

# The way to transform Ukrainian Universities' challenges into new opportunities



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With deep gratitude to Germany and German people for their great help to Ukraine and Ukrainians!



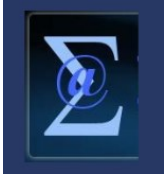
# Karazin University (<https://karazin.ua/en/>)

- Leader of Ukrainian Higher Education by [QS World University Ranking](#).
- Was founded in 1804 and has a long history of providing education at all levels.
- Over 130 000 people have graduated from the University during its existence.
- The only university in Ukraine where three Nobel Prize laureates studied and worked.
- Is important for the intellectual, cultural, and spiritual history of Ukraine.



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- Consists of 22 Schools and education & research institutes.
- 20 724 students study at the University.
- 16 260 students, 4 066 international students, 301 postgraduate and doctoral students.
- 438 doctors of sciences, professors, more than 1 274 PhDs, associate professors.
- 30 academics and corresponding members of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and branch academies.
- The University prepares specialists in 115 majors, covering the whole range of modern classical university education.
- The Central Scientific Library contains 3 500 000 items, including 50 000 unique prints.



# Consequences of Russian invasion

- The University buildings have suffered significant damage and have broken parts due to regular shelling. Among the universities in Ukraine, Karazin University has suffered the most. It is unlikely that live education will be able to resume in Kharkiv in the near future.
- The students, academics, and research staff are spread out across Europe and North America. Every student and staff member, particularly those in Ukraine, are going through an extremely difficult and stressful situation. Our task is to provide Ukrainian students with the opportunity to continue their education, to facilitate communication and integration into the student community.

# BUT! We continue working!

Karazin University is accepting students for the 2022-23 academic year. Online distance learning is offered for most students. Many students and teachers are located in different parts of Europe.

The Kulturzentrum GOROD (Munich) has offered the opportunity to first-year students in five majors. The organization offers courses for those in Munich, Bavaria, and other parts of Germany.

Professors and lecturers from various Ukrainian Universities, who came here as refugees, are teaching or advising for the Karazin University programs.

# A little bit about Kulturzentrum GOROD (Munich)

- Is a public organisation, that is more than 25 years old ([newgorod.org](http://newgorod.org)).
- Has activities in different areas: educational projects for kids and youth, summer schools, international projects, cultural life for children and adults, etc.
- Regularly holds mathematical summer schools for youth from Ukraine and different European countries.
- Has long standing cooperation with the Karazin University's School of Mathematics and Computer Science.
- Establish infrastructure and conditions to ensure that Ukrainian children can continue their education without interruption.

# What we have now?

Karazin University is the only institution with the opportunity to offer Ukrainian education in Bavaria. Currently, 168 refugee students, studying across 6 majors, are enrolled as students of Karazin University at the GOROD facility.

<b>Departments</b>	<b>Majors</b>
Biology	Biology
School of Mathematics and Computer Science	Applied mathematics
	Computer science
Karazin School of Business	Entrepreneurship
Philosophy	Culturology
	Visual arts and cultural project management



# Are refugee students able to study at the Ukrainian University in Munich?

The legal status of students is defined in accordance with Paragraph 24.

The sole condition for students to remain in Bavaria is to complete the Deutsch Integrationskurse up to the B1 level.

The attendance of University classes is independent of the participation in the Deutsch classes.

# But this is a temporary and partial solution to the problems

Current status:

- Covered rent (via sponsor – software company JetBrains).
- Paying volunteering refugee teachers salaries to teach classes (sponsored by software company JetBrains).
- Transportation costs across Germany and other parts of EU are not included and covered by the teachers' personal funds.

# But this is a temporary and partial solution to the problems

- It is hard to integrate students into Bavarian universities. The students cannot continue their studies in Munich after their visa is expired (paragraph 24). There is no legal basis for students from other parts of Germany to stay partially in Munich.
- Lack of wet laboratories. So far we have used the laboratories via private arrangements.
- The capacity of the dormitories is limited.
- Lack of student funds for transportation and meals.

# Our plans for 2023-2024

- Our plan is to continue working with Ukrainian students together with the GOROD organization.
- We plan to continue the enrollment for the same majors for 2023-2024 academic year.
- We plan to continue educating the current students into their 2nd year.

But in order to do this, we need the access to the university courses in German at level B2 and above.

So the workload will double, but the problems remain, as it is still only a volunteer project.

# What kind of help we would like?

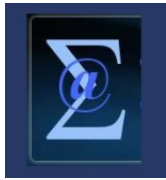
- Participate in the bachelor's double degree program with Bavarian universities.
- Partial participation of Bavarian university professors in the teaching process for our students.
- Participation of Ukrainian students in Bavarian youth programs.
- Involvement of Ukrainian students in the programs of Bavarian universities for students.
- Joint applications for educational and scientific grants.
- Participation in Erasmus+ and Erasmus Mundus programs.
- Organization of Summer Schools for Ukrainian students and teaching staff with the participation of German University professors. The majority of our students are fluent with English.

# What kind of help we would like?

- Cover for rent.
- At least partial payment for teachers who are in Germany as refugees.
- Transportation grants of Ukrainian academic staff: they are coming from another country to Munich for students in Kulturzentrum GOROD.

# Kulturzentrum GOROD (Munich)

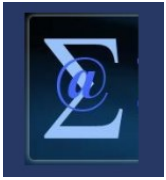




# Aims of collaboration with Bavaria Universities

- Keeping Karazin University working despite the Russian invasion
- Supporting Ukrainian refugee students in Munich and helping all refugee students in Germany to become better.
- Strengthening the integration of Karazin University in the European educational and scientific space.
- Contributing to the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine. The future of Ukraine is directly related to the future of Europe. Qualified and well-educated youth will be participating in this future.





# Possible benefits for Bavarian Universities

- Students with good academic standings can pursue graduate and post-graduate education.
- Possibility to widen research areas and participation in joint research projects.
- Possibility of introducing new majors (new elective courses) for students, organizing joint supervision of students' theses and dissertation, etc.



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