

Rostock University INFORMATION PACKAGE

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTRY

Germany is a country in the middle of Europe. It is situated between the Baltic and North seas to the north and the Alps to the south. It borders Denmark to the north, Poland and the Czech Republic to the east, Austria and Switzerland to the south, and France, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands to the west, and covers an area of 357,022 square kilometres.

The capital and biggest city is Berlin with its 3.8 million inhabitants located in the east of Germany. Other important and big cities include Hamburg in the north, Munich in the south and Cologne in the west.

Germany has a population of about 83 million people. Its time zone is GMT+1 and as in many other European countries the currency is the Euro.

Most of Germany has a temperate climate, ranging from oceanic in the north to continental in the east and southeast. Winters range from cold in the southern Alps to mild and are generally overcast with limited precipitation, while summers can vary from hot and dry to cool and rainy.

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY

The Hanseatic university city of Rostock has a population of just over 200.000 and is a great place to study, work and live. The economic and scientific centre of the North- East of Germany is very enticing, with all the atmosphere of a major city in the middle of one of the most beautiful holiday regions in Germany. 800 years of history, a medieval city centre, the River Warnow flowing into the Baltic Sea, a tranquil fishing village, picturesque seaside resorts, shipyards and harbours, cruise liners and one of the best sailing patches in the world - all this is Rostock.

Moreover, Rostock still is a young and vibrant city that offers a fantastic student life. It has just the right size for a university town: the city centre, halls of residence, the cafeterias, libraries and departments can be reached easily on foot, by bike or using public transport. Rostock's popular trendy quarter - the KTV - has everything a student needs with various cafés, bars and clubs. And the wide sandy beach of Warnemuende - Rostock's well known and much loved seaside resort - is just around the corner.

Last but not least, traditional city festivals and big maritime events, such as the annual regatta of the big sailing ships - the Hanse Sail - bring visitors from near and far to Rostock, as do trade fairs and congresses. Sports, too, have always played a big part in the city's life. Supporters of the soccer club FC Hansa Rostock both in the city and the surrounding region follow the ups and downs of their team, alternating between euphoria and despair. Rostock is an internationally recognised venue for diving, too, and other aquatic sports such as swimming, rowing, kayaking, sailing, and wind surfing are also very popular. Beach volleyball, ultimate frisbee, beach handball and beach soccer also have quite a following.

3. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTNER UNIVERSITY

The University of Rostock was the first university to be established in the Baltic Sea Region and is the third oldest within Germany. Founded in 1419, it looks back on a longstanding history of teaching and research and has recently celebrated its 600th anniversary. True to the motto “Traditio et Innovatio”, the University has constantly further developed. Accordingly, the first technical faculty ever to be established at a classical university in Germany was founded in Rostock in 1951. Plenty of new, modern buildings, as the completely new campus for natural sciences in the district Suedstadt, represent the innovative strength and modernity of the University.

In this day and age, the University consists of nine traditional faculties covering all areas of knowledge and comprising numerous institutes and an additional Interdisciplinary Faculty (INF). The INF unites scientists and students of all disciplines in four major departments: ‘Life, Light and Matter’, ‘Maritime Systems’, ‘Ageing of Individuals and Society’, and ‘Knowledge - Culture - Transformation’. These departments represent the key research areas that have developed throughout the long tradition of the University and connect its strengths by means of interdisciplinary and cross-curricular cooperation. Offering more than 150 courses of study at all academic levels, the University of Rostock is one of Germany’s Universities with the widest range of academic subjects.

Within its international orientation, the University of Rostock recognizes itself as particularly integrated in the Baltic Sea region and the University is therefore committed to the continued development of this surrounding region. Academic cooperation and joint research projects with other universities and extra-university research institutions like Max Planck Society, Helmholtz Society, Fraunhofer Society or Leibnitz Community are of the utmost importance.

The University of Rostock is rather an insider tip than a mass university. Thus, the current 13.000 students enjoy the benefits of excellent student support structures and services with more than 10 per cent of them coming from abroad. Those who appreciate a university rich in tradition and the courage for innovation alike are in the right place at the University of Rostock

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5. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

All information about exchange can be found [here](#).

6. STUDY PROGRAMMES

More information about the study programmes can be found [here](#).

7. INFORMATION FOR THE EU-CONEXUS STUDENTS