



JACOBS
UNIVERSITY



**GET
READY**
FOR UNIVERSITY

FOUNDATION YEAR

PRE-DEGREE STUDY PROGRAM



THE PROGRAM

PREPARE FOR YOUR ACADEMIC FUTURE

Get a taste of different fields of study and acquire academic learning skills before starting your undergraduate degree. Based on your individual academic background and goals you can design your own Foundation Year learning experience. The language of instruction is English.

— ORIENTATION

The program offers orientation options by choosing courses and modules from a variety of different academic program tracks. Career orientation workshops and academic advising ensure that you can make a deliberate decision about what major to choose at the end of the year.



— PREPARATION

As a Foundation Year student you can choose between a range of preparatory classes to improve your study skills, to boost your expertise in your discipline of choice or to fine-tune your academic English. German classes are offered for students interested in learning German.

— QUALIFICATION

In the course of the program, all students can take the SAT on campus (standardized university admission test). Intensive SAT training allows you to get ready for the test. If needed, you can also take an English-language proficiency test as part of the program.



— SPECIALIZATION

A subject specialization in one of the following fields is possible, based on academic background and individual goals: Economics & Management, Engineering & Computer Sciences, Natural Sciences & Life Sciences, Social Sciences and History.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Foundation Year students enjoy small classroom sizes and individualized guidance, an excellent level of education and state-of-the-art facilities. They gain initial practical experience in the lab and attend regular undergraduate courses to obtain transferable ECTS credits.

— TRIANGULAR SUPERVISION ASSURES OPTIMAL CHANCES FOR SUCCESS:

- Courses are taught by a team of highly qualified instructors who are experienced in creating a dynamic and interactive academic learning environment for students from diverse backgrounds.
- Academic advisors guide each student through the program and support in making future plans.
- Senior students act as mentors to Foundation Year participants and share their own experiences in their respective fields of study.

All students who successfully complete the Foundation Year Program receive guaranteed admission to Jacobs University's undergraduate programs.

CURRICULUM AND MODULES

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UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

As a Foundation Year student you can participate in all undergraduate classes offered at Jacobs University and explore different fields of study:

- **Mobility**
- **Health**
- **Diversity**

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ACADEMIC ENGLISH COURSES

- **Academic English**
- **Advanced Academic English**
- **Advanced Academic English for Scientists and Engineers**
- **Reading, Thinking and Writing**

Join the courses that suit your language level.

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SUBJECT-RELATED COURSES

Get an impression of various fields of study and prepare for them with exclusively designed courses:

- **Mathematics & Statistics**
- **Sciences & Engineering**
- **Business & Social Sciences**
- **Psychology**
- **Environmental Sciences**
- **German Politics & Culture**

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SAT TRAINING

We offer intensive SAT training during the Foundation Year and are a registered test center. The SAT is an entrance requirement to Jacobs University and many universities worldwide.

Students who hold a German Abitur are exempted from taking the test.

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PERSONAL SKILLS TRAINING

Enhance your future career and study skills by joining personal skills workshops offered regularly during the program. You will have the chance to develop your own personal success plan.

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LANGUAGE COURSES

Choose from the following courses to extend your foreign language skills:

- **German / Spanish / French / Mandarin**



FOUNDATION YEAR SERVICES

- Excellent study preparation
- Attainment of transferable ECTS credits
- Guaranteed admission to undergraduate programs
- Professional academic advising, college counseling, and peer mentoring
- SAT test preparation and registration
- Modern single rooms and full board in residential colleges
- Participation in campus activities
- Visa and pre-departure support
- Orientation Week to facilitate start of studies
- Host Family Program
- Individual support (airport pickup, health insurance, residence permit etc.)
- University campus with 24-hour security

COSTS

The total cost for the Foundation Year Program is € 23,000 per academic year.

HOW TO APPLY

For a complete application, please submit the following documents:

- Our online application form, including a short motivation statement
- Your high-school transcripts
- A reference letter from a teacher or guidance counselor
- Proof of English language proficiency (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS)

The Foundation Year starts on September 1. The application deadline is August 15 (students who require a visa for Germany should apply by June 15).



“The Foundation Year helped me transfer into university life more easily. It gave me an opportunity to take undergraduate courses as well as improve my academic skills. Jacobs University has a very unique community. It is a great pleasure to be a part of it.”

Aidos Zhagparov ▪ Kazakhstan ▪ Foundation Year Graduate



CAMPUS LIFE

Jacobs University offers many social and cultural activities outside of the classroom to foster our students' development of interpersonal and intercultural competencies.

- a large variety of student clubs ranging from arts to sports and community groups
- numerous student-driven events during the year
- state-of-the-art recreation center, sports courts, art and dancing studios and multimedia rooms



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“Living on campus allows you to experience the beauty of different cultures. I have made friends with students from all over the world. Outside the classroom, I found my passion for football, dance, and art. Now, I manage the Art Club and it is exciting to be responsible for something other than studies.”

Darlina Mamaqi ▪ Albania ▪ Foundation Year Graduate



ABOUT JACOBS UNIVERSITY

Jacobs University is a **private, state-accredited university**, located in Bremen, **Germany**, and one of the **most international universities worldwide**. Founded in 2001, the university attracts highly talented and open-minded students from all over the world; more than **1,400 students from over 100 nations** currently live and study on our **residential campus**, there being prepared for an international career in business and science.

The broad portfolio of undergraduate and graduate study programs ranges from the **Natural and Social Sciences to Engineering and Economics**. All programs are taught **in English**. Class sizes are small, professors act as individual personal mentors and academic advisors to students.

Jacobs University is based in the north of **Bremen** – a city with 1,200 years of history and a high quality of living. Centrally located in Europe, Bremen is an ideal starting point for trips to destinations such as Hamburg, Berlin, Paris, Rome, Brussels, and Amsterdam.

Germany is one of the most popular student destinations in the world. It has a rich academic tradition dating back to the 14th century. Germany is the largest economy in Europe and relies on excellent academic training to promote growth.

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