

Freie Universität Berlin International Summer and Winter University (FUBiS) 2015

English Version

Where the world meets to study



Berlin

Berlin is a city of contrast and fusion: East meets West, history meets future, fine art meets subculture. 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, social, and recreational opportunities. Enjoy Berlin's renowned museums, monuments, memorials, concert halls and opera houses, theaters, pubs and clubs.



Berlin, Facts and Figures

- Germany's capital city and seat of parliament
- UNESCO City of Design
- Population: 3,500,000
- 4 opera houses, 150 concert halls and theaters, and 175+ museums and exhibitions
- 31 universities and higher education institutions

Freie Universität Berlin

Freie Universität Berlin is a premier destination for research and education in Europe. The university consists of 12 departments and 3 central institutes offering over 190 degree programs across a wide range of subjects. At the Excellence Initiative Competition in 2012, Freie Universität Berlin was granted the honor of being named one of eleven universities of excellence in Germany for the second consecutive time. This distinction reflects Freie Universität's outstanding graduate programs, excellent research clusters and successful internationalization strategy.



Freie Universität Berlin, Facts and Figures

- Founded in 1948 in West Berlin
- Enrolment: 28,750 students
- 5,750 Ph.D. students
- 17% international students, 31% international Ph.D. students
- Approximately 190 degree programs

» I came to FUBiS because I was interested in European Studies and because I learned German a little bit in high school. The FUBiS program was absolutely terrific. The professor was nice, the class was amazing. If there was a second chance I would like to apply again. «
Hyung Sub Sim, South Korea

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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 competence. 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 3 to 6 weeks and take place both in summer and winter.

Curriculum

FUBiS offers intensive and semi-intensive German language classes on up to five different proficiency levels. Semi-intensive German language classes meet three to four days a week whereas intensive German classes meet every weekday.

FUBiS also offers subject classes, which meet two days a week. These classes are taught mostly in English by distinguished German or international faculty. In term I 2015, a subject course taught in Spanish will complete the FUBiS curriculum.

FUBiS – Facts and Figures

- Approximately 500 students from 41 countries on all 5 continents attended FUBiS in 2014
- More than 60 classes to choose from
- Largest multidisciplinary summer and winter university in Germany

Selected List of Class Topics

- German language classes (up to 5 proficiency levels)
- European Studies
- German Literature and Culture
- The Cold War
- Art History
- Global Politics and Globalization
- Business and Management
- International Marketing (taught in Spanish)

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

» I did the Cold War course from FUBiS. I really enjoyed it because it was another way to know the city of Berlin. And I also learned a lot of things in the course. I really enjoyed the people who came here to FUBiS, and the city! I loved the opera, I loved the philharmonics. Party in Berlin is awesome and culture in Berlin is awesome. «
Michelle Gracia, Colombia

Program Structure

FUBiS offers students several choices depending on term availability:

- 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 students' home institutions
- 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

Every FUBiS student receives a transcript of Freie Universität Berlin indicating the class(es) taken, the number of contact hours, the number of ECTS credits earned, and the grade(s) received in order to facilitate the credit transfer process.

» I thought FUBiS was an excellent summer school that allowed me to learn a lot both in my German class and in my history class over Nazi Germany. I also liked my courses, because I am an engineering student, so I don't have much opportunity to explore history, culture and languages in my regular courses, and my FUBiS courses allowed me to do so during the summer. I joined every excursion that was offered; I visited Hamburg, Weimar, Leipzig and Dresden. The tours were excellent. I would highly recommend FUBiS if you are interested in German language, culture or history. If you don't have the time to take a semester long study abroad, FUBiS is a very compact and intense way of learning and get to know Germany, and you meet a ton of people doing so and will certainly enjoy it!«
Tommy Gebhardt, USA

Extracurricular Program and Activities

FUBiS offers a variety of extracurricular activities included in the program fee. Students are invited to participate in activities such as 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 German movies. Excursions are also offered for an additional charge to e.g. Weimar, Dresden or Hamburg. Additional tours and workshops will be available. Please visit our website www.fubis.org for the latest information.



Accommodation

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.

Accommodation options:

- Single room in shared apartments at student dorms
- Single apartment
- Homestay with a Berlin family
- Seminaris Campus Hotel

Overview 2015

	Term I	Term II	Term III
Program Dates 2015	Jan 3 – Jan 24, 2015	May 30 – July 11, 2015	July 18 – Aug 15, 2015
Registration Deadlines	Dec 6, 2014	May 2, 2015	June 20, 2015
Fees and Tuition			
Program Fee	200 €	250 €	250 €
Semi-Intensive German Language Class	900 €	1,350 €	900 €
Intensive German Language Class	–	2,025 €	1,350 €
Subject Class	900 €	1,350 €	900 €
Housing Options*			
Single room in shared apartment	355 €	575 €	400 €
Single apartment	500 €	735 €	540 €
Homestay	520 €	870 €	630 €
Seminaris Campus Hotel	Please contact FUBiS	–	Single occupancy: 1,850 € Double occupancy: 2,430 €

* estimated prices

» I really liked the organization of the FUBiS program. The staff was great and always available for everybody. My German teacher was also a highlight of the program. I loved it and I learned a lot. Berlin is the best city in Europe, and I have been to many cities!«
Raúl Andrade, Spain

Registration

Students can register either online at www.fubis.org, by fax, or by mail. It is possible to pay by credit card or bank transfer.



Requirements

Students must be 18 years old and should have completed at least one year at a college or university. Please note that credits can only be awarded if the participant is currently / has been enrolled at a university.

We look forward to welcoming you to Berlin!

For more study options at Freie Universität Berlin, including preparatory German classes, please see www.fu-berlin.de/deutsch-vorkurs.

This brochure is based on information that was available at the time of publication (October 2014). 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.

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