

## Halle — 1200 Years of History and Tradition



Halle is home to almost a quarter of a million people, making it the most populous city in the federal state of Saxony-Anhalt. Yet despite its relatively large population, Halle has the feel of a small, compact, and friendly town. Its narrow, cobbled streets and well-preserved medieval architecture give it a distinctively central European charm. Located on the banks of the river Saale, Halle is a green city with several parks, wooded areas, and riverside walkways to explore. As the birthplace of baroque music composer Georg Friedrich Händel, Halle has a rich cultural tradition which continues today through its operahouse, its theatres, cinemas, museums, and art galleries, and through its regular festivals. Halle is a city of cafés and bars, of open-air markets and quaint antique shops. From the 10<sup>th</sup> century Giebichenstein castle to Germany's oldest chocolate factory, and from Martin Luther's death mask to the Beatles museum, Halle is a city of extraordinary variety and diversity. Just 25 minutes by train from Leipzig, an hour from Berlin, and four hours from Prague, Halle is the perfect base from which to explore Germany and central Europe.



Map of Germany with the federal state of Saxony-Anhalt highlighted. The city of Halle is indicated in red.



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Studying  
Law in Halle



## Welcome Message

Thank you for considering the Martin Luther University as a potential venue for your ERASMUS studies. You are assured of a warm welcome here in Halle. Despite the relatively short history of our alma mater, the university can boast considerable tradition and prestige. The Halle Law School distinguishes itself by the excellence and wide range of its courses appealing to foreign students. Lectures, working in small groups and an integrated examination preparatory course are the essential elements of our academic programme. Since the proportion of students in relation to the number of professors is comparably small, you will not find yourself sitting in crammed auditoriums as is the case in many other German universities. Therefore, whether you are a regular student or a doctoral candidate, you will be able to meet your professor personally. Furthermore, in a university town like Halle, you will find it easy to establish new contacts while perceiving a range of various activities, social and cultural offers. If you have further questions, please contact us. The Dean's Office, all professors and the ERASMUS Office will be happy to help and welcome you personally here in Halle.

Prof. Dr. Stephan Madaus  
International Student Representative



## The University



The Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg was established in 1817 with the merger of the University of Halle (founded in 1694) and the University of Wittenberg (founded in 1502, closed in 1813 by Napoleon). The university became a centre of the Reformation under the influence of Philipp Melanchthon and building on the works of Martin Luther. In the 17th and 18th century, it became a major centre of the German Enlightenment. Christian Wolff, who was a professor in Halle, was a key proponent of rationalism and influenced many German scholars including Immanuel Kant. Christian Thomasius, who was a councillor in Halle, was at the same time the first philosopher in Germany to hold his lectures not in Latin, but German. He contributed to a rational program in philosophy but also tried to establish a more common-sense point of view, which targeted the unquestioned superiority of aristocracy and theology. Frederick Muhlenberg, the first Speaker of the House of Representatives in the United States of America, was a graduate.

## The Law School

The Law School offers its students many advantages. It is proud of its long-standing tradition in legal sciences and continuously strives to keep pace with the rapid developments of modern society. Budding lawyers may specialise in areas such as International, Transnational and European Law; German and European Economic Law; Criminal Sciences and others. The Law School offers an LL.M. programme with a focus on International Economic Law as well as a Joint Master in International Economic Law together with the Southwest University in Chongqing, China. Foreign students who have already completed their studies in their home country may also participate in the MA programme in their preferred field of study. The Law School also collaborates closely with practitioners in the legal and economic fields. It considers itself one of the most modern faculties in Germany. The "Juridicum" Library, built in 1997, offers students a variety of legal books and other materials and has a very agreeable learning atmosphere. Recent rankings placed the Law School in the top group of German law schools for its unique learning conditions and assistance.

