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The University of Kassel welcomes students from around the world to its International Winter University (IWU).

IWU students take part in the following seminar, taught in English by top professors from the university:

**Environmental Engineering :
Renewable Energy Sources**
(45 contact hours, 4 ECTS)

- The seminar includes field trips and excursions and covers:
- An introduction to international climate policy
 - Renewable energy and energy systems from a German and European perspective
 - Life cycle engineering and environmental protection
 - Solar-thermal technologies and systems
 - Photovoltaics
 - The history and future of wind energy, wind farm management
 - Biomass, natural gas storage
 - Rational and efficient energy usage: low energy housing and sustainable building



**Reflections on German History: Literature and
Art of the 19th and 20th centuries**
(45 contact hours, 4 ECTS)

In this seminar, students take a closer look at the “Age of Goethe” (Goethe-Zeit), the end of the 19th century (Nietzsche) and the revolutionary art movement (Bauhaus and Expressionism). Through excursions and group activities, students explore how contemporary German culture has been shaped by historical developments in the past 200 years.

Learn German

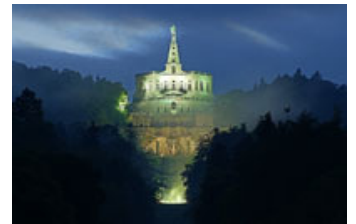
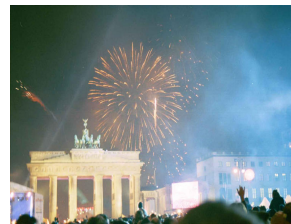
All students attend intensive German language courses offered at three different levels (30 contact hours, 2 ECTS). Our highly-qualified German teachers pay special attention to the learning needs of individual students to help them develop competence in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Each IWU student is paired with a University of Kassel student who serves as their “Tandem Language Partner”, giving them an opportunity to practice language skills and deepen their cultural experience.

Credits

Students earn 6 ECTS credits upon successful completion of the IWU.

Extracurricular Activities

- Workshops in German culture (e.g. cooking + dancing)
- Optional three-day trip to Berlin to celebrate New Year's Eve (EUR 200)
- Fairy tale city tour in Kassel, excursion to a medieval city, movie night, ice skating, hiking, sports and more!



Homestay

Students will experience German culture and everyday life first hand as IWU offers the unique experience of living with a German host family in Kassel. The homestay adds immeasurably to the study abroad experience by guaranteeing daily opportunities to improve language and intercultural skills outside of the classroom.

Target Group

Advanced undergraduate and graduate students in related fields. No previous knowledge of German is required.

Costs

EUR 1,800.

Includes one seminar and language course; accommodation plus two meals a day; extracurricular activities; a pass for free local transportation; and health and liability insurance.



Registration

For further details and registration, please contact:

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