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Leibniz received his doctor's degree at age 20 for his essay on a new method (the historical) of teaching law for the University of Altdorf in Nuremberg. He had studied law at his home town university of Leipzig, entering at 15, but left at 20 when he was denied his doctorate, officially on account of his youth. Altdorf offered him a professorship in law, but he declined.