Short-term program “International & European Studies”

Frequently asked questions

What does the participation in the IES program cost?

The program fee depends on the length of the program. For information on the deadline of the early bird discount please visit the respective program website.

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Combination Discount

Students, who wish to take part in one of the Summer Programs as well as in the Fall Term Program, are entitled to get a combination discount. In this case, the early bird discount does not apply. If students participate in both programs, the program fee will be as follows:

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What does the program fee include?

The program fee includes:

- academic courses within the module "International & European Studies"
- German language course and an intercultural workshop within the module “Language & Culture”
- course materials
- housing in a student dormitory or with a host family
- public transportation in Tübingen
- Winter and Summer Programs: 3-day stay with full board in a guest house
- Winter and Summer Programs: excursion to Berlin (3 days), Strasbourg (1 day)
- Fall Term Program: excursion to Berlin (3 days), Strasbourg (1 day), Amsterdam (2 days)
- cultural and social activities

What isn’t included in the fee?

- transportation to/from Tübingen
- health insurance
- meals & beverages
- personal expenses
Is there a possibility to get financial support?

Yes, there is limited financial support in form of a reduction of the program fee available. The financial support is awarded on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. You can find more information about financial support on the respective program website.

How much does it cost to live in Germany?

The estimated average monthly expenses for meals and beverages are €150-200 (depending on eating out or cooking). The average price for lunch in the student restaurant is €2.85.

More information on the cost of living in Germany as well as an overview of prices for food, clothing, cultural events, etc. is provided by the DAAD and the Deutsches Studentenwerk:

- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)
- Deutsches Studentenwerk

Do I need to contract a health insurance?

Yes, a valid health insurance will be absolutely mandatory while participating in the IES program. You will have to get health insurance on your own before leaving for Germany. Please ensure that your health insurance is valid in Europe for the whole stay during the program and applies immediately after your arrival in Germany.

The program fee does not include any insurance coverage in case of illness, accident, personal damage or damage to property.

If I decide to stay at a student dormitory what can I expect?

In the student dormitory you can expect a medium-sized single room. The room has a bed, a desk, shelves and a closet. Some rooms also have a washbasin. Toilets, showers and the kitchen are on the same floor for common use.

You will not be provided with towels, dishes, silverware, glasses and pots or pans. You’ll either have to make an arrangement with the other students in your kitchen or buy your own kitchen hardware.

If I decide to stay with a host family what exactly can I expect?

We have met all hosts in person and in many cases the hosts have been offering their private homes for years to participating students and have shown outstanding hospitality.

Our hosts are actually representing German society: Small and larger families with toddlers and/or older school kids, couples without children or single households. Some of them also have pets so please indicate if you want to stay in a host family and have any kind of problems due to allergies or pets. Some hosts offer to accommodate more than one participant. In case you would like to stay with your friend in a private home, please let us know. We will try to plan accordingly.
We also try to meet your personal needs: In case you have special eating habits, similar hobbies, and interests, we will try to match you with similar hosts.

Unfortunately, it isn’t possible to meet with all your requests, but please feel assured that we are trying our best to offer you accommodation according to all your needs and wishes. Even if we can’t offer the ‘perfect’ match, please give your hosts the chance to getting to know you. Living in a host family will offer you intercultural experiences that you won’t be able to make otherwise.

**Will there be internet access available?**

There will be internet access available in the student dormitories, at your host family as well as in the university. You will be given a password upon registration with which you have access to the internet. The internet in the student dormitories can be used via a LAN-cable which will be provided by us.

If you want to have internet on your mobile phone, there is also the possibility to buy a German sim-card in one of the stores in Tübingen.

**What is the policy on class attendance?**

Daily participation in class as well as in the excursions is mandatory in order to get a certificate. If you must miss a class due to illness, please inform your instructor or the International & European Studies team. Please note that attendance, homework, daily preparation, and in-class participation are vital to your success in the program.

**How are courses graded?**

Each course concludes with a written exam at the end of the program. The grade of each course will be calculated by the result of the written exam and active participation in class.

Active participation in class as well as during excursions includes:

- attendance
- asking questions
- taking part in discussions
- showing interest
- giving presentations

Grading scheme:

- for an average of up to 1,50 = very good
- for an average from 1,51 up to 2,50 = good
- for an average from 2,51 up to 3,50 = satisfactory
- for an average from 3,51 up to 4,00 = sufficient
- for an average from 4,01 = not sufficient
How do I obtain my credits?

After successful completion of all requirements of the IES program students will receive a Certificate of Attendance and a Transcript which shows the course titles, contact hours, the grading and ECTS credits earned.

The University of Tübingen applies the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The ECTS is a system for international recognition of academic achievements and transfer of study credits. Thus, study and examination performance achieved during a study abroad can be recognized by the home university.

At the University of Tübingen 1 ECTS equals a workload of 30 hours. The workload comprises regular presence and active participation in the courses, private and independent study, preparation of projects and examinations (e.g. written test, oral presentation, essay). The attendance at a course of 45 min will be counted as 1 contact hour (60 min).

The IES programs comprise two modules in "International & European Studies" and "Language & Culture". The courses and excursions of both modules are compulsory for all participants within the program and are covered by the program fee. Applications are only possible for the complete program.

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* Participants who want to earn more ECTS credits can write one or two papers subsequent to the Fall Term Program. For each paper 3 ECTS credits will be awarded.

Participants of the IES program who would like to receive transfer credits at their home university are strongly recommended to contact their Academic Advisor and ask for credit and grade approval. Course descriptions are available at the website.
**What about the food?**

As you might have heard, the German cuisine offers a variety of different food. Especially the southwest, where Tübingen is located, offers a lot of regional specialties and you can find many restaurants with good regional food in Tübingen.

As for your daily coursework there is a student canteen located nearby the building where you will have your classes. You will get a canteen card from us, which can be charged for your daily meals. The student canteen is very inexpensive and offers a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals every day.

**How do I move around Tübingen?**

During your stay you will be provided with a public transportation pass for Tübingen, which allows you to travel freely in Tübingen at any time. However, Tübingen has a decent size so most of the locations in the old city are in walking distance from the university. Your classrooms will be right next to the main university buildings and not far away from the marvelous old town of Tübingen.

**Can I bring and use my electronic devices from home?**

Germany’s electrical system runs on 220 Volts.

The plug looks like this: ![Plug](image)

The socket looks like this: ![Socket](image)

So you might need an adapter accepting your plug into the German socket. Please make sure that the electric devices you bring with you work on the German system of 220 Volts.

**How can I contact the IES-Team?**

In case of any further questions, please feel free to contact our team:

Email: [info@european-studies.uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:info@european-studies.uni-tuebingen.de), Phone: +49 7071 29 72509 or +49 7071 29 72749

We’ll be happy to help you out!