

International Undergraduate Study Program (IUSP)

Program

- **German language courses:** offered at 3 levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) for six weeks before the start of the seminars, i.e. pre-semester
- Supplemental course in **German history and culture** (offered in parallel to the language course in the six weeks before the start of the seminars, i.e. pre-semester)
- **Program of Study:** Seminars in English from the following subject areas
 - Anthropology
 - Archeology
 - Economics
 - Education
 - English Studies
 - Geography
 - Law
 - Linguistics and Language Technologies
 - Media Studies
 - Peace and Conflict Studies
 - Political Science
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
 - Theology
 - Web Technologies and the New Media

Number of Course Hours

Language course: Total of 8 semester credit hours (120 contact hours)

German history and culture course: Total of 3 semester credit hours (48 contact hours)

Seminars: Total of 3 semester credit hours for each seminar (one seminar equals 16 contact hours lecture plus 32 contact hours tutorial)

Target Group

Undergraduate students from all fields of study who are interested in German and European economics, politics, culture, psychology, natural sciences etc.

Beginning and Duration of Program

Spring Term: March until June

Fall Term: September until December

Registration Deadline

January 15 for the Spring Term

July 15 for the Fall Term

Expenses

Program fee of **EUR 4,500** includes language course and IUSP tuition, accommodation and meal subsidy

Room and Board

Single rooms in student dormitories (included in fee); inexpensive meals are available in the students' cafeteria

Additional Information

The regular course load consists of an intensive German course plus the German history and culture course during the first six weeks, i.e., prior to start of regular IUSP semester, and two subject courses for the duration of the eight-week IUSP semester. This regular load equates to 17 US credit hours.

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What is the IUSP?

Although German as a foreign language has become less commonly spoken among students around the world, students' interest in getting to know Germany and Europe during their studies has not diminished. Only a small number of German universities offer courses in English that would meet this interest while at the same time ensuring an academic level fully recognized by universities abroad. IUSP has been designed to fill this gap.

Target audience

Undergraduate students from all over the world who want to get to know Germany and the German language within the context of an academic semester abroad, without missing out on lectures (and credits) at their home university. That is partly why an intensive German language course with a total of 120 hours is an essential part of the program. Participants are encouraged to attend regular university lectures in German in order to become acquainted with their sound and structure, and to get to know German students!

Program calendar

In order to make it possible for international students to take part in our program, it was necessary to adapt the structure of our academic year to their needs. This means that IUSP participants will be able to return to their home campus and continue their studies without missing the semester following the IUSP semester in Germany.

The IUSP program for the Fall Semester starts in September and ends in December. The IUSP program for the Spring Semester commences in March and ends in June.

IUSP participants can enroll for one or two semesters.

The University of Marburg

The university was founded in 1527 by Landgrave Philipp as the first Protestant university in the world. It started with four subjects: Theology, Law, Medicine and Philosophy. Today it has 17 departments that offer a wide range of subjects in the natural sciences and liberal arts. Numerous famous people studied or taught in Marburg. Internationalisation has always been a matter of course. Currently more than 12% of the student population are foreign nationals. The University is an integral part of the scenic town of Marburg situated on the river Lahn 100 km north of Frankfurt. The town with its 80,000 inhabitants (approx. 50,000 in the centre) is dominated by the castle on the hill, its 19,400 students and about 3,400 people working for the university.

A saying goes "Other towns have a university, Marburg is a university". It reflects the unique historic atmosphere. Wherever you are in the town, you are part of a vibrant academic community