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# Master's degree

## Intercultural Communication and European Studies (ICEUS)

**Fulda University of Applied Sciences • Fulda**

## Overview

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| **Teaching language** | • German  
• English |
| **Languages** | Courses are held in English (50%) and German (50%). Participants can choose to write their Master's thesis in either language. |
| **Programme duration** | 4 semesters |
| **Beginning** | Winter semester |
| **More information on beginning of studies** | October |
| **Application deadline** | 15 May for applicants from outside the EU  
15 July for applicants from EU member states |
| **Tuition fees per semester in EUR** | None |
| **Combined Master’s degree / PhD programme** | No |
| **Joint degree / double degree programme** | No |

### Description/content

The ICEUS international Master’s programme focuses on relevant aspects of intercultural communication and European studies. More than half of the students are international graduates. Study groups are comprised of about 15-20 different nationalities. Hence, the degree programme provides excellent opportunities for intercultural studying and networking.

Being an interdisciplinary programme, ICEUS encompasses classes in social sciences, political sciences, law and communication and focuses on the subject areas of intercultural communication, European studies plus international organisation and global governance.

The programme prepares for careers in international and European organisations, companies and institutions with strong international ties and for employment in public authorities, media or...
### Course Details

**Course organisation**

The programme is research-oriented, but much emphasis is also put on the application of practical skills in areas such as intercultural training, languages, modern technology, presentation, individual study, teamwork, etc.

In most classes, the ICEUS students study together in one group, which allows them to gain an intense intercultural experience. In addition, various classes are offered which bring them together with other students.

Field trips to Brussels and Strasbourg are part of the programme and take place every year. These field trips include visits to relevant European institutions.

After the first two semesters, students undertake a compulsory internship of ten weeks outside their home country. The third semester is reserved for in-depth studies and reflection upon the internship experience. The Master’s thesis is written during the fourth semester; in this period, students are not required to be present in Fulda.

There are 10 course modules that must be completed to finish the programme successfully:

- Intercultural Communication: Communication, Culture, Media
- European Studies: History and Presence of Development in European Societies
- Intercultural Communication: Fields of Action
- Globalisation and International Organisations
- European Studies: European Policy Fields
- Social Sciences Methodology
- Internship, Study and Career Orientation, Reflection
- Advanced Studies in Intercultural Communication and European Studies
- Cross Studies
- Exam Seminar and Colloquium
- Master’s Thesis

A module overview and more detailed information on all subjects are available on the [programme’s website](#).

A special pre-study programme is offered for ICEUS applicants. This programme provides advanced preparation for students from abroad who want to “warm up” for their future studies in Fulda.

More information on pre-study options can be found on the [Pre-Study website](#).


### Types of assessment

| Types of assessment | Academic papers, written exams, portfolio, thesis, oral exam |

### A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

### International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus
A compulsory internship of ten weeks is part of the curriculum. The internship is undertaken outside the student's home country.

A 10-week internship must be completed during the summer break between the second and the third semester. It may take place in an international organisation (public institution or social or economic organisation) or in the international activities section of a nationally based organisation. The internship should not take place in the home country of the programme participant. Students are professionally supported in their efforts to find an internship position.

Yes

Yes

None

The enrolment fee of approx. 300 EUR entitles you to use public transport in the state of Hessen.

Approx. 700-800 EUR per month, including enrolment fee, rent, and health insurance (90 EUR minimum per month), depending on one's living standard

Yes

Scholarships are available for students preparing their Master's theses. Prerequisites: good results and/or extra-curricular activities
International students may also apply for the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship.

First degree (Bachelor's degree or German "Diplom") in social, cultural or legal studies or humanities. A maximum number of 30 students can be enrolled each year.

Certification of good proficiency in both German and English, e.g., a TOEFL iBT score of at least 79 and TestDaF level 3 in all sections of the examination (or TestDaF level 4 in all sections of the examination and a TOEFL iBT score of at least 61)

Native speakers of German need a TOEFL iBT score of at least 79, and native English speakers need TestDaF level 4 in all sections of the examination (or DSH-2).

15 May for applicants from outside the EU
15 July for applicants from EU member states
Submit application to [https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/international/international-office/admissions/graduate-admissions/](https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/international/international-office/admissions/graduate-admissions/)

## Services

### Possibility of finding part-time employment

There are good job opportunities in the nearby Rhine-Main area, which is one of the strongest employment regions in Germany. Teaching assistantships can be offered to good students. The university itself offers 60-70 student tutoring jobs at the faculties, the university library, and other departments, especially to international students.

### Accommodation

The International Office offers an accommodation service for all non-EU students coming directly from abroad. Costs for accommodation amount to approx. 220-300 EUR for a single room in a shared flat or 300-400 EUR for a single apartment. There are excellent, newly built student residences within walking distance of the university.

For more information on housing, see: [https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/international/international-office/housing/](https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/international/international-office/housing/)

### Career advisory service

Career counselling already takes place during the preparation of the compulsory internship. Specific fields of work are discussed and a training for writing applications takes place. Additionally, opportunities to get in touch with alumni are provided. Whereas the department offers information and counselling on relevant work fields and positions, the International Office provides support for international graduates who plan to find employment on the German labour market.

### Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Pick-up service

### Supervisor-student ratio

1:30
Fulda University of Applied Sciences is a practice-oriented university with an international profile and a strong focus on applied research. Founded in 1974, the university currently encompasses eight departments with 65 study programmes, approx. 10,000 students, and 1,300 international students from more than 100 countries. The university staff includes 170 professors as well as approx. 550 academic and administrative employees. The university offers a broad spectrum of academic and professional education with a special focus on "health, nutrition, and..."
food”. Numerous research and development projects are undertaken in cooperation with private business and industry. Fulda University cooperates with more than 100 universities around the world. The number of international programmes is growing continuously, including “International Management”, “Intercultural Communication and European Studies”, “International Food Business and Consumer Studies”, “Sustainable Food Systems”, “Global Software Development” and “Human Rights in Politics, Law and Society”. These Master's programmes are partly or entirely taught in English. On the Bachelor's level, we offer actually three international Bachelor's programmes, one in “Science & Engineering” another in “International Health” and a third in International Business & Management.

Further programmes designed for international students include the following:
1. “Pre-Study Fulda”, a preparatory semester for all international applicants to Fulda University
2. Career service for international graduates
3. Preparatory intensive German courses, from beginner's level to DSH level
4. German courses (accompanying studies)
5. Support services like housing and a buddy programme
6. International Summer University (ISU) and International Winter University (IWU)

University location
A historic city founded in 744, Fulda today has a population of 68,000 with approx. 100,000 people living in the wider region. Fulda’s Baroque quarter is one of the most beautiful in Germany and attracts visitors from all over the world. The picturesque Old Town has many cafés, bars, and pubs, with numerous shops and boutiques. The city’s cultural life has something to offer for everyone. The high quality of life makes Fulda a great place to live and an ideal place to study. Fulda enjoys ideal public transport connections. One of Europe’s principal international airports, Frankfurt Rhine-Main, is just an hour away by car or direct train. Other major cities in Germany, like Berlin, Munich, Cologne, or Hamburg, are within easy reach and only two to three hours away by train. Even famous European capitals like Paris are reachable within no more than five hours by train.

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