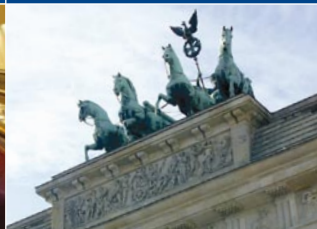


International Summer and Winter University (FUBiS)



Berlin

Berlin is a city of contrast and fusion: East meets West, history meets future, art meets underground. As a European center of politics, culture, and art, Berlin attracts countless people to its unique cultural vibrancy, sizzling creativity and raw charm.

Residents and visitors alike are fascinated by the traces of an eventful past that can be encountered almost everywhere in the city. Berlin offers unrivalled educational, intellectual, cultural, and recreational opportunities. Enjoy Berlin's renowned museums, its monuments and memorials, its concert halls and opera houses, its theatres, its pubs and clubs.

The Freie Universität Berlin

The Freie Universität Berlin is a premier destination for research and education in Europe.

It is ranked nationally and internationally among the top research universities in Germany. In 2007, after an intense, nation-wide competition, the Freie Universität Berlin became one of nine German universities to be awarded an Elite status by the German Research Foundation (DFG). In the Excellence Initiative competition, the Freie Universität won the highest number of grants and was selected for its outstanding graduate programs, excellent research clusters and successful internationalization strategy.

The Freie Universität Berlin International Summer and Winter University (FUBiS)

Mission

It is FUBiS' mission to provide international students with a premier study abroad program delivering the highest academic quality and furthering the development of intercultural competency skills. FUBiS' goal is to provide a stimulating and rewarding experience – academically, culturally, and personally.

About the Program

FUBiS is an intensive academic program through which students can earn credits that may be counted toward their degrees at their home institutions. FUBiS sessions run for 4 to 6 weeks and take place both in summer and winter.

Curriculum

FUBiS offers intensive and semi-intensive German language classes at up to five different proficiency levels. Semi-intensive German language classes meet three days a week whereas intensive German classes meet every weekday. For more advanced students FUBiS offers a Business German course.

FUBiS also offers subject classes, which meet two days a week. These classes are held mostly in English by distinguished German or international faculty.



Berlin Facts and Figures

- German capital city
- UNESCO City of Design
- Population 3,500,000
- 3 opera houses, 2 zoos, 150 concert halls and theaters, and 170+ museums and exhibitions
- Venue of the "Berlinale" Berlin International Film Festival

Freie Universität Berlin Facts and Figures

- Founded in 1948 in West Berlin
- Enrolment: 34,000
- 15% international students
- More than 100 degree programs

FUBiS Facts and Figures

- About 500 students from over 60 countries on all 5 continents attended FUBiS in 2008
- More than 50 classes to choose from
- Largest multidisciplinary summer and winter programs in Germany

Select List of Class Topics

- German language classes (up to 5 proficiency levels)
- Business German
- European Studies
- German Literature and Culture
- German Film
- The Third Reich
- The Cold War
- Art History
- Global Politics and Globalization
- Intercultural Competence
- Business and Management
- Photography



Program Structure

The FUBiS program offers students many choices:

- Combination of language and subject classes. This allows students to improve their language skills as well as further their knowledge of a subject matter.
- Combination of two subject classes which may count toward a major or minor at the home institution.
- Intensive German language classes. These classes meet every weekday and allow students to focus on and thus considerably improve their German skills.
- Participation in either one semi-intensive German class or in one subject class.



Study and Field Trips

FUBiS classes make use of the vast historic, cultural, and political institutions and resources Berlin offers. Study and field trips to museums, memorials as well as political and cultural institutions are integral parts of the curriculum. In some classes students have the unique opportunity to attend specially organized and exclusive round-table discussions with decision makers, diplomats, and experts in their field of study.

Transcripts and Credit Transfer

In order to make credit transfer simple, every FUBiS student receives a transcript indicating the class(es) taken, the number of contact hours, the number of ECTS credits earned, and the grades.

Extracurricular Program and Activities

FUBiS offers a variety of extracurricular activities included in the Program Fee. Students are invited to participate in a River Boat Tour through downtown Berlin, a guided tour of the Reichstag Building and the Federal Parliament, and a weekly Movie Time, which presents popular and well-known German movies.

Additional tours and workshops will be available. Please visit our website www.fubis.org for the latest information.



Accommodation

The Freie Universität Berlin – like most German universities – does not own any student dorms or housing facilities. FUBiS arranges appropriate off-campus accommodation for the duration of the program as an optional service at the student's request. Accommodation options can be chosen during the registration process. Accommodation is subject to availability.

Overview 2009

	Term I	Term II	Term III
Program Dates 2009	Jan 10 – Feb 7, 2009	June 6 – July 18, 2009	July 25 – August 22, 2009
Registration Deadlines	December 22, 2008	May 21, 2009	July 9, 2009
Fees & Tuition			
Program Fee	150 €	200 €	200 €
Semi-Intensive German Language Class	800 €	1.200 €	800 €
Intensive German Language Class	Not offered	2.000 €	1.200 €
Subject Class	800 €	1.200 €	800 €
Housing Options*			
Single room in shared apartment	350 €	510 €	380 €
Single apartment	460 €	680 €	460 €
Homestay	600 €	900 €	650 €

* estimated prices

Registration

Registration for FUBiS is simple. Students can register either online, by fax, or by mail. The online registration, including credit card and bank transfer payment options, is available online at www.fubis.org

Requirements

Students must be 18 years old and should have completed at least 1 year at a college or university. A minimum GPA of 2.8 (US grade), C (ECTS grade), 2,5 (German grade) or an equivalent grade is recommended.

We look forward to welcoming you to Berlin!

For more study options at Freie Universität Berlin, including preparatory German classes in spring and fall, please see www.fu-berlin.de/deutsch-vorkurs. This brochure is based on information that was available at the time of publication (Aug. 2008). All information is subject to change without further notice or obligation. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.fubis.org.

For detailed course descriptions, syllabi, requirements, and recommended readings please visit www.fubis.org.

Student Voices

"The field trips were great and the course was of high quality, especially the discussions."
Aurila Garcia Schaible, Spain

"I have learned so much in my short time here, through class lectures and the study trips where we actually saw what was lectured on."
Nicolas Price, USA

Additionally offered excursions (at extra cost)

- Weimar
- Dresden
- Stralsund
- Prague
- Hamburg

Available accommodation options

- Single room in shared apartments at student dorms
- Single apartments
- Homestay with a Berlin family

Student Voices

"I loved FUBiS! Staying with my host family and experiencing living in Germany was great!"
Sarah Pentney, New Zealand

"Berlin and FUBiS offered me one of the best months of my life."
Byeong Chang, Canada

"It was fantastic to meet students from all over the world, to get to know other ways of thinking! Unforgettable!"
Hajnalka Daróci, Hungary

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