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Master's degree

HOCHSCHULE FULDA

Intercultural Communication and European Studies (ICEUS)

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• English
Languages	Courses are held in English (50%) and German (50%). Participants can choose to write their Master's thesis in either language.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The programme starts in mid-October each year.
Application deadline	30 September Early applications (March – June) are highly recommended for international applicants from outside of the EU for visa procedures. Submitting applications by July or August is recommended for all other students in order to have time to find accommodation.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The international Master's programme for "Intercultural Communication and European Studies" (ICEUS) focuses on relevant aspects of intercultural communication and European studies. More than half of the students are international graduates. Study groups are composed of about 15

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 organisations 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 educational institutions.

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 usually 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 Present 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](#).

ICEUS students with a strong interest in research can apply for a PhD programme at Hochschule Fulda after graduation. For more information, see:

<https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/departments/social-cultural-sciences/fulda-graduate-centre-of-social-sciences>

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A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages

- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)
- Opportunities for students to work abroad

Description of other international elements	The international group provides good opportunities to not only study intercultural communication theoretically, but to also experience intercultural cooperation and networking.
Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)	The programme offers study abroad opportunities, but it is not compulsory.
Diverse intercultural background of students	The students are recruited from all parts of the world. Often, there are 15 different nationalities in a group of 30 students.
Integrated internships	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.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	A semester contribution of around 330 EUR is charged to cover the cost of student services, the student government, and an administrative fee as well as the "Deutschland semester ticket" (a student bus and rail pass for local and regional public transport all over Germany).
Costs of living	Approx. 900 to 950 EUR per month, including food, rent and health insurance (approx. 120 EUR per month), depending on one's living standard
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	International students may apply for the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship. The Deutschlandstipendium provides financial and non-material support to high-achieving and committed students from all over the world. Modelled after the principle of public-private partnership, businesses, foundations or private individuals sponsor young talents with a pledge of 150 EUR per month. The Federal Government matches this amount with another 150 EUR.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	First degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in social, cultural or legal studies or humanities
Language requirements	<p>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)</p> <p>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).</p>
Application deadline	<p>30 September</p> <p>Early applications (March – June) are highly recommended for international applicants from outside of the EU for visa procedures. Submitting applications by July or August is recommended for all other students in order to have time to find accommodation.</p>
Submit application to	https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/study/information-for-your-application

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	From tutoring jobs and student assistantships at Fulda University to typical student jobs in restaurants, shops, and many other industries in the city of Fulda and its surrounding area, there is a wide range of job opportunities available.
Accommodation	<p>The International Office offers an accommodation service for international students coming directly from abroad. Costs for accommodation amount to approx. 350 to 450 EUR per month for a single room in a shared flat or 450 to 600 EUR per month for a single apartment. There are excellent, newly built student residences within walking distance of the university.</p> <p>For more information on housing, see: https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/ueber-fulda/reside-in-fulda.</p>
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 students and graduates, who plan to find employment on the German labour market.
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome event• Buddy programme• Tutors• Specialist counselling• Cultural and linguistic preparation• Visa matters• Pick-up service

Supervisor-student ratio 1:30



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Bebak Al-Dawdi ICEUS student

EU institutions, EU policy, digitalisation and intercultural communication – the ICEUS MA programme in Fulda provides a comprehensive scientific understanding and a broad knowledge of EU integration policy, especially after fascinating trips to Strasbourg and Brussels. With this background and German and English as the languages of instruction, students will have broad career opportunities. After the mandatory internship, these perspectives will become much clearer.



Image video of the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences

The video shows the study and research activities of the department in a cartoon.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=zAnBMXu6JSA&feature=emb_logo

Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Fulda University of Applied Sciences is a practice-oriented university with an international profile and a strong focus on applied research. Fulda University is the first university of applied sciences in Germany with the independent right to confer doctoral degrees. Founded in 1974, the university currently encompasses eight departments with over 60 [study programmes](#) and approx. 8,700 students, including over 1,750 international students from more than 90 countries. The university offers a broad spectrum of academic and professional education. 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. These programmes are partly or entirely taught in English.

At the Bachelor's level, we currently offer six international Bachelor's programmes: Science & Engineering, Industrial Engineering Food, Social Sciences for Intercultural Relations, Food Technology, Global Health, and International Business & Management. At the Master's level, we offer six programmes: International Management; Intercultural Communication and European Studies; International Food Business and Consumer Studies; Global Software Development; Data Science; and Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law, and Society.

Further programmes designed for international students include the following:

1. [Pre-College Fulda](#), a preparatory year for applicants with and without a higher education entrance qualification for Germany
2. [Pre-Study Fulda](#), a preparatory semester for international applicants that includes German language training
3. [Career service](#) for international students and graduates
4. Preparatory intensive German courses
5. German courses (accompanying studies)
6. Support services, e.g. for housing and visa as well as a buddy programme and orientation week
7. International Summer University ([ISU](#)), International Winter University ([IWU](#)), International Course in Business ([ICB](#)), and International Course in Social Work ([ICSW](#))

University location

A historic city founded in 744, Fulda today has a population of 70,000 with approx. 100,000 people living in the 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 International, is just one 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 and Brussels are reachable within five hours by train.

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 <http://www.facebook.com/hsofulda>

 https://www.instagram.com/hochschule_fulda/

 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa_3SyxWZviCwQrMBt1b5Ww

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