

Why ISU Kassel?

- ❖ **Earn university credits:** Earn 9 ECTS credit points for English taught academic seminars and the German language courses
- ❖ **Learn German:** Attend an intensive language course, offered at three different levels, including beginners
- ❖ **Get to know German students:** Have a German "Tandem-Language-Partner" to meet with, practice German, and share your experiences
- ❖ **Experience the German culture:** Get to know the German culture and everyday life in a relaxing atmosphere – live with carefully selected German host families
- ❖ **Participate in fun activities:** Enjoy cultural workshops and an exciting cultural and leisure program
- ❖ **Build up your worldwide personal network:** Meet participants from all over the world, make friends and share an outstanding intercultural experience
- ❖ **Come to Kassel:** Kassel is right in the center of Europe – thus, an ideal starting point to travel to other European countries



Homestay

Students will experience German culture and everyday life, first hand. ISU offers the unique experience of living with a German host family. The homestay adds immeasurably to the study abroad experience.

Credits

Students earn up to 9 ECTS credits upon successful completion of academic seminars and German language course.

Target Group

Undergraduate and graduate students in fields related to fields that these courses cover. No previous knowledge of German is required.

Costs

- The program fee of 1,900 Euro includes
- Two academic seminars (20 contact hrs each)
 - Language courses (40 contact hrs)
 - Accommodation in host families
 - Exciting excursions
 - Workshops and extracurricular activities
 - Free local transportation
 - Health and liability insurance

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German Fairy Tales

Intensive German Language Courses

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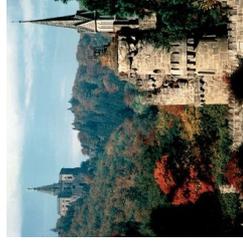
German Language Course

(40 contact hours)



All students attend intensive German language courses offered at three different levels (including beginners). 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.

Extracurricular Activities



- ❖ Exciting workshops: *German Cooking & Dancing, Contemporary Art in Kassel, Germany's No. 1 Sport: Soccer*
- ❖ Optional trip to Berlin, the capital of Germany
- ❖ Excursion to the 1260 year old city of Erfurt and a visit to the memorial of the former concentration camp Buchenwald
- ❖ Fantastic cultural and leisure program: e.g. guided city tour, hiking, BBQ, sports, movie nights, swimming, opening and closing reception, etc.

Engineering Module

(40 contact hours + independent study)

The University of Kassel plays a leading role in environmental sciences and is one of Germany's outstanding universities in the field of environmental education and research.

If you are interested in today's global challenges concerning environmental issues, visit the ISU seminars on Environmental Engineering. Learn more about environmental and technological aspects of engineering and benefit from this in your future professional career.

Classes are taught in English by high profile faculty members of the University of Kassel and the Center of Environmental Systems Research Kassel.

Seminars will be offered in the fields of

- ❖ **Environmental Engineering**
- ❖ **Integrative Environmental Studies**
- ❖ **Earthquake Engineering**



Culture Module

(40 contact hours + independent study)

❖ **Seminar German Fairytales**

Stroll through Kassel – the city of the Brothers Grimm – and visit the places where they used to live and put together their unique collections of famous fairy tales.

In this seminar you will analyse fairy tale texts and examine various media adaptations. You will transcend the boundary of the classroom and experience the atmosphere and beauty of various fairy tale settings.

❖ **Seminar Interactive German History and Politics**

This seminar combines theoretical class work with several field trips which are directly related to the seminar contents – German History and Politics of the 20th century

The main topics in this course are: *Nazi dictatorship and the Third Reich; The 'economic miracle'; European integration; The erection of the Berlin Wall and the Cold War; The German reunification in 1989.*

❖ **Seminar Intercultural Communication**

Simply knowing that cultures differ is no longer sufficient in today's global world. It is also important to understand different behaviour, attitudes and values of people from different cultures. To be successful, you need to know how cultures can differ and what you can do to be successful in communicating across cultures.

The seminar offers a balanced curriculum of theory and practice. Culture-Contrast, cultural self awareness and intercultural interaction exercises through case studies, simulations and role plays are objectives of the course.

