



## Institute of Psychology and Education



### **INFORMATION GUIDE**

**FOR NEW INCOMINGS / ERASMUS  
PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS  
AT ULM UNIVERSITY**

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## Some numbers

Creative spirit and human touch - that is what Ulm University stands for. Modern learning techniques and state of the art equipment make your studies an interesting and a worthwhile experience. In 2015, a ranking of Times Higher Education, which annually evaluates universities younger than 50 years, ranked Ulm University as **Germany's best young university** and number 15 worldwide.

The Institute of Psychology and Education was founded in 2009. Since then, the Institute has grown significantly. By now it

- consists of **15 departments** that cover the full thematic range of **classical and innovative** psychological subjects such as Clinical Psychology, Health Psychology, Human Factors, and many others.
- has about 137 new students each year in the B.Sc.-programme.
- ... and about 120 in the M.Sc.-programme.

## Highlights

### Service Learning:

<https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=55852>

### Hochschulambulanz:

<https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=63708>

Our research und teaching approach is characterised by **high interdisciplinarity**. Current seminar topics are for example genetic factors in the etiology and symptomatology of posttraumatic stress disorder, driver-vehicle interaction, chronic disease management using new digital therapy systems, and much more.

Additional learning opportunities are offered by our **Service Learning** programme. Service learning is an approach to teaching and learning in which students use academic knowledge and skills to address genuine community needs.

The **“Hochschulambulanz”** (an Ulm University Institution which provides psychological diagnostics and psychotherapy for people with mental disorders) offers our students an exciting environment to combine academic learning with practical clinical experience.

## Types of courses

The majority of our courses is taught in German but most of the literature is in English. There are always some seminars offered in English.

The courses can be of different types. The most important are the following:

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| Vorlesungen (Lectures)  | One or more professors give/s weekly presentations about a particular field of Psychology for all students of one semester (e.g. Developmental Psychology, Educational Psychology, ...). Usually they provide lecture notes of the contents. Lectures are mostly recorded and uploaded in Moodle (see page 7 for further information). There is no compulsory attendance.  |
| Seminare (Seminars)     | Seminars are more specific than lectures and they can deepen a specific aspect of a lecture. In each seminar are only up to 30 students, mostly less. The instructor facilitates the course while the students take active parts like giving presentations or leading group discussions. Unlike lectures, seminars sometimes have compulsory attendance and students are only allowed to miss a maximum of 15% of the seminar (one or two times per semester). |
| FOS (Research seminars) | FOS are „Forschungsorientierte Seminare“, in which small groups of (up to 15) students work on their own research question, develop a research design and conduct a research project. At the end of each FOS students write a report about the results and implications of their study. FOS have the same attendance rules as seminars.  |
| Übungen (Classes)       | In these classes students have the possibility to practice topics explained during the lectures (e.g. statistical tests). Also classes might have compulsory attendance, but mostly they don't.  |

All these courses regularly start c. t. (cum tempore) which means 15 minutes after the full hour. They last 1h 30.

## Types of examinations

### **Klausuren und schriftliche Ausarbeitungen (written examinations)**

At the end of each lecture and sometimes also at the end of a seminar you will have a *written test*. These tests usually take between 60 and 120 minutes and refer to contents of the lecture (or seminar). The questions are given either in open format, semi-open format or have multiple-choice format.

In *seminar papers* you either get assigned a topic by your seminar instructor or you have to search for one on your own. You will have to write several pages about that topic, always referencing your source literature and presenting your own conclusions or ideas.

In *research reports* you will write about a study you conducted. These reports include, for example, information about methodological issues, your data analysis, your results and your interpretation and discussion of these results. If eligible, most students write papers in small groups.

### **Referate (presentations)**

In many seminars you are asked to give a *presentation* about a specific topic to your fellow students. Additionally you will mostly have to create one or more short handout/s about this topic. Sometimes groups of two or three students prepare one presentation together.

# Registration and important periods

## Registration for courses

### ASQ:

<https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=4577>

## Registration for examinations & examination periods

### Grades and exams:

<https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=50588>

## Semesters

### Lecture period:

<https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=1264>

Before the semester starts you can register in the psychology courses you would like to attend. The course advisors (see page 12, [studienberatung.psychologie@uni-ulm.de](mailto:studienberatung.psychologie@uni-ulm.de)) can help you to make a learning agreement about your preferred courses.

Furthermore, you are free to attend additional non-psychological courses such as Philosophy, soft skills courses and many others (almost any lecture offered at Ulm University). By following the link at the left you will get information about the University's Additive Transferable Skills courses (ASQ or "Additive Schlüsselqualifikationen").

For a list of all courses (in all degree programmes) please read the information about "LSF" (at page 7).

Information on registration for examinations and examination periods is provided at this website on the left. **For written examinations of lectures** there are usually two examination periods:

Examination Period I: Last week during lecture period + the following three weeks after lecture period.

Examination Period II: 3 weeks before the beginning of the next semester lecture period + first week of next semester lecture period.

Sometimes, examinations can also be scheduled on an individual basis.

**Deadlines for seminar papers and research reports** are usually set at the official end of each semester:

Summer semester: 1 April – 30 September

Winter semester: 1 October – 30 March

The beginning and ending of the lecture period are listed on the website given on the left. During summer semester all courses start within the first week stated at the website. During winter semester only lectures start during this week, whereas seminars, FOS etc. begin one week later. On public holidays no courses take place.

## Moodle

**Website:**

<https://moodle.uni-ulm.de>

## LSF

**Website:**

<https://campusonline.uni-ulm.de/>

## Facebook

**Website:**

<https://facebook.com>

## International Office

**Website:**

<https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=288>

- Moodle is a central learning platform which accompanies lectures, seminars and other courses.
  - In Moodle courses you can find notes and recordings of your lectures, forums for discussion and additional material such as mock examinations or exercise sheets.
  - You can sign into the courses with a password that you get from your lecturer or fellow students.
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- It is also named HIS or campusonline.
  - It provides general information about lectures and seminars of all study programmes (when and where they take place, what their contents are, how many ECTS they have, ...).
  - It provides access to the handbooks of all modules.
  - It also provides information about cancelled courses.
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- Usually every cohort of Psychology students has an own Facebook group.
  - These groups are used for sharing information, asking and answering questions, finding learning buddies and much more.
  - If you want to join but cannot find the (mostly closed) Facebook group, please ask your fellow students 😊
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- The International Officers offers a lot of information on different topics such as “during your study abroad at Ulm University” and “finishing your study abroad at Ulm University”.

## Leisure

### Musisches Zentrum (musical centre)

<https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=3901>

### Uni-Sport: (sports)

<https://sport.uni-ulm.de/home>

### Veranstaltungs- kalender: (event schedule)

Uni Ulm:

<https://stuve.uni-ulm.de/fs-psychologie/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungenueberblick>

City Ulm:

[www.ulm.de](http://www.ulm.de)

## Musics, sports and arts at Uni Ulm

Ulm University offers a wide range of possibilities for students to pursue hobbies or to try something new together with fellow students and staff. You can join for example the University chorus, the University orchestra, the ballet group, the theatre group or one of our many sport groups (in which you can enjoy activities such as fitness, dancing, ball sports, martial arts and others).

## Day- and nightlife in Ulm

Ulm has many cafes, bars, pubs, restaurants, theatres, cinemas and much more.

In summer, many students meet at the Friedrichsau (a park along the Danube), at the University's Botanic Garden or at one of the lakes in the surroundings of Ulm and Neu-Ulm (for example Ludwigsfelder See or Pfuhler See).

One of the highlights in Ulm is the Schwörwoche at the end of July, with many exciting events. At the so called Lichterserenade, thousands of red and orange lights are set into the Danube and accompanied with music and fireworks. One of the best parts of the Schwörwoche is Schwörmontag. Everybody can take part in the big swimming festival on the Danube with boats, rafts, tires or whatever you can come up with to keep yourself above water.

Another annual festival is the Ulmer Zelt from May to June, where regional and international artists perform at the Friedrichsau.

Ulm University itself organises many events such as the Sommernachtsfest SoNaFe (summer night festival; an open air festival in June) or the Party des Westens, "PaDeWe" (party of the west part of Ulm University, organised by our psychology and engineering students in December).

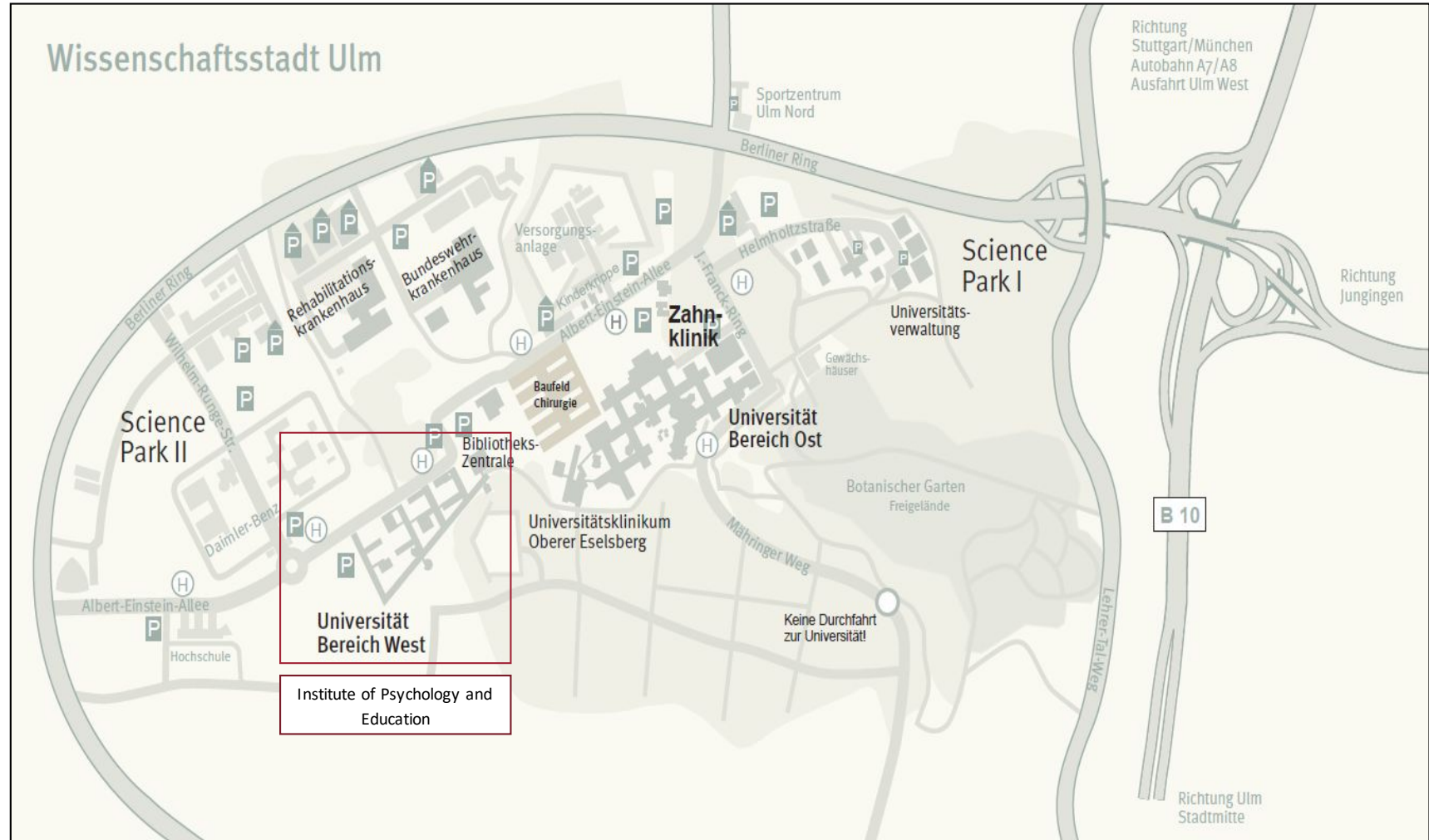


## Overview

**Bus timetables**  
[www.ding-ulm.eu](http://www.ding-ulm.eu)

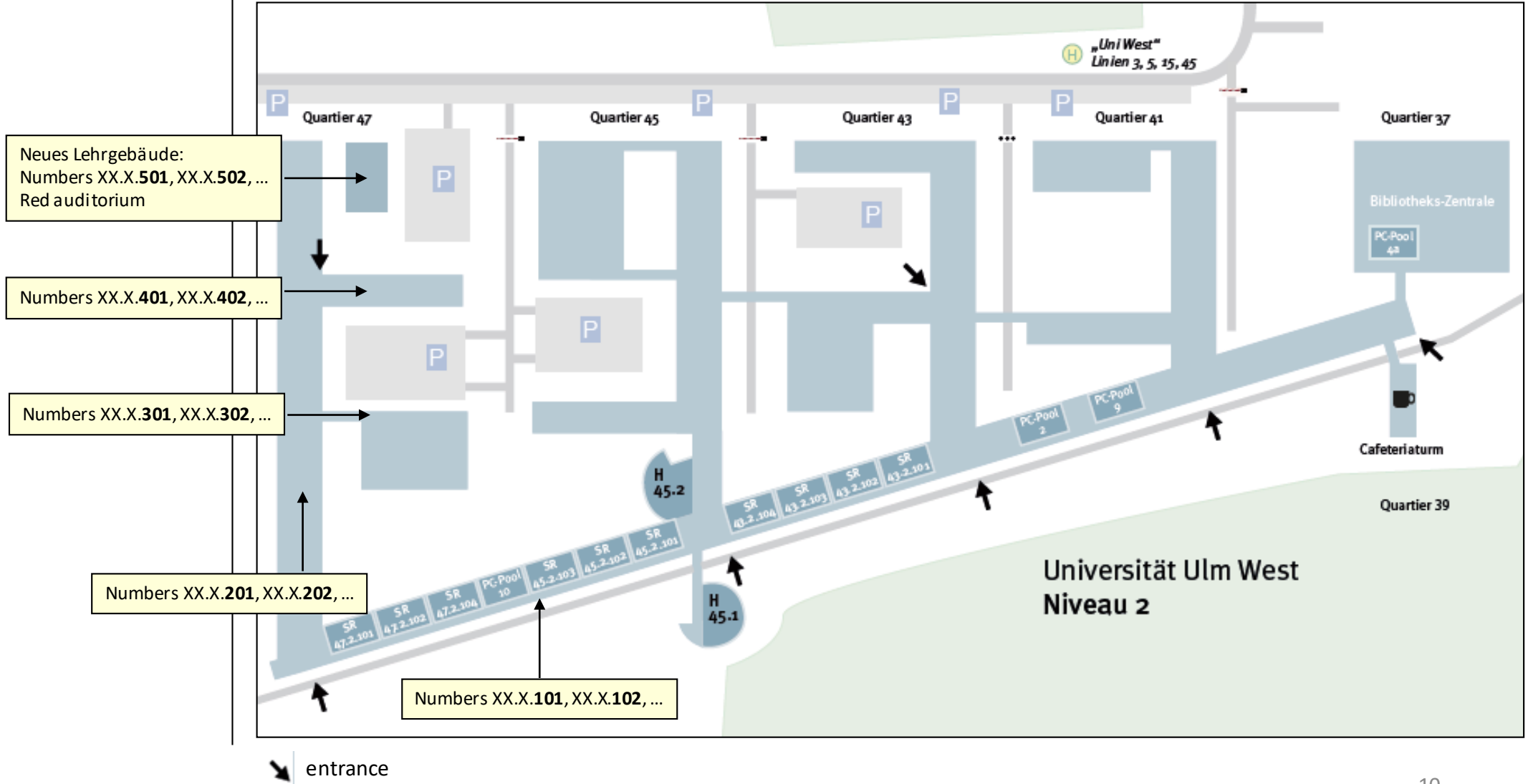
<https://www.swu.de/privatkunden/produkte-leistungen/mobilitaet/>

## Map of the complete area of the Ulm University:



Site map

Site map of University West:



## Orientation

Finding lecture halls,  
seminar rooms and  
more:

<https://www.uni-ulm.de/index.php?id=21354>

### **Südschiene**

- The so called „*Südschiene*“ is a long corridor at second floor.
- At its east end are the library, the canteen („*Mensa*“) and some learning areas.
- Along the *Südschiene* you will find our PC Pools, many seminar rooms and two auditoriums (45.1 and 45.2) which are also called „*blue auditorium*“ and the „*yellow auditorium*“.
- From the *Südschiene* you can get to quarters (*Quartiere*) 37 – 47 (uneven numbers only); there you will mostly find staff offices.

### **Room numbers**

- All room numbers have the same structure: XX.X.XXX (for example 47.1.103).
- The first number represents the quarters 37 to 47.
- The second number gives information about the floor (e.g. the *Südschiene* is on floor 2).
- The third number is the „actual“ room number:
  - All rooms with „100“-numbers are at the *Südschiene*.
  - All rooms with „200“-numbers are at the corridor vertical to *Südschiene*.
  - All rooms with „300“-numbers are at the first corridor parallel to *Südschiene*.
  - All rooms with „400“-numbers are at the second corridor parallel to *Südschiene*.
  - All rooms with „500“-numbers are at the „*neues Lehrgebäude / WWP*“ (new building, see map of University West).

### **Example: Room 47.1.303**

- Quarter 47 (left end of *Südschiene*)
- Floor 1
- First corridor parallel to *Südschiene*

Whenever you need help or information concerning the organisation of your studies here, please contact us:

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Psychology)

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**International Office**

Internet: <https://www.uni-ulm.de/en/io/>

**And last but not least:**

We welcome you here at Ulm University and wish you a joyful time full of enriching experiences, new friendships and interesting study contents 😊