

Why ISU Kassel?

- ❖ **Earn university credits:** Earn 9 ECTS credit points for academic seminars taught in English (optional in German in the Culture Module) and the German language courses
- ❖ **Learn German:** Attend an intensive language course, offered at three different levels, including beginners' level
- ❖ **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. It is also the birth place of Grimm's Fairy Tales and the world famous contemporary art exhibition 'documenta'.



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 those covered by the courses. No previous knowledge of German is required.

Costs

The program fee of 1,990 Euro includes
(early bird fee: 1,790 Euro by April 1, 2010)
– Two academic seminars (20 contact hrs each)
– Language courses (40 contact hrs)
– Accommodation and meals in host families
– Exciting excursions
– Workshops and extracurricular activities
– Local transportation
– Health and liability insurance

Contact

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German Language Course

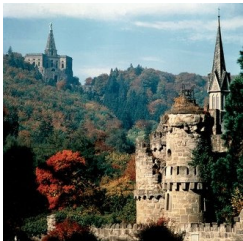
(40 contact hours)



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

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, Grimm-Caching*
- ❖ 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 receptions, 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, take the ISU seminars on Environmental Engineering. Learn more about environmental and technological aspects of engineering, climate change and adaptation strategies to deal with it. Benefit from this in your future professional career!

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

English-taught seminars will be offered in the areas:

- ❖ **Adaptation Strategies to Climate Change**
- ❖ **Environmental Engineering and 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 fairytales.

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



❖ Seminar Interactive German History and Politics

This seminar combines theoretical study in class 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. The course objectives will be met through culture-contrast, cultural self-awareness and intercultural interaction exercises through case studies, simulations and role plays.