notice boards in the cafeterias, around the University and in student accommodation posted by people looking for flatmates. The local daily newspapers also publish advertisements for accommodation, mostly on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If you are still unable to find somewhere to stay by the start of the semester, you can always stay in the local youth hostel until you have your own accommodation.

### Money

Student Services can also help you with financial questions. It provides advice on BAföG and is the place to submit applications. Simply contact the Training Assistance Office at Student Services Erlangen-Nürnberg, Hofmannstraße 27, Erlangen, phone: +49 9131 8002-900 or Andreij-Sacharow-Platz 1, Nuremberg, phone: +49 9131 8002 59.







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where you can get something to eat when the cafeterias and cafés are closed. Newly opened! The southern restaurant (Südmensa) in Erlangen can get pretty busy at lunchtime.

The new 'Südblick' cafeteria right next door has

Once you have transferred your semester fees, you can print your semester ticket for the VGN network. This allows you to travel throughout the entire VGN network area between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weekdays and all day at weekends - so why not take a trip to the water sports centre at the Großer Brombachsee, go climbing in Fränkische Schweiz, or do a bit of sightseeing in Bamberg? You also have the option to buy an additional ticket each semester which allows you to travel at any time of day.

If you have any legal issues, such as with your landlord, the Examinations Office or your employer, you can make use of Student Services' legal advice service which is free of charge. The psychological counselling service can help you with anxiety about examinations, conflict with your partner, social anxiety and other personal issues. The social counselling service provides advice on topics such as studying as a parent or with a disability or chronic illness.

### And much more

Student Services also provides music practice rooms and offers assistance to students who want to organise their own cultural events. At the Musenhäppchen, which take place twice a semester, student artists have the possibility to showcase their talents. In addition, Student Services supports students with children through four day care facilities in Erlangen and Nuremberg, one of them in cooperation with a parent association, and a parent and child café at the campus on Regensburger Straße in Nuremberg. Children with at least one parent who is enrolled at the University can receive a special card for free meals at the cafeterias on request. \*\*

www.werkswelt.de (German)



### Now you're cooking!

Chili con carne is one of the big hits in the canteens in Erlangen and Nuremberg. This recipe – from the head of university catering Mathias M. Meyer – is also perfect for a party. It easily feeds no less than 30 people.

### Ingredients for 30 people:

25 tbsp. olive oil | 5 kg minced beef (or pork and beef mince) | 1.5 kg onions | salt and pepper | 3 tbsp. sweet paprika | 1 tbsp. cumin | 1 tbsp. coriander | 1 tbsp. oregano | fresh coriander leaves for serving and flavouring (optional) | 2.5 litres meat stock (or 2.5 litres water and 5 stock cubes) | 5 big tins (850 g) strained or chopped tomatoes | 30 cloves of garlic | 15 to 20 small chilies (depending on taste and how spicy you want your chili) | 5 big tins (850 g) red kidney beans, | 5 big tins (850 g) white beans | some tinned sweetcorn

Heat the oil in a big pot (approx. 15 litres, or several pots that add up to 15 litres) and add the mince. Stir continuously until evenly browned. Add the peeled and chopped onions, and fry with the mince. Then add the herbs and spices, garlic (peeled and cut into thin slices) and chilies (cut into small rings). Pour in the stock and allow it to reduce a bit. Then add the tomatoes, the drained beans and the sweetcorn (if using). Cook for around ten minutes and season with the herbs and spices. Your chili con carne will be extra tasty if you let it stand overnight and then heat it up the next day. That way the garlic, chilies, herbs, and spices will really have time to develop their flavour. Divide the chili into bowls and garnish with chopped coriander leaves. Serve with ciabatta, flatbreads, tortillas or

Don't rub your eyes after handling fresh chilies. It burns like crazy, even after you've washed your hands.

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In moot courts, FAU law students compete with law students from all over the world in fictitious court proceedings. Students can network and exchange ideas with other students in the FAU Moot Network.

ou don't need to be a star lawyer to prepare a case in international law, represent the interests of an entire state and address the court in front of more than 1000 people - you can do it all in a moot court. And all this while you are still studying! 'Most law students know roughly what moot courts are, but they associate them with the US and aren't aware that we also hold them here,' explains Nick who is currently in his 10th semester of studying law and is preparing for his State Examination. The FAU Moot Network, which comprises around 30 participants known as 'mooties', hopes to increase their popularity. 'Moot courts are a great opportunity to gain practical experience,' says Nick. 'There's a cliché surrounding lawyers that they just spend their time reading boring books. Moots enable law students to come out of themselves.' A moot court consists of two parts. It begins with a phase of written submissions during which participants have to prepare the case in writing. 'This is like a written assignment for university. We have to work on a specific topic and there's a deadline. If we don't manage our time properly, there's a chance we will have to work all night before the deadline to get everything finished,' explains Nick. The oral assignment that follows, where participants have to take on the role of lawyers, is particularly challenging. The law students have to plead before the court, which means they cannot simply prepare a speech, but must answer the arguments of their competitors. 'Even if we don't have much of a clue, which does happen sometimes,' says Nick.

### International competition

Nick has already taken part in the international Vis Moot in Vienna and for the pre-moots he travelled to Warsaw, Helsinki, Tbilisi and Belgrade. Moot courts are particularly useful for getting to know new people and discovering new places. They can also be useful when selecting a career later on. 'Moot courts often deal with areas of law that are only touched upon during your degree or not at all. Some participants discover a passion for something in a moot that they weren't previously familiar with and decide to choose a career in that area later on,' explains Nick. The FAU Moot Network organised the first Moot Day last year to raise awareness of moot courts among law students. The event enabled law students to find out more about

moot courts from participants and get information about what's on offer at FAU. As the name suggests, the focus is on networking. Students can get to know fellow 'mooties' and the coaches who support the teams at regular meet-ups. This also enables them to find out about moots they haven't yet taken part in. Would you also like to take part in a moot court and find out more? Take a look at the FAU Moot Network's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FAU.Moot.Network to find out when the next meet-up will be taking place. ( Im



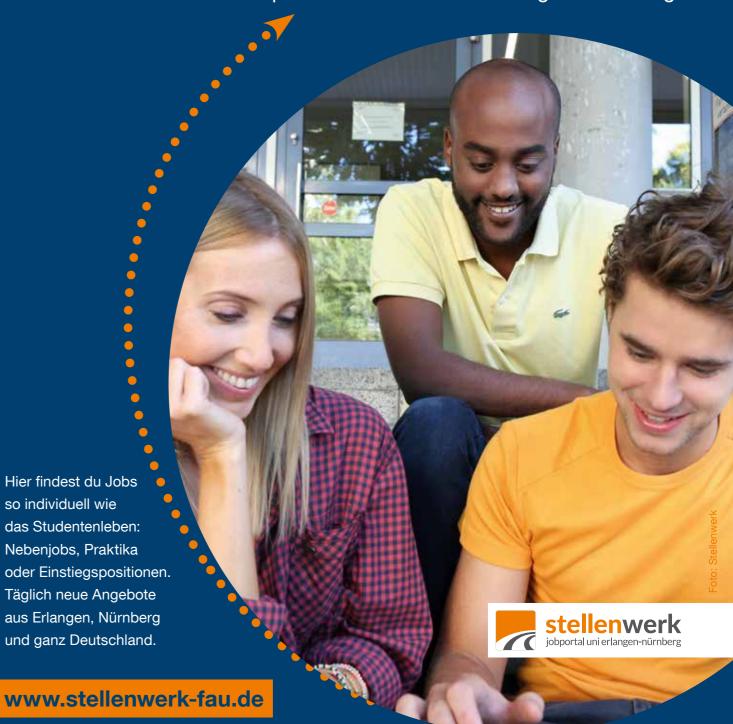




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### The traditional way: BAföG funding

BAföG is an abbreviation of Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (Federal Education and Training Assistance Act). In order to receive BAföG funding, you have to first file an application either online or in person at the Amt für Ausbildungsförderung (Training Assistance Office). All the information you need is available at www.bafoeg-bayern.de.

Money is provided by the State on a monthly basis to those who are eligible, generally for the whole of the standard duration of the degree pro-

However, you should remember to submit a repeat application (Weiterförderungsantrag) on or before 31 January or 31 July respectively. Whether you are entitled to BAföG and how much you will receive depends on several factors: For example, where you are from, where you live, vour income and assets and the income of vour parents. It's definitely worth finding out about! The Training Assistance Office is happy to give you advice on all issues relating to BAföG.

### Information on BAföG

www.bafög.de (German)

### Amt für Ausbildungsförderung

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### 50/50 with the Germany scholarship

With the Germany scholarship (Deutschlandstipendium), FAU provides scholarships for its best students in engineering, business, economics, sciences, law, medicine, humanities and social sciences. Funding amounts to 300 euros per month and is initially granted for two semesters the winter semester and the subsequent summer semester - but can be extended annually with effect from the winter semester until the end of the standard duration of the degree programme. Half of the funding (150 euros) is provided by companies, foundations or private individuals, with the second half being provided by the German Federal State. Academic achievement, voluntary work, international experience, and other personal qualities are all relevant when deciding who is to be granted one of these scholarships. Applicants on an undergraduate degree programme must have a grade of at least 2.0 (good) in their

course achievements to date. Applications can be filed between 15 June and 15 July.

### The team for the Germany scholarship support-stipendien@fau.de

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### Exam results aren't everything

If your BAföG application doesn't work out, you can try applying for a scholarship from foundations or from organisations that fund gifted students. In these cases, you must have an exceptional academic record and it usually has to be evaluated and approved by two university lecturers.

However, many foundations are not so much looking for young geniuses as for candidates who can commit to something and are willing to accept responsibility and get involved. Running a youth group in a sports club is just one example of this. Aside from the large religious, state and political foundations, Germany also has many organisations and private foundations that focus on very specific groups - such as students of particular subjects. In addition, FAU offers a variety of oneoff grants such as book grants. Visit the Office for Scholarships to find out what options are available to you.

### Admissions Office and Office for **Scholarships**

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### Go global, not broke

If you need a little cash injection for your semester abroad, you can apply for an Auslands-BAföG or for funding from the EU's Erasmus+ programme. Scholarships that allow you to support yourself while abroad are available from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Many FAU institutes have partnerships with foreign universities and organise student exchanges to places such as Rennes, Riga, Parma, and Tokyo. Whichever funding route you want to take, your first stop should be the Central Office for International Affairs. If everything goes according to plan, you'll be jetting off before you know it.

### **Central Office for International Affairs**

Helmstraße 1, Entrance A, Erlangen www.fau.eu/international



Have you ever thought about setting up your own company while you are still a student? It's not such a bad idea, as students at FAU are in the fortunate position of having the Digital Tech Academy (DTA), the start-up consulting service and the digital start-up centre ZOLLHOF at their disposal. Andreas, Fabian and Kevin took the bull by the horns.

ing tedious lessons. But did you know that pen spinning is a real trend in Asia?

With this in mind, students Andreas, Fabian and Kevin have developed a pen called Inspin me to study and then get a whilst taking part in the Digital Tech Fellows programme (DTF). The unique feature of the pen is that it has sensors which record movement and send the data to a special app on career in which I did the user's smartphone. This allows pen spin- what I really wanted to ners to track their progress and compare do. The DTA opened themselves to others in the community and my eyes to what is their friends. The app also includes tutorials

The three inventors of the pen attended several workshops over two semesters and devoted their free time to carrying out market research, drawing up a business plan and designing the pen. The mentors from DTA were always on hand, providing advice and constructive feedback, for example on the design of the pen.

They have already produced an initial prototype, without electronics, using a 3D printer. 'The DTF programme allowed me to bridge the gap from theory to practice for the first time and gave me the opportunity to apply my knowledge, for example by carrying out a market analysis. It also let us venture into self-employment in a controlled and safe environment, giving us a taste of what it is like and letting us see whether it would suit us at all,' explains Kevin. And it would seem that they did like it, as they want to go ahead and set up their own company. The young entrepreneurs are currently designing a working prototype of the pen and are looking for sponsors. The

veryone has done it: fiddling with a pen ext step is to design the app. They have a lot of to try and make time pass quicker dur- work to do, but it will be worth it. 'People in Germany are often rather sceptical about starting a company. My parents always wanted job at a company with a good reputation. However, I want to look back on a possible,' says Kevin.

### Get off to a flying start with a start-up

Are you interested in everything to do with innovation and digitalisation? Maybe you already have an idea for a start-up, but you're not sure how and where to start? Then you should apply to the



Drawing up a business plan on post-it notes hat is part of the Digital Tech Academy too.

Digital Tech Academy. It makes no difference digital topics and are motivated to work in an in-

(from left to right) took part in the Digital Tech A

what you're studying and which semester you are terdisciplinary team on a digital idea over the pein. All that matters is that you are interested in riod of a year. During the project, you can develop your idea, present a prototype to potential customers and experience all the stages involved in the start-up process.

> The DTA is a good opportunity to build up an interdisciplinary network and meet students from other subjects and semesters. In the meantime, students from all five faculties of FAU are involved in the Digital Tech Fellows programme. 'Some of the students have become friends and hold regular team events. We're naturally very happy to see that,' says Lisa Wittenzellner, one of the DTA coordinators.

After completing the oneyear fellow programme, it is up to you to decide where to go a fantastic experience where they can learn a lot about themselves, their abil-

talents'. If students then choose to apply their knowledge in a large company and bring new ideas to fruition that is also a great success for us,' says Lisa Wittenzellner. www.dta.fau.de

### Venturing into business

Anyone who does then intend to set up their own company can turn to the FAU start-up consulting service for advice. 'Ideally students should come to us with a concrete idea and a team interested in starting a business together,' explains start-up consultant Christoph

The start-up consulting service offers regular challenges for students who are interested, for example the '5 euro business', the 'start-up challenge' or events such as the 'start-up café' where those new to starting up a business can come to give it a go, gather information and share experiences with others. www.fau.info/gruenderberatung

### ZOLLHOF - the tech incubator

The ZOLLHOF tech incubator originated from FAU and is the first port of call for start-ups in the Nuremberg region. But what exactly does ZOLLHOF do? Young entrepreneurs are not only able to use the office space for a reasonable rate, they are also supported in setting up their company with various business coaching from there: 'Students may just see it as events and mentoring. The principle is comparable to an incubator: 'At ZOLLHOF, young start-ups are given the opportunity to grow ity to work in a team and the ins and and thrive until they reach a certain maturity outs of going into business. Or they and can set out on their own,' explains Semight choose to start their own bastian Engel, Head of Research & Pre-Incucompany. It's completely up to bation at ZOLLHOF and a business design them. Our aim is to develop 'digital coach at the Digital Tech Academy. (( Im









once had to accept a delivery of the entire print run of the magazine fresh off the press to my home. I then ended up with 2,000 magazines in what felt like 20 boxes in my room. The only thing which wasn't covered was my bed,' says Luisa, one of the editors in chief of V, the student magazine. The magazine is produced independently, by students for students. 'Our editorial meetings are held in the rooms allocated to the students' representatives, as we don't have our own premises which can be staffed at all times,' explains Eric, also one of the editors in chief of V. That can sometimes prove a little complicated, like the delivery described above. 'We had expected the delivery to come on another date. It was just coincidence that I was at home when a lorry pulled up in front of my house,' Luisa

> Luisa is studying for a Bachelor's degree in theatre and media studies with sociology. She found out about the magazine when it was introduced in one of her first lectures and has been involved since summer 2017. At that time, the magazine was looking for new editors in chief. 'I went to no more than two meetings, then I was already part of the board. I already knew Eric and thought that it was sure

is studying for a Master's degree in sociology, has been writing for the magazine since 2016. He first found out about the magazine at the firstyear students' welcome event.

The student magazine V is created from start to finish by students. They think of topics, are responsible for editing, deciding on the layout and acquiring advertisements. They are also responsible for circulating the magazines at the university, and are rarely left with any of the 2,000 copies they print.

As well as Luisa and Eric, between 10 and 25 other students work as editors. It is nearly impossible to quote an exact number, as new students keep joining, while others leave after finishing their degree. Some just want to write an article on a topic which is particularly important to them, but don't stay on once it's been published. The time invested by student editors varies greatly. 'The advantage of student associations is that students have a lot of freedom. They can come along, join in and just try something out. If they don't have any time any more, they can take a break for a semester,' explains

The student editors have a lot of freedom not only with regard to time commitment, but also concerning the content covered by the magazine. They publish a magazine once a semester on a particular topic. For this, they hold an editorial meeting and brainstorming session once or twice a semester, 'It often leads to a chain reaction: one person raises an idea, then someone else takes it and runs with it,' says Luisa. The topics are always aimed at students. They cover subjects such as stress and procrastination, degree programmes, student associations or anything else going on at FAU.

'We always choose a relatively broad subject for the lead topic,' says Eric. One issue, for example, focuses on boundaries, but this does not only refer to geographical borders. 'We are currently editing articles about boundaries in nutrition, for example if someone is following a vegan diet, or mental boundaries, when stress brings students to their limits. I have also explored hypothetical boundaries, which I have depicted in images. For example I have drawn up a map showing in which regions of Germany the word 'fei' is used,' explains Luisa. Whilst she likes to tell a story with pictures, Eric deals with society and politics in his texts, 'You can always tell that Eric is a sociologist,' laughs Lu-

As well as the printed magazine, they also regularly publish articles on their blog, which unlike the magazine does not have a lead topic. 'In our blog we often deal with up-to-the-minute topics, and that is not so easy with a magazine which is only published once every six months,' says Eric.

If you would like to try your hand at journalistic writing, V magazine is just the thing for you, no matter what subject you're studying. New members are always welcome. 'We offer the perfect opportunity for anyone who enjoys writing and is looking for a way to make their voice heard," promises Luisa. (( Im

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th over 500 seminars in 28 different languages per semester, the Language Centre has something for everyone. If you're studying languages, preparing for a semester abroad, looking for an additional qualification for a future job, or are just interested in foreign languages and countries, this is the place to come.

"Around 9,000 students use the Language Centre's services every semester," says Dr Gunter Lorenz, head of the centre. "As well as learning the language, our students also learn a lot about the country and the people. The accounts are firsthand because most of our teachers are native speakers of the language they teach. Over half of the students taking Language Centre courses are

studying something other than languages and are doing the course alongside their degree or as a core skill. Many of them want to acquire language skills in addition to their actual degree so that they have better chances of getting a job later on."

Karin is one such student. She is studying medicine and has already taken Language Centre courses in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese. "As a doctor, you need to be able to speak other languages. I've often come into contact with patients who have a migration background," she says. Götz is studying for a degree in International Busi-

He's learning English, Korean and Chinese. "I've been learning Korean since I spent a semester abroad in South Korea. I'm planning to spend six months studying in Beijing in the autumn, and I'd like to at least have mastered a few everyday phrases by then." Daniel, on the other hand, is interested in Eastern Europe and is learning Russian: "I want to be able to read newspaper articles and understand political speeches in the original langu-

For some languages (e.g. English, Spanish and French), the Language Centre also offers courses that allow, for instance, lawyers, doctors, economists and engineers to acquire specific linguistic tools for their career. Monika is supplementing her Life Science Engineering degree with courses in English and Swedish: "As an engineer, I'll go abroad for a few years and I need to be able to speak

As proof of their language skills, Language Centre students can earn the UNIcert© certificate, which is available in four levels from beginner to advanced. UNIcert© guarantees high-quality foreign language tuition and is recognised throughout Germany. As well as conventional language classes, the Language Centre also offers scope for independent learning. You can use the self-study centre to practice your listening skills, pronunciation and vocabulary. And if you're really ambitious, you can spend your semester break taking an intensive course made up of all-day sessions that cover a semester's worth of material in a few weeks. Or you could take an online language course that allows you to study when it suits you and then practice what you've learnt in face-to-face sessions. Whatever course you're interested in, you'll need to register in good time. If you want to take a course that requires prior knowledge, you'll have to sit an assessment test.

In many cases, as well as being desirable for your studies, language skills are also compulsory under exam regulations. Find out about your situation in good time, or ask your subject advisor about when language courses would fit in best with your de-

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Sept./Oct.

# Course registration

Language Centre: The Language Centre helps you spruce up your foreign language skills. You can register for courses here: www.sprachkurse.uni-erlangen.de (German)

Sport. If you want to stay in shape while at FAU, we recommend checking out what's on offer from Hochschulsor, the university sports service. If you want to sign up for something online, you need to be fast because the courses can fill up really quickly. www.hochschulsport.fau.de (German)

# **Feaching begins** 14 October

# First-year students' welcome event

14 October

FAU's official welcome will take place in the Heinrich-Lades-Halle in Erlangen. This is your chance to get an overview of everything on offer at the University – from sports courses to the many student groups. Plus, FAU will give all new students the popular FAU messenger bag. www.fau.info.welcome-event

# Long Night of Sciences 19 October

Between 6 pm and 1 am, many departments and institutes of FAU in Erlangen, Nuremberg and Fürth will open their doors to give visitors fascinating insights into the world of science, research and technology. Be prepared to be surprised! <a href="https://www.nacht-der-wissenschaften.de">www.nacht-der-wissenschaften.de</a>

# Dies academicus 4 November

Happy birthday, FAU! The University was founded on this day in 1743, so we're having an academic holiday to celebrate.

# to 6 January 14 December

You're free to party as much as you like, laze around and do nothing, or hit the slopes for some skiing — there's no teaching during the winter break. But don't forget that institutions like the Examination Office and the Student Advice and Career Service are also closed, and that the libraries have shorter opening hours. Christmas holidays

Four-part harmonies on watering cans, and bike tyres played like the flute are just some of the things you can expect from the annual concert by the music-education students. The concert, nicknamed Stuko (Studentenkonzen) in German, is held on one of the last Thursdays of the teaching period in both the winter and summer semesters. This year's date will be posted here: www.musik.ewt.fau.de (German) Concert by the music-education students End of January





(or Berch, as the locals say) is an Erlangen institution.

# Beginning of February

# Don't forget to re-register!

The Student Records Office will send a reminder to your university e-mail address. You'll need to transfer your semester fee before the end of re-registration week.

7 February

Teaching ends

Course registration March/April

Teaching begins 20 April

Bergkirchweih beer festival 6 to 17 June

e a one-week 'Berg | The holiday was offic Every year at Whitsun, Europe's biggest beer garden opens on the Berg in Erlangen. FAU use festival because it was impossible to run the University properly with drunken students all over

27 June

rten for a ball. around 6,500 guests gather in Erlangen's Schlo Every year on the last Saturday in June, www.fau.info/schlossgartenfest-english Schlossgartenfest

# University elections

June

Once a year, FAU students elect their representatives for the student councils and the student assembly. The elected students will then act as a mouthpiece for the issues that affect you.

Concert by the music-education students (see entry for end of January) End of June

Beginning of July

Don't forget to re-register! (see entry for February)

# 31 July to 2 August

# Nuremberg Bardentreffen

Every year in late July, singer-songwriters and bands from all over the world gather in Nuremberg's old town for the *Bardentreffen*. This live music festival is unusual because, as well as the official bands, anyone who feels the urge is welcome to get up on the stage and perform in the old town. And the best part is that entry is free of charge.

Teaching ends • 24 July









The frisch! crash course in university policymaking

If you want to change something, go into politics.

That also applies when you're at university. Here you can make your voice heard in many areas – like Eda and Michael do.

### You're active in university policymaking What does that involve?

Eda: We are both elected students' representatives (members of StuVe). We meet regularly to discuss problems which affect us students and try to find solutions to them. We then approach the Executive Board with our concerns.

Michael: The University also provides us with a certain amount of funding for student groups. If one of the student groups wants to print flyers, for example, they can approach us and we provide them with financing.

### How can students get involved in university policymaking, and what kind of things can they achieve by doing so?

Eda: The easiest way is to become actively involved in student associations (FSI) or other student groups. Another option is to become involved in the working groups organised by the students' representatives (Stuve).

Michael: Another possibility is to become involved in the Committee for the Allocation of Tuition Fee Compensation, half of which is made up of students. This committee allocates money to various projects aimed at improving teaching. In the Department of Physics, for example, this allowed us to purchase a binding machine and a new access control system for the doors. This would be particularly suitable for those students who don't want to deal with too many administrative hur-

### What working groups are there for student

Michael: We currently have ten working groups. For example the working group for public relations. Here, students are responsible for PR for Stuve. Or there is the working group for ecology and sustain-

Eda: We try to always keep up to date with everything which affects us students. That is also reflected in the various committees: new ones keep being added, others become inactive once the topic is no longer current.

### And why should students get involved?

Eda: By becoming involved in university policymaking you really can make a difference. We are in direct contact with the Executive Board of the University and can communicate our concerns directly. At the same time, we meet people who are not involved in our degree programme and gain an insight into the workings of the University. Michael: And we learn how to write e-mails (laughs)

### What are some of the things you have

and, of course, take responsibility.

achieved so far?

Eda: Thanks to us, learning spaces are now available in the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology

Michael: And we have introduced the weekly

Wednesday e-mail, with news and reports on what we do. In these mails, we also ask students for any suggestions for improvements. We get a lot of to sit an examination, they have to state their feedback as a result.

'A lot of red tane, but we can achieve a lot'

Eda: There are two election days every summer. Students should take their student ID card and go to the polling station for their faculty. First of all, students are able to vote for Student Committees (FSV). Various lists are available to choose from. They can give four votes to individual people or a

Michael: They can then also vote for the Student Council. The lists are political in nature and often follow certain party lines. However, there are also neutral lists such as the FSI list.

### What are you particularly concerned about at

Eda: The fact that symptoms have to be listed on

doctor's certificates. If students are ill and require a doctor's certificate to prove that they are not able symptoms. This is a problem from a data protection point of view. We are therefore trying to get the University to accept the yellow form issued by doctors confirming an inability to work (known as an Arbeitsunfähigkeitsbescheinigung).

Michael: And sustainability is of course always important to us.

### Which groups are especially helpful for

Michael: The student associations (FSI) and the students' representatives (Stuve) are a great first point of contact for first year students. There they can meet a lot of students who have been involved for some time already and who can give them some tips.

Eda: Or the Student Committees (FSV), which have members from different faculties. (( Im

### The ABC of university policymaking

### Student Associations (FSI)

Almost every degree programme has a student association (Fachschaftsinitiative, FSI). Their members, who are all students, can advise you on all matters relating to the degree programme.

### Student Committee (FSV)

At faculty level, students' representatives belong to the Student Committee. Members are elected. Those who obtain the most votes are appointed as the spokespersons of the Student Committees.

### **Faculty Council**

Each faculty has a Faculty Council, made up of 22 members, four of whom are students. The Faculty Councils launch new degree programmes, approve examination regulations and appoint professors.

### **Committees and working groups**

LGBT, computers and IT, publicity... These are just a few of the topics dealt with by working groups where you can take part without having to be elected or meet any obligations. At present, there are ten main working groups and additional committees.

The Senate decides on legal regulations, establishing degree programmes, appointing honorary professors, and awarding honorary academic titles. Two of the ten voting members are students. If you become involved in the Senate, you can make your voice heard directly!

### **General Student Committee (Sprat)**

The General Student Committee is the executive body of the Student Council.

### **Student Council**

The Student Council is the highest elected student committee at FAU. It consists of 15 directly elected members and three students from the five faculties. The Student Council elects the two student members of the Senate and the members of the General Student Committee

More information is available (in German) at: www.stuve.fau.de

### Fighting bowel cancer with proteins

Studying is just dull theory? Think again!

At FAU, students carry out independent research into synthetic biology – and take part annually in an international competition.



liquid in the little tubes might look rather uninspiring, but it may potentially be hiding a treatment for bowel cancer. This is what Franzi and Marie are researching together with the rest of the FAU team taking part in the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition -a competition in the field of synthetic biology. It is the fifth time that students from FAU have taken part. And they have done well: in 2017, they won a silver medal, and in 2018 the team won bronze. This year, they are looking for a new method in the fight against bowel cancer. 'Bowel cancer can be treated quite well, as long as it hasn't metastasised. However, once the cancer has spread, it is difficult to treat and the rate of mortality among patients is very high. That is why we want to try and do something to help,' explains Marie, who studies integrated immunology and is a member of the group's laboratory team. They have developed an antibody known as a BiTE which is hoped will fight the cancer. BiTEs have two antigen binding sites: one attaches to an endogenous T cell, the other to a bowel cancer cell. T cells are white blood cells and have an important role to play in the immune system. The BiTE attaches them to cancer cells and activates them, allowing them to disarm the malignant cells.

The scientists have developed three approaches for engineering the antibody. For the competi-

tion, they have to discover which method is best. The first method involves synthesising the twopart BiTE with a single DNA sequence in bacteria. In the second method, they have created the two antigen binding sites separately from each other, before joining them with a connective element. This approach is especially practical: as the two parts first have to be connected, the part which recognises the bowel cancer can be replaced. This means that the BiTE can also be used to fight other types of cancer. While the first two approaches are biological in nature, the third is chemical. In this method, the medical researchers create two complete antibodies: one antibody recognises the T cells, the other the bowel cancer cells. They then cut off the variable antigen binding sites and combine them to form

The competition involves much more than just laboratory work. Participants also have to arrange funding for the laboratory and the competition by finding sponsors. And they have to market their project well: a website and PR are a must. This is where those specialising in a subject other than science also have a role to play: 'We always try to involve team members from other faculties as well. Someone from the Faculty of Humanities. Social Sciences, and Theology would be great for publicity. Or we could do with a couple of IT ex-

perts to take care of the website, especially if they already have experience in that area,' says Franzi, who is studying cell and molecular biology and is taking part in the competition for the second time. 'There's always something to do, we'll find something for everyone,' adds Marie. In autumn, some of the team will go to Boston. There, they will give a half hour presentation on their project. Throughout the competition, they will also display a poster and be available at a stand to explain what exactly they did and which approach they took. It sounds like a lot of work, but it is worth it. 'I learnt a lot of new methods while working in the laboratory. I also learnt to work more independently. We have to arrange funding ourselves. draw up laboratory plans, manage our own time and create our own website. Of course, I also met a lot of nice people and was able to find out all about their interesting projects as well,' reports



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## Let's get out of here

Got itchy feet? Then head out and see the world! Travelling is the best cure

for wanderlust – and a semester abroad is a great opportunity

to explore a new country, learn a language,

make new friends and improve your career prospects.

AU has partnerships with around 500 universities worldwide, and many of them allow FAU students to study there for a semester or two. If you want to spend a semester abroad, start planning early because there's a lot to consider. Contact FAU's Central Office for International Affairs to find out more. The staff there can tell you all about study locations, exchange programmes, and funding. They can also give you lots of practical tips that will prepare you well for the adventure ahead. <a href="https://www.fau.eu/international">www.fau.eu/international</a>

Are you spending a semester or even your whole degree abroad at FAU? We're delighted to have you here! Our buddies and FAU Volunteers for Internationals (see next page) will be happy to help you settle into your new home, however long you may be staying.

www.fau.info/buddy-programme



The tin whistle accompanied Daniel on many hikes in Ireland.

Daniel (23) spent a semester studying in Limerick in Ireland:

Before my semester abroad, I was always afraid of the organisation. I thought it would be too much work, too much stress, and too complicated. Then I decided pretty suddenly to give it a try after all. I just took it one step at a time. And it's true, there was a lot to organise. But once you make a start, it's really not so bad. Plus, the staff at FAU's International Office always helped me with any questions I had. I chose Ireland because I wanted to improve my English. I'm studying psychology, and you need to have good English if you want to work in this field in a large firm. In Limerick, I lived in a student village that was made up of individual houses with six students per house. Although I lived with international students, I quickly made friends with Irish students from the neighbouring houses and through the student clubs. I joined the outdoor pursuits club, and I'd go hiking with them at least once a week. With hindsight, I can say that you shouldn't let your own worries put you off. Just get on and do it. You'll have an unforgettable experience.



by bike, and often takes his buddies with him

Geovane (24) is a buddy who helps international students find their feet at FAU:

I came to study at FAU from Brazil because the University has a great reputation for Materials Science. I initially came as an exchange student for a year, to see if I liked it or not. When I registered, the Central Office for International Affairs told me about the buddy programme. I signed up right away. My buddy was a big help at the start. Obviously, you still have to do things yourself and find out information on your own, but some things just don't occur to you. For instance, in Germany you have to register your address with the authorities at the Einwohnermeldeamt. We don't have that in Brazil. After that first year, I enrolled in a regular degree programme. In my second semester, I submitted another buddy application to the International Office - but this time on the other side of the equation. Since then, I've had buddies from countries as diverse as Hungary and Colombia. I like meeting new people from different countries all the time. Aside from helping them with the authorities, I think the most important thing is to help them make friends - by organising joint activities, like barbecues - so that they can quickly settle in and feel at home. I know I found it really helpful to have a buddy when I was new at FAU!

Nelvia (23) is from Spain. She's spending a year at FAU on the Communications and Multimedia Engineering Bachelor's degree programme:

I chose Germany for my semester abroad because the teaching here is very good. I came across the FAU because it offers my degree programme, Communications and Multimedia Engineering, in English. That was an important criterion for me, as I couldn't speak any German at the time. At first, I really struggled with everything - like shopping in the supermarket - because I couldn't understand anything. But I gritted my teeth and stuck at it, and I'm proud of that. And thanks to the German courses at the Language Centre, I can also get by in German now. To prepare for my year here, I read up on German culture and customs. One thing I learnt was that Germans shake hands when they meet. So I was really surprised when my two future flatmates hugged me when I arrived in Erlangen. It immediately made me feel welcome. Overall, though, it's quite hard to get to know Germans. You have to be patient. I like living in Erlangen and studying at FAU so much that I want to stay longer. If everything goes according to plan, I'll do my Master's at FAU. (( kp



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# Historic towns, regional culture – and a lot of fun

Discover Franconia and a lot more besides, together with students from abroad

and FAU Volunteers for Internationals! The FAU Volunteers for Internationals group organises trips

for international students at the university – this could be a great opportunity for you

to get to know your new home and to meet new people at the same time.

he Marienburg fort is majestically set on a cliff above the Franconian town of Würzburg and offers a spectacular view of this historic city and the Main river. Hira, who was born in Pakistan and grew up in Saudi Arabia, studies for a Master of Arts in 'Physical Activity and Health' at FAU, and took part in a trip to Würzburg together with other international FAU students. After an the organising team. Actually, there are no fixed and Justice Museum, but what he liked most is informative city tour, including such famous sights positions. Anybody can contribute where he or the fact that he made contact with other stuinformative city tour, including such famous sights as the Residence or the cathedral, Hira and the others climbed up the hill to the fortress and enjoyed the gorgeous view of the city. "I really ap- discuss them and try to realise as many activities preciated the little anecdotes about the history as possible," says Christina. Besides the trip to culture." The German students who help to and people of Würzburg the tour guide told us in Würzburg, Hira has also taken part in other FVIs organise the excursions and take part in English", Hira tells keenly. The trip was organised by the FVIs, the FAU Volunteers for Internationals.

their hearts and souls into organising 'Sprachcan practice their language skills), parties, and

somebody on-site who makes sure that people Wohlfahrt, a shop that sells Christmas decoramake friends and have a good time in their new tions throughout the year. ational students have even become part of she feels most comfortable. Of course, everyexcursions. She tells us: "That's how I discovered them also benefit from the mutual exmany different places and their history, which is change, as Christina knows: "I most like great!" Hira also visited Rothenburg ob der Taub- meeting many people from different cul-The Volunteers are a group of students who put er, a medieval town to the West of Nuremberg. tural backgrounds during these excur-Before Christmas, she ambled through the narstammtische' (regular meetings where people row lanes of the historic city together with the hiking tours - in addition to the trips throughout by the Christmas markets' romantic atmosphere. the year. "It's important and helpful that there is Of course, she made the obligatory visit to Käthe

El Mehdi from Morocco, who is a student in the Master's programme in 'Communication and Multimedia Engineering', also went to Rothenburg. He was impressed by the Medieval Crime dents during the excursion: "I met a lot of new people. These acquaintances helped me to sions. You also get to see your home country from a completely different www.facebook.com/FVlerl

Hira likes to explore cities together May 2019

# So you know how the bunny runs!

In Germany, many things are done differently than 'back home': no need for concern, though,

with some advice from our experienced international students

you'll find it easy to adapt to your new environment.

### Join a university club!

At FAU, FSI (short for 'Fachschaftsinitiativen') are well known for helping students with any issues from exams, via lecture notes, to organising parties for meet ups. They are student associations of a specific subject. Additionally, there are many student initiatives to choose from, such as the FabLab, sports subject. Additionally, there are many student initiatives to choose from, such as the rabbas, sports clubs, the ARENA ... of the young ARTS, EcoCar, etc. In particular, Fabbab is useful for repairing bikes together with volunteers to help out in case you need it. Look here for more information: https://stuve.fau.de/gruppen/ (German)



### Ride your bike!

It is easier to go to different parts of Erlangen at your convenience by bike. Check 'Suche/ Biete' on Facebook to learn about people selling their bikes at reasonable prices. Bicycle auctions and flea markets are also good options to find a used bike. For repairs, use FabLab at the university. Here you can use the repair tools for free and fill up on air. You can also repair your bike for free at the E-Werk in Erlangen city centre.

### Chandana

### Finding accommodation can be like a casting session

You can choose from various types of student accommodation, such as dorms, shared apartments and studio apartments. You need to apply for a place in a dorm as they are subject to vacancy. The shared apartment scenario is quite different: it's just like a casting session. While writing to get a room in a shared apartment with new people, be aware that they prefer someone like them. So drop a message telling them about yourself, your hobbies and interests. Later, when invited for a house visit – along with many other applicants – you can get in touch with the other residents. Brace yourself to make a good first impression and get a place! You can also have a good time with your future roomies. The website www.wg-gesucht.de helps you to find shared apartments where you can choose from wide options in different parts of the city depending on your budget.

elcome to Germany, where probably everything is a bit different from your home country. In case you feel a bit overwhelmed starting your studies at FAU and life in Germany in general, we asked international students how things work around here: Chandana from India and Nikolas from Greece, who both study Medical Engineering, and Javiera from Chile, who studies The Americas/

Las Americas, give you an insight into life in Germany. As a German proverb says: "Sie wissen, wie der Hase hier läuft." Literally, they know "how the bunny runs here," that is, they already know their way around. You'll also find the most important information for a successful start here: www.fau.info/first-steps. And our freshman magazine is available in English, too: www.fau.info/new-to-fau. (( kp

### Nikolas

### Don't be afraid of bars

Bars in Germany are not necessarily what you think they are: a place to get drunk. On the contrary, bars in Germany are a great place to meet up. It's the place the locals prefer to hang out in the evenings. In particular, the breweries leading to the 'Berg' area are a fun visit for everyone. It's common to have group meet ups at a bar and being internationals, I recommend attending such meetings to get to know fellow students.



### Lots to discover in your free time

FAU has a lot to offer, such as trips to neighbouring cities, beer hikes, screenings of football matches and movies. Every city has parks, cafes, beer gardens, pubs for hanging out with friends. The beer festival, known locally as the every dity has parks, cares, beer gardens, pubs for hanging our with mends. The beer restival, known locally as the 'Berg' in Erlangen, and Volksfest in Nuremburg are huge events which are a must to attend, and to try the different beers 'Berg' in Erlangen, and Volksfest in Nuremburg are huge events which are a must to attend, and to try the different beers berg in Enangeri, and volksiest in Nuremburg are huge events which are a must to attenu, and to try the uniteratibles brewed in the nearby areas and the authentic German food. You get to see the locals wearing dirndls and lederhosen brewed in the nearby areas and the authentic German lood, you get to see the rocals wearing dimus and ledemosen and can enjoy the rides. There is a huge variety of street foods from different cuisines – which is great news for all you and can enjoy the noes. There is a nuge variety or street loods from different cuisines = which is great news for all you foodies! Every weekend you can explore the market which sells fresh vegetables, fruits and a huge selection of cheese.

### Learn German – it's useful for everyday life

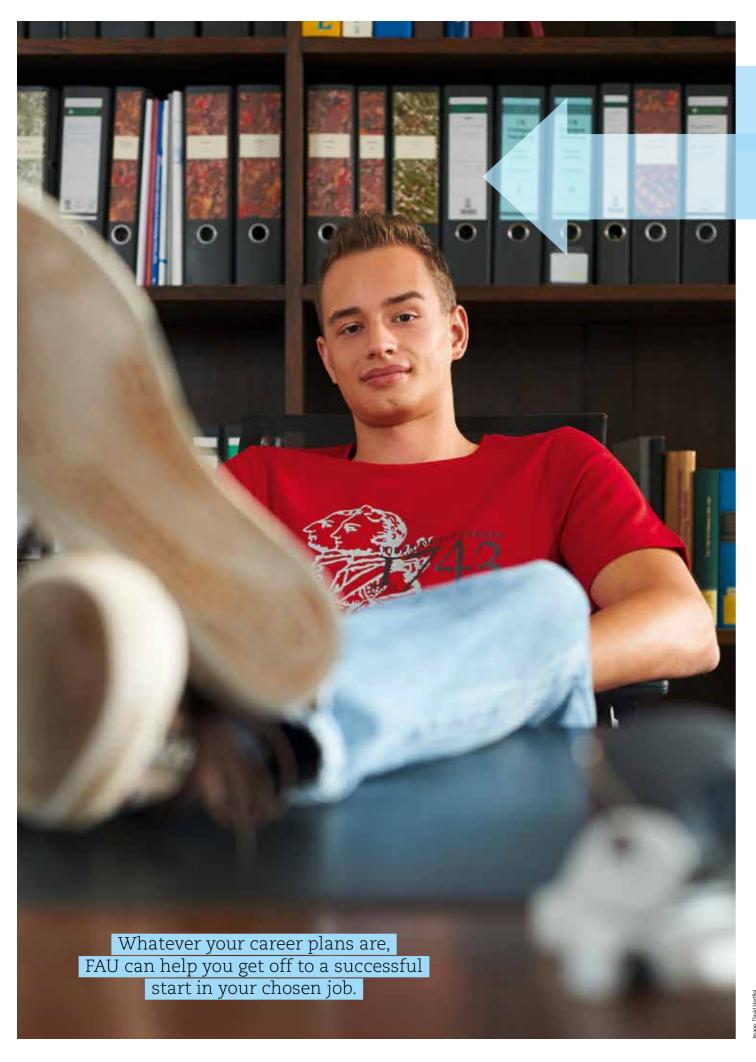
Almost everyone speaks English in Germany. Key word: almost. In the small towns you might visit, or in some stores, not everyone is used to tourists, so I really recommend that people learn some German. It's easier to move around train stations or supermarkets, too. Also, in restaurants some waiters or waitresses find it cute when you try and order food in German, or supermarkets, 100. Also, in restaurants some waiters or waitesses that it care when you try and order lood in German, and they'll be extra helpful! The University offers free German courses every semester, at every level, and intensive courses over the Summer and Winter breaks as well. Although the intensive courses are not free, they're worth every cent, as they enable you to spend several hours immersed in the language.



### Be aware of shop opening hours

Oh, the opening hours at the supermarkets ... if you are hungry after 20:00 on a weekday, or ever run out of food on a Sunday, your best option is to go to the nearest gas station and get a bag of crisps! Supermarkets close very early here in Bavaria, and every worker gets a sacred day of rest on Sundays. I learned to deal with this by planning my weekly menu ahead. For example, I roughly plan that I'll be eating pasta on Monday, chicken on Tuesday, salad on Wednesday, and get everything I need in time. Also, the freezer is now my best friend. I freeze my leftovers and vegetables - this might be useful if it's 05:00 on a Friday night! Also: remember to take your own bags to the supermarket, as you need to pay for the ones they offer!

Javiera



### Life after uni

To make sure the transition from uni to work is a nimble sprint rather than a torturous marathon,

FAU has a range of services to help get you off to a flying start.

you're looking for advice on jobs and careers, AU's Career Service can provide guidance tailored to your individual needs. All you have to You can benefit from the work experience of fordo is make an appointment.

workshops on everything to do with entering the world of work. Some of them are especially designed for international students - here you can learn what is important in a German application. Topics include how to have a successful interview and do well at an assessment centre. You can also attend courses on project management, presentation methods, and much more. The full programme is available here: www.career.fau.eu.

Are you thinking about applying for an internship or a job and want to know how you can make your documents stand out? Then why not sign up for one of our application-pack checks? Experienced consultants will give you tips for optimising your chances, including in interviews.

### Career Service

career-service@fau.de www.career.fau.eu

### Sharing experiences

mer students at our career meetups. Several times a semester, the FAU Alumni Management Team The Career Service also holds regular talks and and the Career Service organise relaxed, informal meetings where graduates who are well established in their careers offer insights into their daily working lives and take questions from the audience. FAU holds career meetups for many different occupational fields and specialisms. The programme is available here: www.fau.eu/alumni/careers

### Online bulletin board

Whether you want to start getting work experience while you study or are just looking to earn some extra cash, it's a good idea to keep your eye on the university jobs noticeboard. FAU's Stellenwerk website advertises internships and part-time jobs. It also posts calls for proposals for dissertations and theses, and graduate vacancies. www.stellenwerkfau.de (German)

### The road to a doctoral degree

Are you fascinated by numbers, formulae and equations? Do your eyes light up when two substances react with each other in the way you were expecting? Can you spend hours animatedly discussing irregular verbs with your professor? Then perhaps an academic career is just the thing for you. The first step on this road is a doctoral degree. FAU's Graduate Centre can tell you how to go about earning one, and what you need to know as a doctoral student. www.fau.eu/graduate-centre





FAU is committed to ensuring that everyone has equal opportunities

when it comes to learning, research and personal development. The diversity of FAU's members

means that the University has a wealth of potential and opportunities at its disposal.

AU believes that no one should face obstacles to studying because of their gender, social background, migration background, age, religion, sexual orientation, disabilities or family situation. This is why it has facilities that will tell you about your options and remove obstacles from your path.

The Office of Equality and Diversity promotes equal opportunities for all members of the university. It provides advice on funding and services available to school pupils, students and young researchers, training in gender and diversity skills.

The office's Centre for Intercultural Contact and Expertise (Kontakt- und Kompetenzstelle Interkultur), for instance, offers a wide range of services for stu-

dents with a migration background. In addition, all students can train to be Diversity Scouts. You'll start by learning about diversity in theory and in practice, and about the various advisory services, training schemes and support options that FAU offers its students. After that, you'll be a contact for students who are starting their degrees, and will support them in many different situations both in person and online.

If you are experiencing discrimination or sexual harassment, the Office of Equal Opportunities can offer you support in confidence.

### Combining lectures and parenting

For young parents, studying when you have a child demands strong nerves and excellent organisa-

tional skills. FAU's Family Service can provide you with the support you need to master this challenge. It can advise you on topics such as maternity protection, parental leave, parental benefit, and part-time study. It can also help you arrange childcare, and runs a babysitting service and parent-child gymnastics sessions.

In addition, FAU has set up feeding and nappy-changing rooms so that parents can bring their children to university. The University Library has a parent-child room where the little ones can play while Mum and Dad study. Students who are caring for family members can also contact the Family Service for comprehensive support and advice. ((

www.gender-und-diversity.fau.de (German)

Konrad Fischer, above right: Hans von Draminski, bottom: Kurt Fuchs; illus



# Music to the ears

Are you a singer? Or do you play an instrument? Then come and find out what is on offer at FAU.

No matter whether you have only given a great solo performance in your car or whether you have already performed in a concert – FAU offers a wide range of options for you to indulge your talent for music.



rom classical music to rock, from chamber choir to musicals – take a look at the information provided by Erlanger Universitätsmusik and the ensembles coordinated by Music Education in Nuremberg to find the right group for you.

The choirs, bands and orchestras at FAU offer something for all tastes, covering both modern and classical genres. Fans of classical music, for example, can join the academic choir, the brass ensemble or the Collegium Musicum (a symphony orchestra) in Erlangen or the chamber choir, symphony orchestra or various chamber groups in Nurembern

If you prefer ragtime, blues, rock or pop to Mozart, Beethoven or Bach you should look into the JRP (Jazz Rock Pop) choir, the big bands or the jazz or rock ensemble at the university. The highlights of every semester are the concerts. Whether it's a rock stage, a chamber music performance or the large university concert – the performances are the reward for the many gruelling hours of practice.

Would you like to not only perform but also improve your skills in singing or playing an instrument? Singing lessons are available for students of all subjects in Erlangen. At present, instrument lessons are also offered in piano, organ and violin. Rooms are available for anyone wanting to 'make some noise', for example in the Orangery or Schallershofer Strasse 84 in Erlangen. These are a great place to meet your fellow musicians if you prefer to play in a group.





### Curtain cal

You want to dance and prove your talent at acting? Then the university musical is the right place for you. Every two years, the Department of Music Education and a professional director and technicians transform FAU into Broadway. The student musicals have already built up quite a reputation in the region. More than 16,000 people have

watched the productions of Grease, Cats, Legally Blonde or The Wiz. The university productions often give their own interpretation to the world famous musicals. Auditions are open to all students – even without any previous experience in music or dancing.

# Super **quick** and super **smart**

ISC, SC, ASC, SCC – what are all these abbreviations? They stand for international competitions

ore than 55 hours at one time, working through the day and night to build a super computer, optimising performance tests and using scientific software relating to physics, molecular biology or artificial intelligence. Only leaving the computer for a brief nap. And then, in the middle of the night, someone pulls the plug and all the equipment is switched off. Anyone who didn't make sufficient backups is faced with hours and hours of lost work. And that's meant to be fun? Jan, Lisa, Benedikt and Markus think so.

The four students take part in competitions in Germany, China and the USA where that is exactly what can happen. Such Student Cluster Competitions (SSC) are held at the same time as international trade fairs and conferences. Teams have several days to build a supercomputer, install the necessary software and solve various problems. And at the American SCC held during the Supercomputing Conference the power is switched off in the middle of the night to check whether the participants have prepared a suitable disaster recovery strategy.

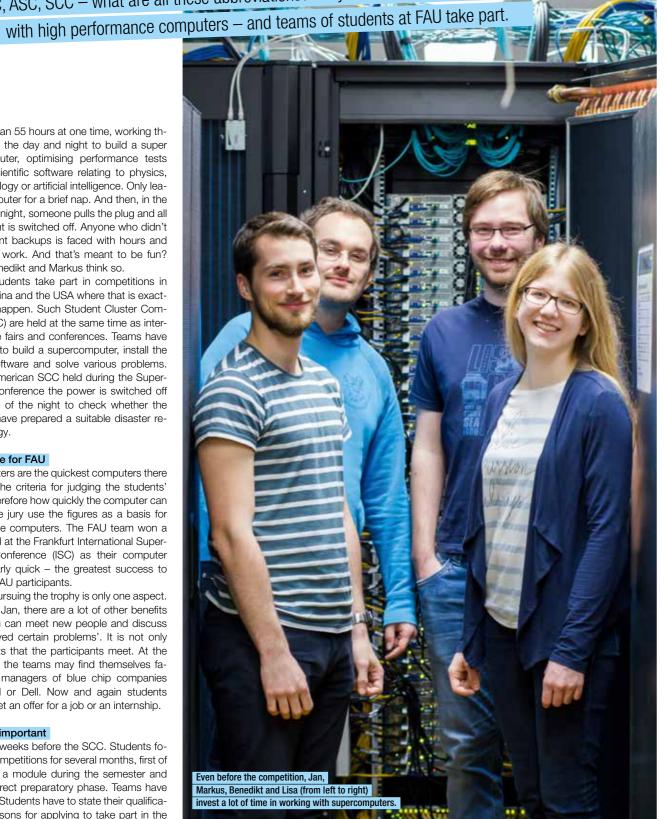
### Special prize for FAU

Supercomputers are the quickest computers there are. One of the criteria for judging the students' projects is therefore how quickly the computer can calculate. The jury use the figures as a basis for comparing the computers. The FAU team won a special award at the Frankfurt International Supercomputing Conference (ISC) as their computer was particularly quick - the greatest success to date for the FAU participants.

However, pursuing the trophy is only one aspect. According to Jan, there are a lot of other benefits besides: 'You can meet new people and discuss how you solved certain problems'. It is not only other students that the participants meet. At the evening meal the teams may find themselves facing leading managers of blue chip companies such as Intel or Dell. Now and again students might even get an offer for a job or an internship.

### Diversity is important

Work begins weeks before the SCC. Students focus on the competitions for several months, first of all as part of a module during the semester and then in the direct preparatory phase. Teams have to apply first. Students have to state their qualifications and reasons for applying to take part in the



SC and the ISC. 'The USA is particularly keen for the team to be as diverse as possible, with students from various backgrounds taking part,' explains Lisa. For the Asian competition, the Asia Supercomputer Community (ASC), tasks have to be solved in advance. Benedikt says, 'it is quite a feat to be included in the 20 finalist teams.

### Friday in, Sunday out

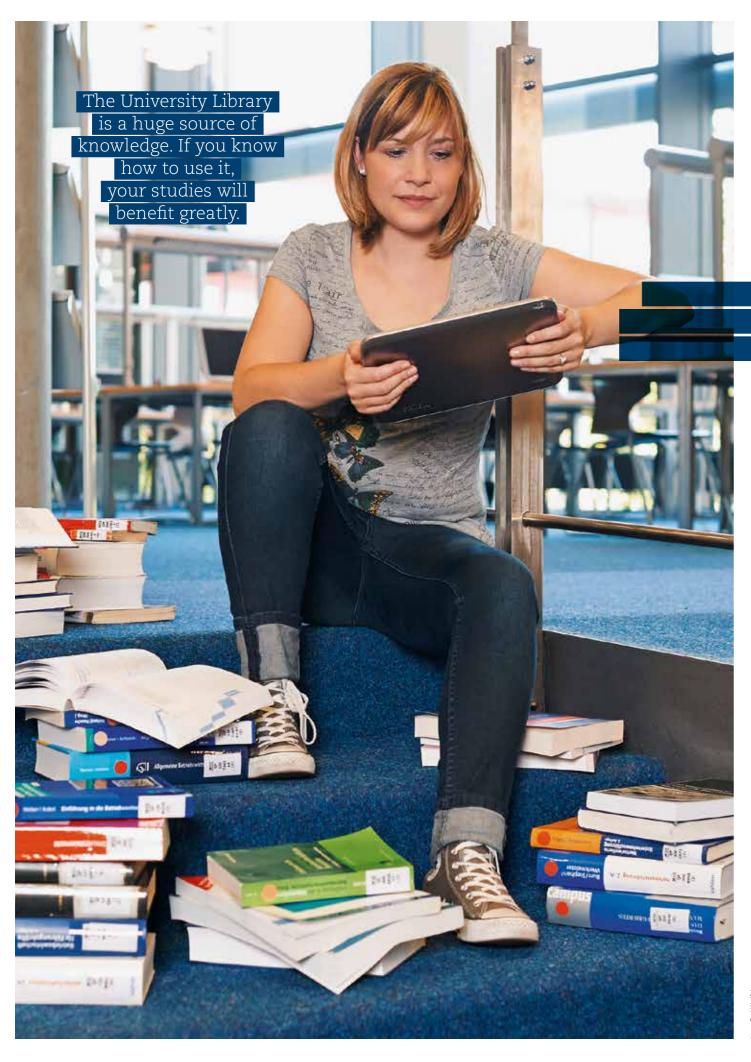
Once the application is done, the semester break and the following weeks are extremely stressful. Students invest up to 20 hours a week for the SCC. When other students are enjoying their weekend, work is just starting for the SCC teams. 'So-

metimes we go into the room on Friday evening and don't come out again until Sunday afternoon,' reports Markus with a smile.

The effort involved puts a lot of potential candidates off. But all four agree - the stress is worth it. It is unbelievable how much students learn during the competition itself. Teams also have the opportunity to attend exhibitions and presentations or network during the evening programme and have fun celebrating with students from throughout the world. The Chair of Computer Science 3 (Computer Architecture) holds an information event about the competitions at the beginning of every semes-







# The Uni Library – space for ideas

Here, new ideas are developed and historical knowledge is preserved.

Knowing how to make the most of the University Library (UB)

will help you get ahead in your studies.

ou've already been given your FAUcard which functions as a library card. Before you can borrow your first book you need to activate your library user account at <a href="https://www.idm.fau.eu">www.idm.fau.eu</a>. Your user number is on the back of your FAUcard under the barcode. One working day after activating your account you can start using the University Library.

### An introduction

Seemingly endless rows of shelves hold the University Library's books - around five and a half million of them. To make sure you know how to find what you're looking for, you should take part in an introduction to using the library (German) - either in the Main Library at Schuhstraße in Erlangen, the Science and Technology Branch Library on the Southern Campus, or the Economics and Social Sciences Branch Library or the Education Sciences Branch Library in Nuremberg. This 90 minute session will introduce you to the secrets of the UB. You will learn how to find the books quickly in the catalogue, what the different signatures mean, which books you can borrow or read online - everything you need to know for your studies. If you don't want to visit the library in person you can find information on using the library on www.studon.fau.de/cat360.html.

### How to find a book

You'll find many of the books you'll need as a new student in textbook collections. These are available in the three main branches, as well as in institute libraries. They contain several copies of textbooks and basic literature on any subject and are freely accessible. You can take a book directly from the shelf and borrow it immediately. If your fellow students got there before you, you can also find a copy of the latest edition of each book in the reading room of the respective library.

However, a large proportion of the UB's stock is stored in closed stacks and cannot be collected from the shelves by users. You can order these books and journals via the online catalogue OPACplus in one click: simply enter your user number and password. You will receive an e-mail as soon as the book is ready for you to collect.

### Studying at home

You can borrow books for up to four weeks. If that's not enough, you can renew them twice via the catalogue. To be on the safe side, the library will send you an e-mail reminding you of the date your books are due back.

However, not all books in the UB are available to borrow and take home. Only books from the Main Library, the three branch libraries and some of the institute libraries can be borrowed. All other books can only be borrowed over night or over the weekend – or not at all.

If the UB doesn't have a book that you need, you can request an interlibrary loan from another German library. This means you have free access to a few more million books for your studies. You can read the UB's many e-books and e-journals at any time and almost anywhere. To access them from outside the University you must set up a VPN on your computer.

### Space to learr

In addition to providing books for you to borrow, the UB is also the ideal location to study. If you need to meet other students to do group work, you can find a room using the Library Study Rooms Navigator at <a href="https://www.fau.info/learning-room-navigator">www.fau.info/learning-room-navigator</a>. When you have written assignments to do, you may want to make use of the document delivery service FAUdok which allows you to have journal articles sent directly to your desk.

And because the range of media and services on offer is so huge and can be confusing for new students in particular, the UB has an online information service on its website. Just click on 'ask a librarian' and you'll receive the answers to all of your questions about using the library in no time.

The UB has room for you and your ideas. If you know how to use it, your studies will benefit greatly because, as most students quickly realise, it's impossible to buy all of the books that you need. **((**<a href="https://www.ub.fau.eu">www.ub.fau.eu</a>



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### Two minds are better than one



ife at university can appear rather daunting, especially at the beginning, and the first written assignment can push some first-year students to their limits. The Learning Lab is not only a good point of contact for the many challenges students face, it also provides space for studying, exchanging ideas or for holding events.

### Students help students

The diversity scouts are part of the Learning Lab and can be found at the Main Library during their office hours. What's so special about them and what they do? The scouts are students themselves who receive training during the course of a semester for their role in increasing awareness for diversity and eliminating discrimination. 'Some students are wary of getting professional advice straight away. As we're also students ourselves, they are more comfortable with talking to us about their problems,' explains Rumeysa, who started working as a diversity scout at the School of Law six months ago. Students come with a wide range of problems to the diversity scouts - whether it's

because they have failed an exam, feel they are being discriminated against or if they have guestions about childcare. 'The problems students have are very varied and cover every aspect of studying. We refer the students to the right place,' says Rumeysa. For example, she recently helped a student apply for an extension so that she had more time to complete an exam. 'Lots of students don't even know that this is possible.

### Writing advice for everyone

Students often approach the scouts with questions about writing. They are then directed to the Writing Centre which is part of the Learning Lab. Writing texts at university is not easy in your native language, and can be a particular challenge when writing in a foreign language. This is why, as well as providing general advice, the Writing Centre also provides specific advice for German as a foreign language and English. 'We help students during the writing process and show them how to structure their texts and include a guiding idea. We also provide support with finding suitable

topics to write about or answer questions about grammar or wording. The students really appreciate what we do,' says Valentin, who is responsible for writing consultations in German. 'I really enjoy my work. Working with other people is great and I enjoy discussing the writing process in detail. It's also helpful for my own degree,' explains Valentin. In the centre of Erlangen, the Learning Lab has spaces for studying and holding events that are equipped with projectors, flip charts, whiteboards and flexible seating arrangements. There's even a small coffee bar, so it really is a multifunctional space. The Writing Centre already offers writing consultations at the Learning Lab and other events have been taking place there since summer semester 2019 such as language workshops, key qualification seminars or diversity scout events. More information about where the rooms are located can be found on the Learning Lab's

www.learninglab.fau.de



you hadn't realised before, you soon will: FAU is not a campus university. Its buildings are not all gathered in one central spot, they are spread out over several locations - even in different towns. Not just Erlangen and Nuremberg, but also Fürth and Bamberg. As if that is not tricky enough, the various institutions are spread out throughout the towns as well. In Erlangen, FAU institutions can be found on nearly every corner. Finding your way around is not easy, especially for new students. The cryptic names of the rooms don't help either: 00.4 PSG, 02.134-113 - how are you meant to know where

The free FAU app for iOS and Android can help. Using the navigation function you can search specifically for lecture buildings and room numbers. As the app is linked to Google Maps, you can follow your smartphone to exactly the right place once you know which building or room you are looking for. All you need to do is enter the room names exactly as they are given in UnivIS. And if



you are looking for your professor's email address or want to know what there is for lunch in the canteen, the app has the answers.

The FAU map service helps if you need to know where a certain FAU institution is located. If you are looking for the Chair of Medieval History, for example, you can type it in at www.karte.fau.de (German) and the map service will show you the exact location. The service also helps you find a certain building, such as the seminar building of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology. However, even technology has its limits. Sometimes neither the app nor the map service can help. For example when it comes to nicknames buildings and rooms have been given over the years by students, like the 'Philosophentürme'. The best thing you can do in this case is ask other stu-

Looking for the best place to study? The library study rooms navigator can find you the perfect spot. You can find it at www.fau.info/lernraum-navigator.

### Erlangen or Nuremberg?

One university, two cities. And both of them have plenty to offer beyond the lecture theatres

and laboratories. We asked two insiders for their tips on what to see and do in the cities.

### Nuremberg: a vibrant metropolis

Koray grew up in Nuremberg and is in the eighth semester of his degree in business and economics.

### For studying...

I like to go to the library. I like studying with other students in the relaxed atmosphere of the group

### When the weather is good...

we go to Dutzendteich or the Pegnitzbrücke, have a barbecue, play ball games and enjoy the good

there are a lot of other options. One example is

Palm Beach swimming pool, which has a lot of slides, a wave pool and a very large sauna. When you're there, you quickly forget that the weather's not so good.

everything is so central. If I want to go out, the various locations are all within a ten minute walk of each other. If I have some errands to do, I don't have to travel for hours with public transport. De-

spite its size, the city still offers a wide variety of events, there's always something going on

### If I go for a trip in the region, I go to...

the Brombachsee lake. The Brombachsee is perfect for relaxing and unwinding, it's the perfect place to go to get away from it all for a while, and it only takes an hour to get there.

### When I go out in the evenings...

we usually have some drinks at a friend's flat and play some drinking games, then we go on to a club. Most clubs charge reasonable, student-friendly prices for cocktails and entry.

### You can meet nice people...

at student associations. During courses and lectures you often don't have the chance to meet cool new people who are on the same wavelength as you. I would definitely recommend getting involved in a student association.

### My recommendation for culture in Nuremberg...

is the Imperial Castle. It's the perfect place to enjoy the view and relax in the evening after a long, tiring

Bergkirchweih: ¥ yes □ no

Although the Berg is in Erlangen, I really look forward to it every year. The train connections are quick and easy, and it's a great place to enjoy a beer with friends and colleagues.

□ Rock im Park or □ Bardentreffen?

Neither: I prefer to go to festivals or comedy shows. Kaya Yanar, for example, comes to the region at least once a year.

### I always most look forward to...

die Blaue Nacht (city-wide art event). The whole city is lit up in blue, and various cool events are held. It really is a must, all students should experience this special night in Nuremberg at least once.

### Last but not least, my insider tip for Nuremberg...

is the Wöhrder See. Now that the building work has finally been finished, the people of Nuremberg can finally enjoy a 'beach feeling' in our beautiful Erlangen: a small city with a lot to offer

Julia has lived in Erlangen for one and a half years and is studying for a Master's degree in book studies.

### For studying...

I go to my room or to the University library. As I mainly have to write written assignments, I tend to go to my room more often.

### When the weather is good...

I'll definitely be in the Schlossgarten, with my rug, a frisbee, some beer and a few friends. If I need to cool down. I like to go to the Dechsendorfer

### And when it rains...

I stay in my flat or go to one of the many nice little cafés or coffee shops.

I especially like Erlangen because...

the town is a nice size and has good connections to Nuremberg and Bamberg. If you're fed up of always going to the same café, you can easily go to Nuremberg or even Bamberg.

### If I go for a trip in the region, I go to...

Bamberg, Nuremberg of course, the Dechsendorfer Weiher, the Fichtelgebirge for skiing or the Franconian Switzerland region for hiking.

### When I go out in the evenings...

I go to a pub in Erlangen to play pool or darts.

### You can meet nice people...

at University sports, at the Berg beer festival, in language courses, basically anywhere where there are a lot of students.

### My recommendation for culture in

is the poetry festival, either listening to readings in the Schlossgarten or visiting galleries.

### Please choose

Bergkirchweih: X yes □ no Definitely yes. You can't avoid it in Erlangen (unless you go away for a week, but that would be a bad idea, it's well worth going).

Definitely both!

### I always most look forward to...

Rock im Park is a highlight every year. Even if you just go for one day or choose not to camp there, it's worth going to the festival.

### Last but not least, my insider tip for

if you want to get out of town without going far, I would recommend going to see the wild horses in Tennenlohe. It's a beautiful spot for walks in the woods, for a picnic and, if you're lucky, you can see the horses too. ((









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No matter whether you prefer to tinker with cars,

help refugees or stage a play: the University has a lot to offer

even away from the lecture theatre and the library.

### Paradise for amateur inventors and DIY enthusiasts

Whether you want to build a USB sound card or make a birthday present for your gran, the FabLab at FAU is the place to go. Anyone can use the high-tech workshop and professional equipment. You don't even need any special skills, just an idea and a willingness to learn.

The FabLab team - most of them students at FAU - will show you how to work the machines and plan how best to implement your project. Workshops are held for anyone who would like to get a grasp of the basics before getting down to the hard stuff - from courses in soldering for beginners or those with more experience to designing 3D objects.

The equipment in the FabLab includes a laser cutter, several 3D printers, a vinyl cutter and a CNC milling machine, to name just a few. Many students who visit the FabLab are students at the Faculty of Engineering. After all, the computer programmes and tools give them the perfect opportunity to apply what they have learnt in lectures - and learn something new at the same time. However, the Fab-Lab team hopes to be able to encourage creative users as well. A sewing and embroidery machine is available for textile projects. There is no charge for using the FabLab or advice from the student experts. All that needs to be paid is a small contribution towards materials used and machine run time. www.fablab.fau.de/en

### Junior consultant opportunities while you study

If getting involved in projects in talent development, financial management, process optimisation or providing consulting services to regional and international companies is your thing then you are perfect for the Junior Consulting Team e.V. (JCT), the student consultancy service run by FAU and Nuremberg Tech.

JCT acquires consultancy projects and forwards



them to its members. The young entrepreneurs then form teams and tackle the projects independently. Clients include both start-ups and well-established corporations listed on the German Stock Exchange or DAX. Past JCT projects include competitive analysis, organising innovation workshops and marketing consultation in sectors as diverse as its members' backgrounds.

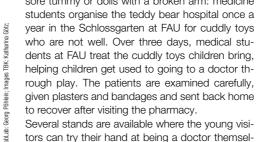
Physicists, economists, computer scientists or mechanical engineers - JCT unites experts from a number of fields with a wide range of different perspectives. JCT looks for new dedicated students to join them at the beginning of each semester. Why not apply?

www.jct.de (German)

### Doctors for teddy bears

Teddies with toothache, cuddly tortoises with a sore tummy or dolls with a broken arm: medicine students organise the teddy bear hospital once a year in the Schlossgarten at FAU for cuddly toys who are not well. Over three days, medical students at FAU treat the cuddly toys children bring, helping children get used to going to a doctor through play. The patients are examined carefully, given plasters and bandages and sent back home to recover after visiting the pharmacy.

tors can try their hand at being a doctor themselves: putting on a bandage, taking an x-ray or assisting in the operating theatre. The cuddly toys can even go for a check up to students studying dentistry in Erlangen, showing children how to keep their teeth clean and healthy.









### Volunteering for refugees

Students at FAU have set up the Refugee Law Clinic Erlangen-Nürnberg (RLC). They advise asylum seekers preparing for their hearing as part of the asylum process. The non-profit association has over 70 members, most of whom are students. Nevertheless, the RLC team would welcome even more volunteers. You can get involved in various different areas, for example providing advice, organising events, public relations or translation. Members meet regularly to get to know each other, chat and share ideas on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at La Pasión in Halbmondstraße, Erlangen.

<u>www.facebook.com/RLCErlangenNuremberg</u> (German)



Get a feel for racing with the Octanes from High-Octane Motorsports, a student group that takes part in the Formula Student every year. These summer events see the Octanes travel to races across Europe and pit themselves against teams from other universities on a variety of tracks. But the races are actually the smallest part of the project. Before they even reach the race track, the Octanes have to finance and build their own cars. In addition to the classic race car, there is also an autonomous version. As well as needing tech-savvy students to help with the construction, the team also needs members who can handle sponsorship, marketing, and the business plan which, incidentally, also gets a score in the Formula Student. With that in mind, students from any faculty are welcome to join the group, share their knowledge and learn.

www.octanes.de (German)



### Aaaand... cut!

Whether you are interested in research, production, or working as a presenter: with funklust, FAU's campus media, you can try your hand at professional radio and television. For example, you can get involved in the live programmes recorded in the studio directly above E-Werk or vou can prepare a radio feature to be broadcast at a later date. Or you can take a camera and produce video reports or interviews. You can then have a go at editing the clips. If you are more interested in online journalism, you can help keep the funklust website up to date and add multimedia content and background reports to the audio and video clips. Funklust offers lots of opportunities for gaining experience in journalism. www.funklust.de

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Every summer 'ARENA...of the young arts' brings modern international theatre to Erlangen. For one week the city becomes a stage where young talents present their productions, with performances ranging from drama, dance and physical theatre to readings. The performances and the locations are unconventional and experimental, which has earned ARENA fame beyond the city. However, the majority of the event managers are not full-time employees but FAU students. Each year, they put on a great festival which has become one of the highlights of the cultural calendar. The students are not just involved with the organizational side of the event which has been running for 20 years: each year ARENA produces a piece with a group from the previous year that premieres at the next festival. The ARENA team is always looking for new members. If you would like to get involved, you can get in touch via www.arena-festival.de (German).

There are also are a wide range of student initiatives at FAU that you can take part in:

www.stuve.fau.de/gruppen (German)

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The Erlangen pedestrian zone is transformed into a stage for

spectacular performances once a year when young talents meet for the drama festival AREN

### On the international stage

Discussing current political issues with delegates from different countries and making decisions about draft resolutions are tasks normally reserved for high-level diplomats, but students from universities around the world, including FAU, get to do this too at the National Model United Nations Conference (NMUN). You could be there at the negotiations in New York City representing a country in various bodies, specialised agencies and committees of the UN. Preparations for various model UN conferences within the framework of the interdisciplinary FAUMUN project start at the beginning of the winter semester. You can learn about negotiating strategies or how to write a captivating speech for a large audience. You will also find out about the United Nations, gain specialist knowledge about the country you're representing and gain key skills which will also stand you in good stead in your future career. Applications for the FAUMUN programme must be submitted by 1 July. www.faumun.org

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No matter whether you want to train once a month or four times a week

No matter whether you want to become really fit or just want to meet new people

while doing sport. University Sports offers something for everyone!

ith options as diverse as Aikido, tango and lacrosse, there is hardly any sport that you can't get involved in at FAU. Of course the more traditional sports like football, tennis and swimming are included in the wide range on offer too. University Sports runs courses in around 70 different sports each semester. The costs are low, so they're the perfect opportunity to try something new.

For example, why not have a go at sailing? The University's water sports centre is located by the Brombachsee lake. Beginners and intermediate level sailors can take part in courses there to gain sailing qualifications. If you are already qualified, you can hire a boat from the centre.

University Sports also organizes a range of keepfit courses including aerobics and fitness gymnastics where you'll exercise muscles you never knew you had. You can also go for a workout at the University Sports gym.

The martial arts courses include karate, Tai Chi and Kung Fu. If that's not your style, you might prefer ballet, zumba, climbing or yoga - to name just a few of the alternatives. Whether you prefer indoor or outdoor, individual or team sports, there's something for everyone. You can also meet new people who are interested in the same sports through the 'Find a sport partner' service.

You can't find exactly the sport you were looking for? Then suggest it to us, or even take the course yourself as the instructor. University Sports is always open to new sports and courses. \*\* www.hochschulsport.fau.de



Full speed ahead

You want to test your skills by competing against other students?

Then why not join one of the FAU teams that regularly take part in competitions.

Like Ruth.

ust a few more powerful strokes and the rowing boat will cross the finishing line - ahead of all the others. Ruth and her three team mates are ecstatic, as they have just won the mixed quad sculling race at the German University Championships (DHM). That's not the only reason for Ruth to be happy. By winning third place in the women's quad sculling race she has also qualified for the European University Championships (EUG). She will be heading to Coimbra in Portugal in July.

Ruth is studying medicine at FAU and rows for the Erlangen Rowing Club (Erlanger Ruderverein). She started the students' rowing team together with Hedwig when she first came to university. Sporting success is not the only thing that motivates the 26 year old to take part in the competitions. 'The DHM is the perfect combination of sport and fun. You get to spend a lot of time with the team and it really is a great experience, not just during the races,' reports Ruth. Standards at the DHM are very high, as a number of top athletes take part.

You don't have to have a lot of experience to take part, however. There are special rowing races for beginners. Some successes sound like a fairytale come true: Larissa, for example, joined the rowing group as a beginner in her first semester at FAU and is now going to the EUG in the summer. Anyone can join in at rowing, no matter whether they are setting out to win or just want to give the sport



a try. According to Ruth, some are pushed to their limits, others are encouraged to develop their potential and others just enjoy the exercise and companionship within the group.

Rowing motivates Ruth whilst studying, and is a welcome way to relax. The DHM is usually held right in the main examinations period. However, team members give each other valuable moral support during this stressful period, as they are, quite literally, all in the same boat! They are a great source of encouragement and motivation for each other - both when rowing and when studying. There is also plenty of opportunity to relax and have fun together, whether having a barbecue, playing board games, watching favourite series on TV or going skiing. ((kg



### Fair for everyone

More and more food is being thrown away and

the oceans are full of plastic waste. If this worries you,

and you'd like to be part of the ever increasing number of students

campaigning for greater sustainability – the 'sneep' student network

is an ideal place for making your voice heard.

didn't really have much to do with sustainability before. I just saw a poster for the kick-off event and haven't looked back since,' explains Philipp. He is studying economics, writing his Bachelor's thesis on sustainability and heads the local sneep group - part of a national student initiative - at FAU in Nuremberg.

'Sneep stands for Student Network for Ethics in Economics and Practice and we campaign for sustainability and business and corporate ethics,' explains Philipp. With more than 30 active members, the Nuremberg group is the largest in Germany, and a group was started in Erlangen in the winter semester 2017/18.

As the head of the group, Philipp is responsible above all for a number of coordination tasks: 'We have four project groups and I am responsible for coordinating with the heads of the other local groups.' The most stressful time is in autumn, when the sustainability days are held. We offer several days of workshops, presentations and podium discussions. We also put on several cool events like a fair fashion show or a tombola with Fairtrade products.

The project is supported by the Chair of Corporate Sustainability Management at the School of Business and Economics. 'We don't only study business and economics, though, the Erlangen group in particular has students from a wide range of different subjects,' reports Philipp. 'I usually tackle problems from an economic point of view. Students of other subjects often have quite different perspectives.

Sneep Nuremberg also ensured that FAU receives the title "Fairtrade University". Certain conditions have to be met, for example offering sustainable drinks in the canteens or fair trade coffee at official university meetings. But this is just the beginning. 'The Fairtrade status itself is not enough. It has to be followed by action,' says Philipp. The students already have many ideas from environmentally friendly paper to a public fridge for food which is nearing its best before

Sneep is always keen to welcome dedicated students who can help put the numerous projects into practice. 'Just drop in to one of our weekly meetings or send us a message,' says Philipp. He thinks students should definitely get involved in student initiatives. 'They offer a good balance to studying and you learn to make practical use of what you have learned in theory'. He has also benefited personally from being a member of sneep, meeting interesting people from politics, economics and research. ((kg

www.facebook.com/sneepNuernberg





### Looking back now, would you have done

I don't really think I would change anything. I might have liked one or two extra seminars with a stronger focus on practical aspects. However, at the end of the day, it is up to the students themselves to arrange work experience either by doing internships or working as a student trainee. I would really recommend making contacts and gaining first-hand experience of the sector – the sooner the better

Alumna in action:

Christina Blumentritt hosting the FAU

doctoral degree graduation ceremony

Yes. I'm still very close friends with six of them. and we meet up regularly. A close friend from university was one of the witnesses to our wedding and is our son's godparent.

### Do you have any tips for first year students who also want to 'get into media'?

pends on external circumstances and luck definitely has a lot to do with it too. In my opinion, if you want to work in media, you need patience. Patience while hoping to finally gain a more or less permanent and secure position in a media company after completing countless, usually unpaid, internships. Patience while waiting for confirma-

tion from colleagues, superiors and viewers that your reports and performances on TV really are as good and successful as you think they are. Patience while waiting for new challenges which will help you grow and develop. In the media, many talented people are on the lookout for new challenges every single day. In my opinion, there are not many markets which are so sought after, and that has been the case for decades now. (( nb

### get into media... A lot of students hope to start a career in media after graduating. Dr. Christina Blumentritt, who studied Media Studies, (Media) Psychology and German Language and Literature at FAU and completed a doctoral degree there as well managed to do just that – and very successfully as well. Since 2012, she has been the managing director of the regional broadcasting company Franken Fernsehen. In our interview she talks about studying and her career to date.

### Did you aspire to stand in front of a camera as a journalist while you were still a student?

I'd like to

Not really, no. I was mainly interested in working in journalism and editing. I have always been fascinated by researching and collecting information and communicating it to viewers. In local television, editors tend to move in front of the camera after a certain time, starting out as a reporter then often progressing to become a studio presenter. That's what happened to me.

### Has something ever gone seriously wrong during a programme or broadcast?

More than once! A lot has happened over the years: I remember I once had to fill in a full minute when there was a technical hitch and the next feature couldn't be shown. A minute can feel like a very long time when you're trying to think of something amusing to say, and I'm afraid it must have been very boring for the viewers. There are also plenty of opportunities for mishaps during live performances - you might pick up the wrong notes by mistake, muddle up interview guests, trip up the stairs or realise that one of the straps on your ball gown has torn - to be honest, I think all of these have happened to me at one time or another...

What was your personal highlight at

I will probably always remember the very first time

I went on air with university radio. I was extremely

nervous whilst carrying out the interview and

barely managed to hold the microphone still. I

also had difficulties drafting the script. With the

help of the others involved in the programme I

was finally allowed to go on air, more or less at

the last minute. Hearing your own report on the

radio for the first time is an unforgettable moment

university?

which fills you with pride.

### Are you still in touch with any of

There's no general recipe for success. A lot de-

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In this riddle, we have hidden terms about the topic of studying How many are there?

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