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Foreword



Dear Students,

Congratulations on choosing to study at the University of Basel. With this Uni Guide, we want to welcome you to the Basel area and show that you have made the right decision.

This brochure will make it easier to get started, allowing you to concentrate on your studies with peace of mind. The initial study period presents many questions: How do I get to grips with everyday student life? Where can I find an apartment? How much money do I need for my studies and where can I find a part-time job? As the best tips and tricks come from your fellow students, they will answer these questions themselves. Experienced students also know where the best places are to meet up after class to make the most of life outside the lecture hall – and Basel has plenty to offer!

I hope you enjoy our tips and I wish you every success during your time at our university.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Schenker-Wicki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Andrea Schenker-Wicki
President of the University of Basel

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Study

When you start your studies, there will be a whole pile of changes and you may find yourself feeling a little lost. To make sure this doesn't last too long, we have put together some tips. However, the most important thing is initiative! Talking with your fellow students and asking your lecturers and student committees will make things much easier.

Tips for new students

“‘Errare humanum est,’ to err is human – even the ancient philosophers knew that. And if things don’t always run smoothly to begin with, that’s completely normal. The main thing is to stick with it. Didn’t do as well in your very first exam as you expected? Don’t worry. With a good schedule, mutual support and patience, you’ll soon get used to student life.”

Jaimy Vallapurackal

Law



“Throw yourselves headlong into daily university life: grapple in-depth with the material, challenge what you have learned, be active in the lectures and don’t be afraid to ask critical questions. Don’t allow yourselves to be intimidated at first by the sheer volume of the subject matter – take it step by step and pay attention to good time management. And be sure to visit the University of Basel’s diverse events for your faculty as well, to expand your horizons.”

Lea Bachmann

Writing her dissertation in Law

Dates

Teaching period

Fall semester 2023

September 18, 2023 to
December 22, 2023

Spring semester 2024

February 26, 2024 to
May 31, 2024

Fall semester 2024

September 16, 2024 to
December 20, 2024

Teaching-free period

Dies academicus

November 24, 2023

Easter

March 28 to April 1, 2024

Labor Day

May 1, 2024

Feast of Ascension

May 9 – 10, 2024

Whit Monday

May 20, 2024



“Start Smart” Week: Start of program 2023

The “Start Smart” week offers an introduction for new students at the bachelor’s level so that the start of their studies is as smooth as possible. The university management welcomes the new students on Monday morning, September 18, at the Welcome Ceremony, followed by the introductory events of the faculties. In addition, the service units, student organizations and student committees of the University of Basel will present the diverse range of services offered at the Info Market in the Kollegienhaus.

On the following evenings, first-year students can explore the university world. This includes everything from crash courses and presentations to guided tours, for example of the university library, and a bar tour through the city.

unibas.ch/start-smart

Course registration

Fall semester 2023

August 1 to October 16, 2023

Spring semester 2024

January 1 to March 25, 2024



From Basel to the world



Eucor

Eucor – The European Campus is an alliance of five universities based in the Upper Rhine region, namely the Universities of Basel, Freiburg, Haute-Alsace, Strasbourg and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). As a student of the University of Basel, you can attend courses at the partner universities, use libraries and other facilities, and benefit from student discounts. You can study at a partner university for up to two semesters and remain enrolled at the University of Basel. In addition, travel expenses are reimbursed each semester up to a fixed sum. For more information, please visit:

unibas.ch/eucor
eucor-uni.org

Global Study

The University of Basel is a member of several networks that enable bachelor's students to spend a semester or year studying in Australia, the United States or Brazil. The University of Basel has also concluded bilateral agreements with various universities around the world that permit students to spend a semester or year abroad. The Student Exchange can help you organize this.

Swiss European Mobility Program

The Swiss government's SEMP program awards mobility and exchange scholarships. The scholarships allow students to participate in one or two exchange semesters or an internship at a partner university. To register, the student must have completed two completed semesters of study. The Student Exchange team at the University of Basel's International Office can help interested students organize their stay abroad.

unibas.ch/mobility

Student checklist

In the first week of the semester, you should:

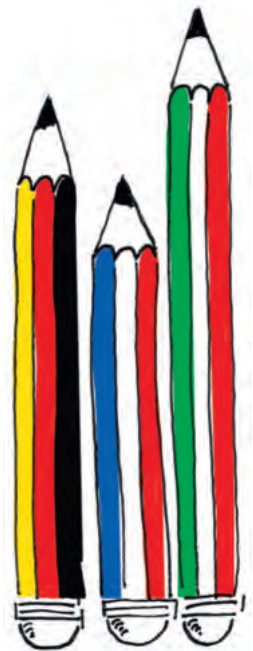
- Visit an introductory event
- Read your study guidelines
- Draw up a schedule
- Activate your student accounts
- Attend a tour of the University Library
- Activate your UNICard
- Read the Campus Stories at unibas.ch/campus-stories
- Follow the university of Basel on instagram: [instagram.com/unibasel](https://www.instagram.com/unibasel)



New to Switzerland?

Moving abroad to study is a huge step. These tips will help you feel at home in Basel:

- Look for an apartment markt.unibas.ch and wove.ch
- Register with the migration department (Migrationsbehörde)
- Check out the German language classes at the Language Center sprachenzentrum.unibas.ch
- Meet new people through University Sports unisport.ch
- Get a "colourkey" and discover Basel's leisure activities colourkey.ch
- Explore Switzerland with the GA Night sbb.ch





Workspaces for students

Location	Work spaces without PC	PC work-stations	group work-spaces	Cafeteria
Main University Library (UB)	900	34	4	Yes
UB Religion	37	4	1	No
Faculty of Law Library	300	6	8	Yes
University Medical Library	180	25	3	Yes
Rosental Library	84	9	1	Yes
Business and Economics Library/Swiss Economics Archive	139	21	4	Yes
Lernoullianum	60	0	2	No
Maiengasse Library	80	10	0	No
Kollegienhaus				
– Cafeteria	80	0	0	Yes
– rooms 208 und 209	30	0	1	Yes
Ancient Studies Library	62	3	0	No
Pharmacenter	0	20	0	No
Biozentrum	100	40	0	Yes
Study room Bernoulli	100	0	0	Yes

unibas.ch/lemraeume

Swimming bag, t-shirts and more

The stylish way to swim: Keep your belongings dry with the University of Basel's watertight swimming bag. You can also get your hands on bags, t-shirts, hoodies and other uni products.

unibas.ch/merchandise



ADAM

The ADAM distribution platform is a web-based tool to provide access to files and internet links, for example to make lecture notes available or submit seminar papers. Documents can either be publicly accessible or restricted to specific people.

adam.unibas.ch

Eduroam

Eduroam (education roaming) is a global network that enables people at higher education institutions to access the internet from their current campus. This means that next time you visit another university, you will be able to use their campus network without any problems. Simply connect to the eduroam WLAN and follow the instructions.

mobile.unibas.ch

Online Services for students

The University of Basel offers its students Online Services. You can log on via services.unibas.ch using your Unibas email address and the corresponding password. Among other things, Online Services cover the following:

Registration

Towards the end of the preceding semester, students and doctoral students already matriculated at the University of Basel (not newly registered students) receive an email at their Unibas address reminding them to register for the next semester. Registration takes place solely via Online Services.

Course registration

Course registration takes place online. The registration period begins on January 1 or August 1 and ends after the fourth week of lectures. Registering for courses is extremely important because if you do not register for your courses at the start of the semester, you will not receive any credit points for them.

Access to academic achievement account

To obtain an overview, you can use Online Services to access your account containing your academic achievements (courses completed successfully/unsuccessfully including grades, credit points and further details). You can also download an up-to-date overview of your achievements in PDF format at any time and see the current status of your studies.

Change of address

You can change your address and that of your parents/guardians and emergency contact online at any time.

Data transfer information

In Online Services, you can indicate to the University of Basel whether it is permitted to transfer your data to third parties.

services.unibas.ch



Hardware for students

The Neptune Project is a real favorite among students. During two sales windows each year, certain laptops, tablets and other IT accessories can be ordered online at a reduced price. To find out when the next promotion is due to start, go to projektneptun.ch

If your laptop decides to go on strike right in the middle of a paper or project you can borrow a device from the URZ. These devices are solely intended to help out in the event of shortages or breakdowns and are only to be used for teaching and research. They can be borrowed for a maximum of 30 days. its.unibas.ch

Software for students

The IT Services provide the Asknet software portal for downloading software. To log in, you will require your Edu-ID address and password. As part of campus contracts, the University is able to offer software at a reduced price or free of charge. All available offers are listed in the Web shop. You can also use the portal to order software not covered by the campus contracts.

asknet.unibas.ch



ABC of studying

B

Buddy Support

Questions about your study program, lectures or seminars? Want to know how to find a cheap apartment in Basel, where to go out or where to get good coffee? Many Faculty groups offer you the opportunity of support from a “buddy” while getting to know the university. Contact your Faculty group directly to inquire.

C

Credit points

Credit points must be earned throughout your period of study. Generally, one point equates to around 30 hours of study. This system allows your university achievements to be calculated and compared with other universities around the world. But you won't receive these valuable points until you've passed the course assessment (exam, essay, presentation, etc).

Colloquium

In an academic context, colloquia are where research findings are presented and discussed, developed and subjected to critical analysis. They are important not only for scientific exchange and reflection, but also for career advancement. Participation enables students and doctoral candidates to take part in academic debates.

D

Datenabschrift

A transcript of records is an official document without a signature used by the President's Office to certify credit points acquired at the University of Basel each semester. Transcripts of records should be retained, as together they form a complete record. They may be required for scholarship applications or for transferring credit points to another university.

unibas.ch/datenabschrift

E

Events

Presentations, panel discussions, Q&A sessions – a great many events take place at the University of Basel, as various as the university itself. An overview of all events can be found in the Public Events Calendar.

unibas.ch/veranstaltungen

F

Faculty groups

Faculty groups (FGs) bring together all students from a particular discipline and thus form the basis for the student representative body, skuba, which represents your interests at department level, organizes events and looks after first-semester students. If you have any questions, they can give you first-hand tips.

skuba.ch/de/organisation

H

Hiwi (Student assistant)

Academic departments are always busy places. Student assistants – or “Hiwis” for short – retrieve books from the library, scan, copy mountains of documents, and also get to take a peek behind the academic scenes. Working as a “Hiwi” is a good part-time job and allows you to make contact with key people in your department.

I

IT Services

IT Services are responsible for your email address and VPN access to the university network (among other things). You can also download software here. The Neptune Project, which allows you to purchase laptops at a discounted price, is also very popular with students.

its.unibas.ch

“The University of Basel is committed to a respectful culture in which the personal integrity of its students and employees is respected and protected. As the Personal Integrity Coordinator, I am the first point of contact in cases of discrimination, bullying or sexual harassment in the university context and offer confidential counseling sessions for those affected, bystanders and persons responsible for leadership. Do not hesitate if you have experienced or observed something and would like support – I am here for you!”

Cora Wagner

Personal Integrity Coordinator



Study

“The University of Basel Student Union (skuba) is available to all students at the University of Basel – that means you too. We represent your interests in dealing with university management and politics, and are committed to a right to a say and other student concerns. We also offer various opportunities to get to know people, and we run the Lernoullianum, where you will find comfortable spaces for study and relaxation. All students are free to get involved and help shape skuba.”



Valentin Messmer

Board member of skuba

N

Numerus clausus

If there are more students than places on a course, then a numerus clausus (NC) is applied. At the University of Basel, a NC is used only for programs at the Faculty of Medicine. Unlike at other universities, applicants are not screened according to their grade in their school leaving examination. Instead, they must take a standardized aptitude test or an entrance examination.

O

Ombudsman's Office

The Ombudsman's Office is open to all students wishing to submit a complaint relating to university matters, provided that these do not fall within the remit of another board of appeals. If conflicts arise during your studies that must be treated as confidential, you can contact the Ombudsman's Office.

unibas.ch/ombudsman-s-office

P

Psychological support

Anyone can find themselves facing psychological problems. If it happens to you, please do not hesitate to seek help. The Student Advice Center is the first point of contact for students.

unibas.ch/psychological-counseling

R

Registration

You've passed your first semester and that longed-for break has begun. Despite your holiday mood, it's very important that you don't forget to register for the coming semester using Online Services. You will receive a reminder email from the university stating the period in which to register.

Research Magazine

UNI NOVA is the University of Basel's academic magazine. As well as a focus on a particular area, UNI NOVA reports on current research at the University of Basel and features profiles, opinion columns and tips for books and public events. The magazine is published twice a year and subscription is free. Copies of the magazine to take away can be found in various racks in the main building.

www.unibas.ch/uninova

S

Seminars and proseminars

Seminars and proseminars are generally aligned with lecture topics. These interactive classes offer an opportunity to work on specific topics based on participants' contributions in shared discussion. A proseminar provides an introduction to a subject area, with methods presented and practiced and an overview communicated. In a seminar, an individual topic is treated in more depth in joint academic work. The students undertake reports, group work and presentations.

T

Tutorials

Tutorials are classes in which the content of a lecture or seminar is explained and repeated in greater depth. The tutors are normally older students who can give you practical tips and advice.

U

UNICard

You will receive your UNICard by post after your matriculation. You will have to reactivate it every semester once you've paid your tuition fees. You can use your UNICard to borrow books from the University Library and pay for food in the canteens. And beyond the campus, UNICard serves as your student ID.

unicard.unibas.ch

University course directory

This lists all courses taking place in a department in the current semester, and not only states the time and location of a course, but also describes its content in detail. You can use the online timetable to create a list of your courses and transfer this to Online Services during the registration period.

unibas.ch/coursedirectory

Z

Zschokke-Haus

The Zschokke House is the educational and recreational house of the University of Basel, located in the middle of the skiing and hiking area of Engelberg at 1'262 m.a.s.l. It is a place for research and study, leisure or rest and relaxation. The house can be rented by students and employees for business and private group stays.

zschokkehaus.ch



Support

To complete your studies successfully, you will also need to deal with many administrative matters and obtain information from various places. The University of Basel has a range of offices that can advise and support you on a wide variety of matters, from admission to your Unibas email address.

Student Administration Office

The Student Administration Office is a source of general information. If you have a question about admission, registration, matriculation, or semester registration, you've come to the right place. There is a ticket system. So please pull a number outside and wait until you are called. However, many questions can be resolved without actually going to the office in person. You can use Online Services to change your address and register for courses, semesters, etc., online.

unibas.ch/studium

Students Without Barriers

The Students without Barriers (StoB) service point offers information and advice and arranges compensation for disadvantages so that students with a disability or chronic illness can successfully complete their studies in an accessible environment.

stob.unibas.ch



University Library

The University Library (UB) is probably the true heart of the University of Basel. It can prove somewhat confusing for first-semester students, which is why we recommend taking part in a tour of the library at the start of the semester. After registering in [swisscovery](https://swisscovery.unibas.ch) (registration.slsp.ch) you are enrolled at the UB which allows you to make use of the library's services using your UNICard. By the time the exams arrive, things are in full swing here and work spaces become increasingly rare. Coats, bags, and food items are not permitted in the reading rooms of the UB. Your things must be left in the lockers in the basement. Since a partial renovation in 2021, the UB has a variety of contemporary learning spaces, tailored to the different learning needs of students. There is even room for a power nap.

ub.unibas.ch



Student Exchange

Your university studies present you with a once in a lifetime opportunity to spend one or two semesters either at a foreign university or at another Swiss university. The University of Basel offers various programs that you should definitely check out. The Student Exchange coordinates the programs on offer and is your first point of contact when you feel the urge to travel. Start considering early on whether and when you want to schedule a semester abroad and find out the deadlines for applications.

unibas.ch/mobilitaet

Treatment in the undergraduate clinic

Patients receive excellent dental treatment and can save money at the same time. Treatment is carried out exclusively by advanced students (master curriculum) and under the constant supervision of experienced dentists.

uzb.ch

Student Advice Center

Many important questions may arise during your studies. What is the best way to plan my studies? What should I do after my bachelor's degree? Would it be better to swap degree programs? For questions concerning study and career planning, you can arrange a free consultation at the Student Advice Center. The study and career advisors guide you through the decision making process, support you in difficult situations and have an open ear for personal issues.

studienberatung.unibas.ch

Pastoral Counseling

Would you like to speak confidentially with a trained pastoral counselor? The University of Basel offers two possibilities: catholic and reformed.

kug.unibas.ch
unipfarramt.unibas.ch

Language Center

¡Aprendamos un nuevo idioma! Learning a language expands your horizons and is what makes studying and working together possible to begin with. Whether Arabic, French or Japanese: the Language Center offers affordable language courses with different goals and supports students with writing (writing advice, assistance and encouragement). For completed courses, credit points can be acquired for complementary coursework.

sprachenzentrum.unibas.ch



Social Services

Whether you have financial worries, health-related problems or difficult family circumstances, the University's Social Services will be there to listen. The team will answer questions relating to the Day Care Center, assist students with disabilities and chronic illnesses as well as refugees, and support students in making applications for scholarships. Consultations are free of charge and unbureaucratic. Simply phone up to arrange a personal meeting.

unibas.ch/sozialberatung

Studying with children

The Diversity Office helps with matters regarding the compatibility of studies and family life. Once your child is born, the University of Basel day care service will be happy to help you continue your studies.

unibas.ch/kinderkrippe





Accommo- dation

Move out or stay at home? Commute or move to the city? And if so, where? Students choose their living arrangements for a wide variety of reasons. As in many cities, Basel's housing market is tight, so make sure to plan ahead of time for your search!

Sharing an apartment



“I didn’t know anyone in Basel, when I moved here from Hamburg. My shared apartment really helped me with the start of this new phase of my life. Whether you live in a dormitory or in a newly founded flat share – I would always recommend three rules:

1. A fixed and fair cleaning schedule that regulates everything from recycling to cleaning the toilet.
2. One community evening per month, because you don’t automatically see each other just because you live in the same apartment.
3. Sharing the costs of household products such as cleaning supplies or toilet paper, regardless of who buys them.

This has helped us avoid a lot of conflicts and we’ve always gotten along well.”

Jannis Wieczorek
Psychology

“You’re thinking of moving into or organizing your own shared apartment? My tips: if possible, take a few months and find people who are a good fit. Be open and curious about how your new roommates do things – you will soon notice that ‘All roads lead to Rome,’ and that’s a good thing. One other piece of advice: mention things that are concerning you. There’s a solution for everything. So: time to leave Hotel Mom and Dad and start living. Enjoy!”

Julian Hartmann
Sports Science



At home in Basel

The Rhine divides Basel into two parts, Kleinbasel in the north and Grossbasel in the south. The city has 19 residential districts, each with its own special character. The Canton of Basel-Stadt also includes the municipalities of Riehen and Bettingen. Basel is an extremely popular place to live. But despite the tight housing market, it is possible for students to find attractive accommodation.



Gundeli

The Gundeli district is located between the platforms of the SBB train station and Margarethenpark in the south of the city. Although slightly further from the center and the Rhine, advantages for students include lower rents and a direct connection to the SBB station. The district has developed greatly in the last few years and is now known as the “city within the city”. Its good location, many shops and cafés and cultural diversity make Gundeli a lively and attractive place for students.

Grossbasel

Grossbasel encompasses the whole of Basel on the left of the Rhine and, with the old town, also includes the city’s historic center. Grossbasel’s direct proximity to many university buildings and its location in the center of the city are beneficial for students.





Kleinbasel

Kleinbasel is the area to the right of the Rhine. It is a very popular residential area among students, with lower rents than Grossbasel and a very active nightlife. The district's greatest attraction, however, is the Rhine riverfront, where Basel's residents spend much of their free time in the summer. Numerous "buvettes" (refreshment stands) between the different bridges and Dreiländereck (border triangle) invite you to while away the time.

Breite

The Breite district lies on the Grossbasel side in the east of the city. Part of the district sits directly on the banks of the Rhine and is particularly famous among students for the "Birköpfli", the park in which the Birs flows into the Rhine. In the summer, this is a great place to lie on a towel and relax in the sun, taking an occasional refreshing dip in the Rhine.



Wettstein

The Wettstein district can be found in Kleinbasel on the banks of the Rhine. It houses the premises of the pharmaceutical group Hoffmann-La Roche and gained a new trademark with the Roche Tower, Switzerland's tallest building, a few years ago. The Wettsteinplatz transport hub provides very good connections to numerous tram and bus routes and to the SBB and Badischer Bahnhof train stations.

Apartment hunting

Links

- The University of Basel marketplace enables you to find apartments, someone to take your place in an apartment, people to live with and rooms in shared apartments.
markt.unibas.ch
- The “Evangelisches Studienhaus Meierhof” is aimed at prospective theologians and other students interested in theology.
studienhaus.ch
- You can place free ads for apartments or rooms on Flatfox. The app lets you easily manage contact requests, applications and ads.
flatfox.ch/en
- Online database for flatshares (WG-Zimmer) where you can post your request for free.
wgzimmer.ch
- Genossenschaft Studentenheim Basel: This student residence is on Mittlere Strasse 33 and provides 99 furnished rooms. Contact:
unibas.ch/genossenschaft-studentenheim

WoVe

Looking for accommodation can be a real challenge for students. Luckily, you have the Association for Student Accommodation – or WoVe – on your side. Since 1970, this non-profit organization has been promoting the letting and placement of fair-priced accommodation for young people. You can find our opening hours and further information on our website:

wove.ch



Why should you register with WoVe?

It's easy to find a room through WoVe. Depending on size, comfort level and amenities, rents run between CHF 370 and 1060.

How do I go about finding accommodation through WoVe?

You can register for furnished or unfurnished rooms on the WoVe website, by email or in person. If you decide on an unfurnished room, you can contact households with free rooms directly to arrange an inspection and get to know the other residents. If it all works out, WoVe will draw up the rental agreement. If you would prefer a furnished room, you can choose from a list and draw up a rental agreement with the WoVe team. Everyone is free to come and get advice during our office hours.

What kind of accommodation can WoVe arrange?

WoVe can offer lodgings through the "Wohnstiftung für Studierende" (student accommodation foundation) at very reasonable rates. It can also arrange interim use of properties as student lodgings – an ideal solution that is always very reasonably priced. Then there are the special types of residence such as the student house in the Rennbahnklinik in Muttenz.



House for students

In summer 2019, WoVe opened the new student residence in the Erlenmatt quarter, providing highly popular rooms in shared apartments. Grouped around a courtyard, the 16 apartments are accessed via an open stairway and exterior corridors. Each apartment provides accommodation for four to seven individuals. The residents particularly appreciate the fact that they are among their peers in the inner courtyard.

- Student residence Borromäum provides accommodation for young people in education.
borromaeum.ch
- The Katholisches Studentenhaus offers affordable accommodation for 74 students in a central location – regardless of religion and nationality.
studentenhaus.ch
- The student residence at Hebelstrasse 17 is open to students from all faculties at the University of Basel.
alumnium.unibas.ch
- Le Centre, the parish house of the Église française, has 21 rooms available for students in the immediate vicinity of the University.
unibas.ch/le-centre
- The PRO-FILIA house offers rooms for young women enrolled in training and degree programs.
profilia.ch



Work

For many students, earning money alongside their studies is a financial necessity. Others simply want to gain practical experience and enhance their CVs. Be it an internship, student job or student assistant position, combining work and studies is always a challenge.

Gaining work experience



“Alongside my studies, I work as an assistant in the management of an outsourcing company for NPOs. At university, I learn the theories and models, and then at work I realize what I can actually use them for. On the other hand, the practical experience can help you to understand things better in your studies. The experiences at work, as well as the insights into different areas help to determine the direction I want to take after graduation, what interests me and where my strengths lie.”

Jasmin Allenbach
Economics

“I am currently working as a DEFI VELO leader, where I get to teach 15- to 20-year-old teenagers and young adults about cycling as a versatile and sustainable means of transport. In doing so, I visit schools in various Swiss cities and can apply and improve my didactic skills at the same time. When choosing my part-time jobs, I make sure to pick projects that are close to my heart.”

Andrin Schaubert
German and Philosophy



Internships

Participating in internships during semester vacations can help launch your career. They allow you to apply what you have learned in real life situations. You won't make a fortune, but you will be investing in your future.

markt.unibas.ch
kulturmanagement.unibas.ch

Let's work abroad!

The international student network AIESEC organizes internships in companies and schools. With its global volunteering program, AIESEC also offers young people the chance to spend several weeks abroad working for a social project or organization, helping them broaden their horizons on a personal and professional level, put the knowledge from their studies into practice, and build up an international network.

aiesec.org
info@aiesec.ch



Student jobs

Delivering food and packages as a bicycle courier, taking on night shifts in private care facilities or working as a student assistant in teaching and research: Students in Basel have plenty of options to work alongside their studies. Many need to work to remain financially independent, while others want to gain practical experience during semester vacations. Whether and how much you can work differs from person to person and greatly depends on the phase of your studies, which may allow you to take on larger or smaller responsibilities. However, employers are generally quite understanding about fluctuating workloads and student budgets tend to be fairly flexible too. Nevertheless, combining work and studies remains a challenge. You can find good jobs at:

markt.unibas.ch, ronorp.net/basel/jobs

Student trainees

Some of Basel's largest companies (such as the Baloise Group) employ student trainees. In contrast to many other student jobs, these positions relate to what you are studying and the workload can usually be adapted to fit in with exams and semester vacations. Employers often support bachelor's and master's theses too. The best thing to do is consult the company's website directly.

Sirop

Researchers from all over the world use this online portal to publicize their internships, projects and vacant doctoral and postdoctoral positions. Students and graduates can perform targeted searches for interesting academic projects and submit applications online. The platform bridges the gap between academics looking for qualified workers and students wishing to take part in interesting research projects.

sirop.org

Career Service Center

So you've finished university – what next? The Career Service Center (CSC) will help you get your career off the ground. The CSC offers personalized careers advice, workshops, events and information to make it easier for our students to launch, plan and steer their professional lives. Good application documents and a professional interview are crucial to starting your career successfully. A detailed and intensive check-up will put your application portfolio under the microscope. If necessary, they can also help you to reflect on your situation and outline your prospects. To arrange an appointment, simply email csc@unibas.ch.

The CSC organizes a series of interesting career events under the label "meet&connect". At workshops and panel discussions students can meet directly with future employers. Every two years, the long night of the career takes place in November. The event features everything from interview training to style coaching.

unibas.ch/csc





Life

While it is crucial to get a handle on your studies, what happens outside the lecture hall is just as important. And this is what makes Basel the perfect choice: Not only is it a great place to study, it's also a great place to live.

Away from the lecture hall

“In addition to my studies in molecular biology, I am also involved in the AG Nachhaltigkeit (Sustainability Working Group). Last year, I took over the management of the Sustainability Week: a one-week forum in which various events on the topic of sustainability are offered by students for students. I dealt with a wide range of topics, from planning to finances to marketing, and worked with many great students. I enjoy working for the Sustainability Working Group because it offers me a balance to my rather theory-heavy studies. In addition, I meet motivated students who care as much about the environment as I do, and I was able to build wonderful friendships.”

Saskia Durisch
Molecular biology



“What fulfills me about being involved in Unitheater is that, year after year, new students and different interesting perspectives come together, which have to be negotiated and ultimately brought to the stage. In addition to the collective confrontation with socio-political issues, the focus of the process is on working with one’s own body and voice. With the two productions a year that the two groups of the Unitheater put on, we make an important contribution to the diverse cultural landscape in Basel.”

Nino Näf
Media Studies and Geography



Traffic

Most University of Basel sites are located close together in the city center. Short distances are best covered using the well-established public transport network. The U-Abo season ticket allows you to travel cheaply as far as Fricktal or into Germany. Or even better – cycle. Low-cost bikes can be found on the University of Basel marketplace or at the Velomärt.

tnw.ch
velomaert-basel.ch

Mobility Carsharing

When bulk buying for you and your flatmates or moving house, a set of wheels can prove really useful. Students under the age of 28 can join Mobility at a special rate.

mobility.ch/campus

University Sports

Effortless pirouettes at the barre, long drives on the golf course, sweaty push-ups in Crossfit or a quick Eskimo roll in a kayak: University Sports offers you a program of over 100 sports and body awareness activities. In addition to weekly training sessions from Monday to Saturday, University Sports organizes camps, weekend events, workshops, tournaments, and offers consultations. In addition to our program of activities to attend in person, we have online courses for training at home. Whether you're a beginner, an all-rounder or a top athlete, we have the right course for you.

If you prefer to train alone, you can take advantage of the modern 1,400-square-meter fitness center, which offers very reasonable prices for members. The center is run by a committed and professional team who will help you with your training.

Most training courses are free and those with costs are advertised at fair prices. Qualified course instructors and modern facilities in a central location make university sports particularly popular. All students at the University of Basel with a valid student ID are entitled to participate. Please note: always bring your ID with you, as there are regular checks at the entrance. Courses quickly become fully booked. Details about the whole range of offerings, further helpful information, and impressions of the events and courses are available online.







unisport.ch
[instagram.com/unisportbasel](https://www.instagram.com/unisportbasel)



Social Media

#unibasel

The University of Basel has a varied presence on social media. Six different channels and one blog provide insights into university life, the latest research findings and events. Take a look and tag us in your posts using the hashtag #unibasel.

-  [instagram.com/unibasel](https://www.instagram.com/unibasel)
-  [tiktok.com/@unibasel](https://www.tiktok.com/@unibasel)
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-  twitter.com/unibasel_en
-  [youtube.com/unibasel](https://www.youtube.com/unibasel)
-  [linkedin.com/school/unibasel](https://www.linkedin.com/school/unibasel)



Campus Stories

In the Campus Stories, students talk about their everyday life at the University of Basel, share their experiences in different fields of study, conduct interviews and explain what makes our university so special.

unibas.ch/campus-stories

#👏unibasel

On the University of Basel's Instagram account, you'll find the portrait series #👏unibasel. Students talk about their experiences in and around their studies, and offer insights into their various areas of interest and activity.

Student organizations



AG Nachhaltigkeit

AG Nachhaltigkeit is the contact point for all those connected to the university, in particular students, who want to implement projects relating to sustainability at the University of Basel.

[instagram.com/ag_nachhaltigkeit_unibas](https://www.instagram.com/ag_nachhaltigkeit_unibas)

Akademische Turnerschaft Alemannia zu Basel

Akademische Turnerschaft Alemannia is a dueling (fencing) society that accepts students from the University of Basel and the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland FHNW.

alemannia-basel.ch

Akademische Verbindung Froburger Basel

Orange, white and green – Froburgers show their colors when studying, working, and at leisure. Students at the University of Basel can share their once-in-a-lifetime university experience with us, making friends across faculties and generations in the process.

avfroburger.ch

Akademischer Alpenclub Basel

The Akademischer Alpenclub Basel is a group of adventurous mountaineers who enjoy planning and leading their own routes. The club has more than 100 members, of whom most – but not all – are students and doctoral researchers at the University of Basel.

aacbasel.ch

AKV Rauracia

AKV Rauracia is Switzerland's largest academic association. Its members come from all disciplines. This student society promotes lifelong friendship, scholarship, and social polish. It has a history stretching back 150 years.

rauracia.ch

Alevitische Studierendenverbindung Universität Basel

The Alevitische Studierendenverbindung Universität Basel, ASUB for short, is committed to a secular, contemporary, humanistic, solidary, environmentally friendly and democratic society against the background of Alevi values. An academic examination of Alevism is at the centre of ASUB's activities.

Amnesty Students Basel

Do you want to campaign for human rights? Are you interested in working for an international NGO? Amnesty Students Basel helps to keep human rights issues in the public eye.

[instagram.com/amnestyunibas](https://www.instagram.com/amnestyunibas)

Association des Francophones des Étudiants de Bâle

The Association des Francophones des Étudiants de Bâle (AFEB) aims to bring together all the French-speaking students at the university in order to establish a link between students from different faculties and to facilitate their integration.

[instagram.com/afebunibas](https://www.instagram.com/afebunibas)



UniGärten Basel

The university gardens allow students and staff at the University of Basel to get to know and try out alternatives to supermarket shopping. The gardens are a platform for learning and exchanging ideas, a space to experiment and a green meeting place all rolled into one.

unigaerten.unibas.ch

B

beraber

Do you want to make an active contribution to the integration of foreign children and young people? Do you enjoy explaining things and helping people to learn? Are you motivated, committed and reliable? Can you imagine yourself providing remedial education to children and young people? Then you're in the right place.

beraber.ch

C

CAMPUS live

CAMPUS live is a student society at the University of Basel. They use various events such as lectures and seminars to provide inspiration for study and life in general and tackle current topics. They also provide a forum for considering the Christian faith and what it stands for.

campuslive.ch/basel

Choir and orchestra at the University of Basel

They give you the opportunity to make music with other students, members of the University, and anyone else who wants to come along. It's also an opportunity to strike a balance between mind, body and soul and to meet students from other faculties.

coub.unibas.ch

Christian University Association (VBG Basel)

VBG Basel is the meeting point for students from all subject areas at the University of Basel and the region's universities of applied sciences. They believe that the Christian faith encompasses and shapes all areas of life. They therefore encourage each other to express their Christianity in their everyday student lives.

basel.vbg.net

E

ELSA

The European Law Students' Association – ELSA for short – is a politically neutral, independent and non-profit association for law students and young legal professionals.

instagram.com/elsa_basel

English Seminar Choir

The English Seminar Choir was founded in 1989 to give students the opportunity to practice their English through the medium of song. The choir has become a major part of the University of Basel and of cultural life in Basel. The English Seminar Choir is open to all enthusiastic singers, both students and non-students.

esc-basel.ch

ESN Basel

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Basel offers exchange students leisure activities that allow them to socialize and learn more about Switzerland and its culture.

[instagram.com/esn.basel](https://www.instagram.com/esn.basel)

F

Frauenstadtrundgang

The “Frauenstadtrundgang” association brings the city’s history to life. For 30 years, students and trained scientists have been developing walking tours that take a gender-specific look at the various neighborhoods and wider region of Basel, leading visitors to sites of witch hunts, uncovering traces of the protests of 1968, or recounting tales of ferry women and “Father Rhine.” There are now 16 tours in which members of the association regularly slip into the roles of historical figures, bringing the stories to life from a very personal perspective. Whether you’re new to the city or a long-term resident, a women’s city tour will help you see a different side of Basel.

[frauenstadtrundgang-basel.ch](https://www.frauenstadtrundgang-basel.ch)

foraus

foraus’ regional groups allow people with an interest in foreign affairs to meet in their area, network and help shape constructive foreign policies for Switzerland. If you wish to learn more about foraus, the regional groups are the first point of contact.

[foraus.ch/#!/regiogruppen/basel](https://www.foraus.ch/#!/regiogruppen/basel)

G

Graduate Consulting Club

The goal is to promote the consulting industry and to provide a platform for the members to develop their consulting career. To reach that goal, the Graduate Consulting Club is bringing together students from the University of Basel and ETH Zürich and providing them with a framework to prepare for case interviews.

[graduateconsultingclub.org](https://www.graduateconsultingclub.org)

H

Helvetia Basel

The Helvetia Basel student society is part of Helvetia, the Swiss student association. It brings together current and former students of the University of Basel and aims to encourage political and historical understanding among its members.

[helvetia-basel.ch](https://www.helvetia-basel.ch)

I

IAESTE Switzerland

IAESTE is an international exchange organization that arranges placements abroad for students in engineering and science faculties. IAESTE Switzerland offers internships in more than 80 countries.

[iaeste.ch/lokale-komitees/join-us/lc-basel](https://www.iaeste.ch/lokale-komitees/join-us/lc-basel)

J

Jurassia Basiliensis

Jurassia Basiliensis is a color-wearing (farbtragend) student society at the University of Basel that offers lifelong membership. They have made it their mission to cultivate and cement friendships between their members.

[jurassia.ch](https://www.jurassia.ch)

K

Katholische Universitätsgemeinde Basel

As a Catholic university community, they are open to students and teaching staff of all ecumenical and religious leanings. Searching for answers themselves, they allow themselves to be challenged, inspired, and supported by the Christian faith.

kug.unibas.ch

L

Law Clinic

The Law Clinic offers free legal advice provided by students of the Faculty of Law at the University of Basel. The consultation is open to students and staff as well as external persons. You can submit your question via the Law Clinic website.

lawclinic-unibas.ch

M

Marxist Society Uni Basel

The Marxist Society Uni Basel aims to tackle questions relating to the theory and practice of politics that will bring change to society. The reading groups focus on classic Marxist texts.

marx-unibas.ch

Mensa & Cafeteria

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unibas.ch/verpflegung

Mind-Map

The aim of the association is to promote public awareness of mental health and mental illness in everyday university life.

mindmapstudents.jimdo.free.com

Multilingual Toastmasters

Toastmasters has more than 270,000 members in 13,000 clubs worldwide, who meet regularly for training sessions to improve their rhetorical skills and leadership qualities. Members meet on a regular basis in the Collegiate Building of the University of Basel. Guests are always welcome.

baselmultilingual.toastmastersclubs.org

MUN Team Basel

Model United Nations is a simulation of the main bodies of the UN. Students from all over the world meet for conferences around the globe and debate current issues affecting world politics.

munbasel.ch

Muslim Students Association University of Basel

The association aims to foster communication and exchange among Muslim students and between Muslim and Non-Muslim students as well as to help its members balance their academic life through the organization of several activities.

[instagram.com/msaubasel](https://www.instagram.com/msaubasel)

N

NEO Network Basel

The NEO Network is a student think-tank and network dedicated to explore and to address tomorrow's challenges with the leading industry experts, scientists and entrepreneurs at the largest Swiss universities.

neonetwork.ch



Offene Bühne

Offene Bühne is a platform for theater, poetry, music, and other fringe events. The stage is located in the lovingly restored cellar of the historic Engelhof building, which also houses the University's Department of German.

offene-buehne.ch

Offener Hörsaal

The project Open Auditorium (German: Offener Hörsaal) aims at promoting refugee participation in the existing student auditing program at the University of Basel. The student auditing program is open to everyone and includes around 500 courses in German, French and English.

offener-hoersaal.ch

Officers of the University of Basel

Are you looking for the camaraderie of the military at the university? The officer's association regularly organizes events aimed at the preservation of basic military skills and further topics regarding the army, politics, history and economics.

facebook.com/of2unibas.ch



reatch Basel

The independent think-tank reatch strengthens relationships between academia and other parts of society. It promotes the potential of science and technology in line with societal values and enriches public debate with critical points of view or productive solutions. reatch works in a transdisciplinary manner and relies on the innovative strength of many volunteers.

reatch.ch

Reformiertes Pfarramt beider Basel an der Universität

The Reformiertes Pfarramt sees itself as bridging a gap between the university and the Evangelical Church. The university chaplaincy is a service provided by the Reformed Church of the canton of Baselland and the city of Basel for students, assistants, and teaching staff.

unipfarramt.unibas.ch



Schweizerischer Akademischer Skiclub Sektion Basel

Do you enjoy winter sports? Are you a student? Then the Schweizerischer Akademischer Skiclub (SAS) is the right place for you. The SAS offers a professional environment and supports ambitious athletes through to their participation in winter "Universiaden".

sas-ski.ch

Schweizerischer Studentenverein

The Schweizerischer Studentenverein is a society of Christian, color-wearing students and former students who come together to cultivate amicitia (friendship), scientia (science) and virtus (virtue).

schw-stv.ch

Schwizerhüsli Basiliensis

The Schwizerhüsli Basiliensis society offers students from all faculties and universities a refreshing change from everyday university life. The society meets once a week at its local bar – the legendary "Crocodil" – close to the Spalentor gateway.

schwizerhuesli.ch

Science Slam Club Basel

The aim of the Basel Science Slam Club is to bring the research undertaken at the University of Basel to the public in an entertaining yet scientifically accurate way, in the form of the annual "Science Slam".

scienceslam.unibas.ch

skuba

The Studentische Körperschaft der Universität Basel (skuba) speaks on your behalf, that is, about student needs and interests.

skuba.ch

Socordia

Socordia is the first feminist student association at the University of Basel. The association's aim is to promote feminist concerns and debates at the University of Basel.

facebook.com/SocordiaBasel

STAB Studenti Ticinesi a Basilea

Studenti Ticinesi a Basilea brings together students from the canton of Ticino and supports them in their transition to the University of Basel.

instagram.com/stabgram

Stiftung Calcutta Project Basel

Would you like to demonstrate your commitment to society in a forward-looking, intercultural, fascinating and diverse field? Then the Foundation Calcutta Project Basel is the right place for you.

calcutta-project.ch



Uni-T

Uni-T means "Uni(versität) t(anzt)" and is pronounced as the word "unity". The two parts of the name are representative of the philosophy of the 25-person dance group. A passion for dance and close camaraderie is what connects the members of the Uni-T family – something that is apparent not only during practice, but on stage as well.

uni-t.ch

Unitheater

The Unitheater Basel aims to put on one annual production with professional direction or support from 2014 onwards. Uni Theater is open to all members of the University of Basel.

unitheater.ch

Uniwywy Basel

Uniwywy Basel organizes tastings and events to promote wine culture and social exchange among students of all faculties.

uniwywybasel.ch



We are Computer Science

We are Computer Science is a non-profit Basel do-tank where the central aims are to increase gender inclusivity and promote an unbiased, fair future for all those interested in the field of computer science.

instagram.com/we.are.cs



Zofingia Basel

Zofingia is Switzerland's oldest student society and currently has 400 active members and 3,000 former members. Each Swiss university has its own chapter, which then forms part of the overall society.

zofingia-basel.ch

Food and Drink



Mensa & Cafeteria

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unibas.ch/food-service

Lunch

The “Reformiertes Pfarramt beider Basel an der Universität” offers a lunch menu at the university. During the semester, students cook for students at Leonhardskirchplatz 11. The meal costs 7 Swiss francs and includes a starter, main course (always with a vegetarian option), dessert and coffee. More information:

unipfarramt.unibas.ch



Cantina E9

This restaurant at Eulerstrasse 9 is open every lunchtime from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm and offers three new menus each day (including soup, salad, a main course and dessert). As a student, you can eat here from as little as 13.50 Swiss francs and support a social project at the same time.

cantina-e9.ch

UBS restaurant Impresso

In the staff restaurant of UBS, Restaurant Impresso at Henric Petri-Str. 9 in Basel, students of the University of Basel can enjoy a subsidized menu starting at CHF 10 between 11.15 and 14.00 o'clock. The presentation of the UNICard is the basis for the discount.

zfv.ch



Verso

The University of Basel's student bar provides a weekly haven after another week of brave studying. Thursday evening is all about fun – both gastronomically and culturally. All students have the option to rent the Verso space. The Verso team can help you with this – bureaucracy-free and budget-friendly!

versoar.ch
[instagram.com/verso_basel](https://www.instagram.com/verso_basel)

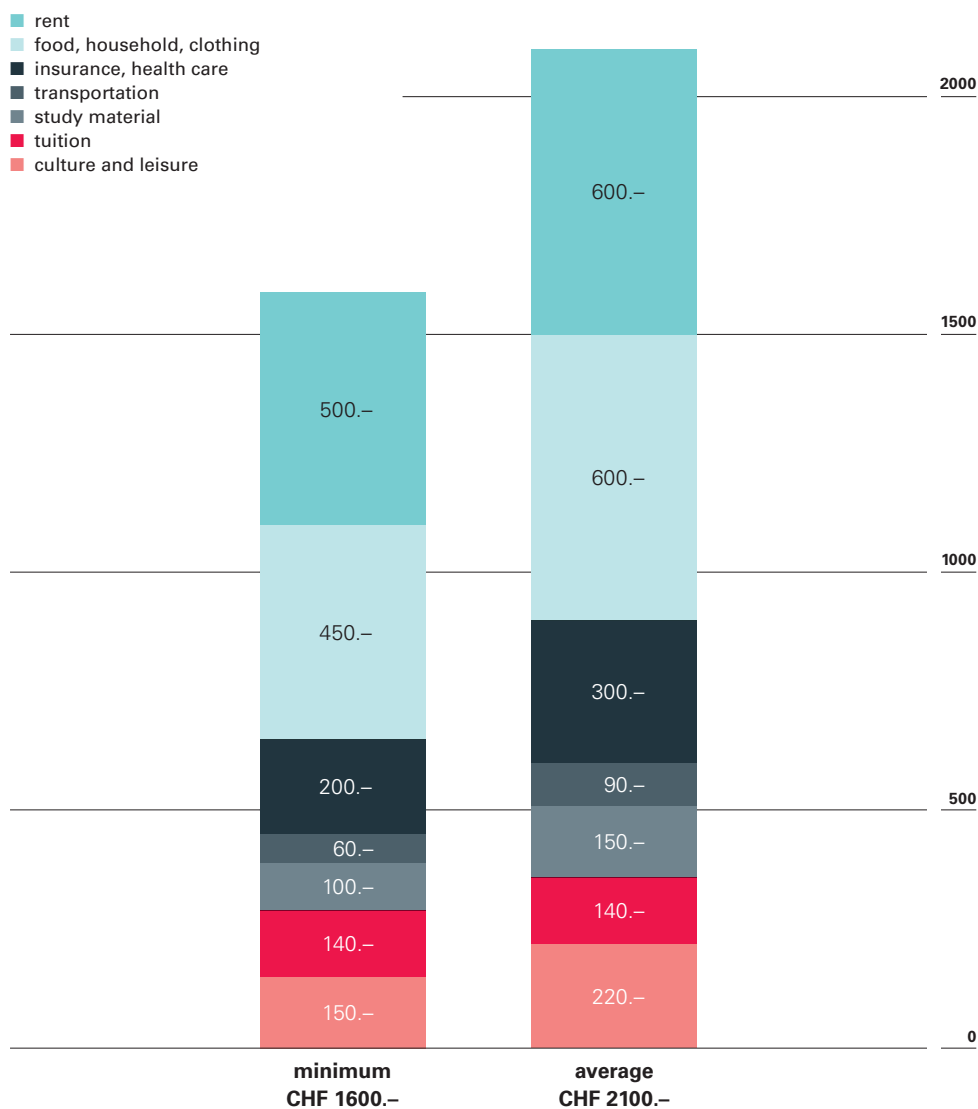


Finances

Alongside the tuition fees charged by the University of Basel, your studies will involve a few other expenses: books, insurance, rent and (of course) living costs. The following pages provide a guide to the types of costs incurred when you live away from home.

My Budget

Compared to other Swiss cities, Basel is a relatively cheap place to live. The most important thing is to draw up a personal budget at the very start – this can save you a few headaches later on.



Scholarships: Where to ask

Switzerland has a decentralized system of scholarships, which means that each canton has its own rules and regulations. University education is essentially financed either by a student's parents and/or the canton in which the parents are eligible to pay tax.



Basel-Stadt

The Office for Educational Grants is responsible for the allocation of scholarships and loans to those eligible in the canton Basel-Stadt.

hochschulen.bs.ch/stipendien.html



Basel-Landschaft

The Office for Educational Grants provides information on scholarships and loans for the canton Baselland.

baselland.ch



Aargau

The Department of Education, Culture and Sport supports those students who cannot finance their university education themselves.

ag.ch/stipendien



Solothurn

The Department of Education and Culture, Scholarships Department, advises students on all issues related to financing University education.

so.ch

Scholarships for international students

There are no specific scholarships available for international students at the University of Basel.

Financial support

The Social Services office of the University of Basel can advise you in all financial matters during your studies. For students with very limited resources, the university offers financial aid through its scholarship funds.

unibas.ch/sozialberatung

Swiss scholarship system

This page provides an overview of the most important information related to the system of scholarships in Switzerland.

ch.ch/en/school-and-education/higher-education

Insurance

When starting their studies, most people probably don't give any serious thought to insurance and leave their parents to sort out such tedious matters. However, it's high time you took responsibility to avoid any nasty surprises later on. The Social Services at the University of Basel can provide personal advice about insurance and has produced a useful leaflet on insurance tips for students, which is available at

unibas.ch/sozialberatung

Students are essentially responsible for their own insurance. Everyone resident in Switzerland is required to take out health insurance unless they are eligible for exemption (for further information, visit kvg.org or unibas.ch/sozialberatung). The hardest part is to choose from the numerous providers. The various premiums can be compared on comparis.ch. It's vital that your health insurance also includes accident cover – unless you work more than eight hours a week and are therefore covered by your employer. All students enrolled at the University of Basel are provided with automatic and free insurance cover against the consequences of an accident causing permanent damage – however, this does not include medical costs, but is a one-off capital payment in the event of disability due to an accident.



AHV

As a student residing in Switzerland, you are obligated to contribute to AHV (old-age and survivors' insurance) as of January 1 of the year in which you celebrate your 21st birthday. The minimum annual contribution is 514 Swiss francs (as of 2023) and must be paid in full. So don't be surprised if an invoice from the compensation office drops through your letterbox. This can only be avoided if you have already paid the minimum amount, for example through deductions from the wages for your part-time job.



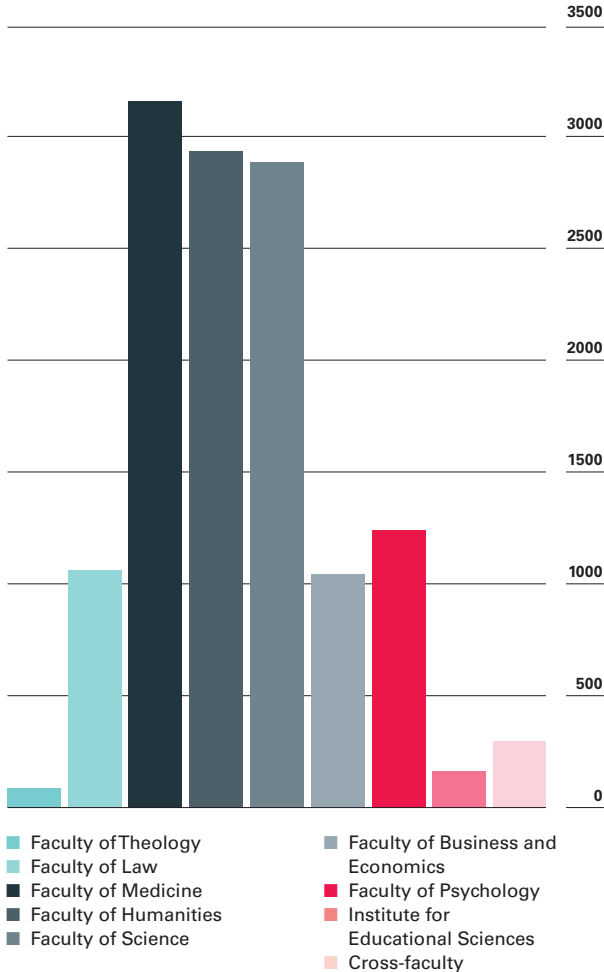
Facts

As the oldest university in Switzerland, Basel has a rich and fascinating history in teaching and research dating back more than 560 years. Since it was founded in 1460, our university has been constantly evolving and developing.

The university at a glance

Students

The Faculties of Medicine, Humanities and Natural Sciences are the largest faculties at the University of Basel, each with around 3000 students.



1460

Founded

7

Faculties

386

Professors

6492

Employees,
of whom

4941

are academic
staff

751

Million annual
budget (CHF)

Students

5855

Bachelor's students

4030

Master's students

1538

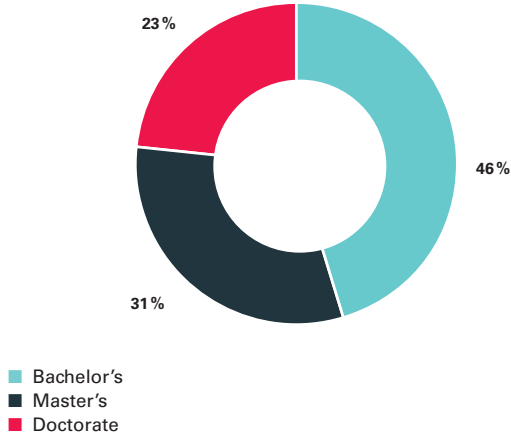
First-year students in Fall semester 2022

57

Percentage of proportion of female students and doctoral candidates

Level of study

The high proportion of doctoral students underlines the strength as a research university.



International

123

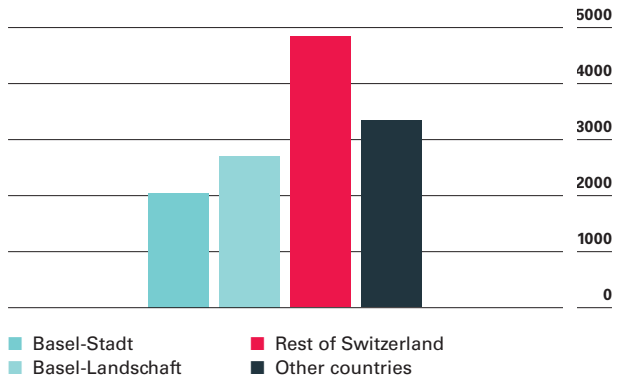
Nations are represented at the university

25

Percentage of international students and doctoral students

Origin

37 percent of students and doctoral candidates come from the cantons of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Landschaft.



Did you know?



1543 The Anatomical Museum of the University of Basel houses the world's oldest prepared skeleton, which was produced by Andreas Vesal in 1543.



1688 The term “nostalgia” appears for the first time in the dissertation submitted by Johannes Hofer in 1688 to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Basel.

The university: A chronicle



Foundation ceremony in Basel Minster: on April 4, 1460, Bishop Johann von Venningen appoints Georg von Andlau (left, kneeling) as the first Rector and presents Mayor Hans von Flachslanden with the deed of foundation.

1460

The University of Basel opens with a ceremony in Basel Minster.

1588

An anatomical theater and a “hortus medicus” (later the botanical garden) are built.

1527

Physician, alchemist and philosopher Paracelsus teaches at the University as Professor of Medicine.

1590

The collection of the university library is expanded by 2700 books from the former monastic libraries.

1661

Together with the university, Basel city acquires private art and book collections. The so-called "Amerbach Kabinett" is opened to the public in 1671.

1822

The university course directory is no longer published in Latin but in German.



1869

Friedrich Nietzsche assumes the chair as Professor of Classical Philology.

1890

Emilie Louise Frey becomes the first woman admitted to study (medicine).

1938

Elsa Mahler, associate professor for Russian linguistics and literature, is the first woman to be appointed as professor at her Alma Mater Basiliensis.

1939

The University gains a new main building in the form of the Kollegienhaus on Petersplatz.

1950

Tadeus Reichstein, Professor of Organic Chemistry, receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine.



1965

The new University Library is completed.

1971

The Biozentrum provides an interdisciplinary center for the life sciences.

1978

Microbiologist and geneticist Werner Arber receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine.

2003

The Faculty of Psychology is founded, the seventh faculty at the University of Basel.

2010

The University celebrates its 550th anniversary.

2021

Opening of the new Biozentrum.



King Carl Gustaf presents Werner Arber with the Nobel Prize in Stockholm in 1978.

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