

## Foundation Programme international MINT

Saarbrücken is a German city located close to the border with France with a vibrant cultural scene and a definite French flair. Saarland University's main campus is located in pleasant woodland surroundings just a short distance from the city centre. Around 17,000 students are currently studying at the University's six faculties: Human and Business Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Technology, Law and Medicine – the latter being located in neighbouring Homburg. The student housing market in Saarbrücken is not as congested as it is in many other German cities and pleasant accommodation can be found at affordable prices even right in the city centre.

And outside the classroom, students can make use of the wide range of sporting, music and other recreational activities offered by the University. The sports programme in Saarbrücken is second to none thanks to several high-performance training centres located on campus. Interdisciplinary collaboration is another defining feature of Saarland University. The Saarbrücken campus is home to the Leibniz Institute for New Materials as well as to Fraunhofer and Max Planck Institutes – all of which encourage study and research that goes beyond traditional academic disciplines.

## Further information

[www.uni-saarland.de/preparatory-studies](http://www.uni-saarland.de/preparatory-studies)

The Bachelor Plus MINT degree programme:  
[www.mintplus.saarland](http://www.mintplus.saarland)

Guidance on finding the right subject to study:  
[www.uni-saarland.de/info/schueler/study-finder.html](http://www.uni-saarland.de/info/schueler/study-finder.html)  
(in German)



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## The international foundation programme

offers international students without the normal entrance qualifications a route into undergraduate degree programmes at Saarland University

# Is **VSi<sup>+</sup>** **MINT** for me?

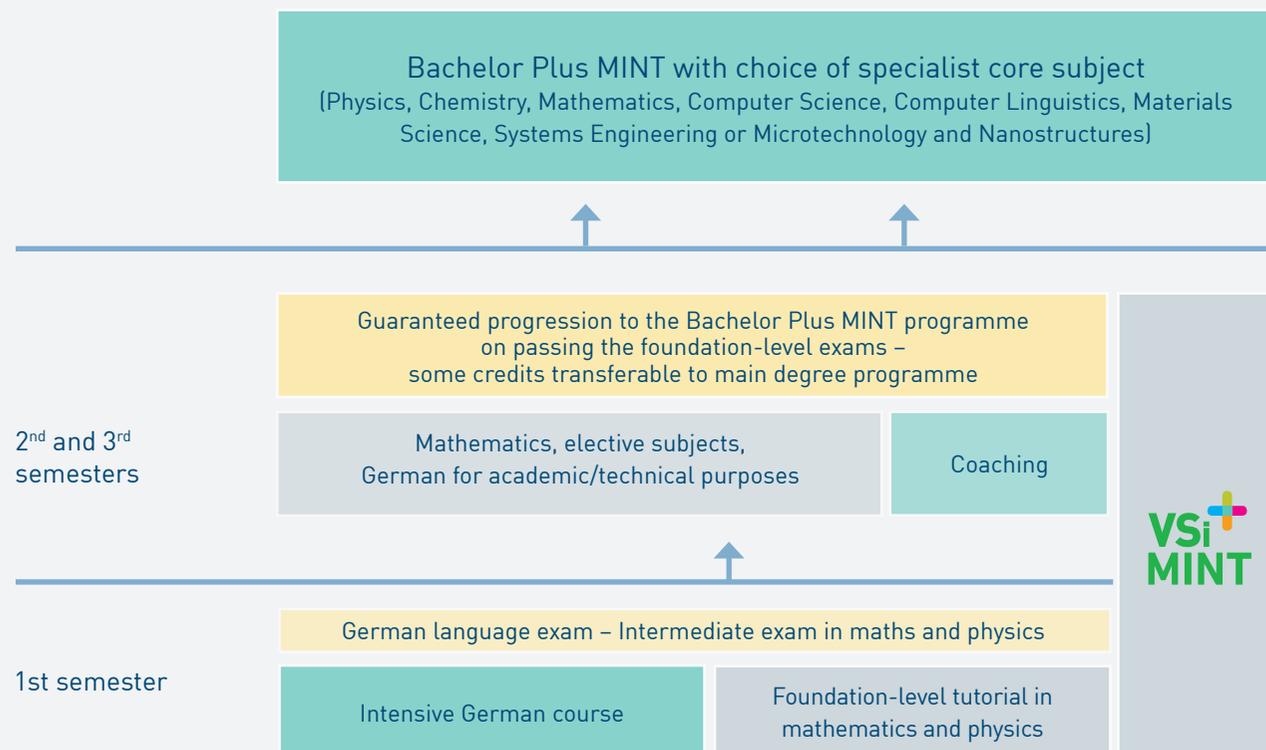
If you are interested in studying a technical or scientific subject in Saarland, but your qualifications don't meet the requirements for admission to a German university (see <https://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/check-university-admission/>) then our specially designed international foundation programme VSi<sup>MINT</sup> could be just what you're looking for.

The German abbreviation MINT stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and the VSi<sup>MINT</sup> programme offers foundation-level courses that prepare you for an undergraduate degree in a STEM subject. The VSi<sup>MINT</sup> programme has been specially designed to help you get your bearings in the higher education system, to better understand your personal interests and needs, and so boost your chances of studying successfully.

## The concept

- As an international applicant without a higher education entrance qualification, you will be given the opportunity to study a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subject in Saarland.
- Your ability to speak and write German is not so important at the beginning, because you'll have the chance to learn or improve your German before starting the VSi<sup>MINT</sup> orientation phase.
- The combination of academic foundation courses and an orientation phase offers the fastest way to get you ready for enrolment in an undergraduate degree programme. You only need to apply once, and if you complete the VSi<sup>MINT</sup> programme successfully, you will automatically progress to the 'Bachelor Plus MINT' degree programme.
- The orientation phase is very flexible and can be specially tailored to your specific interests and requirements. It lets you get an overview of the broad range of STEM programmes available in Saarland before you make any final decision.
- The orientation programme also offers numerous opportunities to gain academic credits that will count towards your later degree – thus saving you time.

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## Schedule

- Preparatory phase: German language course (18–20 hours per week for one or two semesters depending on your level of German) combined with a foundation-level tutorial in mathematics and physics (15 hours per week)
- Orientation phase: After passing the foundation exams in German, mathematics and physics, you will begin a two-semester orientation phase within the Bachelor Plus MINT programme. The credits you earn at this stage can be used in your chosen undergraduate degree programme saving you time later on.

## **VSi<sup>+</sup>** **MINT** Information

### The two-step application process:

1. Your educational certificates from your home country will be assessed by uni-assist in its preliminary review procedure ([www.uni-assist.de/](http://www.uni-assist.de/)) to determine whether you need to attend a foundation course and you will receive a link for applying online to Saarland University.
2. Online application to Saarland University. Upload your documents and you will be notified shortly afterwards whether your application has been successful.

## **VSi<sup>+</sup>** **MINT** Guidance

### Study counselling:

The Central Student Advisory Service at Saarland University offers professional advice and guidance regarding the academic demands of the various STEM degree programmes and the potential areas of employment after graduating.

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