



One of the Best Research Universities in the World the University of Basel



Dear Readers,

Switzerland is known for its strong democracy that has been exercised for hundreds of years without interruption and as a country that has successfully applied federalism (Ari & Schmitt, 2021). This long-standing state and democracy tradition has led universities to develop an institutional and academic culture. The university system gets its share from that federalized structure as they are independent institutions. There are only two federal institutes in Switzerland that can be accepted as the universities of the whole of Switzerland as they are administered and financed by the federal government. The other universities like Basel University, Fribourg University or Bern University belong to that canton in which they are situated. University admission requirements may also vary from canton to canton (Ari & Felder, 2021). Higher education consists of vocational colleges and universities.

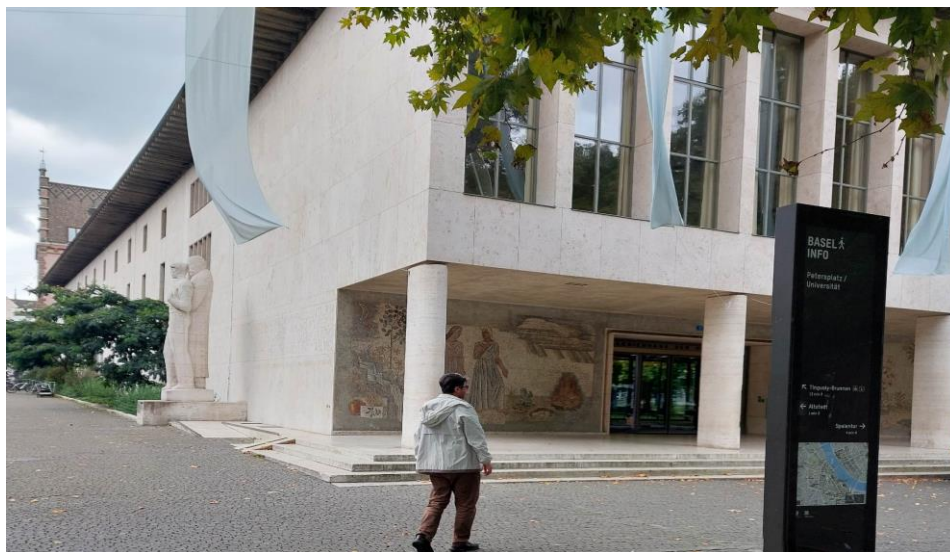


Figure 1
The Main Building of the University of Basel

Founded on 4 April 1460, the University of Basel is the oldest university in Switzerland and one of the oldest in Europe and is generally placed among the 100 top universities

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in the world. The University of Basel has a fascinating history of teaching and research going back over 550 years. The University of Basel has seven faculties covering a wide spectrum of academic disciplines and over 350 professors (University of Basel, 2022a). The University of Basel has dedicated itself to achieving a culture of quality throughout the entire institution and to encouraging and supporting excellence. Brief introduction of seven faculties (University of Basel, 2022b):

1. *Faculty of Theology*: Focal areas take account of the urban and religiously diverse environment and consider the interaction between Christianity and other forms of religion.
2. *Faculty of Law*: Teaching and research at the Faculty emphasize regional and international focal areas such as Commercial Law and Life Sciences Law.
3. *Faculty of Medicine*: Focal areas include Immunology, Oncology, Neuroscience, Cell Plasticity and Tissue Repair, and Biomedical Engineering.
4. *Faculty of Humanities*: The Faculty offers a broad variety of subjects, most prominent of which are Visual Studies and European and Global Studies.
5. *Faculty of Science*: Key focal areas include Life Sciences, Nanophysics and Quantum Physics, Chemistry, Computational Sciences and research into new materials and energy forms.
6. *Faculty of Business and Economics*: The Faculty incorporates both Business and Economics and has a new focus on research into sustainability and energy.
7. *Faculty of Psychology*: The Faculty has committed itself to three focal areas: Clinical Psychology and Neuroscience; Social, Economic and Cognitive and Decision Psychology; Developmental and Personality Psychology.



Figure 2
Views from faculties

The University of Basel attracts students from Switzerland and the entire world, offering them outstanding studying conditions as they work towards their bachelor's, master's or PhD degrees. Today, the University of Basel has around 13,000 students from over a hundred nations, including 2,900 PhD students (University of Basel, 2022c). The level of study and origin of the students can be seen in Table 1 (University of Basel, 2022d):

Table 1
Level of study and origin

Level of study			Origin		
	Students	Percentage	Students	Percentage	
Bachelor's	5989	45.9	Basel-Stadt	2159	16.5
Master's	4101	31.5	Basel-Landschaft	2709	20.8
Doctorate	2949	22.6	Rest of Switzerland	4942	37.9
			Other countries	3229	24.8



Guest lecturers, exchange students and PhD candidates all enrich Basel's teaching and research. The University uses English as its second language of communication. The University of Basel sees itself as part of a global scientific community. The University offers attractive and internationally competitive terms of employment. It combines the freedom of teaching and research with systematic career advancement and progressive continuing education. The University offers high-quality degree programs at Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral level. Many of the Master's programs are interdisciplinary and aimed at the University's focal areas. Students in Basel benefit from an excellent staff to student ratio are (University of Basel, 2022b).

The University of Basel sees itself as an organization that values the different experiences and perspectives of its members and promotes their diverse strengths, regardless of age, religion, gender, gender identity, cultural background, language, social or professional status, lifestyle, political conviction, sexual orientation or disability. Over the past 20 years, the University of Basel has addressed the issues of equal opportunities, accessibility and the promotion of internationality and has successfully implemented these in numerous projects (University of Basel, 2022e).

Sincerely,

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