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# FOUNDATION YEAR PROGRAM

PRE-DEGREE STUDY PROGRAM



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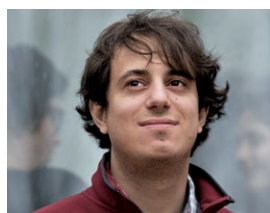
## THE FOUNDATION YEAR PROGRAM

Planning and preparing for your academic future is an important step. Join Jacobs University's Foundation Year Program to get a taste of different fields of study and to acquire academic learning skills before starting your degree. Over two semesters, the intensive pre-degree program prepares you for the challenge of studying at an international university. All students who successfully complete the program receive guaranteed admission to Jacobs University's undergraduate programs. Based on your individual academic background, your needs, and goals, you can design your own Foundation Year learning experience. After placement tests and consultation with your academic advisor, you can choose between a number of different preparatory and orientation classes. Foundation Year students may furthermore attend regular undergraduate courses and are hence able to obtain up to 40 transferable ECTS credits. The language of instruction is English.

■ **PREPARATION:** As a Foundation Year student, you can choose between a range of intensive preparatory classes that will allow you to improve your study skills, boost your math and science expertise, and fine-tune your academic English.

■ **ORIENTATION:** The program offers orientation possibilities in engineering and computer sciences, natural sciences and life sciences, social sciences as well as economics and management. The possibility to take undergraduate courses from different academic fields, career orientation workshops, and academic advising ensures that you can make an informed decision about what major to choose at the end of the year.

■ **QUALIFICATION:** In the course of the program, all students can take the SAT on campus (standardized university admission test). Intensive SAT training allows all students to get ready for the test. Students may also take an English-language proficiency test as part of the program.



“As a student of the Foundation Year Program, I could gain invaluable insights into many different majors. The program allowed me to get to know my strengths and my weaknesses and to recognize my potential.”

Gökseven Cakir • Turkey • Foundation Year Graduate

# FOUNDATION YEAR MODULES

<b>MODULE 1</b>	<b>UP TO 15 CREDITS</b>	<b>UNDERGRADUATE CHOICE MODULE</b> Choice between course modules from Engineering, the Natural Sciences, and the Social Sciences	<b>CORE CURRICULUM FOR ALL FOUNDATION YEAR STUDENTS</b>
<b>MODULE 2</b>	<b>UP TO 5 CREDITS</b>	<b>INTERDISCIPLINARY MODULE</b> TRIANGLE LECTURE: Interdisciplinary business, technology, or society course	
<b>MODULE 3</b>	<b>UP TO 5 CREDITS</b>	<b>METHODS MODULE</b> Preparatory mathematics or statistics courses (advanced students may take undergraduate-level methods courses after a placement test)	
<b>MODULE 4</b>	<b>UP TO 2.5 CREDITS</b>	<b>SKILLS MODULE</b> Choice of different skills courses, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Academic English</li><li>▪ Fundamentals of Natural Sciences</li><li>▪ Fundamentals of Technology</li><li>▪ Fundamentals of Business and Social Sciences</li></ul>	<b>ELECTIVE MODULES</b>
<b>MODULE 5</b>	<b>0 CREDITS</b>	<b>TEST PREPARATION MODULE</b> Intensive SAT Training English Test Preparation	
<b>MODULE 6</b>	<b>UP TO 10 CREDITS</b>	<b>UNDERGRADUATE CHOICE MODULE</b> Advanced students may take one further choice module from Engineering and Computer Sciences, the Natural Sciences, Economics, Management, and the Social Sciences.	
<b>MODULE 7</b>	<b>UP TO 5 CREDITS</b>	<b>GERMAN MODULE</b> Optional beginners' or advanced German classes	



“Jacobs University is not too big, and that is the university’s great advantage: The classes are small, our instructors take care of each individual student and help us out if we struggle with the material. The student community is close-knit. You can always rely on your friends’ support, and it is impossible to feel bored or homesick.”

Oleg Borisov ▪ Russia ▪ Foundation Year Graduate

## ABOUT JACOBS UNIVERSITY

Jacobs University is a private university located in Bremen. The university was founded in 2001 and attracts highly talented and open-minded students from all over the world. Jacobs University is a research-oriented, state-accredited university with a broad portfolio of undergraduate and graduate study programs from the natural and social sciences to engineering and economics. All programs are taught in English. Research and education at Jacobs University are structured in three distinct focus areas: Diversity – in modern societies, Health – focus on bioactive substances, and Mobility – of people, goods, and information. In Germany’s most comprehensive and detailed university ranking by the Center for Higher Education (CHE), Jacobs University has consistently achieved top marks.

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

Foundation Year students enjoy small classroom sizes and individualized guidance. Triangular supervision through our experienced staff, a personal academic advisor, and a senior student mentor 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 students in the process of making future plans. Senior students act as mentors to Foundation Year participants and share their own experiences in their respective fields of study.

## FOUNDATION YEAR SERVICES

- Expert guidance in the transition to undergraduate studies
- Professional academic advising, college counseling, and peer mentoring
- SAT test preparation and registration
- Modern single rooms and full board in residential colleges
- Fully equipped recreation center and multimedia rooms
- Visa and predeparture support
- Orientation Week to facilitate transition to Germany and Jacobs University
- Host Family Program
- Excursions to major European cities
- General support (airport pickup, health insurance, residence permit etc.)
- University campus with 24-hour security

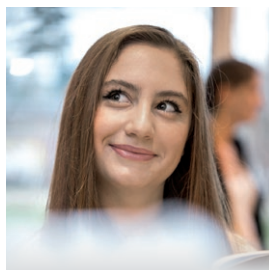


## CAMPUS LIFE

An important component of Jacobs University's educational mission is to foster students' interpersonal and intercultural competencies, which are increasingly important in an interconnected, globalized world. As a Foundation Year student, you can take full advantage of the many learning opportunities inside and outside the classroom: get immersed in the intercultural campus environment, take part in the various sports activities offered, or become a member of one of the 30 political, social, academic, and entrepreneurial clubs such as Model United Nations or the Debating Society.

The green 34 ha campus is home to 1,100 students from about 100 nations. The student residential colleges offer a safe, interactive and inspiring environment. All students are housed in modern single rooms. The in-college cafeterias offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner and are a great space to meet, chat, and relax with your friends. The campus features a state-of-the-art recreation center and well-equipped activity areas including sports courts, art and dancing studios, and multimedia rooms.

— TAKE A VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR: [www.jacobs-university.de/campustour](http://www.jacobs-university.de/campustour)



“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



## FIVE REASONS TO JOIN THE FOUNDATION YEAR PROGRAM



**#1 PREMIUM EDUCATION:** Academic advisors and experienced instructors provide professional guidance in your transition to undergraduate studies. Enjoy small class sizes, individual assistance, state-of-the-art facilities, and gain initial practical experience in the lab.

**#2 INDIVIDUAL APPROACH:** Select study modules based on your academic background and goals and attend undergraduate classes from those fields of study that interest you most. Profit from personal academic advising, career counseling, and a customized workshop program.



**#3 GUARANTEED ADMISSION TO JACOBS UNIVERSITY:** All students who successfully complete the Foundation Year Program receive guaranteed admission to the university's renowned undergraduate programs. Due to the university's strong support structures, an outstanding 93 % of all students succeed in graduating from the bachelor programs on time.

**#4 CERTIFIED KNOWLEDGE:** The program enables you to attend regular undergraduate courses and to collect up to 40 ECTS credit points that you can transfer to your future study program.



**#5 CAMPUS LIFE:** You will live and learn on campus and you will become a part of our vibrant international community. Sharpen your intercultural skills, develop an international network, and collect experiences of a lifetime.



## HOW TO APPLY

### ■ APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

For a complete application, please submit the following documents:

- The Online Application Form, incl. 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, or Cambridge [FCE])

### ■ APPLICATION DEADLINES

The rolling admission process begins on September 15 for fall entry in the following year and ends on August 1, four weeks prior to the start of the program. Students who require a visa for Germany should apply by June 15. Since spaces are limited, we recommend applying early.

■ **MORE INFORMATION:** [www.jacobs-university.de/foundation-admission](http://www.jacobs-university.de/foundation-admission)

## COSTS

The total cost for the Foundation Year Program is €23,000. The fee includes all costs associated with the program, including room and board in the residential colleges, excursions to major European cities, and public transportation within Bremen.



“Joining the Foundation Year was the best decision I could have made after high school. Gaining insights into an institution like Jacobs University and taking courses from many disciplines has helped me to find myself and to figure out what I want to do with my life.”

Emily Waller ■ Germany ■ Foundation Year Graduate



# BREMEN, GERMANY

## ABOUT BREMEN

Jacobs University is based in the north of Bremen – a maritime city state with 1,200 years of history and a high standard of living. Bremen is home to about 650,000 people and more than 30,000 students. The historical market square is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is famous for Bremen's mascots, the Town Musicians from the Brothers Grimm fairy tale. Bremen prides itself with its great cultural life, its theaters, museums, concerts, and festivals. The Schlachte area along the Weser river and the "Viertel" are known for their vibrant student life. Furthermore, Bremen is home to Germany's oldest "Volksfest" and the popular traditional Christmas market. Centrally located in Europe, Bremen is an ideal starting point for trips to destinations such as Hamburg, Berlin, Paris, Rome, Brussels, or 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. The country also plays a key role in international politics, leading many diplomatic efforts, and championing environmental policies.

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